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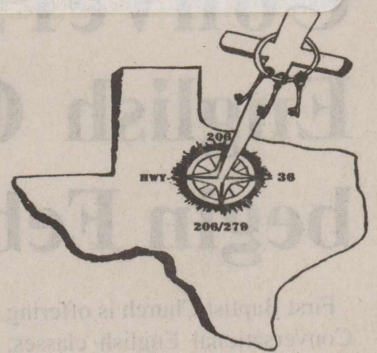
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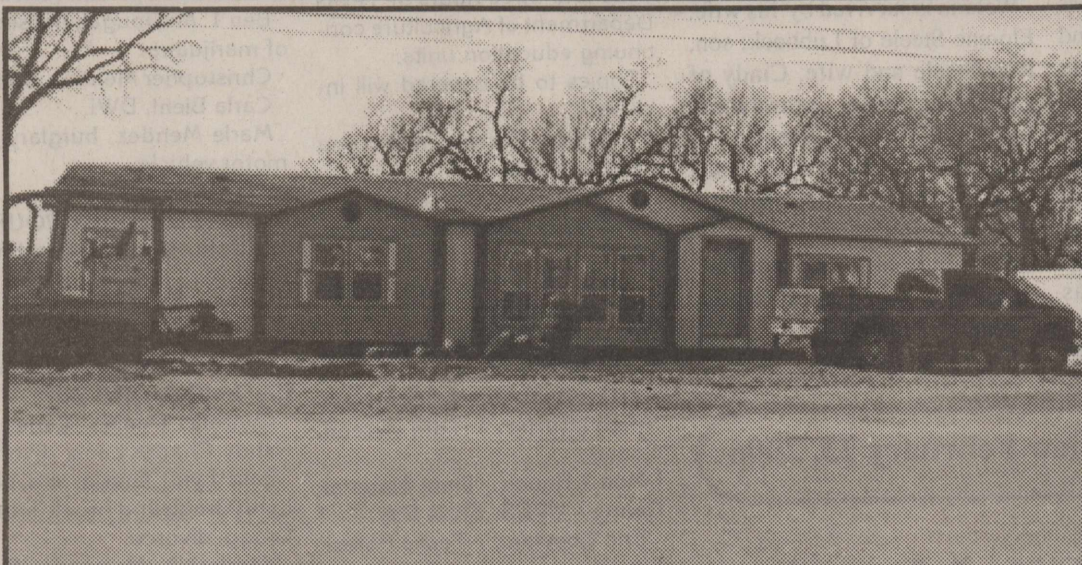
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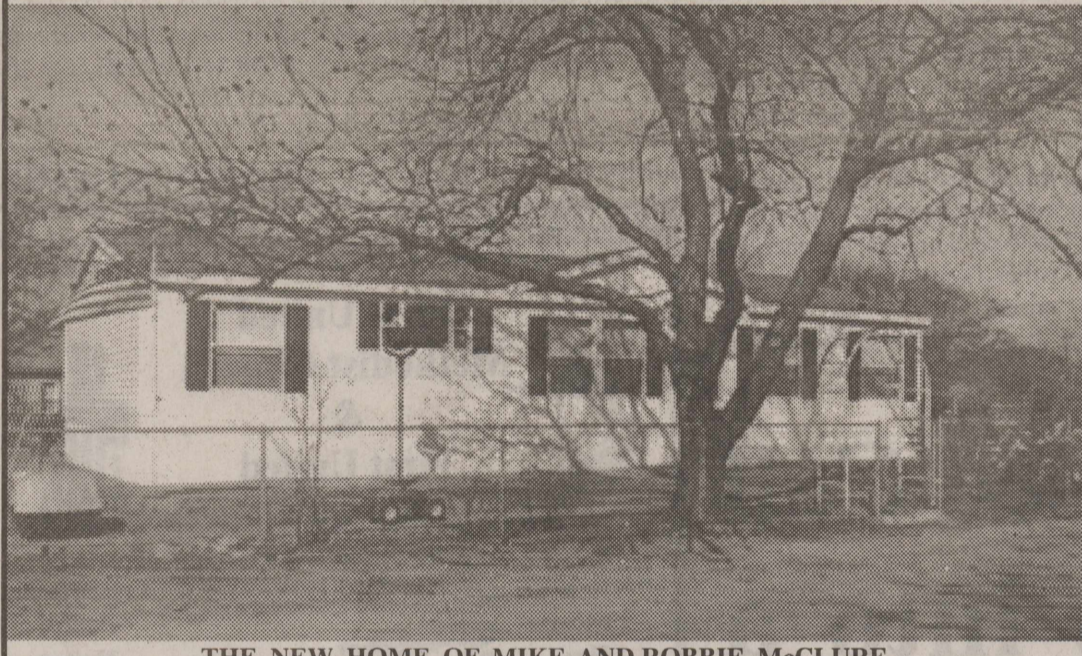
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Restoration, Renovation and Reconstruction of Cross Plains Residential Areas Are Well Underway

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

The city is looking terrific!! The major fire clean-up is finished, except for the brush. The French Robertson Unit prisoners are still working on that project. City Secretary Debbie Gosnell remarked, "We hope they will be here for at least another month. They have been extremely helpful."

Residents with fire damage and total destruction were not charged for the clean-up process. The City of Cross Plains went a further step and started tearing down vacant buildings, houses, etc. These property owners were charged a minimal fee for the clean-up of their lots.

Five pits were dug to bury the debris from the fire and additional clean-up.

There are clean lots ready for construction all over the city. Our landscape has taken a very positive change since the firestorm.

Currently there are five

double-wide homes already set up inside the city limits and on the edge of town including David and Jane Holmes, Mike and Robbie McClure, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Jones, Steve and Kitty Propest, and Joe and Renee Alexander. Arlene Laney will have a one delivered soon.

Houses under construction include Mardell Harmes, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Painter and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Markham. Randy and Vickie Walker and Charlie and Beverly Ross are finalizing plans to rebuild their homes. There may be others that I am not aware of.

I guess we proved the Dallas newspaper wrong stating that we wouldn't rebuild.

If you haven't made a trip through old C.P. lately you will be pleasantly surprised. You may have to look twice to see exactly where you are because there have been some major changes.

Some of the vacant buildings removed include the old Cliff's Texaco Station and Grider's Gulf Station on Highway 36 and the

former Old Time Gospel Mission building on 1st Street.

Personally, I have so impressed by our city, county, and volunteers who have worked so diligently. Hats off for your dedication.

The meals are still being served at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church Monday through Friday. The First Baptist Church of Cross Plains, Cottonwood Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains, the Cross Plains church of Christ, and Cliff and Connie Kirkham have been providing the meals as of late. They will continue until the prisoners complete their duties.

It is so refreshing to see the faces of those who lost their homes and see them smiling. Kitty Propest remarked, "I love my new home. It's just beautiful."

The firestorm was very destructive, but it hasn't quenched the spirit of our hometown. We are going to come back better and stronger!!!!!!

Revival Coming to Hwy 206 Baptist Mission February 23-25 Everyone is WELCOME!!!!

Hwy. 206 Baptist Mission in Cross Plains will be having a Revival Meeting on Feb 23-25th. Evangelist Bob Harrison from Breckenridge, and song leader Stacy Harrison will be ministering all 3 nights. The pianist will be Diane Stover.

On Thursday and Friday, the 23rd and 24th, meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday the 25th, the doors will open at 6:00 p.m., and that evening there will also be a meal with special singing.

Glory Bound from Abilene, along with Cody Bundick from Blanket will be here to provide the music.

All are invited and welcome to attend this special time of revival and fellowship!

Get Your Application for the City Council Election !!!

The two (2) year terms of City Councilmen Jerry Cassle and Terry Lichty are expiring, along with the position of Mayor Ray Purvis.

Applications will be available at City Hall on Main Street from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

The last day to file for an application on the ballot is March 13, 2006.

Cross Plains High School Homecoming Set for Sept. 23 (Watch for meeting dates)

Ex-Students will be meeting soon to discuss Homecoming 2006, which is not far off. The date will be September, 23, 2006.

If you are your class representative, we need your help. We have an individual who will print name and address labels for us, but we need current addresses of your class members.

We are asking for you to please check for current addresses and get the lists to Connie Kirkham, Lurene McNutt or Roxie Thomas. They are doing this to help everyone save time and to have current names and addresses on computer.

Please help us with this. We would like to have the names and addresses by the end of March if possible.

Be watching the Review for the date for our 1st meeting of 2006. Thanks!

Submitted by Connie Kirkham, Secretary/Treasurer, Cross Plains Ex-Student's Association

Cross Plains Review Deadlines
Ads Noon on Tuesday
Articles Noon on Monday

Democratic, Republican early voting is underway

Early voting in the Democratic and Republican Primary Elections is now underway at three voting locations in Callahan County.

Early voting for both Republican and Democratic primary elections is taking place this year at the same locations. She also said voters in all seven county voting precincts are allowed to vote by early ballot at any of the three early voting polls.

Early voting is taking place at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird, the Justice of the Peace office in Clyde and the Justice of the Peace office in Cross Plains.

Early voting is being held in Room #107 at the County Courthouse in Baird. Early voting hours will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. weekdays and the early voting location in Baird will be open during the lunch hour.

Early voting in Clyde is taking place from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. weekdays at the Clyde JP office located at 208 Oak Street. The Clyde voting location is closed during the lunch hour.

The Cross Plains early voting is being held from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. weekdays at the Justice of the Peace office located at 425 South Main Street. The Cross Plains JP voting location is also closed during the lunch hour.

Early voting in Callahan County will continue through Friday, March 3, 2006.

Republican and Democratic Primary Elections will be held in Callahan County on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at six precinct voting locations throughout the county. Precinct #1 voting will be held at the Clyde Lions Club.

Precinct #2 voting will take place at the Eula Lions Club. Precinct #3 and Precinct #5 voters will cast ballots on March 7 at the Baird Light Plant. Precinct #4 voting will be held at the Cross Plains Community Center. Precinct #6 voting will take place at the Southside Baptist Church in Clyde. Precinct #7 voting will be held at the Oplin Community Center. Voting polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7.

In the Democratic Primary Election, seven candidates are seeking seven separate offices in the county. They include incumbent County Judge Roger Corn, incumbent Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, incumbent District Clerk Sharon Owens, incumbent County Treasurer Dianne Alexander, and incumbent Precinct #3 Justice of the Peace Steve Odum. Also announcing their candidacy are Donna Bell for County Clerk and Elvan Goode for Precinct #4 Commissioner.

On the Republican ballot, seven candidates have filed for three places on the ballot. They include Rodger Hart, Burlie Taylor and Robert Hill for the Cross Plains Justice of the Peace office. Republican candidates for the Cross Plains Precinct #4 Commissioner seat include Larry Tension, Reggie Pillans and Cliff Kirkham. Incumbent Clyde Precinct #1 Justice of the Peace Roy Lee Chapman is running unopposed.

Callahan County voters will again be using the E-Slate electronic voting machines during the Republican and Democratic Primary Elections.

FREE HOUSING Just a Call Away!

The majority of people in Cross Plains and the surrounding area whose homes were destroyed or severely damaged by the fires on December 27th, probably have no idea that they are eligible for temporary FREE HOUSING provided by FEMA, with no cost or strings attached!

This NO COST housing will be yours to use until July of 2007. As part of a provision under the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the United States Government will set up this FREE temporary housing to anyone who will call them at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) and answer a few questions to make sure they are from the effected fire area and are eligible.

The telephone call will take several minutes to process your information, but it may be well worth it to receive this FREE HOUSING ASSISTANCE!

This is not connected with any money you may have already have gotten from FEMA or any other agency, as it is a totally separate program. This temporary housing benefit is available to citizens is a result of the tax dollars that have been paid in to our Federal Government throughout the years.

Either a travel trailer or a bigger single-wide mobile home will be moved onto your lot, or someone else's, (that you have gotten permission to use) depending on your family size.

The problem however, with this FREE HOUSING offer is that it will expire in the near future: (March 23, 2006) and FEMA

will move on, if no one from this area calls them. Several people in Cross Plains have already called FEMA, and just this week received their mobile home or travel trailer.

So, to sum it up... FEMA will bring the housing to your lot, install and set up everything you need for it to be "turn-key" ready... all for just a phone call: 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

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Conversational English Classes to begin Feb. 28th

First Baptist Church is offering Conversational English classes, beginning Tuesday, February 28th at 7 p.m. These classes are designed for those adults who are living in this area and are unable to effectively use the English language.

Employers who would be interested in this class for their

employees may call the church office at 725-7629 for more information.

A Mexican Dinner will be held on Saturday the 25th at 6:00 p.m. and prospective students, as well as employers are encouraged to attend. Students may register at the dinner, or at class on Tuesday evening. There is no charge.

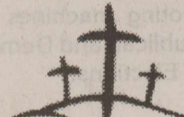
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 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
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OBITUARIES

WELDON STEELE

Services for Weldon Raymond Steele, 91, of Lubbock were held 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with Dr. Phillip Wise officiating. Interment followed in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Weldon died on Sunday, February 5, 2006 in Lubbock. He was born on August 10, 1914 in Callahan County, Texas to the late Raymond and Lillie Steele.

Weldon graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1931 and from Hardin Simmons University in 1935. He married Florene Pierce on September 14, 1936 in Cross Plains. Weldon served his country as a Naval Lieutenant during World War II. He was school teacher, and later became an administrator, working as superintendent in Beaumont and Wink, Texas. He then moved to

Lubbock in 1956 and began Transwestern Development Company. While working at Transwestern he took part in developing commercial and residential subdivisions, as well as apartment complexes in Lubbock. He retired in 1972 to pursue personal interests. He was a former member of Second Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by a brother Malcolm Steele.

Weldon is survived by his wife, Florene Steele of Lubbock; son, Ron Steele and wife, Cindy of Lubbock; two grandsons, Jonathan Cory Steele of Seabrook, Matthew Richard Steele of Austin; and a brother, Bill Steele of Canton.

The family suggests memorials to be sent to Second Baptist Church of Lubbock. He will be missed.

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"GRANDS" Meeting to be held February 28

Imagine a social worker calling you. Your grandchild needs to be placed with a family member, or he'll go into foster care. Would you be willing to put your own life on hold to care for the child (or children)? Could you even afford to? Where would the child sleep? Go to school? What about medical care? Would you have to quit your job to look after another child? How do you deal with the child's parents? You didn't create these problems. Why should this burden fall on you? **You never imagined that being a grandparent would be like this. You are not alone!**

The Cross Plains area "Grands", Grandparents Raising Kids, meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Support and information is essential for you and your family when you have to stop spoiling your grandchildren

and start raising them. **Join us this month on February 28 in the south wing of the First Baptist Church.** Any grandparents or kinship caregiver in invited to join others in this time of understanding. Confidentiality is a must. For more information call Helen Parson at 725-4422.

Across the country, more than six million children - approximately 1 in 12 children - are living in households headed by grandparents or other relatives. In many of these households, grandparents and other relatives are the primary caregivers ("kinship caregivers") for children whose parents cannot or will not care for them due to substance abuse, illness, and death, abuse and neglect, economic hardship, incarceration, divorce, domestic, violence, and other family and community crises.

Submitted by Helen Parson

Turn Used Cell Phones into a Mission Trip

Do you have a used, outdated cell phone lying in a dusty drawer or closet? Did you know your phone can be turned into cash to help support charitable causes or provide emergency communications to underprivileged communities? Did you know discarding a cell phone in the trash is harmful to the environment?

Did you also know that **donating your cell phone is simply a mouse click away?** www.AmericanCellPhoneDrive.org is a FREE and FAST way to find a donation drop-off box near your house. Simply go the Web site, enter your zip code and choose a location. Click on "map" for detailed directions. It's that easy!

Most American consumers upgrade their cell phones about every 18 months. This means the average household may have two or three cell phones lying dormant, just waiting to be turned into cash! **More than 4,000 nationwide and local organizations have generated thousands of dollars with the help of www.AmericanCellPhoneDrive.org.** The funds have been used to help support an array of charitable causes, including:

- * sending missionaries to China
- * treating malnourished children in Asia after the 2004 tsunami
- * building new homes for

- low-income families
- * providing overseas military men and women with prepaid phone calling cards
- * providing educational scholarships for children who have lost a parent due to an enemy or terrorist action
- * sending teenagers to summer camp
- * providing new playground equipment to elementary schools

Your used cell phone may also help provide free 911 service to a senior citizen, a victim of domestic violence living at a shelter, or a person who lives in an underprivileged community that has no land lines for telephone communications.

Donating a cell phone is healthier for the environment than throwing it away. Most outdated cell phones contain toxic substances - such as arsenic, lead, nickel, copper and zinc - that linger in the environment for a long time. The toxins have been linked with health disorders in humans. Donated cell phones that are not reused are broken down according to environmental standards and the metals reused or disposed of properly.

Still contemplating what to do with the old cell phone? What are you waiting for? Log onto www.AmericanCellPhoneDrive.org to find the nearest drop-off location, today!

Landscaper's Workshop slated for February 28

Texas Cooperative Extension will hold a Landscaper's Workshop February 28 at Childress Agricultural Enterprises located near Cottonwood, Texas. The Childress Farm is located 1 mile west and 1.5 miles south of Cottonwood. Detailed directions are available at www.childressfarm.com.

Registration will start at 8:30 a.m., and the program, will begin at 9:00 a.m. Participation in this workshop will qualify participants for six CEU hours in support of TNLA certifications and three hours of Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units.

Topics to be covered will include:

- Native Plans - What you need to know
 - Herbicides, Insecticides, Fungicides - What's new, What works
 - How to do the right things the right way
- Speakers for the workshop will include:
- John Begnaud - Extension Horticulturist - Tom Green County
 - Morris Hauck - Plant Material Center - NRCS, Knox City
 - Eric Copeland - Texas Forest Service
 - Randy Reeves - Estes Chemical Inc.
- Individual registration is free by February 26 and \$5.00 thereafter. The fee covers lunch.

Sponsors for the program are the Callahan County Extension office, Childress Agricultural Enterprises, Lawrence Farm & Ranch Supply, Texas Heritage Bank, and Greenbelt Garden Center.

For more information call the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

Robert Fritz
County Extension Agent-AG

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Jason Howell, failure to stop, Amanda J. Stephens, attempted theft of credit card. Christine A. McKibben, driving while intoxicated (DWI). Justin Edmondson, driving while license invalid (DWLI). Ben T. McDougal, possession of marijuana. Christopher Mendez, DWI. Carla Biehl, DWI. Marie Mendez, burglary of a motor vehicle.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Cathy E. Robison and Leslie Earl Robison, divorce. Cynthia Denise Lane and Randy Charles Lane, divorce. Lara Lynn Gragg aka Laura Lynn Gragg and Brock Truman Gragg, divorce. Vanderbilt Mortgage & Finance, Inc. vs. Jimmy Echols and Tyrene Echols and Casey Echols, default on note. Mary Walkervs. John Chesser, damages. James Chester Russell and Barbara Lynn Russell, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Cynthia Renee Kitchens and Walter Carl Kitchens, divorce granted. Deana Workman/Davis and Delbert Duane Davis, divorce granted.

BENZENE ALERT

Benzene is a known carcinogen linked to **LEUKEMIA** and various other forms of **CANCER**. If you or a loved one has suffered serious injury, such as **AML, MDS, NHL** or even death after exposure to benzene, especially prior to 1986, you may be entitled to a **CASH SETTLEMENT**. Call James Rolshouse & Associates toll free at 1-888-625-2460 for more information.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett

Cottonwood Connections

Drs. Lou and Charles Rodenberger are back home after a brief trip to Divine, Texas, where they attended a dedication of their great-grandson, Brent, age one, in the Baptist Church there, and a fourth birthday celebration of another great-grandson, Christopher. Dr. Lou Rodenberger will be attending a Board of Directors meeting of the Texas Woman's University at the Parkland Hospital in Dallas, where TWU has a Health Science Center. They will be dedicating a new building in the near future.

Hazel Bigbee called the other day and ruminated about not being able to hold anyone's hands while crossing the street because she has to have both hands on her walker. She was commenting about the column I wrote a couple of weeks ago and quoted Dr. Howard Garrett's little poem he sings about learning everything he needed to know in kindergarten, which ends with the phrase, "Don't forget to hold hands while crossing the street."

I just want Hazel to know I

understand completely, now that I have to use a cane myself, which is half of a walker.

But, I haven't learned how to use it, really. I have visions of Fred Astair dancing across the stage with stars in his eyes, swinging a cane smartly, tapping his way into the arms of Ginger Rogers and looking like he is on the way to heaven. But for the life of me, I can't get the hang of swinging my cane smartly.

I keep trying out both hands, but neither one seems to feel right. If I have the cane in my left hand, I kept wanting to take two steps with my right foot, to one with my left. That's awkward! But, when I switch hands and hold the cane in my right hand, it seems like I should be taking two steps with my left foot, to one with my right foot. And my whole ambulation is complicated by the fact that one leg seems to be longer than the other, so I keep hip-hopping down the street. And believe me, I don't feel like I'm getting even close to heaven.

Carol keeps trying to hold hands with me, but she doesn't know

which hand to hold. One day she grabbed the hand I was trying to hold the cane in, and we both stumbled.

My Error (Again)

I might never make it as a real "reporter" anymore, as one must check their facts and then check their facts. In last week's column, I misnamed J.M. "Mike" Rogers of Cottonwood as Mike Thompson. So sorry Mike... It comes from rushing too much and well, maybe a tiny "senior moment".

Well, Lou Rodenberger includes a quote by Sherry Craven in her book, "Quotable Texas Women". (Which may not be related to anything I've said in this column.) It says, "If I were God, I would throw a storm or two down to earth, wreck some havoc, flail leaves about, swirl dust into already-blind eyes. That should get some attention. The flood didn't work." (Remember, I can't print it if I don't know it. For personal or news items: Contact Wallace Bennett at 725-7474 or email esb5@airmail.net)

LIBRARY NOTES

Check It Out!

Behind The Books

My little mind is totally boggled with these Olympics and the ever changing lingo — the skeleton race, half pipe, luge, moguls, curling, snowboard cross, Nascar on ice!!! But the cure for a boggled mind is to head for my bookshelves and all the answers that are there. One clue — don't look under human anatomy or hair styling, monsters or religious symbols or car racing.

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Statistics February 13 - 17, 2006

Books	111
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Internet Users	21
Honorariums: Evelyn McLaughlin Davies in honor of Mary Ann Chaffin; Janet Swanson in honor of Dorothy Petty	
Memorials: 0	
Donations: Chad and Kim Cunningham; James and Dora Warlick; and Dee Harrell	
Donations - Books: Frank O'Banion and Jaime Bell	

Library Activity Report February 13 - 17, 2006

Patrons	91
LAP	9
Lapsit	4
Other	78
Programs	42
Copies	28
Reference	0
Books Checked Out:	115
LAP	36
Lapsit	14
Other	65
Calls In:	9
Internet Users:	21

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Installation of Gas Lines Offered

In the interest of helping all our citizens, Dal-Mar Energy, Inc. will install all gas lines, including the lines up to your house and set a meter at no cost to the customer.

This service is for any resident of Cross Plains, and includes existing and new structures.

For more information, please call the office at 725-7423.

RIISING STAR NURSING NEWS



VALENTINE KING AND QUEEN
Jimmielee and Virginia Payne

Employees and residents are proud to introduce to you our Valentine King and Queen for 2006- His Majesty King Jimmielee Payne and her Highness Queen Virginia Payne. This lovely couple has been married for 65 years. They have four children, ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

It is such a joy having them in our facility. Congratulations Jimmielee and Virginia may your reign be a happy and healthy one.

Our appreciation to the wonderful singing and music that was provided by E.J. Browning,

Jerry Walker, Dad Bludworth and Teri Mize during our Valentine Party.

Several residents enjoyed making bird feeders out of pinecones, peanut butter and bird seed. They were put outside around the patio.

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY HOME

Combine happy hearts
Mix with Christian love
Add the fruits of his Holy Spirit
Sprinkle with smiles
hugs and kisses.
Bake for a life time.

PIONEER NEWS

What a nice Valentine Day we had on Tuesday. Charlene brought us some valentine mints and May brought us some Valentine chocolate hearts to eat. Quite a treat. We are working on the "Eight Point Star" that belongs to Christy. We have Glenda's "square" in the frame to work on and the "Dutch Doll" of Jean Fore to work on. They all are very pretty.

Charlene Chesshir fixed supper for our visiting preacher, Rising Star Church of Christ, Monday night of last week. It was an enjoyable time. Jim and William

came this past weekend but the wind was too cold for them to do much. Christy Dallas has asthma problems when the wild fires go close. She is having a rough time this week!

Cowan and Laverne Hutton are great-grandparents again. Lynn and Pam Hutton's son, Scott and wife Carrie have a new little daughter, Jolie Elizabeth, weighing 4 pounds and 10 ounces.

The church at Rising Star had a very good Gospel Meeting. The preacher was Rich Popejoy of Wellington.

Lou Grider had her daughter, Patty Hefley, visit with her last week. They always have a good time together.

Wow!! Have we ever had a cold spell. Just Texas! One day 88 degrees the next day freezing. We do welcome the cold weather and the bit of moisture that has come with it. We need to keep praying for rain!

Jean Fore has several of her relatives at her house. She will be telling us who they are next week.

Word of Wisdom: Good character, like good soup, is made at home.

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

Note: Fire, Famine, (Drought), Flooding, Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Tsunamis, Earthquakes, Mining Disasters, Plane Crashes and War! May we all join in Prayer during these difficult times.

Something just occurred to me. Have you any idea what this summer may bring? If so, you are definitely one up on me; for I have absolutely no idea, nor do I

even have a clue, but its kind of kicky just to fantasize about it.

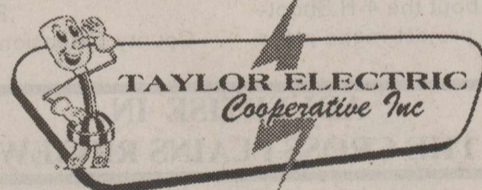
Perhaps for the dedicated romantic, it rained pink and red colored rosebuds. After that, if I'm not mistaken, is Saint Patrick's Day, the day of the wearing of the green. I predict a blue norther that day, with green highlights and furthermore; that the north wind will blow in scads of the wee little people all dressed

up in their best wee little green suits and green shoes and hats with gold buckles.

What sweet little leprechauns they are, but they'll need their ear muffs, gloves and electric socks at Easter, the way I envision it. Mr. E. Bunny will be out in the sleet and freezing rain with his lime green ear muffs on, delivering those beautiful shiny Easter eggs with a coating of sleet.

I figure by the time the 4th of July rolls around, the whole area will be covered with a thick, deep blanket of snow; whistling all around those beautiful big soft snowflakes. I can just imagine those Roman candles flashing through the snowflakes, bursting into gorgeous midair explosions of beautiful color, with all the other fireworks popping and sizzling all around.

What a contrast the red and multicolored fireworks amid the soft, pristine mounds and mounds of white snow will be!



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By Bob Pipes
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The difference in an argument and a discussion is that in a discussion people listen to reason! I don't know of much good that is gained in arguing, reason being that facts gain little or no hearing in an argument. Irrationalism is usually the prevailing attitude. Reason may be presented but is seldom heard. In its true sense, an argument is a discussion, but in **reality**, it is usually a monologue instead of a dialogue.

In a "Great Courtroom Drama," Isaiah 1, Isaiah the prophet presents the dissatisfaction of the Lord with the nation of Israel. He then records the Lord's formula for a solution: "Come now, and let us reason together" (verse 8).

Conflicts in families, between friends, and in life in general can be resolved if those in conflict are willing to **reason together**. Reasoning must be logical and there's no more logical reasoning than that shared by the Master in His "manual on human relations," the Bible. He deals with them all. Will you listen to Him — or argue?

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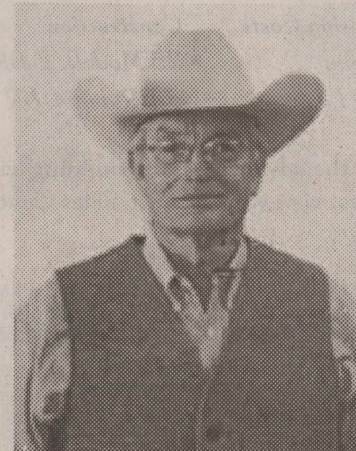
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Application for Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board Election

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees Application Form for a Place on the May 13, 2006 School Board Election is available in the Superintendent's Office from February 13th until March 3, 2006, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Due to Cross Plains I.S.D. Spring Break, March 6-10, applications will be available at City Hall on Main Street from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The last day to file for an application on the ballot is March 13, 2006. Applications will again be available on that

day at the Superintendent's office. The deadline to file is 5:00 p.m.

The terms of Reggie Pillans and Burlie Taylor are expiring. There will be two openings for 3 year terms. Burlie Taylor has filed for re-election and at this time no one else has filed.

Summary of dates for School Board Applications:

Feb. 13 - March 3
Superintendent's Office (8-5)

March 6-10
City Hall Office

(8-12 and 1-5)

March 13
Superintendent's Office (8-5)

Superintendent's Office (8-5)

SCHOOL MENU

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 3

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY - Pancakes, Sausage Links, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Poptart, Yogurt, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Breakfast Bread, Assorted Juice

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WEDNESDAY - Fiesta Salad (Chili Beans, Corn Chips, Cheese), Rice, Salad, Apple
THURSDAY - Lasagna or Corn Dog, Broccoli, Bread Stick, Mixed Fruit
FRIDAY - Submarine Sandwich, Salad, Pickles, Chips, Ice Cream

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February 23, 2006

Deadline Nears to Nominate State "TEACHER OF THE YEAR"

Meriden, CT --- February 13, 2006 --- Teachers, parents, and students have until 11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2006 to nominate an educator for the state's 2005-2006 "Teacher of the Year" award. The announcement came from the award sponsor, Teacher Insurance Plan, a car insurance program exclusively for members of the educational community.

The award will include \$1,000 to the winning teacher and a \$500 grant to that teacher's school. The state winner will also be eligible for the National Award that includes a special recognition and a \$2,500 travel certificate.

Nomination forms are available on-line at www.teachers.com/toty. To nominate an educator, or yourself, explain in 250 words or less, why this teacher should be the Teacher of the Year. Nominees will be judged on their ability to motivate students, their special talents, and their contribution to their school, students or educational community.

Winners will be announced at the end of the school year.

Teachers' Insurance Plan is underwritten by Response Insurance Company, a licensed member of the Response Insurance Group of Companies, as authorized by law.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Susan Schaefer, Burlie Taylor, Frankie Hyles, Jim Cook, Scott Childress and Reggie Pillans. The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Jackie Tennison (Superintendent), Jimmie Cearley (H.S. Principal), Margie Sowell (Elementary Principal), David Hagler, Tonjia Walker, Era Lee Hanke, Margaret McNeel, Kim Crockett and Annette Nickerson.

Prayer was led by Reggie Pillans.

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Childress to hold joint election with the City of Cross Plains on 5-13-06 at the Community Center. Election judge will be Ester Kerr. Early voting will be at City Hall with Debbie Gosnell being the early voting clerk. 6 For, 0 Against.

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Taylor to use Kiwanis Annual Pancake Supper use of lunchroom facilities on

Callahan County Commissioner's electronic voting system to be paid for jointly with the City of Cross Plains. 6 For, 0 Against.

Motion was made by Hyles and seconded by Schaefer to adopt the Wellness Policy as presented by Margie Sowell. 6 For, 0 Against.

Motion was made by Taylor to table action on Cross Plains I.S.D. closed campus. 6 For, 0 Against. (Take no action in TASB Local Policy CNB.)

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Schaefer to allow Project Pride to use the gym and school bus with driver on June 8, 9, and 10th for Howard Days. 6 For, 0 Against.

Motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Childress to allow Cross Plains Library to use the PA for Meet the Author on Feb. 21, 2006. 6 For, 0 Against.

Motion was made by Hyles and seconded by Taylor to approve

March 16th. 6 For, 0 Against. Executive Session began at 7:03 p.m.

Motion was made by Pillans and seconded by Schaefer to extend Athletic Director David Hagler's contract for 1 year for the year of 2007-08. 6 For, 0 Against.

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Childress to extend Elementary Principal Margie Sowell's contract for 1 year for the year 2007-08. 6 For, 0 Against.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Hyles not to extend H.S. Principal Jimmie Cearley's contract until Intervention Plan is developed and results are shown. 6 For, 0 Against.

Motion was made by Hyles and seconded by Cook to accept resignation of Danny Johnson from maintenance position. 6 For, 0 Against.

Motion was made by Hyles and seconded by Taylor to adjourn. 6 For, 0 Against.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **February 23, 2006**, beginning at **6:30 p.m.** in the High School Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

1. Open meeting
2. Discuss and take action on consequences for leaving campus

and disciplinary infractions

3. Write Intervention Plan with High School Principal
 4. Adjourn
- If, during the course of the meeting, a discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the

presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on February 17, 2006, at 1:00 p.m.

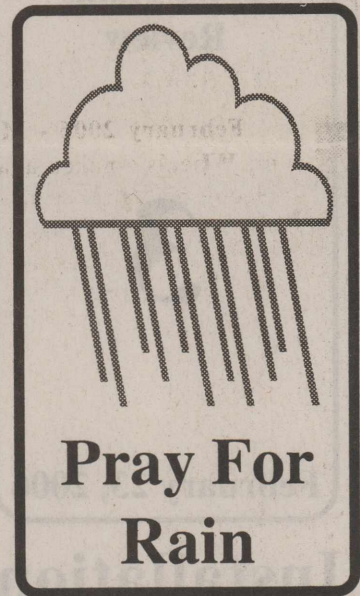
Jackie Tennison
For the Board of Trustees

CROSS PLAINS BUFFALOES 2006 TRACK SCHEDULE

HIGH SCHOOL		JUNIOR HIGH	
2/25/06	Sat. Santo	2/25/06	Sat. Santo
3/3/06	Fri. Cross Plains	3/2/06	Thurs Cross Plains
3/6/06	Spring Break	3/20/06	Mon May
3/17/06	TBA TBA	4/4/06	Tues Cross Plains
3/24/06	Fri May	HEAD COACH TREY WYATT	
4/1/06	Sat. Roby		
4/6/06	Thurs Goldthwaite	ASSISTANTS DAVID HAGLER, BRANDON MCDOWELL, KENT SMITH	
4/13/06	Thurs Jim Ned		
4/22/06	Fri TBA	SUPERINTENDENT JACKIE TENNISON	
4/28,29/06	Fri/Thurs ACU		
5/5,6/06	Fri/Thurs TBA	PRINCIPAL JIMMIE CEARLEY	
5/12,13/06	Fri/Thurs AUSTIN		

REG. QUALIFIER: 4/28,29/06 Fri/Thurs ACU
REGIONALS: 5/5,6/06 Fri/Thurs TBA
STATE QUAL: 5/12,13/06 Fri/Thurs AUSTIN
STATE MEET

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The Cross Plains Public Library Writing Contest Welcomes Home-Schooled Students

For the seventh consecutive year, the Cross Plains Public Library is sponsoring a writing contest for all students in Grades Pre-K through 12 in the Cross Plains ISD. Any home-schooled students who are eligible to attend the Cross Plains schools are encouraged to enter, also. Students may enter any one of the three categories: poetry, essay, or short story. Poems may be of any

kind: blank verse, haiku, etc. (Only one entry per student will be accepted.) If your student(s) would like to enter, you may pick up an entry form at the Cross Plains Public Library between 1 and 5 PM, Monday through Friday, and return the entries there by 5:00 PM, Friday, March 17, 2006. The entries will be "blind" judged by a retired college level teacher of

English. As in previous years, we will award ribbons for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each grade, and trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall. Additionally, the three best overall entries will be printed in the *Cross Plains Review*.

For further information, please contact the Library at 254-725-7722.

Submitted by
Ginny Hoskins

4-H Shooting Sports Begins

The Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Project will kick off the 2006 year with their annual project orientation meeting on February 25th at 1:00 p.m., at the 4-H Shooting Range. This meeting is for all those interested in the 4-H Shooting Sports project. All former members and new members as well as their parents are encouraged to attend. The Shooting Range is located on FM 18 between Baird and Clyde. This meeting will allow new members to come sign up and give them an opportunity to explore what the 4-H shooting sports projects has to offer.

4-H Shooting Sports is a competitive project involving youth between the ages of 8 and eighteen from across the state. Callahan county has a past proven record of top-notch competitors and invites all interested youth and their parents to join us.

The focus of all 4-H programs is the development of youth as individuals and as responsible and productive citizens. The 4-H Shooting Sports Project stands out as an example.

Youth learn marksmanship, the safe and responsible use of firearms, the principles of hunting, and much more. The activities to develop life skills, self-worth, and conservation ethics.

If you are interested in learning more about the 4-H Shooting Sports project make plans

to attend this orientation meeting on February 25th at 1:00 p.m. For more information contact the County Extension office at 854-5835.

Sincerely,
Robert Pritz
County Extension Agent-Ag

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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST— Dania Gonzales of Cross Plains, pictured here with her teacher Mrs. Purvis, won first place in the contest.

Callahan Divide SWCD Poster Contest Winners announced

The Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District held its first poster contest since 1996 in early February. We are so excited to have this program active after so many years. All four of the Callahan County School Districts participated in this event. We had a total of 144 entries this year and hope to increase that number next year. This contest was designed to demonstrate the importance of conservation and taking care of your surroundings, while giving the children the opportunity to show their artistic ability. The topic of this year's posters are "Water Wise" and "Celebrate Conservation". The top three winners for this contest are Dania Gonzales a 5th grader from Cross Plains, second place is Christian Creech a 6th grader from Baird and third place went to Rebecca Dugan a 4th grader from Eula.

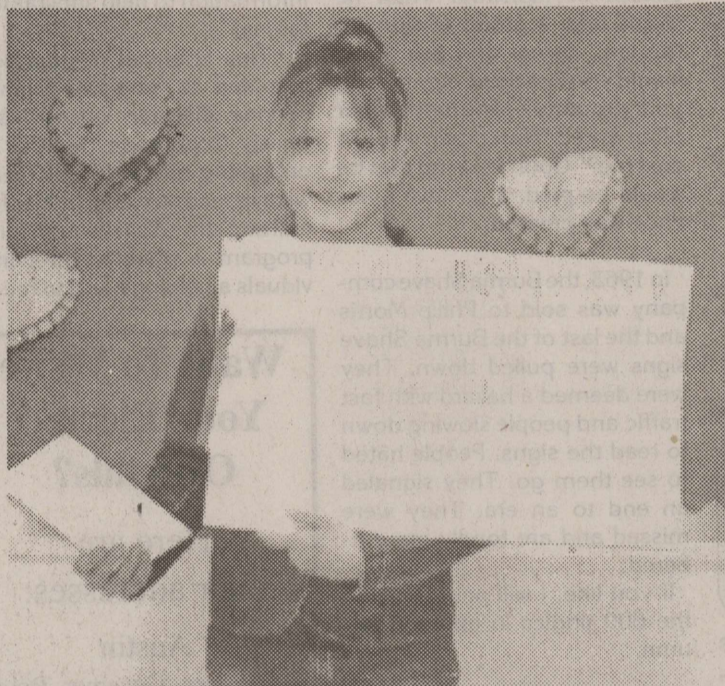
These three posters will be submitted to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board for the area competition. State winners will be selected from the five area winners. Thank you to all of the participants in this contest the judges had a hard time making a decision on the winning posters. The children did a wonderful job on the posters they really put a lot of thought and effort in to this project.

The top three winners of the contest received a ribbon and a \$50.00 Series EE Savings bond. We would like to thank John Belcher President of the First National Bank of Baird-Clyde Branch for his donation of those Saving Bonds. Without the support of the local businesses, schools and community this program would not have been possible.

Submitted by: Callahan Divide SWCD



SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST— Christian Creech of Baird won second place in the contest.



SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST— Rebecca Dugan of Eula won third place in the contest.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY 25

Brenda Wood
Madie Brown
ElWanda Jennings
Celeta Strahan
David Havener
Colby Walker
Romana Lewis
Vivian Nowell
Chase Ryan Hunter
Joaquin Monreal
Matthew Lee
Shana Hyles
Christin Hyles

Rosalea G. McClain
Barbara Stephens
Joe Frenkle Mullins, Jr.
Constantino Reyes
Gwendolyn Joann Creech

LEAP YEAR

FEBRUARY 29

Debbie Ann Perry
Tanya Reed
Mrs. Dwane Gale
Tiffany Leigh Price
Rowdy Morris
Bill Armstrong

FEBRUARY 26

Georgia Townson
Mrs. Anse Barr
JaDeana (Nolan) Tonne
Connie Young
Nathan James Bryan
Michael J. Quinn
Jason Collier
Billy Wilson
Seth Fortune
Paige Suzanne Chambers

MARCH 1

Skeet Parker
Kelly Michelle Stout
Eddie Strickland
Tom Sibley
Dorothy Aiken
Jay McCuin
Minter B. Sheffey
Lt. Col. (Retired) Rick Terrell
William Christopher Clark
Gage Connelly

FEBRUARY 27

Don Gosnell
Thalia W. Robertson
Ella Duncan
Shawn Reed
Patrick Joseph Conlee
Judy Holcomb Livingston
Lee Roy Higginbottom
Joyce Lee
Tom Melton

MARCH 2

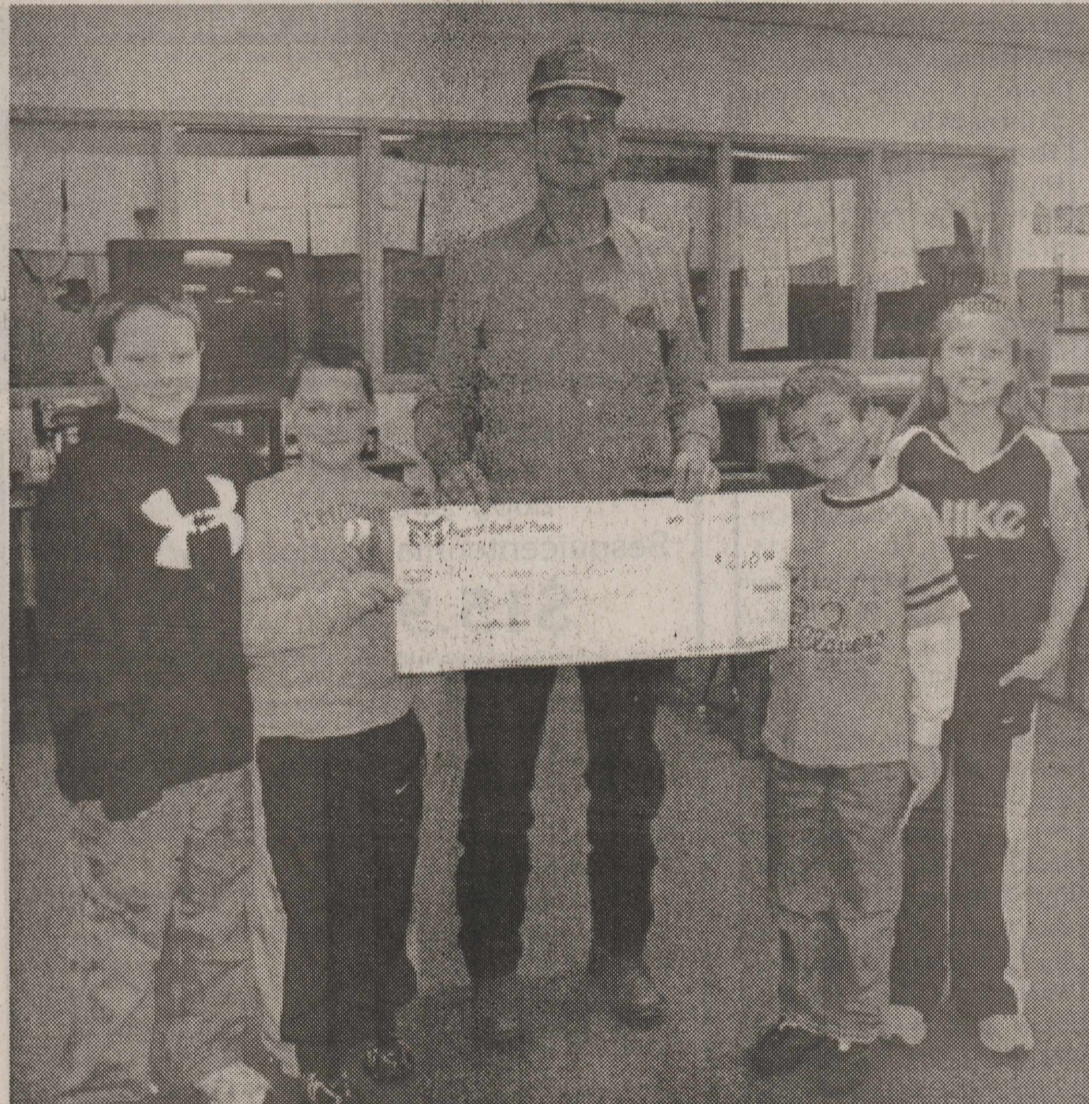
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Tony Wyatt
L.B. Jones
Lois Minton
Gary McIntosh
Jan (Neal) Bradford
Jack Webb Baum
Mrs. Leroy Brooker
Betty Helms
Stephen George Friend
Dean Dillard
Dean Brannon

FEBRUARY 28

Ricky Cavanaugh Shanks
Charlotte Bishop
Bobra Burkett
Curtis Hines
Mary Pancake
Randy Foster
Keith Watkins
Susan McNeel
Earlene Justice

MARCH 3

Dough Hagemair
Gerry L. Holly
Michael Bates
Donna Kaye Chambers
Grady Ramey
Sue Carroll



DELEON ELEMENTARY STUDENTS RAISE FUNDS FOR CROSS PLAINS & DELEON FIRE DEPARTMENTS— Mrs. Gooden's 4-B class of DeLeon asked for permission to start a fund raising effort for the DeLeon

and Cross Plains Fire Departments. Here, some of the students are shown presenting a check for \$210 to the Cross Plains Fire Department Fire Chief Bob Harrell, one half of the total amount raised. The students

collected \$420.00 giving half to the DeLeon Fire Department and half to Cross Plains. Shown from the left are Cass Griffin, Dustin Sparger, Cross Plains Fire Chief Bob Harrell, Trevor Jordan and Jordan Coan.

5- February 23, 2006

Power Wheelchairs

February 2006 - Miracle on Wheels makes available Electric Power Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory Senior Citizen (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 wheelchair.

Please call 1-800-749-8778 or visit our web site at www.jaspanmedical.com for more information on the details of this program.

Employers Invited to Participate in this years Abilene Youth Job Fair

The 4th annual "Hot Dog—I Got a Job!" Area Youth Job Fair will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center. Employers who have an on-going need for part-time workers, or who are interested in hiring employees during the summer months, should attend this event. Businesses who participate will have access to a large number of young workers, ages 16-21. Over 1100 young job seekers attended last year's event. There is no booth registration fee for employers; however, space is limited. Employers should contact a Business Services Representative at the Workforce Center in Abilene at (325) 795-4200 to reserve booth space at the job fair. For more information, contact Robert Puls

at (325) 795-4330 or by e-mail at robert.puls@workforce-system.org.

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National Weather Service Announces 7th Annual Tornado Warning Drill

Severe weather may strike with only a few minutes of advance warning. Do you have a way to receive a warning? Do you know what to do?

At approximately 9:30 a.m. on February 28th, the National Weather Service in San Angelo will transmit a practice tornado warning. We will transmit this warning through NOAA All Hazards Radio (formerly NOAA Weather Radio). Some of your local radio and TV stations and Emergency Management offices may also relay this warning in your area. We will cancel this practice tornado warning at 9:45 a.m.

We will issue the warning for the following counties: Throckmorton, Haskell, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, San

Saba, Crockett, Schleicher, Menard, Sutton, Kimble, and Mason counties.

For more information, please contact Patrick McCullough at (325) 944-3030 or Hector Guerrero at (325) 944-0526 ext. 223. You may also contact your local Emergency Manager.

In 2004, a practice tornado warning drill was conducted on March 3rd. Then on the following day, March 4th, a severe line of thunderstorms with tornadoes struck west central Texas and even hit a school and produced substantial damage. This test proved extremely valuable and prepared many schools for this extreme severe weather event.

TORNADO SAFETY RULES

If at home:
• If you have a tornado safe room or engineered shelter go there immediately.
• Go at once to an interior

room with no windows; storm cellar; basement; or lowest level of the building.

• If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.

• Get away from the windows.
• Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.

• Use arms to protect head and neck.
• If in a mobile home, get out and find shelter elsewhere.

If at work or school:
• Go to the area designated in your tornado plan. The most interior room, on the lowest floor without windows.

• Avoid places with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways, or shopping malls.
• Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench

or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.

• Get down low with your head against the wall and use your arms to protect head and neck.

If outdoors:
• If possible, get inside a building.

• If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

• Use arms to protect head and neck.

If in a car:
• Never try to out-drive a tornado in a car or truck.

• Get out of the car immediately and take shelter in a nearby building.

• If there is no time to get indoors, get out of the car and lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the vehicle. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

How many of you belong to the generation who owned cars without tinted windows and air conditioning? If so, you probably remember Burma Shave signs. (My husband gave me a delightful book: "Verses by the Side of the Road" by Frank Rawsome, Jr. It tells the story of Burma Shave and gives all six hundred of the Burma Shave verses.)

In the Burma Shave days, during the summer, people drove with the windows down and one of the diversions on a long trip was reading the Burma Shave signs. Usually, one person would be the designated reader and read them loud and distinctly for all to hear.

Burma Shave was derived from a liniment whose sales were sporadic. The owner of the company hired a chemist to create a brushless shaving cream that

was pleasant and efficient. Another partner in the company saw a series of signs advertising a drug company and they gave him the idea of doing the same and using catchy short verses. Thus the Burma Shave signs were started. People loved them and sales grew. One of the signs read: "IF YOU / DON'T KNOW / WHOSE SIGNS / THESE ARE / YOU HAVEN'T DRIVEN / VERY FAR. BURMA SHAVE."

After a time, the jingles started to get old. The Burma Shave company had a contest. People sent in suggestions and the winners would be awarded \$100.00. That was a substantial amount in those days. All jingles became the property of Burma Shave.

The company was careful to keep the jingles clean as well as catchy and they often encouraged safety. One of such signs was: "DRIVING PAST / SCHOOL YARDS / TAKE IT SLOW / LET THE LITTLE / SHAVERS GROW. BURMA SHAVE."

Some other signs were: STATISTICS PROVE / NEAR AND FAR / THAT FOLKS WHO / DRIVE LIKE CRAZY / USUALLY ARE.

DIM YOUR LIGHTS / BEHIND A CAR / LET FOLKS SEE / HOW BRIGHT YOU ARE.

HELIT A MATCH / TO CHECK

THE GAS TANK / THAT'S WHY / THEY CALL HIM / SKINLESS FRANK.

As the company grew, other brushless shaving creams sprang up. Some of the Burma Shave signs read: THE GAME LAWS / OUGHT TO LET YOU / HUNT THE BIRD / THAT HANDS YOU / A SUBSTITUTE, BURMA SHAVE.

With all the fires lately, this one seems appropriate: MANY A FOREST / USED TO STAND / WHERE A LIGHTED MATCH / GOT OUT OF HAND. BURMA SHAVE.

As electric shavers came on the market, signs read: SHAVED SMOOTH AND CLEAN / IS NOT ACHIEVED / WITH A MOWING MACHINE. BURMA SHAVE.

Going into new territory involved an advance man who would find a straight, smooth stretch of highway. Then he would take a group of signs to the land owner and ask "How would you like these signs along your property?". The land owner often asked "How much would it cost me?" Upon learning that he would be paid, a positive influence was created.

In 1963, the Burma Shave company was sold to Philip Morris and the last of the Burma Shave signs were pulled down. They were deemed a hazard with fast traffic and people slowing down to read the signs. People hated to see them go. They signaled an end to an era. They were missed and are fondly remembered.

If you like, I will print more of the 600 jingles in another column.

Individual assistance for Wildfire Disaster relief must be filed by March 13

AUSTIN, Texas - Federal and state disaster recovery officials advise Texans who suffered damages from the recent Texas wildfires that March 13 is the last day to apply for assistance. The presidential declaration makes Individual Assistance available to affected individuals and families in Callahan, Cooke, Eastland, Erath, Hood, Montague, Palo Pinto, Tarrant and Wise counties.

Those who suffered damage are encouraged to register online at www.fema.gov or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for the hearing- and speech-impaired. The toll-free numbers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week until further notice. Applicants should be prepared to provide basic information about themselves (name, permanent address, phone number), insurance coverage and any other information to help substantiate losses.

"This financial assistance is intended to ease the pain of serious disaster losses," said Sandy Coachman, federal coordinating officer for the Texas wildfire recovery effort. "The federal and state disaster assistance program is there to offer individuals a helping hand to recov-

ery." "Together with our partners in FEMA, we will make sure that the benefits of our collective assistance programs go to the people in our wildfire counties who are suffering losses," said State Coordinating Officer Frank Cantu, representing the Texas Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM).

FEMA provides assistance to wildfire victims who have necessary disaster-related expenses and serious needs that are not covered by insurance. Assistance for individuals and families who suffered damage can include:

Grants to rent a different place to live if the damaged house is unlivable. Initial temporary housing assistance may be provided for one month for homeowners and one month for renters. Assistance may be extended if requested based on a review of individual applicant requirements.

Grants for home repairs and replacement of essential household items not covered by insurance to make damaged dwellings safe, sanitary and functional.

Grants to replace personal property and help meet medical, dental, funeral, transportation and other serious disaster-

related needs not covered by insurance or other federal, state and charitable aid programs. (Grants are not awarded to reimburse households for spoiled food or the loss of freezer and refrigerator contents due to lack of power.)

Low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration to cover residential losses not fully compensated by insurance. Loans up to \$200,000 are available to repair/replace real estate and \$40,000 to repair/replace personal property.

There are penalties for falsely reporting disaster damages. FEMA and GDEM are coordinating a joint effort to uncover fraud attempts. People who encounter fraudulent scams should report them to their local law enforcement or the Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection at 1-800-337-3928.

FEMA manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.

Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the office filings in the Republican Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

For Callahan County Commissioner Precinct #4

Larry Tennison

Political advertisement paid by Larry Tennison for Commissioner Precinct #4, Betsy Tennison, Treasurer, 4266 CR 243, Clyde, Texas 79510.

Reggie Pillans

Political advertisement paid by Suzi Pillans, Treasurer, 8567 CR 419, Cisco, Texas 76437.

Cliff Kirkham

Political advertisement paid by the Cliff Kirkham Campaign Committee, Connie Kirkham, Treasurer, 20235 FM 2707, Cross Plains, Texas, 76443.

For Callahan Justice of the Peace Precinct #4

Burlie W. Taylor

Political advertisement paid by B.W. Taylor, Jerr Taylor, 16469 FM 880 South, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Bob Hill

Political advertisement paid by Bob Hill, Sharyn Hill, Treasurer, P. O. Box 542, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Rodger Hart

Political advertisement paid by Rodger Hart, Regina Hart, Treasurer, P.O. Box 475, Cross Plains, Texas, 76443.

All political calendar advertising for the Tuesday, March 7, 2006 Republican Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$100.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.

Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the office filings in the Democratic Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

For Callahan County Judge

Roger Corn

Political advertisement paid by Roger Corn, 532 Poplar, Baird, Texas 79504.

For Callahan County Clerk

Donna Bell

Political advertisement paid by Jeannie Bohannon, PR 2484 Lot 420, Baird, Texas 79504

For Callahan County Commissioner Precinct #4

Elvan Goode

Political advertisement paid by Elvan Goode, 17041 CR 441, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

All political calendar advertising for the Tuesday, March 7, 2006 Democratic Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$100.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.

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February 23, 2006

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 12, 2006 through February 18, 2006 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—73
Complaints—98
DWI—1
Unlawful Possession of Body Armor by Felon—1
Possession of Marijuana—1
Fugitive Arrest-Possession of Controlled Substance—1
Failure to Identify, Give False Information—1

Vehicle Accidents
There were eighteen vehicle accidents investigated during this time period.

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Rick Perry, Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX. 78711.

Harvey Hilderbran, State Representative, P.O. Bos 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910. Phone 512-463-0536.

Troy Fraser, Texas Senate District 24, P.O. Bos 12068, Austin, TX 78711 or call 512-463-0124.

Washington


George W. Bush, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000.

Randy Neugebauer, Congressman, 19th Texas District, 429 Cannon HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515. Phone 202/225-9615. For email access, go to <http://www.house.gov/neugebauer> and click on the appropriate link.

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TxDot announces regulations for political sign placement

ABILENE, Texas—Texans take pride in their beautiful state, especially during the spring when everyone can enjoy the beautiful wildflowers that grow along the highway rights of way. However, during campaign season, the landscape blooms with a special kind of flower—the political sign.

Texas Department of Transportation officials want to make sure citizens and candidates are aware of the laws regulating their placement on state highway right of way.

Under Texas law, it is a class C misdemeanor to place any sign on state highway right of

way. The penalty for violating this law is a fine of up to \$500 per sign.

It is legal to place a campaign sign on private property adjacent to state highways with landowners' permission.

Restrictions require that signs be constructed of lightweight material and limited to 50 square feet in size. Signs may be placed as early as 90 days prior to an election and must be removed within 10 days after an election.

TxDOT officials say the laws are intended to reduce clutter along highways so that official traffic control signs and vehicles

approaching intersections are clearly visible for the safety of all the traveling public.

According to Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene District public information officer, signs in the public right of way include posting signs on trees, telephone poles, traffic signs, and other objects on the right of way.

"TxDOT's regulatory authority allows the immediate removal of a sign placed on state highway right of way without prior notice, if the sign is not authorized by state law or approved by the department. Signs posing potential safety hazards will be removed as soon as possible by TxDOT employees, a county sheriff or a constable, depending on jurisdiction," Kilgore said.

Texas is subject to the Federal Highway Beautification Act of 1965. Under the federal law, if the state fails to control signage visible from interstate and other federally-funded highways, Texas may be subject to sanctions of up to 10 percent of its federal transportation construction funds.

If you have questions regarding placement of political signs in Callahan County, call TxDOT's Callahan County maintenance section at 325/854-1353, or Kristy Gardner, the Abilene District's highway beautification coordinator, at 325/676-6831.

The Cross Plains Fire Victims Resource Center Announces New Hours

Effective February 1st, the Cross Plains Fire Victims Resource Center will be changing the hours it will be open.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

All volunteer organization. VOLUNTEERS are needed to keep the doors open. We need volunteers to sort, organize, load, and unload, and just be there for the victims. We are all working this resource around our families and jobs. All are welcome and encouraged to come by and help our community.

Our current plan is to try to get everything distributed out to the victims, and then have a garage sale that is open to ALL. These proceeds will be donated to the Fire Department, then we will close the doors by March 15th.

The clothing is available to anyone who is willing to donate their time at the resource center as a volunteer, or donate to the Fire Department.

Firefighters in the Eastland, Stephens, Comanche and Shackelford counties have not only been dealing with the worst winter fire season Texas has seen, but they are also battling fires that are suspected arson starts.

"We're extremely concerned that we may have an arsonist working in the Eastland County area," said County Judge Brad Stephenson. "Not all have been arson fires, but we've had more than 40,000 acres burned in Eastland County alone since New Year's Day. The population is scared. We've lost more than 50 homes, countless other structures and at least \$4 million lost just in fences. That doesn't take into consideration the loss of income and revenue. It is a miracle that we haven't lost a life."

Investigators are looking into multiple fires that occurred between Feb. 12 and 17 that

Big Country area plagued by suspected arson fires

appear suspicious. The cluster of suspicious fires includes the Olden, West Eastland, Cisco, Gunsight, Rising Star fires on Feb. 12, and the Clenendon and CR 285 fires on Feb. 16.

Arson is a 2nd degree felony, punishable by up to \$10,000 and two to 20 years in prison. That is enhanced to a 1st degree felony if an arson fire injures or kills someone.

"If anyone sees anything suspicious, please contact the local authorities or the arson hotline, which is 1-800-364-3470," said Chief Law Enforcement Officer Gary Bennett with Texas Forest Service. "We need folks to be observant."

A reward of up to \$2,000 is offered for information leading to the arrest and grand jury indictment of the person or persons responsible for these fires. Submitted by Texas Forest Service

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In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given as follows: TO

Fred Allen, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: 1.04 acres, more or less, being Lot 19, Reed Replat Tract 6, Callahan County, Texas and a 1977 Sheffield Manufactured Home, Label #TXS0001930, Serial #260SF2KDAT1102 being that property more particularly described in Vol. 33, Page 91 of the Official Public Records, Callahan County, Texas.

Legal Notice

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$1,044.72, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the County of Callahan, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on June 24, 2005, in a certain suit styled the County of Callahan et al vs. Fred Allen et al, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Callahan County, Texas, 42nd Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is T-1607, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law

thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 3rd day of April, A.D., 2006, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Callahan County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Baird, Callahan County, Texas, this 16th day of February, A.D., 2006.

(s) Sharon Owens
Clerk of the District Court,
Callahan County, Texas,
42nd Judicial District

(s) Bill Young
Deputy

March 17 Deadline set for Director Nominations in Regional Boll Weevil Vote

AUSTIN - Cotton producers in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone who wish to represent the area on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's statewide board of directors have until March 17 to officially place their names into nomination.

The deadline comes as cotton farmers and landowners who planted cotton in 2005 are set to decide in an April 17 referendum whether a boll weevil eradication program should continue in the Rolling Plains Central Zone.

Cotton producers who farm in the zone and who have at least seven years of experience as a cotton grower may place their names on the ballot for the board member position. Those wishing to be placed on the ballot must fill out a nomination form along with a biographical information sheet.

In addition, the signatures of at least 10 other eligible cotton growers in the zone must support the nomination.

Producers can mail the form to the Texas Department of Agriculture at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711 or fax the form to (800) 835-2981. The nomination must be received on or before March 17, 2006.

Nomination forms are available at local cooperative extension service offices and the Texas Department of Agriculture in Austin at (512) 463-4879.

The Rolling Plains Central Zone includes all of Baylor, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Young and parts of Archer, Borden, Brown and Taylor counties.

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We were blessed during this difficult time to have her longtime friends, Blanche Byrd and Ruby Bridges, and her Pastor, Rev. Jim Senkel, there constantly encouraging us through each day and many long nights.

During this time of grief, God has truly blessed us with wonderful friends and family.

Thank you so much, Sherrian and Ron Conway and family

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The family of Jewel Thompson would like to thank the First Baptist Church, family and friends of the community for the flowers, cards, phone calls, and prayers during our loss.

Thank you to the FBC ladies for all the food and for serving the family.

Thank you Bro. Ronnie for always being there and especially in our time of need. And also Bob and Dee Harrell for their expressions of comfort.

Leo Thompson
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I would like to express my appreciation to the volunteers at the Fire Victims Resource Center (Nursing Home) for their kindness and helpfulness. Your assistance made my adjustment go more smoothly during the recent loss of my home.

Arlene Laney

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for everyone who has shown us so much love, support and concern during my time of recovery from the ram attack.

The phone calls, food, help and especially the prayers mean so much.

God bless you all,
Carolyn and Jimmy Wilson

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you to all the people of Cross Plains who have taken care of the lost and found pets since the tragic fire that swept through our city. You have graciously offered to feed, water and care for the animals until their owners could be found. Many have also offered to give a permanent home to the animals whose owners could not be found.

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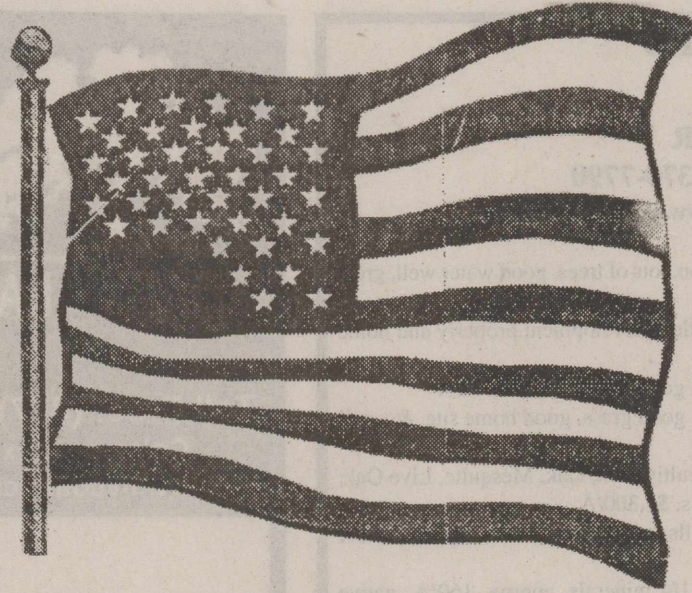
PFC JEFFERY A. HICKS

Local Couple's Grandson Returns Home from Iraq

PFC Jeffery A. Hicks, has returned after a successful tour in Iraq, to his wife, Lucinda, and his daughter, Chancie, of El Campo, Texas. Also welcoming him home were his parents, Edward and Debra Hicks of Gatesville; his sister, Samantha Q. Hicks of Gatesville; grandparents, Earl and Ann McCall of Cross Plains; and his uncle, Earl J. McCall II of Mission, Texas.

Jeffery served with the HHC 2nd/112th Armored 56th BCT 36th ID Texas National Guard. He received the Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Badge.

HURRAH JEFFERY for a job well done. Welcome home, we are all proud of your success and achievements. We Love You!



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Letters and calls from Exes are coming in daily showing support for the many local veterans who served our country. The support is overwhelming for this long overdue project.

We have received support from all over the United States as news travels from families, classmates and friends of Veterans. Please continue to send in names and donations to complete this project as soon as possible.

Recent contributors to the Cross Plains and Area Veterans Memorial Fund include: Ronnie White; W.J. and Roxie Phillips;

Don Needham; Harold Ingram; Moselle McCreary; Barbara Swinney; Billy and Karen Strickland; Charles Holdridge; Edwin Weiss; Jacob Marinelli; Gayna Dodds and Star Recker; Brownie and James King; and Joe Kendrick.

Forms may be printed off at: crossplains.com barbarianfestival.com or mail to Cross Plains Veterans Memorial P.O. Box 711 Cross Plains, TX 76443.

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MR. AND MRS. ROBERT LEE ARMSTRONG

Couple United in Marriage January 14th in Cross Plains

Samantha Ann Wadsworth and Robert Lee Armstrong were united in marriage January 14th at 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains, with the Rev. Aaron Blake officiating the ceremony.

Samantha is the daughter of Charles (Sonny) and Brenda Spraggins of Cross Plains. Robert is the son of Betty Armstrong of Pennsylvania and sergeant son of Allen and Donna Ulrich of Lake Brownwood.

The bride was escorted and given away by her parents. Matron of honor was Sande

Stearns, cousin of the bride, of Rising Star. Bridesmaids included Caren Friend of Brownwood and Renee Holdman of Louisiana.

Best man was James Bagley of Brownwood, a friend of the groom's. Groomsmen included William Spraggins of Louisiana, brother of the bride, and Jake Steward of Brownwood, also brother of the bride.

Other members of the wedding party included Sam Stearns and Scott Smith as ushers. Charles and Chance Thompson of Cross Plains, brothers of the bride, were both ring bearers.

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can eat for one price." More details will be shared at later dates but be sure and mark your calendar now for Thursday night, March 16 — and don't miss it!

P.S. — Did you get the date — March 16?

Submitted by Bob Pipes

Cross Plains Barbarian Festival meeting Feb. 28

The Cross Plains Barbarian Festival will meet Tuesday, February 28, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. at Mexico City restaurant.

Come at 6:00 p.m. for food and fellowship. Plans for the 2006

Barbarian Festival will be discussed. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call Susan McNeel 725-6498, Peg Terrell 725-0077, or Cindy Payne 725-6692.

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Class of 1961 meeting results

We had a meeting February 18th at 5:30 at Jean's Feed Barn. There were nine (9) people there and six (6) of them were classmates. We had a good time and meal.

We discussed about a drawing at this years homecoming with the proceeds going to our 50 year get together in 2011 (This homecoming will be our 45th year).

There will be another meeting in a month or so to do more planning. We will let you know when.

The ones present at this meeting were: Henry and Linda Ring, Homer and Helen Paison, Jerry and Linda Huddleston, Johnny Illingworth, Linda Pringle, and Alvin Hutchins.

God bless you all and thanks to those that came. For more information call Linda Ring at 254-725-4586 or Linda Pringle at 254-725-6129.

Submitted by Linda Ring

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