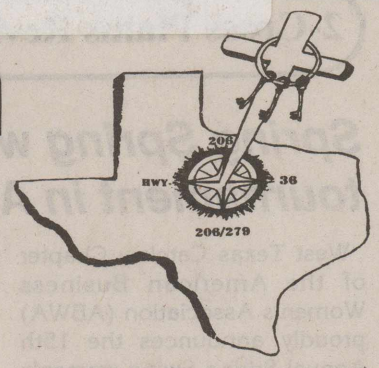


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DOWN HOME

Turn Your Security System On!

A horrible thing happened to me today... a thief broke into my house. It happened shortly after I awoke this morning. I got up and began rushing about. I had a thousand things on my mind and my list was already running behind. Quickly I gulped down breakfast, took a shower and got ready for work.

In my rush, I forgot to turn my security system on at my house. It was just about half an hour later that the thief broke in. Of course, he didn't make a sound. Just kind of snuck inside, not drawing any attention to himself, in fact, none of the neighbors ever saw him.

But I did. You see, I WAS HOME when the thief broke in! He naturally startled me, as I was unprepared for his visit. He of course didn't announce that he was coming, and I certainly had not invited him over.

And yet, I found myself face to face with danger and I felt so powerless. I also felt stupid, because this whole incident could have been avoided if I had just taken the time to turn my security system on.

You better believe I'll be turning it on tomorrow morning!

I thought I'd warn you about this guy, because he's still on the loose. Chances are, he's in your area or will be coming there soon enough. Possibly even headed straight for your house next time!

His name? His name is satan. You see, this morning when I jumped up in my haste to get started on my busy day, I skipped my prayer time... opting to "pray later today".

In other words, I DIDN'T TURN ON THE SECURITY SYSTEM... My defense wasn't on, my guard was dropped, and when the thief came into my home to attack me, I was unprepared to do battle. He tempted me and I felt powerless. Like I said, I also felt so very stupid because I could have AVOIDED the whole incident if I had just taken the time to pray!

My friend, the thief has come to "STEAL, KILL & DESTROY".

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Women's Night Out at First Baptist Church Features Brownwood Speaker Peggy Joyce Ruth

Attention women of the area! Mark your calendars, invite your friends and neighbors! Join us in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center on **Mon. March 13, at 7:00 p.m.**

Our guest speaker will be Peggy Joyce Ruth of Brownwood. Peggy is an accomplished Bible teacher with a passion to tell others that God's Word is relevant today to meet their every need.

"Psalm 91 God's Umbrella of Protection" is the topic she has chosen for this evening. Her desire is to challenge people to move into a deeper understanding of the Word of God. She is the author of **Those Who Trust the Lord Shall Not Be Disappointed.**

Don't miss out on this evening of fellowship with other women, entertainment and great salads!

One More Candidate Announces for City Council Election

Incumbent Burlie Taylor and Kim Crockett remain the only applicants who have filed in the Cross Plains I.S.D. Trustee election.

The positions of Burlie Taylor and Reggie Pillans are expiring. Incumbent Ray Purvis has filed for the position of Mayor of Cross Plains.

Scarlett Koettel has filed an application for city council seat along with incumbent Jerry Cassle and James Nichols. All

are seeking election for two-year terms on the Cross Plains City Council. The council seats of Jerry Cassle and Terry Lichty are expiring, along with the mayor position.

Deadline to file for both elections is March 13, 2006. During the week of Spring Break (March 6-10) applicants for both school board trustee and council positions should be filed at the local City Hall during their regular business hours.

Report given to county commissioner on forming Emergency District

After a request from some residents in Callahan County asking about forming a fire district, county commissioners met with Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) representative Charlie Stone who gave an informative overview about establishing an Emergency District in Callahan County.

Stone made the presentation during the Callahan County Commissioners' Court meeting held Monday, February 27 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Also attending the agenda item were Nicki Harle, Tommy Hudspeth, Travis Hudspeth, Larry Adams and Doug Ford.

County Judge Roger Corn reported Stone discussed the Emergency District which can be formed in all of Callahan County, or a portion of the county.

The Emergency District, which can oversee both fire departments or an ambulance service, is similar to a Fire District. The district can levy up a tax rate of up to 10 cents per \$100 of valuation inside the Emergency District. The funds levied would be overseen by a five member commission appointed by the county commissioners.

Stone told the commissioners any city within the taxing district can opt out of the district and that city's property tax would not be put on the Emergency District's tax roll.

To form an Emergency District, 100 voters within the district's boundaries would be required to sign a petition to the commissioners' court seeking to form the district.

Judge Corn said a public hearing would be held by the commissioners' court to obtain views from the public about forming an Emergency District. He said

the commissioners' court would then determine if an election should be held. If an election is called, the voters of the Emergency District would then decide whether to form the district. Judge Corn said the commissioners' court took no action on the item.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The commissioners' court meeting was called to order by Judge Corn at 9:30 a.m. Present were Commissioners Harold Hicks, Bryan Farmer, Tommy Holland, and Doris Grider. Also present were County Treasurer Dianne Alexander and County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon.

—The commissioners' court meeting minutes from February 13 were approved as presented.

—There was no public comment receive.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to reinstate the burn ban for 90 days. Commissioner Grider seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 vote. The burn ban ordinance appears elsewhere inside this week's newspaper.

—Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve an order adopting a County Road Map pursuant to Chapter 258 of the Texas Transportation Code. Commissioner Grider seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to pay all approved bills. Commissioner Farmer seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Helping Hearts Helping Hands Offers FREE TREES to those who Lost Homes

The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative organization, sponsor of Helping Hearts Helping Hands each fall, would like to extend a "helping hand" to those whose homes were lost in the recent fire. The organization would like to donate a tree to those that incurred a loss of their home. These trees would be given to those affected as they establish a new home, whether they build, have a modular home placed on their property or move to an existing home in the area.

The types of trees available would be peach, plum, Arizona ash, Bradford pear (non-bearing) and weeping willow. Someone to plant the tree will be available if requested. We ask that anyone wanting one of these trees, to contact Roxie Thomas at 715-6141, Connie Kirkham at 725-6500 or Wilma Lawrence at 725-7216.

We realize the time to plant is now, so we ask that you call as soon as possible so we can get your tree ordered and available. The trees will be purchased at Taste of Texas. We appreciate Donald Strength for his help in getting this project underway.

Project Pride to hold its Regular Monthly Meeting March 14th

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly business meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 6:00 PM, at the Cross Plains Public Library.

Plans are underway for the Howard Days June celebration and committee reports will be given.

The public is invited.

Submitted by Era Lee Hanke

Class of 1961 to meet at Jean's Feed Barn

Cross Plains High School Classmates of 1961 are invited to meet at Jean's Feed Barn at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 18th. We need to plan this year's Homecoming and also our 50th year reunion.

Your thoughts are needed to assure a successful meeting. We hope to see you there. Call us! God Bless You All!

For more information contact Linda (Dillard) Ring at 254-725-4586 and leave a message. You may also call Linda (Baum) Pringle at 254-725-6129.

Submitted by Linda Ring

Kirkham wins party's nod for Commissioner Runoff election to be called for Cross Plains JP seat between Hill and Taylor

Cliff Kirkham, the Republican Party candidate for the Cross Plains Precinct #4 Commissioner seat, won his party's nominations, while a runoff will be called for the vacant Cross Plains Precinct #4 Justice of the Peace office between Bob Hill and Burlie Taylor.

Republican and Democratic Party Primary Elections will held in Callahan County Tuesday, March 7 with the two Republican Party seats the only contested races locally.

For Cross Plains Precinct #4 Commissioner, Cliff Kirkham received 278 votes or 59.66 percent of the vote, to second place Reggie Pillans who received 146 total votes or 31.33 percent. Larry Tennon was third in the race for the Republican Commissioner representative with 42 votes or 9.01 per-

cent of the total votes cast. Because Kirkham received more than 50 percent of the Republican Party votes, he will be the party's candidate in the November General Election where he will face Democratic Party candidate Elvan Goode.

For the Cross Plains Precinct #4 Justice of the Peace race, a runoff between Hill and Taylor will be required. Hill was the Republican top vote getter with 196 votes or 43.95 percent of the votes to Taylor's 165 or 37.00 percent of the vote. Roger Hart received 85 votes or 19.06 percent of the votes cast for the JP office.

The Republican Party runoff election between Hill and Taylor will take place on Tuesday, April 11. The winner of the runoff will not face a Democratic Party candidate in November.

Prepare Now For Community Wide Sale

Merchants and area residents are asked to plan for a Giant Community Wide Sale on Saturday, March 18, 2006. Yard sales, garage sales, store discounts and "Specials," sidewalk sales, restaurant specials, car washes, cookie or bake sales are encouraged. This sale is held in conjunction with the Cross Plains Garden Club's annual Trade Days.

The ladies of Beta Sigma Phi of Cross Plains will sponsor this community wide sale on March 18th, and will help you gain customers to attend your sale. We plan to advertise widely; will have signs in Cross Plains, and maps/directions to each participant.

It's time to clean out the closets, storage sheds, etc., and clear out the clutter. That will give

you more room to store your new found 'treasures,' you'll find visiting other garage sales and Trade Day booths.

The KEY is to sign up NOW for this sale, as soon as you finish reading the paper. Deadline is Thursday, March 16th. You can call Gail Ransdell at 254-725-4440 to make arrangements. Fee is \$3 to residents, and \$5 to merchants, which will cover the costs of advertising, and must be paid by March 13th to be included in next week's articles in the Review and other out of town papers. Proceeds of the BSP yard sale, which will be located at the High School, will be used to fund service projects which benefit area residents.

Submitted by Sharon Parr

Telephone SCAM for Cross Plains Fire Victims Recently Hit Area Telephone Lines

A deceptive telephone scam that pulls at the heart strings of generous Texans is making its way across this area. As you pick up your phone, you may hear something like this: "Hello, this is the Texas Hwy. Patrol and we are asking for your help in aiding the fire victims of the Cross Plains area who lost everything in the devastating fire that occurred on December 27th of last year. Will you please help us in helping these victims...?"

If you have caller ID, two numbers that may show up are 218-807-0317 or 218-477-7223. The "city" they are calling from shows up as "Satsuma, TX", which does not exist.

The real Texas Hwy. Patrol (325-795-4000 Abilene division) is not now, nor has ever been involved in calling people in an effort to solicit money for the Cross Plains fire victims.

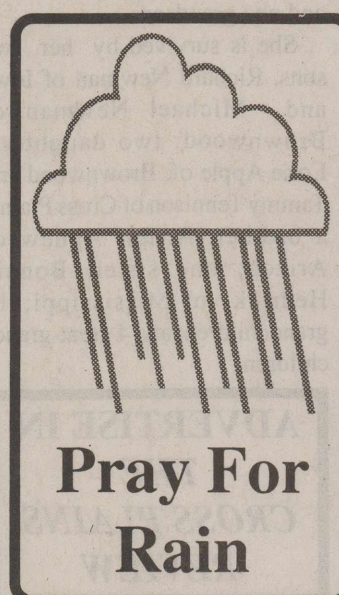
If you think you have been scammed over the phone, have a question about someone who

has called asking for a donation, or are unhappy about a deceptive practice by a company, you can call the **Consumer Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office** at 1-800-621-0508. All honest businesses, groups or agencies who are soliciting money for legitimate reasons in Texas must file with the **Texas Secretary of State**. You can reach them at 512-463-5770 to ask if the company is on their list.

The **Better Business Bureau** is another agency you can call to see if a business is on the up and up, or if a complaint has been filed against them. The Abilene number is 325-691-1533.

If you wish to give a real donation to the fire victims of Cross Plains, you may do so safely by contacting Texas Heritage Bank at PO Box 699 Cross Plains, TX 76443.

And the next time you sit down to answer your phone, you may want to have your guard up!



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Spring Spring women's golf tournament in Abilene April 29

West Texas Catclaw Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) proudly announces the 15th Annual Spring Swing women's golf tournament sponsored in part by Lawrence Hall Abilene. The tournament is a four-woman scramble to be held on April 29, 2006 at the Maxwell Municipal Golf Course, Abilene, Texas. All proceeds raised are awarded in scholarships to local young women to help them fulfill their educational goals.

The "Spring Swing" has grown from 44 entrants in the first year increasing to 136 with women coming from San Antonio, Waco, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Angelo, Midland and Odessa. The tournament has become the largest ladies golf tournament in Texas west of Fort Worth and people keep coming back be-

cause they have so much fun. The Chapter can be described in three words: friendship, leadership, and scholarship. ABWA offers an opportunity to discover and extend friendship to a diverse group of women. Leadership positions offer the opportunity to practice skills and develop self-confidence. Leadership and teamwork are the backbone of an ABWA chapter and of putting together a successful golf tournament.

ABWA is a national network of women dedicated to helping each other reach new heights in their careers. ABWA is all about support, about reaching out to each other, giving a hand, learning from each other, being there for each other, and growing together. Nationally ABWA has 45,000 members in 1,100 chapters across the United States.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CROSS PLAINS COWBOY CHURCH

Pastor: LEN SMITH
Join Us On Sunday Mornings At 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays At 7:00 p.m.
16075 CR 459 Cross Plains, Texas
For Information
Call 254-725-6446 or 325-518-5514
COME AS YOU ARE!

Triple Cross Cowboy Church

Every Sunday at 10:30 am
Services held at 21272 State Hwy 279, Cross Plains (CJS Ranch, on the left just past the 279/206 split)
Al Taylor, Preacher
Phone: 254-725-7522
Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

Living Water Ministries Fellowship

Full Gospel ~ Prophetic ~ Apostolic
"Restoring And Equipping The Saints"
It's not about where you've been... It's about where God wants you to go!
Sun 10 am * Mon. Prayer 7 pm * Thurs 7 pm
Pastors: Max Evans & Colleen Anderson
For Info: Call (254) 725-7418

Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: Sunday School.....10:00 am
Dwaine Clower Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 am
254-725-7574 Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.
Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley 254-643-1977

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

209 S.W. Hwy 36 CROSS PLAINS
Welcomes You!
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sun. 6:30 p.m. Worship & Word *** Wed. 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
"An Apostolic Church"
PASTOR, Phillip R. Schaefer (254) 725-7140

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.
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
Friendly Church Bible Teaching

ROWDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 36 at Rowden - 12 Miles West of Cross Plains
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....11:00 A.M.
Pastor: Carl Mauldin
Come Worship With Us!

NIMROD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
Bill Armstrong - Pastor

OBITUARIES

Elsie Mae Hutchins

Elsie Mae Hutchins, 86, passed away Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at the home of her daughter in China Spring, with family at her bedside. Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 3, 2006 at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains with Bro. Ronnie White officiating. Burial followed at the Atwell Cemetery.

Elsie was born January 11, 1920 in Comanche County to Emory and Julie Ward Foster. She was a longtime resident of the Atwell Community.

Elsie Mae and B.F. Hutchins were married on October 5, 1940 in Atwell, Texas and had celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at their home in Atwell. She was a Baptist and will be lovingly remembered for always putting her family's wants and needs ahead of her own.

Although she and B.F. were separated in death for 63 days, they were constant companions during their lives farming, gardening and fishing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, B.F. Hutchins on December 28, 2005, her parents, one brother, Buster Foster, one sister, Myrl Stewart, and special granddaughter, Shayla Dewbre.

Survivors include two daughters, Lynette Mitchell and husband, Tom, of Graham, and Beth Arnold and husband, Gale, of China Springs; a son, Bob Hutchins of Grand Prairie; grandchildren, Sheri Widner and husband, Tony, of Graha, Teri Smith and husband, Brant, of China Spring, Shawna Douglas of Grand Prairie and Ben Hutchins of Conroe; great-grandchildren, Whitney Crawford and husband, Greg, of Graham, Courtney Widner of Graham, Brooke and Blair Smith of China Spring, Myranda and Bryson Douglas of Grand Prairie; great-great-grandson, Kaleb Crawford, of Graham; two sisters, Mildred Jackson of Bastrop and Christine Nance of Cisco.

Pallbearers were: Vondal Hutchins, Elvin Hutchins, Alvie Hutchins, Freddy Tatom, Vernon Foster and David Strahan.

Memorials may be made to the Atwell Cemetery Association, 12001 CR 467, Cisco, Texas 76437 or Providence Hospice, 4830 Lakewood Drive, Suite 5, Waco, Texas 76710.

Ynez A. Newman

Ynez A. Newman, age 63, died Monday, February 27, 2006 at the Brownwood Nursing and Rehab Center. Funeral services were held 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 3, 2006 at the Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Terry Way officiating; burial followed in the Cottonwood Cemetery.

She was born July 2, 1942 in Brownfield, Texas to Dick and Bessie Viola (Young) Agnew. She married Billie Dean Newman on February 21, 1959 in Morton, Texas. He preceded her in death in January 1986. She was a housewife, and a member of the Tamarack Mountain Baptist Church. She will be missed by her family and many friends.

Ynez was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a daughter, a brother, two sisters and one grandson.

She is survived by her two sons, Richard Newman of Iowa and Michael Newman of Brownwood; two daughters, Lorie Apple of Brownwood and Tammy Tension of Cross Plains; a brother, Arthur Agnew of Arizona; one sister, Bonnie Hedrick of Mississippi; 11 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

ADVERTISE IN THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

PIONEER CEMETERY REPORT

The Pioneer Cemetery report January 1, 2005 through August 31, 2005. I have been remiss in getting this in the paper and will have September 1 through February 28, 2006 in a couple of weeks. Each and every contribution is appreciated. If you wish to contribute to the Pioneer Cemetery you may do so by sending to Texas Heritage Bank, P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, TX 76443 or to Jo Veda Watson, 300 Hogg Creek Road, Brownwood, TX 76801-8418.

Gifts:

Don and Wanda Nelson, **HISTORICAL MARKER - I/M of Minnie Lee Roberts, \$25.00;** Mrs. Frankie Smith-I/M of **John Oliver Smith, \$50.00;** Mr./Mrs. Don Nelson, **HISTORICAL MARKER-I/M of Hank Watson, \$25.00;** Johnnie and Macy (Faulkner) Boyles, \$45.00; Ollie Penning, I/M **Mrs. Lorine Bryson, \$40.00;** Dan and Jackie Baxter, **I/M Smith family buried on west side, \$100.00;** Ms. Betty Browning, \$100.00; Ms. Betty Browning, I/M **Mrs. Lorine Bryson, \$25.00;** Jim Parker and Ernie Albaugh families, **I/M of Lorine Bryson, \$50.00;** D.P. Jones - (Clean up day), \$20.00; Glenda Phillips, I/M **of Vernon Phillips, \$100.00;** Mr./Mrs. Vince Meiron, \$50.00; Mrs. Norma J. Whitt, \$100.00; Mr./Mrs. Cowan Hutton, \$150.00; Carolyn Crider, **I/M of George/Leona Flippin, \$200.00;** Mrs. G. June Hughes, **I/M Jay Hughes, \$500.00;** Mrs. Jean Fore, **I/M of Pete Fore, \$50.00;** Bill/Jo Veda Watson, \$125.00; M/M Bob McNeil, **I/M of Kenneth Don Brooks, \$50.00;** M/M Ray Curry, **I/M Kenneth Don Brooks, \$50.00;** M/M Leeman Underwood, Jr., \$100.00; Mrs. Maxine Poindexter, \$25.00; Mr./Mrs. Paul McCowen, **I/M of Kenneth D. Brooks, \$50.00;** Pioneer Pentecostal Church, **I/M Kenneth D. Brooks, \$100.00;** Pioneer Ex Students Association, **I/M of Kenneth Brooks, \$25.00;** Billy Jack Harris Family, **I/M Harris Family, \$100.00;** R.O. McCarty Family, **I/M Kenneth D. Brooks, \$50.00;** Gift-Regie and Glenda Brown, **I/M Eugene (Junior) Grider, \$20.00;** Carol and Dale Baker, **I/M Kenneth Brooks, \$50.00;** Mr./Mrs. Ray Curry, \$200.00; Bill and Jo Veda Watson, **I/M of Kenneth Brooks, \$25.00;** Joy Grant, **I/M of Kenneth Brooks, \$50.00;** Dan and Jacquelyn Baxter, **I/M of Smith Family buried on west side, \$200.00;** C.P.H.S. Class of 1955, **I/M of James Henry Brown, \$30.00**

TOTAL GIFTS - \$2,880.00
Interest:
CD \$1,008.77
Money Market \$53.01
Total Interest \$1,061.78
Burial Permits:
Lorene Bryson-Prepaid 10/04/03
Billy/Elaine Pancake-Prepaid, \$200.00; Kenneth Brooks, \$100.00; Victoria Hays (ashes in Atwood plot), \$100.00
TOTAL PERMITS-\$400.00
Total Gifts, Interest & Permits \$4,341.78

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

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, Presiding

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Civil Filings

Terry Barr, terroristic threat.
Patricia Barr, terroristic threat.
Zachery L. Lewis, driving while license invalid (DWLI).
Tammy K. Brewer, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Joshua L. Ellis, DWI.
Julian L. Rodriguez, possession of marijuana.
Gregory Valdez, open container, fail to maintain financial responsibility, no seat belt.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Timothy J. Atwood, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$200 fine, \$170 court costs.
Cedric Kirk, motion to dismiss motion to withdraw probation granted.
Lazarus Lynn Tutt, motion to withdraw as surety granted.
Pat Lee Merideth, motion to withdraw as surety granted.
Zane Scott Huntley, motion to revoke probation granted.
Debbie Watson, order amending condition of probation granted.
Brandi Walton, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
Natisha R. Coleman, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.
Mark A. Moreno, motion to dismiss to DWI granted, defendant sentenced to prison on other case.
Mark A. Moreno, bench warrant granted.
Michael D. Browning, compromise settlement agreement and order granted.
Amanda Stephens, plea of guilty to attempted theft of credit card, 18 month probation, \$100 fine, \$301 court costs.
Ricardo A. Salinas, compromise settlement agreement order granted.
Jai Joe Garrett, motion to revoke probation granted.
Juan Franco, order amending conditions of probation granted.
Jedidiah Womack, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Ronald Rhodes, plea of guilty to DWI, 10 days in jail, \$700 fine, \$351 court costs.

Vanderbilt Mortgage & Finance, Inc. vs. Jimmy Echols and Tyrene Echols and Casey Echols, default on note.

Daniel B. Martin and Acelia A. Martin, divorce.
Tanessa Garza and Jaime Lujan Garza, divorce.
Bonnie Jane Couture and Richard Joseph Couture, Jr., divorce.
First National Bank of Baird vs. Grant Gardiner, default on note.
Belinda Jane Ancinec and Darran Joe Ancinec, divorce.
Billy Ray Gibbs and Joni Lynn Gibbs, divorce.
Tami Lee Anderson and Shawn Gwyn Anderson, divorce.

Criminal Indictments

James E. Boykin, burglary of a building.
John A. Dealba, Jr., DWI with child passenger.
Joshua A. Womack, possession of a controlled substance, 3 counts.
Robert D. Prickett, possession of a controlled substance.
Eric J. Beverlin, possession of a controlled substance.

Criminal Minutes

Jamie Mlenak, plea of guilty to tampering with a governmental record, 5 year probation, \$750 fine, \$286 court costs, \$2584.84 restitution.
Michael Davis, plea of guilty to burglary of a building, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$254 court costs.
Alfredo Mendez, Jr., motion to dismiss to aggravated assault with deadly weapon granted, plea to other case.
Regan B. Gamble, plea of guilty to theft, 2 years in prison, \$266 court costs.
Adam Joseph Stokes, judgment revoking probation granted.
Camillia Ely, order extending probation granted.
Richard Ward, plea of guilty to forgery, 5 year probation, \$750 fine, \$286 court costs, \$1249.19 restitution.

First United Methodist Church & First United Presbyterian Church

Worshipping together and building towards a future of service to God in the Cross Plains area and the world beyond.

Methodist Pastor Jim Senkel 325 280-8480

Presbyterian Pastor Henry Chisholm 325 646-6505

SUNDAY SCHOOL At 9:45

WORSHIP SERVICE At 10:45

200 Ave. D & 2nd Street
COME AND JOIN US

First Baptist Church

SUNDAY
9:45 am Bible Study
11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wednesday
6:30 pm Prayer/Worship

Ronnie B. White, Pastor
(254) 725-7629
3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

CROSS PLAINS STUDENT REVIEW

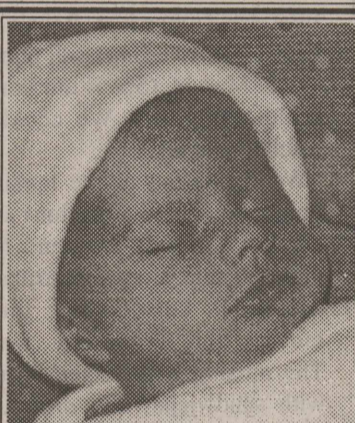
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **March 16, 2006**, beginning at **7:00 p.m.** in the High School Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- Call Meeting to Order
- Prayer
- 1. Read and Approve Minutes
- 2. Open Forum
- 3. Request for Use of School Facilities by Beta Sigma Phi for Garage Sale
- 4. Discuss and Take Action on Amendments to the Budget
- 5. Discuss and Take Action Emergency Operations Plan
- 6. Discuss and Take Action on CPISD Cheerleader Constitution
- 7. Discuss and Take Action on Items being Omitted from Board Minutes
- 8. Executive Session
 - A. Discuss Resignation of

- Dalena Tarveer
 - B. Discuss Contracts of Certified Employees
 - 9. Take Action on Resignation of Dalena Tarver
 - 10. Take Action on Contracts of Certified Employees
 - 11. Review Financial Report/ Pay Bills
 - 12. Adjourn
- If, during the course of the meeting, any 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 Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officers 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 March 3, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.

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IT'S A GIRL!

Scott and Carrie Hutton of Cross Plains are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, **Jolie Elizabeth Hutton**. Jolie was born February 12, 2006 at Brownwood Regional Medical Center at 8:09 a.m. She weighed 4 lbs. 10 oz. and was 17 1/4 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Carol Meador of Cross Plains and Craig Rogers of Gorman. Paternal grandparents are Pam and Lynn Hutton of Cross Plains. Maternal great-grandparents are Herman and Mary Weaver of Cottonwood and Robert and Frances Rogers of Buffalo, Texas. Paternal great-grandparents are Cowan and Laverne Hutton of Pioneer and Jim and Carolyn Ratliff of Rising Star.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MARCH 13 - 17
BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Sausage-N-Blanket, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY - French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY- Hot Dog w/Chili & Cheese, Tator Tots, Peaches
TUESDAY - Ham Slices, Scalloped Potatoes, Spinach, Rolls, Honey
WEDNESDAY- Beef-Veggy Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Mixed Fruit
THURSDAY-Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Cheese Stick, Broccoli, Texas Toast, Pears
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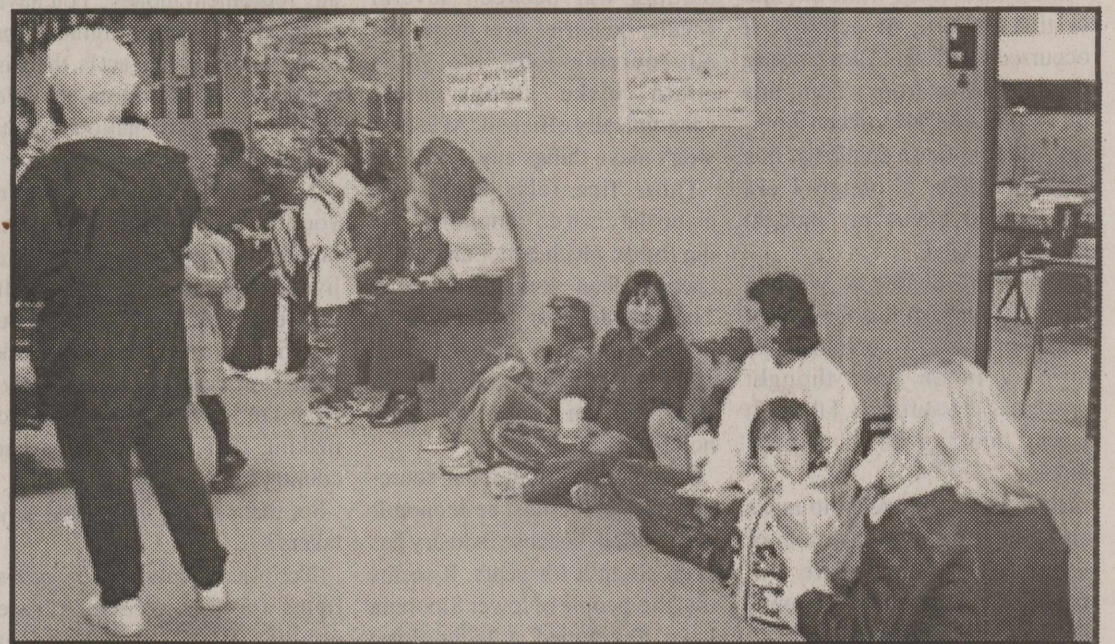
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869,265 Texans now enrolled in Medicare prescription drug plans

AUSTIN, TX—Some 869,265 Texans are now enrolled in prescription drug plans through Medicare, according to numbers recently released by the federal government. This number includes those signed up for stand-alone prescription drug plans and for Medicare managed care plans that include prescription coverage.

Of the 2,570,082 Medicare beneficiaries in Texas, some 60 percent (1,530,619 beneficiaries) now have some kind of drug coverage. "The savings that the new Medicare drug plans offer are real and worth the time and effort to understand," says Nona Bear, a nationally known advocate for seniors.

The Medicare Rx Access Network of Texas is calling on still-eligible Texans to learn about the program. Medicare expanded its benefits to include prescription drug coverage on January 1, 2006. This was the biggest expansion of Medicare benefits in the program's four-decade history. Medicare beneficiaries have until May 15 to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan to choose the lowest premiums and best savings.

"Reaching out to eligible beneficiaries in Texas about the new coverage has been no small task," says Bear. "Seniors should know there is still time to enroll, and that there is help available for selecting a plan that's right for them."

Prescription drug coverage is available to everyone in Medicare, regardless of income or how they get their Medicare coverage. In Texas, some 20 organizations offer stand-alone prescription drug plans, and at least 10 organizations offer Medicare managed care plans that include prescription coverage. Extra assistance is available to people in Medicare with limited incomes and resources.

Beneficiaries and their family members with enrollment and coverage questions can get assistance through a number of local, state and federal resources. Help is available by calling 1-800-MEDICARE or by calling 1-800-252-9240 to connect with local Area Agencies on Aging. Beneficiaries can also visit www.Medicare.gov.

Member organizations participating in the Medicare RxAccess Network of Texas represent seniors, patients, people with disabilities and chronic diseases, pharmacists, healthcare providers and businesses.

The Medicare RxAccess Network of Texas is part of the national Medicare Rx Education Network which provides information and assistance with outreach and education for the new Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit. The national network which includes 79 national organizations, is chaired by former U.S. Senator John Braux. Members share an interest in educating Medicare beneficiaries about the new Medicare prescription drug benefit and work closely with the appropriate federal agencies to obtain up-to-date information to ensure that information disseminated by the network about Medicare Part D is factual and accurately conveyed, and that it equips beneficiaries and their caregivers to make informed choices. By sharing information with each other about member organizations' independent efforts, collaborating on activities, and identifying ways to work together, the national network aims to eliminate duplication of efforts and maximize the effectiveness of outreach efforts. The Medicare Rx Education Network does not engage in legislative activities or take positions on pending legislative or administrative policies related to the Part D benefit and its implementation.

Master Naturalist Class registration deadline is March 24

March 24 is the deadline to register for the 2006 Big Country Master Naturalist training class. The class begins Monday, April 3 and runs each Monday through May. A few Saturday sessions are planned. The fee for the class is \$75.00 per person and includes resource books and material. The class is limited to 15, so please call the Taylor County Extension office at 672-6048 for registration information.

The Big Country training is based upon state guidelines and has been developed to fit our area of the state. Teachers, ag producers and people just interested in our natural environment, have taken the course.

Topics will include geology, hydrology, meteorology, and entomology. The class also provides a background in taxonomy with the emphasis on area native plants. Rangeland ecology includes a tour of a local ranch when this topic is studied. Students have especially enjoyed this session. Other topics covered will be nature photography, and forest and wetland ecology.

The Abilene Zoo will provide the setting for the study of herpetology and amphibians. Other authorities will provide information on ichthyology and ornithology. Texas mammals, wildlife damage control, plus predator/prey relationships, as well as quail biology are localized topics in the program.

If you are interested in learning about these topics, more about the natural environment, and want to become active in an organization that strives to preserve our natural environment, Master Naturalist training is for you.

This program is supported by Hardin Simmons University, Abilene Christian University, the Abilene Zoo, Texas Parks & Wildlife and Texas Cooperative Extension.

Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aid or accommodation are asked to contact the Taylor County Extension office one week in advance of the program. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

TDA awards \$500,000 for feral hog research

AUSTIN—The Texas Department of Agriculture has awarded \$500,000 in grants to Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University to launch research efforts on the state's feral hog problem. Funds for the pilot program were appropriated to TDA by the Texas Legislature during the 79th legislative session in 2005.

"Texas has the dubious distinction of being the feral hog capital of the United States, with an estimated 1.5 million to 2 million hogs. This is a serious problem, with the hogs destroying pastures and spreading disease to livestock statewide," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "I am pleased that A&M and Texas Tech will be tackling this issue head-on and using their research to formulate possible statewide solutions."

TDA awarded \$390,500 to Texas A&M University to conduct a research project to assess feral hog damage to crops, evaluate control efforts and measure economic impact. Groups of landowners in three different ecological regions - East Texas, Central Texas and the Coastal Bend region - will be selected to participate in an aggressive pilot program that involves various forms of trapping technologies. The efforts will be

conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension's Wildlife and Fisheries Unit and Wildlife Services. The results will be distributed to landowners and the general public through workshops and field days following the project's completion.

TDA awarded \$ 109,500 to Texas Tech University to develop pheromone and odor combinations that can be used to attract feral hogs to traps and other control locations. The grant will also be used to research reproductive control methods. The long-term goal is to apply these methods on a large-scale basis in Texas.

The grants are part of a new initiative called the Feral Hog Damage Abatement Program put in place during the 79th legislative session. This two-year pilot program received \$500,000 for the biennium to launch research efforts between TDA and non-profit research institutions across the state.

With their high reproductive potential and very few natural predators, feral hog populations have rapidly increased over the last 25 years. Feral hogs wreak havoc on property, livestock, crops and pastures across the state and have frustrated landowners across the state due to their destructive nature. Texas Cooperative Extension estimates that statewide annual economic damage caused by feral hogs is \$51.7 million.

"With their destructive feeding habits and danger to livestock, feral hogs have long been a thorn in agriculture's side," Combs said. "I am pleased our lawmakers have taken this issue seriously, and I am confident that the innovative research projects planned by A&M and Texas Tech will help agricultural producers better manage the feral hog problem in Texas."

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State Nature Tourism Seminar Scheduled in Albany for April 19th

A \$5 BILLION dollar industry in Texas alone, Nature Tourism is growing. Mark your calendar and plan to attend a full-day Nature Tourism Seminar & Tour titled "The Nature of Everything: Integrating Public Desire for Nature with Your Tourism Product." Sponsored by the Texas Travel Industry Association (TTIA), the Texas Nature Tourism Council (TNTC) and Texas A&M Cooperative Extension (TCE), the workshop will be held on April 19, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Stasney's Cook Ranch in Abilene. **Just \$35.00! Includes Lunch & Transportation from Abilene!**

The workshop focuses on providing attendees useful market information for integrating the public's desire for nature related activities with existing or potential tourism products. Expert presenters from across Texas will

provide market data, success stories and helpful planning resources.

Convention and visitors bureaus, chambers of commerce, private landowners, business people, marketing organizations and anyone interested in increasing economic development through nature tourism are invited to attend and participate.

The workshop is being held at the same time as the Texas Department of Transportation's annual Travel Counselors Conference. Those attending the nature tourism workshop may also sign up to attend TxDOT's evening dinner after the workshop (additional fee required).

Please contact Jennifer Roush or Rose Koonsman at the TTIA office for more details, to register or for answers to any questions, 512-476-4472, <http://www.ttia.org>.

Attorney General Abbott warns Texans about recent bank scams to tap personal accounts

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today sent out an urgent message for all Texans to be on the lookout for official-looking e-mails purporting to originate from major financial institutions asking for personal account information.

In the latest series of so-called "phishing" scams, the e-mail sender claims to represent financial institutions such as Comerica, Chase or others. The message instructs the "account holder" to submit personal account information because "bank officials" have reason to believe his or her account may have been accessed by an unauthorized party.

"I cannot emphasize this enough—Texans who receive such e-mails should immediately delete them because these tactics are used to trick you into releasing private information to someone who will try to empty your bank account," said Attorney General Abbott.

The phony e-mails scare the user into believing his or her account information may have been compromised to outsiders. The e-mails then instruct users to click on what appears to be an official link to their

bank's Web site, then log in using their user ID and password in order to inspect their account for recent activities. At that point, the ID and password are stolen and used for purposes of identify theft.

Attorney General Abbott urges consumers who receive such e-mails to visit their personal bank's Web site and access account information the usual way. Banks and credit unions never sent unsolicited e-mails to their clients in this manner, so it is always wise to avoid these e-mails and clickable links that can expose a consumer to fraud.

Financial institutions request consumers whose account information may have been compromised to immediately contact their fraud investigators. Many have established special e-mail addresses for consumers to forward phony e-mails and "phishing" attempts.

Consumers who believe they may have received such bogus e-mails may file complaint with the Attorney General's Office by calling toll-free (800) 252-8011 or accessing the agency's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

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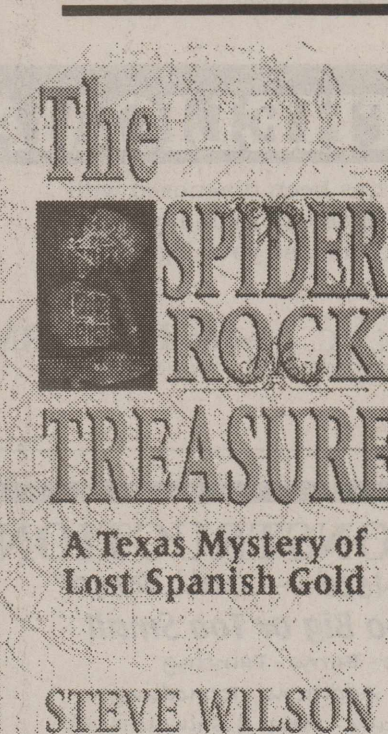
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Barb's Cues

Barbara Holmes Worcester

Recently in a newscast I heard about a rancher being sued because he would not let people who came across the border settle on his land. I had kept this column for an appropriate time. I think the time has come.

Speaking Out

Will we still be the Country of choice and still be America if we continue to make the changes forced on us by the people from other countries that came to live in America because it is the Country of Choice????? Think about it.

What I want to know is, when will they do something about MY RIGHTS? I celebrate Christmas, but because it isn't celebrated by everyone, we are not to say Merry Christmas. Now it has to be Season's Greetings. It's not Christmas vacation, it's Winter Break. Isn't it amazing how this winter break ALWAYS occurs over the Christmas holiday?

We've gone so far the other way, bent over backwards to not OFFEND anyone, that I am now being offended!! But it seems that no one has a problem with that??

This says it all! This is an editorial written by an American citizen, published in a Tampa newspaper. Read on, please!

IMMIGRANTS, NOT AMERICANS, MUST ADAPT. I am tired of this nation worrying about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, we have experienced a surge in patriotism by the majority of Americans. However, the dust from the attacks had barely settled when the "politically correct" crowd began complaining about the possibility that our patriotism was offending others. I am not against immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against anyone who is seeking a better life by coming to America. Our population is almost entirely made up of descendants of immigrants. However, there are a few things that those who have recently come to our country, and apparently some born here, need to understand.

This idea of America being a multicultural community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity. As Americans, we have our own culture, our own society, our own language and our own lifestyle. This culture has been developed over centuries of struggles, trials, and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom.

We speak ENGLISH, not Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society, learn the language!

"In God We Trust" is our national motto. This is not some Christian, right wing, political slogan. We adopted this motto because Christian men and women, on Christian principles, founded this nation, and this is clearly documented. It is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home, because God is part of our culture.

If Stars and Stripes offend you, or you don't like Uncle Sam, then you should seriously consider a move to another part of this planet. We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change, and we really don't care how you did things where you came from. This is OUR COUNTRY, our land, and our lifestyle. Our First Amendment gives every citizen the right to express his opinion and we will allow you every opportunity to do so! But once you are done complaining, whining, and griping about our flag, our pledge, our national motto, or our way of life, I highly encourage you take advantage of one other great American freedom, THE RIGHT TO LEAVE.

Keep the "Great" in you "Great Outdoors" with the 2006 Great American Cleanup

Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates and volunteers from across the state will clean up, fix up, paint up, and green up their communities from March 1-May 31 as part of Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup™.

The Great American Cleanup™ (GAC), the nation's largest annual community improvement program, provides citizens with the opportunity to make a positive impact on their community and beautify public spaces and waterways. Past GAC organizers have said that their neighborhoods are residents felt safer after volunteers united to clean the local environment.

GAC has grown stronger each year with millions of Americans taking responsibilities for their local environment. "Americans are rallying together to clean up graffiti, eliminate litter, green up and beautify surroundings while preserving our waterways to create a cleaner, safer and more beautiful environment for

generations to come," said G. Raymond Empson, president of Keep America Beautiful.

In 2005, 939 GAC events held in Texas. The impact was significant: 136,000 Texans collected more than 13,000 tons of litter and debris; planted 103,000 flowers, bulbs, and trees; and cleaned 593 miles of rivers, lakes, and shorelines. Volunteers also held 593 education events, reaching more than 80,000 Texans.

Spring is a great time for families, friends and co-workers to band together and volunteer to clean and beautify their communities. The Great American Cleanup has a lasting impact not only on those participating in events, but also those in the affected areas," Lynn Lantrip, President of Keep Texas Beautiful said.


Texas' signature event of the GAC is the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-off. Trash-off, held annually on the first Saturday of April, is the state's larg-

est litter prevention and cleanup. On April 1, thousands of Adopt-a-Highway volunteers will focus on highway cleanups, and Keep Texas Beautiful volunteers will clean city streets, county roads, trails, parks, and waterways.

More than 600 Texas GAC events are currently registered. To find events scheduled in your community, or to learn how your can organize a cleanup in your area, please visit www.ktb.org.

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Cross Plains Kiwanis Pancake Supper Scheduled for Thursday, March 16

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during the year, too numerous to list but including, sponsoring the **Key Club of Cross Plains High School**. Key Club members will be joining the Kiwanians in serving, helping to meet your every need!

The date, again, for the Pancake Supper is Thursday night, March 16, beginning at 5 p.m., continuing until 7 p.m. The place is at the Cross Plains School Cafeteria. Now this is only a few days away, so if you haven't purchased your ticket(s) yet, be sure and see a Kiwanian and buy them now.

Buy more than one ticket and bring a friend or two — maybe give one to someone whose budget is stretched too thin already. If you wait to pay at the door, you just might be talked into paying more and/or making a donation (in addition to the ticket) toward the projects that the Kiwanis Club helps toward throughout the year.

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains thanks you in advance for your support. See you at the Pancake Supper!!

Submitted by Bob Pipes

Down Home

and as a Child of God, you are on his "hit list". He'll probably pop over to your house today, to see if your security system is on. He may be lurking just outside your door right now... just waiting to catch you off guard.

Take the time to PRAY this morning. Ask God to bind satan from your very presence, to protect you and empower you to do battle. In short... don't forget to turn your security system on!!!

EDITOR'S NOTE: How did you fare this morning? Did you start your day off with your security system on? Psalm 91 is a great way to protect you and your family on a daily basis. Don't forget to pray!!!!
Vanda Anderson



WALMART IN BROWNWOOD DONATES MONEY TO CROSS PLAINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—Support Manager Pat Flynt (left) presents a check of \$2,000.00 to Amber Kleiber (right), Vice-President of the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce.

Cross Plains Roping Club Elects New Officers

The Cross Plains Roping Club held a monthly meeting in February. At that time, club officers were elected.

New officers are as follows: Re-elected as president was Rod Middleton; Vice-President-Al Taylor; Treasurer-Dana Hall; Secretary-Lorna Munian. Dana Hall will also oversee Public Relations for the club.

Plans are already started for our annual event in May. Time to dust

off your dancing' shoes, and get ready to cheer on those bullriders. It'll be here before we know it.

Work days to get the arena ready will be decided at this month's meeting, which will be Monday, March 13th, at 7:00 PM at the roping arena. If you're interested in becoming a member, come join us, or call Lorna at 254-725-4933 for more information.

Submitted by Lorna Munian

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Let me begin by saying that the recent firestorm that went through the city of Cross Plains and surrounding area was devastating, and yes the clean up has been timely. According to letters published in the paper I surmise that some of the clean up efforts went beyond just taking the debris away. After having to deal with the trauma of losing friends and loved ones along with their homes, pets, cars, etc., it seems some of the victims lost salvageable items, because somewhere along the line, we dropped the ball and let the salvage crews take items not meant to be taken.

Everyone is entitled to his or her opinions, but there has been a lot of finger pointing in the letters I have read. Come on guys...now is not the time to finger point, but to do what is the best for the citizens of Cross Plains. To me

that means taking extra care not to make a disaster such as this more traumatic for all concerned.

Why is it that if anyone voices a contradictory opinion they are immediately labeled trouble-makers? Opposing opinions should have the effect of making us stop and think and try to figure out a better way to handle future problems, instead of finger pointing and insisting that "you" or "I" am right no matter what, and that it will be "this way" or bust!

In closing I would like to thank the firefighters that worked so hard to contain the fire as best they could and for saving everything possible. All the volunteers that have manned posts during and since the fire are very much appreciated.

Thanks again to all the volunteers.

Lydia Williams - Cottonwood
Cross Plains Property Owner

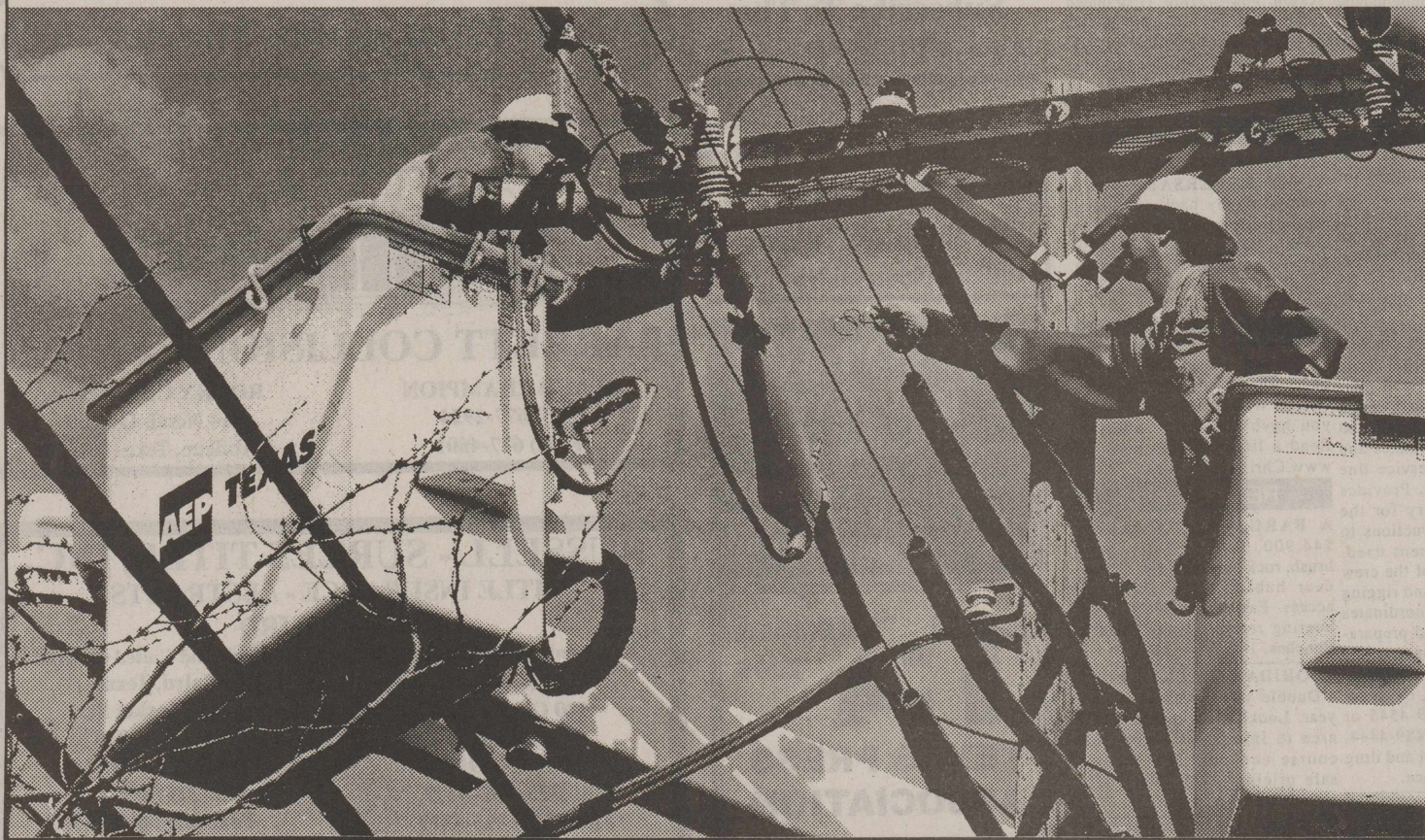
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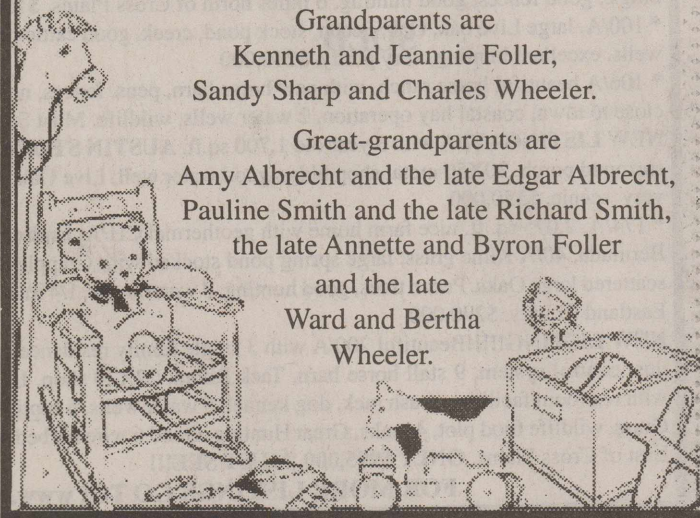
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