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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

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 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 Cross Plains I.S.D. Trustee 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

Women's Night Out at First Baptist Church **Features Brownwood Speaker Peggy Joyce Ruth** Attention women of the area! "Psalm 91 God's Umbrella of Mark your calendars, invite your **Protection**" is the topic she has friends and neighbors! Join us chosen for this evening. in the First Baptist Church Her desire is to challenge people

wood. Peggy is an accomplished Shall Not Be Disappointed. relevant today to meet their every entertainment and great salads! need.

Family Life Center on to move into a deeper Mon. March 13, at 7:00 p.m. understanding of the Word of Our guest speaker will be God. She is the author of Peggy Joyce Ruth of Brown- Those Who Trust the Lord

Bible teacher with a passion to Don't miss out on this evening tell others that God's Word is of fellowship with other women,

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

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

One More Candidate unprepared for his visit. He of Announces for City **Council Election**

Incumbent Burlie Taylor and Kim Crockett remain the only applicants who have filed in the 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

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.

Donald Strength for his help in getting this project underway.

Project Pride to

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

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 Party candidate Elvan Goode. Taylor.

PRICE 50¢

Party Primary Elections will held runoff between Hill and Taylor 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 election between Hill and Taylor percent. Larry Tennison was will take place on Tuesday, April third in the race for the Republican Commissioner representa- not face a Democratic Party cantive with 42 votes or 9.01 per- didate in November.

Cliff Kirkham, the Republican 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

For the Cross Plains Precinct Republican and Democratic #4 Justice of the Peace race, a 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 11. The winner of the runoff will

Now Prepare For **Community Wide Sale**

Merchants and area residents you more room to store your new are asked to plan for a Giant found 'treasures,' you'll find vis-Community Wide Sale on iting other garage sales and Trade Saturday, March 18, 2006. Day booths. Yard sales, garage sales, store The KEY is to sign up NOW discounts and "Specials," side- for this sale, as soon as you walk sales, restaurant specials, car finish reading the paper. washes, cookie or bake sales are Deadline is Thursday, March

couraged. This sale is held in 16th. You can call Gail Ransdell

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

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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application for city council seat along with incumbent Jerry Cassle and James Nichols. All

council positions should be filed at the local City Hall during their regular business hours.

mayor position.

Report given to county commissioner on forming **Emergency District**

dents in Callahan County ask- then determine if an election ing about forming a fire district, should be held. If an election is county commissioners met with called, the voters of the Emer-Office of Rural Community Af- gency District would then defairs (ORCA) representative cide whether to form the district. Charlie Stone who gave an informative overview about estab- sioners' court took no action on lishing an Emergency District in the item. Callahan County.

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 Larry Adams and Doug Ford. County Judge Roger Corn reported Stone discussed the Emergency District which can County, or a portion of the county.

The Emergency District, which can oversee both fire departments or an ambulance service, a motion to reinstate the burn 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 where inside this week's newsoverseen by a five member com- paper. mission appointed by the county 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 and the motion carried by a 5-0 District's tax roll.

To form an Emergency District, 100 voters within the district's boundaries would be bills. Commissioner Farmer secrequired to sign a petition to the onded and the motion carried 5commissioners' court seeking 0. to form the district.

Judge Corn said a public hear- a motion to adjourn the coming would be held by the com- missioners' court meeting at missioners' court to obtain views 11:00 a.m. Commissioner from the public about forming Farmer seconded and the moan Emergency District. He said tion carried with a 5-0 vote.

After a request from some resi- the commissioners' court would Judge Corn said the commis-

Other agenda items brought Stone made the presentation 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 Hudspeth, Travis Hudspeth, Holland, and Doris Grider. Also present were County Treasurer Dianne Alexander and County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon.

-The commissioners' court be formed in all of Callahan meeting minutes from February 13 were approved as presented. -There was no public com-

ment receive. -Commissioner Farmer made ban for 90 days. Commissioner Grider seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 vote. The burn ban ordinance appears else-

-Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve an order Stone told the commissioners adopting a County Road Map pursuant to Chapter 258 of the Texas Transportation Code. Commissioner Grider seconded vote.

> -Commissioner Hicks made a motion to pay all approved

-Commissioner Holland made

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



conjunction with the Cross Plains at 254-725-4440 to make Days.

participant.

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

Garden Club's annual Trade arrangements. Fee is \$3 to residents, and \$5 to merchants, The ladies of Beta Sigma Phi of which will cover the costs of Cross Plains will sponsor this advertising, and must be paid by community wide sale on March March 13th to be included in next 18th, and will help you gain week's articles in the Review and customers to attend your sale. other out of town papers. We plan to advertise widely; Proceeds of the BSP yard sale, will have signs in Cross Plains, which will be located at the and maps/directions to each High School, will be used to fund. service projects which benefit

> Submitted by **Sharon Parr**

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

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. 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.

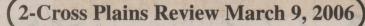
If you think you have been scammed over the phone, have a question about someone who

A deceptive telephone scam has called asking for a donation, that pulls at the heart strings of 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 Will you please help us in helping 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!

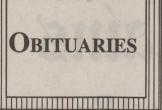


Spring Spring women's golf tournament in Abilene April 29

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 because 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.



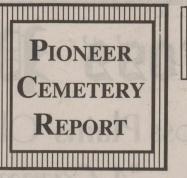
Elsie Mae Hutchins

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 wedding celebrated their 65th anniversary at their home in Atwell. She was a Baptist and will be loving 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. include Survivors 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



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 Minie 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; Johnie 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;

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, Presiding

OURTHOUSE NEWS

Misdemeanor 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 guiltytonodriver'slicense,\$200 fine, \$170 court costs.

Cedric Kirk, motion to dismiss motion to revoke 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 amend-

ing 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 guiltytoattemptedtheftofcredit 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 conditionsofprobationgranted. Jedidiah Womack, order amending conditions of probation granted ASONO

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

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

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

Presbyterian:

Pastor

Henry

Chisholm

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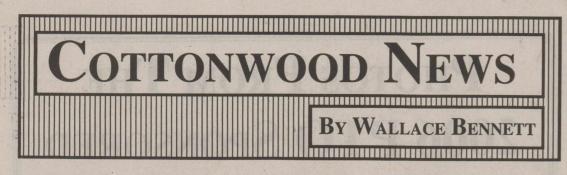
CHURCH DIRECTORY **CROSS PLAINS COWBOY CHURCH Pastor: LEN SMITH** Join Us On Sunday Mornings At 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays At 7:00 p.m. G

16075 CR 459 Cross Plains, Texas 15 **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





Tongue In Cheek Proposal Branson, Missouri: I am writing from Branson, Missouri, so if anything exciting happens while we are here, I will let you know.

In the meantime, while enroute to this beehive of activity, it occurred to me, and I am not sure from where or from whom, this idea came ... but I have been thinking, it might be an epiphany, this idea of mine, although I am reluctant to blame my thought process on God.

And if it was one of you out there, that caused this thought of mine to occur, I apologize for horning in on your thought processes. I assure you, I thought I was thinking in an original mode.

But, I have a proposal to make and this is it: That each one of us sit down and write our congressman or congresswoman or government agent, or any other government official, and say something like this:

"We of the common-folk have decided to out-source your job to a foreign country, say, like lower Slobovia. They need the

American dollars, and we need some drastic attention from government officials up there in Washington D.C.

Actually, we the people are in a bidding war between several smaller countries over there, and out-sourcing jobs like yours could make things more economically efficient. At least it won't make things any worse.

Those fine folks over there claim they can do your job, working for us, much better and much cheaper than you are doing it. They can do it for pennies on the dollar; save a ton of money, and at the same time help those poor down-trodden people up out of a hole.

Sounds good to me; out-sourcing your job. It must be economically sound, because industry has been doing it for years. It seems that the people of lower Slobovia have developed a technology called, "Think Smart and Be Smart". It is ingenious in that it cuts right to the chase and cuts away all the red tape. The results Texas 76443.) Remember this, are published on a spread sheet that is clear and understandable, even by a second-grader. It erases

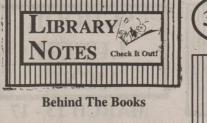
all the government gobbley-gook and seems to bring a breath of fresh air.

I know you will be disappointed to learn that we cannot pay you any retirement money. You have counted on your retirement for many years, but the fact is, there is no money left in the treasury. We used it to pay the national debt, and boy, was that a relief!

But don't worry, we will re-train you into a different career path, one that will provide you with a living wage, plus with about half of your medical bills. And if you watch your p's and q's and work hard, you can live comfortably. And I'm sure you won't mind making that sacrifice for your country."

So, that's it, my proposal. Any takers?

(To place personal or news items for this column, please contact Wallace Bennett at (254)725-7474. Email me at csb5@airmail.net. Snail mail: 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, please; I can't print it if I do not know it.



Don't have time to read? Hate to put out the money for new books? Wonder why the buzz over a particular title? By now, you know me ---- I've got an answer. And the answer lies in those generous people who have enabled us to make this offer to you — free books. The Flea Market in the Annex has several boxes of those wonderful Reader's Digest Condensed Books that are looking for a new home and are totally free. You can take them by the box or by the

title. Just come by any afternoon and ask about the Worm's offer.

> **Statistics** 2-27-06 Thru 3-3-06

Books 67 **Internet Users** 19 ILL Memorials: Lois Garrett in

memory of Pete Golson; Dick and Sharon Koenig in memory of Pete Golson; Jane Bonner in memory of Wanda Anderson **Donations:** Ray Griffith of Dry Ridge Ranch; Richard and Sharon

Castanuela **Donations-Books:** Bettye Adams (books); Anne Beeler (books); Tony Fields (books); Janet Swanson (books); Sandy Dawson and Billye Sinclair (books & scanner)

Parr; Richardo and Judith

Library Activity Report 2-27-06 Thru 3-3-06

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about 1:30 p.m. Marvin got me up

3-Cross Plains Review March 9, 2006 QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS **KAY MOSLEY**

Note: Have you called your 2 blocks from us!" sunshine today? Make that call and make their day!

"Memories of December 27, 2005"

A little over two months have passed since the huge calamity of the firestorm that raged in and around Cross Plains. It was Tuesday, December 27, 2005. Once the news media hit with the disastrous and devastating firestorm on the national news, the word really spread fast. My telephone began to ring with people calling to check on Marvin and also to inquire whether our home was burned or saved.

I received phone calls from Ft. Payne, Alabama; Chicago, Illinois; Auburn, California and from all points of Texas. We are very fortunate that we did not lose our home or belongings in the firestorm.

Our two daughters and our three grandchildren were visiting us. They arrived the day before from Lubbock. It was Dec, 26th. They arrived about 2:30 p.m. I also had time off from the nursing home for 72 hours. I arrived that morning, and when the kids got there we had our Christmas tree and gift exchange. We had a great time and our Christmas dinner that night. My grandson, age 18 and my two little granddaughters, age 8 1/2 (now 9) kept us all entertained.

The next day was Tuesday, December 27th. We were visiting and looking at pictures, etc. Marvin and Melody went to Brownwood to do errands. My grandson went with them. My two granddaughters went to play with a little girl who was visiting a neighbor on the block. Allison and I had lunch and then I went to bed and took a nap. While I was asleep, the girls came back, and not long after that the others returned.

When I woke up, I guess it was

Marvin and Allison went back outside and helped Delores

Garrett get ready to go, then she was helping the elderly residents evacuate from the other apartments. Dolores was ready to go and she said my two granddaughters and I could go with her, along with another elderly lady.

The plan was to go toward Brownwood Lake and Marvin, Melody, and my grandson would follow us. We waited a good 20-30 mins., but they weren't ready yet and were still waiting for my grandson to return. Meanwhile the smoke was getting thicker and blacker, so I told Delores we'd better just go ahead and leave. We both depend on oxygen. The girls had Paige's puppy, Schyler on a leash, and were already starting to cry because their mother wasn't ready to go.

We drove out on the Brownwood Hwy. a-ways and parked. We stayed there for hours. Once in a while we'd drive back toward town. My family never came. About 8 p.m. Delores said, "Well they're not going to let us go back home." I suggested a motel, but she felt she needed to go to the Brownwood Hospital. So we decided to take me and the girls to the Nursing Home in Rising Star. I knew I'd be taken care of there. First we stopped at Reba's in Rising Star to use her cell phone to call Marvin. (She is our home health caregiver). We couldn't reach him at all.

We then went to the nursing home. Johnnie was gracious and allowed the girls to spend the night with me. They were so upset and didn't know where their mother or granddad was. The nursing home fixed us up with sandwiches and drinks. I wanted to watch the news, but knew it would upset the girls. They got to pick out movies to watch and they were all for that.

A little later, the phone rang and

STAR **By Linda Merrit** We hope everyone is enjoying example to hear one say I Love

and thirsty land.

have started a I Caught, _ We have a good caring staff of mitments you both display.

the nice weather we have been You, or someone taking a little Supervisor, is proud to announce having. Lets all still think rain, extra time to make a resident that her daughter, Kaylen which is still needed for this dry look nice for their company, for Martinez, made All-District in helping out other departments if basketball. Way to go Kaylen. As an extra incentive and needed, for that pat on the hand, recognition to our staff for the a kiss or hug. Little things like family of Pete Golson on the loss care they give our residents, we that which means so much. We of their loved one. _, have two such employees that we Doing Something Right. On would like to recognize at this looking mighty pretty with their secret ballot, the two employees time. Cristin Butler and Ava new perms. Sadie Erwin, Virginia that have the most ballots are Dodd. CONGRATULATIONS! Payne, Lorene Jennings, Ruby recognized for what they have Thank you both for your efforts Murdoch, Marie Gregory, Zelda done and each receives a nice gift. each day and the care and com- Milam and Grace Jenkins. Many

nurses aides and nurses here at our Employees and resident

Angie Williams, Food Service Our thoughts and prayers to the

Several of our ladies are thanks to Lilly Dillard.

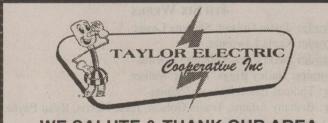
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residents already receive. For Love from all.

facility who give each resident would like to send a big GET resident, Merlin Franke. tender loving care. We just want WELL SOON message to a to recognize the extra small things fellow friend and employee, that go along with the care our Fredene Tennison. We miss you.

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George McDonald, Scottish poet and novelist, said: "The first thing a kindness deserves is acceptance; the second is transmission." Among Mr. McDonald's works is The Miracles of our Lord, and because of this, I am inclined to believe that his short sermon on kindness came from his gleanings of Bible truths, especially the teachings of the Galilean.

Some people find it difficult to show kindness, some find it difficult to accept kindness. The very teaching of "Be kind to one another" (Eph. 4:32) not only encourages us to be kind, it also suggests accepting kindness. We "rob" others of the opportunity to be kind if we fail to accept kindness.

Kindness is indeed one aspect of the fruit of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22-23. But one point George McDonald is stressing is that kindness accepted deserves transmission — a passing of it on to another. Often it is good to reciprocate kindness, but the best policy is to be alert of someone needing kindness showed them - and show it.

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MARCH 13 - 17

MONDAY - Chicken Cacciatore, Buttered Pasta, Zuchinnni Squash, Baked Apples, Bread **TUESDAY** - Lima Beans & Ham, Mixed Greens, Beets w/ Orange Sauce, Peach Cobbler, Cornbread

WEDNESDAY - Meatloaf, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Cheesecake, Bread THURSDAY- Chopped BBQ, Potato Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Pickle Spear, Pears w/Cottage Cheese, Bread

FRIDAY - Beef-Vegy Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Prunes, Oatmeal Cookie, Crackers

2nd & 4th Tue., Domino Night (42/84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.



Pioneer News

We had a great day quilting Tuesday! No trouble keeping warm! We did roll the "Eight Point Star" a couple of times. Then we also worked on Glenda's top. The "Dutch Doll" is just waiting to be started.

The Chesshir farm received one and three tenths of an inch of rain last week. Jim said it seemed like more than that, but it came down so slow that it all soaked in. Jim came for Jerry King's funeral last Friday. He had visited Jerry about once a month ever since Tommy died. He had to go back Saturday so it was a short visit. He was so tired he slept after the funeral and on till bedtime. He hated that he missed Bill Strickland's service. Cowan and Laverne Hutton's grandchildren, Scott and Carrie and little great-granddaughter, Jolie, visited with them Saturday. Jolie is a beautiful little blackheaded baby. (She has to be beautiful, she has a good looking

dad and a pretty mom!) Earlene Burge was so proud of the rain recently. They were so afraid of fires and thankful the recent fire at Cross Plains didn't reach their place. Just wish that Cross Plains hadn't suffered the fires like they did. The forty-two party was this week. They welcome anyone who would like to play. The next game will be about

the 16th of March. Well, this week we had a day of record heat! Wow-97 degrees! Hope it is not a sign of the spring and summer! We need to continue to pray for rain.

Word of Wisdom: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His percepts have good understanding.

into my wheel chair, and when we got to the living room, the Schwann's man was there and our friend, John Swift was at the door. After he left, Marvin said there was a big fire.

My grandson had left just after they had gotten back from Brownwood and went cruising around in his mother's car, so Melody took my vehicle to look for him. Right after she got back, she went outside with Marvin. A little after 2 p.m. they came in and said, "Get out now! The fire is just

it was Marvin, Melody and Allison. They were at home. They could not follow us because my car didn't have enough gas and Melody's son, Zach didn't stop for gas because he was trying to get back to Cross Plains from Abilene. When he finally got gas, they wouldn't let him leave and made him sit outside the Town & Country store.

We made it that night and we're praying for all those who need assistance.

It's Worth Crowing About

new dugouts and the improved not only providing the youth a announcer's booth on the big recreational facility, they're field are really looking being good role models in the impressive. It's speaks volumes for this little town when

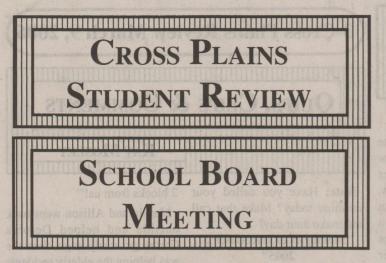
TEX SEZ: "Didja' notice all folks put in a hard days the activity out at the ball field work at a paying job and then complex?" First off, it's turning take all their equipment up nice and green— 'spect the fire there to work on something had a hand in that. But, the for our youth. Those guys are process.

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A regular meeting of the Board Dalena Tarveer 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

Certified Employees 9. Take Action on Resignation

of Dalena Tarver 10. Take Action on Contracts of Cheese, Tator Tots, Peaches Certified Employees

Pay Bills

12. Adjourn

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 FRIDAY-Beef or Chicken Patty Government Code. Before any Fries, Cookie 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 com-

pliance with the Open Meetings Act on March 3, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.

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 B. Discuss Contracts of FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH MONDAY- Hot Dog w/Chili & TUESDAY - Ham Slices, 11. Review Financial Report/ Scalloped Potatoes, Spinach, Rolls, Honey

WEDNESDAY- Beef-Vegy If, during the course of the Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Mixed Fruit

THURSDAY-Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Cheese Stick, Broccoli, Texas Toast, Pears

Meeting Act, Chapter 551, on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles,

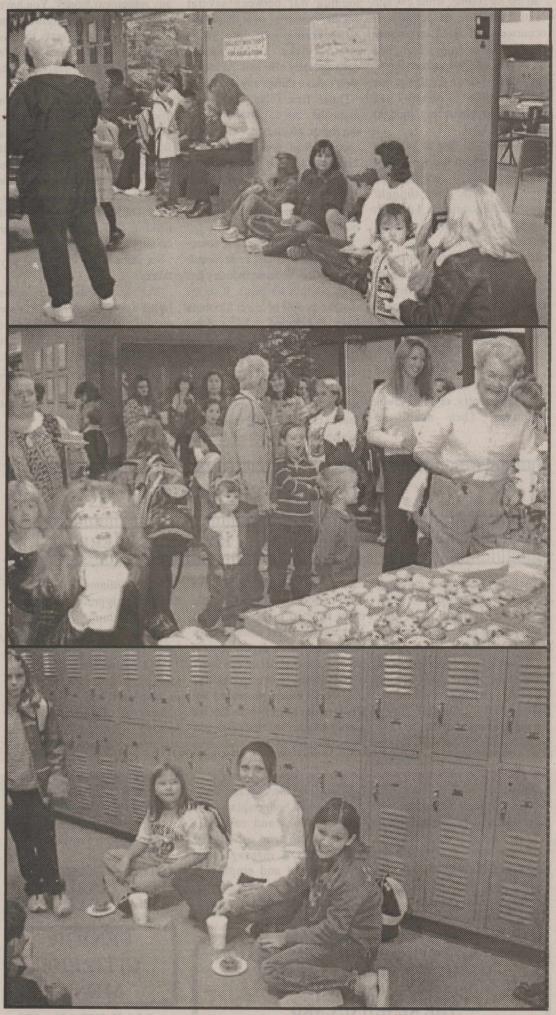
Star All Ten **Star Basketball Camp** taking **Applications at** this time

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The camp is by invitation ONLY. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply.

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are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Jolie Elizabeth Hutton. Jolie was born February 12, 2006 a 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

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First Grade: Caitlyn Bland, Hannah Brown, Andy Byerly, Mackenzie Byrd, Orion Childers, Joey Couture, Hannah Cowan, Tassaney Garza, Grace Goode, Taylor Hicks, Jared Reynolds, Jayme Tennison, Kersey Wyatt Second Grade: Kelli Bennett, Megan Hagler Third Grade: Morgan Manley Fourth Grade: None

Fifth Grade: None Sixth Grade: None

CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY 2005-2006 "A" HONOR ROLL **4TH SIX WEEKS**

First Grade: Alicia Sanchez, Jaton Wootton Second Grade: Colton Bradley, Tucker Brown, Brittany Bush, Blayne Childers, Caden Creach, Rebekah Crockett, Teagan Fortune, Michael Foster, Brayden Kennedy, Billie Pointer, Shyler Tillery, Justin Whiteley

Third Grade: Taryn Estes, Kaitlyn Koettel, Jurnee Thomas, Mikera Walker, Allanta Wheeler

Fourth Grade: Wyatt Gambrell, Shelby Thomas Fifth Grade: Cheyenne Cowan, Katharine Goode, Joe Holland Sixth Grade: Shelby Ames, Ryder Foster, Lauren Goode, Ashley Jamison, Rosa Salazar, Zoie Walker

CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY 2005-2006 "AB" HONOR ROLL **4TH SIX WEEKS**

First Grade: Belinda Booth, Jacob Castleberry, Isaiah Guerrero, Ethan Horan, Alexus Johnson, Alexis Mauricio, Logan Phillips, Joseph Revoir, Alex Stout, Piper Winfrey, Cory Yates

Second Grade: Darrin Ames, Elissa Cantu, Debra Land, Evelyn Morales, Kaitlyn Potter, Inez Salazar, Kristen Savell, Chance Thompson, Charles Thompson

Third Grade: Natalie Anderson, Bronc Dillard, Kelbi Hyles, Brenna Kleiber, Korbin McLean, Alma Meza, Kaylee Potter, Kiefer Steinle

Fourth Grade: Christa Potter, Meagan Roberts Fifth Grade: Victoria Creamer, Riley Lawrence Sixth Grade: Rachelle Allen, Samantha Dickson, Payton Porter, Kenzie Taff, Austin Thomas

CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL 2005-2006 PRINCIPAL HONOR ROLL **4TH SIX WEEKS**

7th Grade: Justin Golson, Shawna Lewis 8th Grade: Kayla Lawrence 9th Grade: Jacob Estes, Quenton Koettel Sophomore: Hailey Biggs, Tiffany Walker Junior: Thomas Estes, Russell Thomas Senior: Brittany Adams, Travis Golson, Jesse Norris, Ryan Payne, Britta Scruggs, Jake Snell

CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL 2005-2006 "A" HONOR ROLL

4TH SIX WEEKS

7th Grade: Tyler Avants, Savana Wyatt 8th Grade: Nathan Creamer, Tiffany Holland, Jacob McCutchen, Cody Sliger, Zachary Snell 9th Grade: Emily Harris, Krista Phillips, Mandy Rose Sophomore: Macayla Cook, Starla Schaefer Junior: None Senior: Rainey Bacon

CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL 2005-2006 "AB" HONOR ROLL **4TH SIX WEEKS**

7th Grade: Cody Ford 8th Grade: Ben Schaefer 9th Grade: Acaila Radle Sophomore: None Junior: Jonathan Hopkins Senior: Samantha Hutton, Naomi Isbell, Levi Wooten



Angel Food Ministries Announces March Menu

The Angel Food Ministries March Menu includes: (1) 5 lb Chicken Leg Quarters (4) 6 oz. Pork Chops' (1) 3 lb Chicken Tenders Patties

wiches

Chicken Breast

(1) 16 oz. Pillsbury Garlic p.m. **Dinner** Rolls

gies

(1) 2 lb French Fries

(1) 15 oz. Tomato Sauce

(1) 16 oz. Vegetable Blend (1) 7.5 oz. Mac & Cheese

- (1) 7.5 oz. Pancake Mix
- (1) 25 oz. Breakfast Cereal
- (1) 32 oz. Shelf-Stable Milk
- (1) Dozen Eggs
- (1) Dessert Item

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Special #2 - 1- 10 lb Popcorn from 10 a.m. -5:30 p.m.) Chicken \$18.00 Last day to order and pay for

your order is Saturday, March 11th by NOON. (8) 4 oz. Breaded Cubed Beef FOOD STAMPS NOW

ACCEPTED. (1) 15 oz. Meatball Sub Sand- Distribution Day is Saturday, March 25th at the Family Life (1) 2 lb Boneless Skinless Center, West 8th and Avenue E. in Cisco from <u>11:00 a.m. to 1:00</u>

*You must bring a large box or (1) 16 oz. Roasted Corn & Veg- container to pick up your food. *We reserve the right to substitute any item due to availability, cost and quality.

*Units not picked up at time of Miller delivery may be re-sold to others wanting to purchase a food unit.

To Place an Order: Evelyn (254) 442-3752 Cotton's (254) 442-2565

300 West 8th Trish (254) 442-1710

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Special " Thanks" to Dr. Pepper-Pepsi, Ranger for helping to supply drinks for our Volunteers who work on Distribution Day!

To Burgess-Manning for the use of their pallet Jack to unload the truck!

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For additional host site information, visit us on the web at www.angelfoodministries.com

Cross Plains Review auction items sought for March 9, 2006

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 26, 2006 through March 4, 2006 include: **Cases** Investigated

Warnings-87 Complaints-112 DWI-2 Possession of Marijuana-2 Fugitive Arrest-Theft by Check-1 Public Intoxication—1

Ag Week celebrates the growth of agriculture in Texas

nounced that March 19 to 25 is ogy, production and marketing. National Agriculture Week in Texas - a time to pay tribute to women whose work in agriculture make Texas a giant in the ers. industry and a model for other states to follow.

state's farmers and ranchers and Combs said. "We must be thankacknowledge this far-reaching industry that adds some \$73 billion to the Texas economy,' Combs said. "Many people don't realize the impact agriculture has on their daily lives, whether it's through the food we eat, the clothes we wear or the plants we tend in our own backyards." From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is one of the most agriculturally diverse states in the nation. Agriculture is the state's second-largest industry and is an economic powerhouse, producing food, horticulture and fiber for consumers across the world. Texas agriculture employs gross state product. about one out of every seven working Texans, and 80 percent of the state's land is in some form of agricultural production. huge boost to the state's run by individuals or families. economy, but it stays true to its roots by the sheer nature of the dedicated families who live, work ing," Combs said. "National to-day farming or ranching. Agriculture Week gives us a

who consistently enrich our lives calves, accounting for 15 perin many ways.'

to educate Americans about how operations - and the value of all food, fuel and fiber products are cattle and calves. produced and about the role of agriculture in maintaining a cotton, hay, sheep, wool, goats, strong economy. Today's farm- mohair and horses. The state's ers and ranchers have built the top crops also include veg-

AUSTIN-Agriculture Com- industry over the decades with etables, citrus, corn, wheat, peamissioner Susan Combs an- advances in research, technol- nuts, pecans, sorghum and rice. Through its food, fiber and horticulture products, Texas agrithe hardworking men and culture is evolving to meet the changing demands of consum-

"We've come a long way thanks to the spirit and drive of "It's a time to celebrate the our farmers and ranchers," ful to our agricultural pioneers for their vision and for dedicating their lives to this larger-thanlife industry

Ag Week Fact Sheet: **Texas Packs a Punch**

• Texas is the second-largest agricultural state in the United States, accounting for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income

• The food, horticulture and fiber industry is the second-largest industry in the state and generates \$73 billion a year for the economy, or approximately 9.5 percent of the state's total

• Eighty percent of the land in Texas is in some form of agricultural production.

• Ninety-two percent of Texas' "It's an industry that gives a agricultural operations are still

 Although agriculture employs one out of every seven working Texans, less than 2 percent of and breathe farming and ranch- the population is involved in day-

 Texas ranks first in the nachance to recognize the people tion in the number of cattle and cent of the U.S. total. Texas also National efforts are underway ranks first in the number of cattle

• Texas is the top producer of

• Texas is one of the leading exporters of agricultural commodities. Texas' top agricultural exports are live animals and meat, cotton and cottonseed, feed grains and products, hides and skins, wheat and products. and feeds and fodder.

• Each Texas farmer grows enough food and fiber for 129 people in the United States and abroad.

• Texas' 1 million horses, representing approximately 11 percent of all horses nationwide, make the state a leader in the **United States**

• The Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program has recognized more than 4,100 farms and ranches in 229 counties for being maintained in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for 100 years or more.

Ag Week Fact Sheet: Texas Commodities By the Number

- 1. Cattle, \$7.9 billion
- 2. Poultry/Eggs, \$ 1.8 billion 3. Cotton (Lint and Seed), \$1.5 billion
- 4. Nursery, \$ 1.4 billion
- 5. Milk, \$976 million
- 6. Timber, \$715 million
- 7. Feed Grains, \$711 million
- 8. Food Grains, \$452 million
- 9. Vegetables, \$366 million
- 10. Hay, \$355 million
- 11. Horses, \$310 million 12. Oil Seeds, \$207 million
- 13. Hogs, \$89 million
- 14. Potatoes, \$76 million
- 15. Pecans, \$67 million
- 16. Sheep/Wool, \$64 million
- 17. Sugarcane, \$51 million 18. Citrus, \$43 million
- 19. Fruit, \$26 million
- 20. Beans, \$10 million

State Employee Charitable and Federal Campaigns Accepting Applications

Federal Campaign.

Applications are being accepted demonstration of substantial Knox, Runnels and Comanche. from charitable organizations delivery of program services in to participate in the 2006 West the area covered by these request an application, please Central Texas State Employee campaigns. The State Employee contact Deborah Griswald at Charitable Campaign and Weest Charitable Campaign covers the 325-677-1841 or email Texas Central Texas Combined following counties: Brown, deborah@unitedway.org. Callahan, Coleman, Eastland, Applications should be submit-

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Donations of food,

Doris Broadus benefit

the hospital and in rehab. Doris does not have any medical insurance and the medical bills are tremendous. A large group of friends see the struggles Doris and her husband, Ronnie are facing with these large medical bills. Ronnie

assisted with the Cross Plains fire relief for the American Red

part in assisting these wonderful people. With your assistance, they would like to have a Dance, BBQ and a Silent Auction. Food items we are seeking include Briskets, Bread, Buns, BBQ Sauce, Potato Salad, Red Beans, Cobbler, Tea, and Paper Goods. We are also looking for Silent Auction Items and items to be raffled off to help raise money. The benefit will be held at Clyde City Limits south of



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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 standalone prescription drug plans 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 stilleligible 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 fourdecade 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 conand for Medicare managed care nect 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 Breaux. 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 about these topics, more about at 672-6048 for registration information.

based upon state guidelines and has been developed to fit our area of the state. Teachers, ag you. 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 level, race, color, sex, religion, 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 the natural environment, and want to become active in an The Big Country training is organization that strives to preserve our natural environment, Master Naturalist training is for

> 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 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.

duct a research project to as- across the state. sess feral hog damage to crops.

conducted by Texas Coopera tive 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 re-TDA awarded \$390,500 to search efforts between TDA and Texas A&M University to con- non-profit research institutions

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State Nature Tourism Seminar Scheduled in **Albany for April 19th**

growing. Mark your calendar and resources. plan to attend a full-day Nature Tourism Council (TNTC) and Transportation from Abilene!

The workshop focuses on (additional fee required). presenters from across Texas will www.ttia.org.

A \$5 BILLION dollar industry provide market data, success in Texas alone, Nature Tourism is stories and helpful planning

Convention and visitors bu-Tourism Seminar & Tour titled reaus, chambers of commerce, "The Nature of Everything: private landowners, business Integrating Public Desire for people, marketing organizations Nature with Your Tourism and anyone interested in Product." Sponsored by the increasing economic develop-Texas Travel Industry Association ment through nature tourism are (TTIA), the Texas Nature invited to attend and participate.

The workshop is being held Texas A&M Cooperative at the same time as the Texas Extension (TCE), the workshop Department of Transportation's will be held on April 19, 2006 annual Travel Counselors from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Conference. Those attending the Stasney's Cook Ranch in Abilene. nature tourism workshop may Just \$35.00! Includes Lunch & also sign up to attend TxDOT's evening dinner after the workshop

providing attendees useful market Please contact Jennifer Roush information for integrating the or Rose Koosman at the TTIA public's desire for nature office for more details, to related activities with existing or register or for answers to any potential tourism products. Expert questions, 512-476-4472, http://

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.

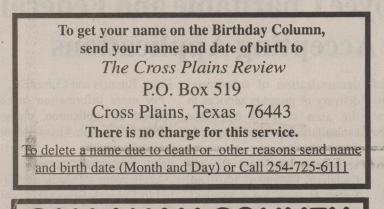
In the latest series of so-called "phishing" scams, the e-mail sender claims to represent financial institutions such as Comerica, Chase or others. The message instructs the "account holder" to submit personal account information because "bank officials" have reason to believe his or her account may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

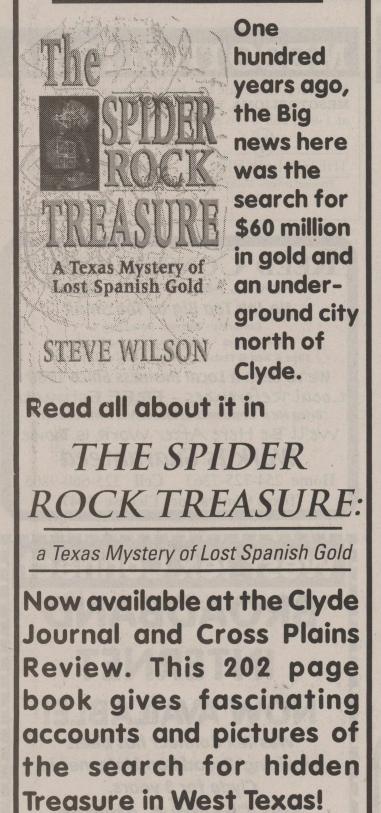
bank's Web site, then log in using their user ID and password in order to inspect their account for recent activities. At that point, the ID and password are stolen and used for purposes of identify theft.

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 emails 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 gave 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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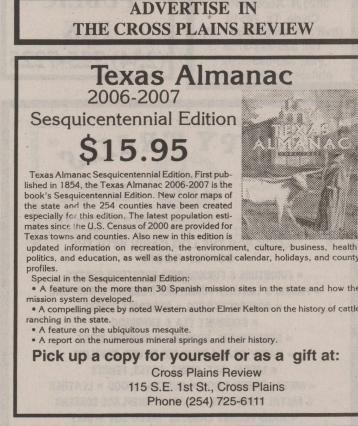
With their high reproductive potential and very few natural predators, feral hog populations have rapidly increased over the last 25 years. Feral hogs wreak owners across the state due to their destructive nature. Texas Cooperative Extension estimates that statewide annual economic damage caused by feral 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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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



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This year, VALOR will award \$1,000 scholarships to as many as 12 students living in communities served by the company. Qualified applicants must be high school seniors who demonstrate strong community leadership through volunteerism and civic involvement. They must also plan to enroll in an accredited two-or four-year college, university or vocational school, and must have maintained a grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale). Applications need to be postmarked by March 15, 2006. Scholarship recipients will be announced in April 2006.

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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 American 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.

GAC is the Don't Mess with nity. For more information, 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.

About Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc

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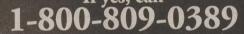
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of immigrants. However, there are a few things that those who

about a rancher being sued be-

cause he would not let people

who came across the border

settle on his land. I had kept this

column for an appropriate time.

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

What I want to know is, when

will they do something about

MY RIGHTS? I celebrate Christ-

mas, but because it isn't cel-

ebrated 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 holi-

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 prob-

This says it all! This is an edi-

torial written by an American

citizen, published in a Tampa newspaper. Read on, please!

IMMIGRANTS, NOT AMERI-CANS, 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 cor-

rect" crowd began complaining

about the possibility that our

about it.

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lem with that??

I think the time has come.

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.

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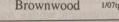
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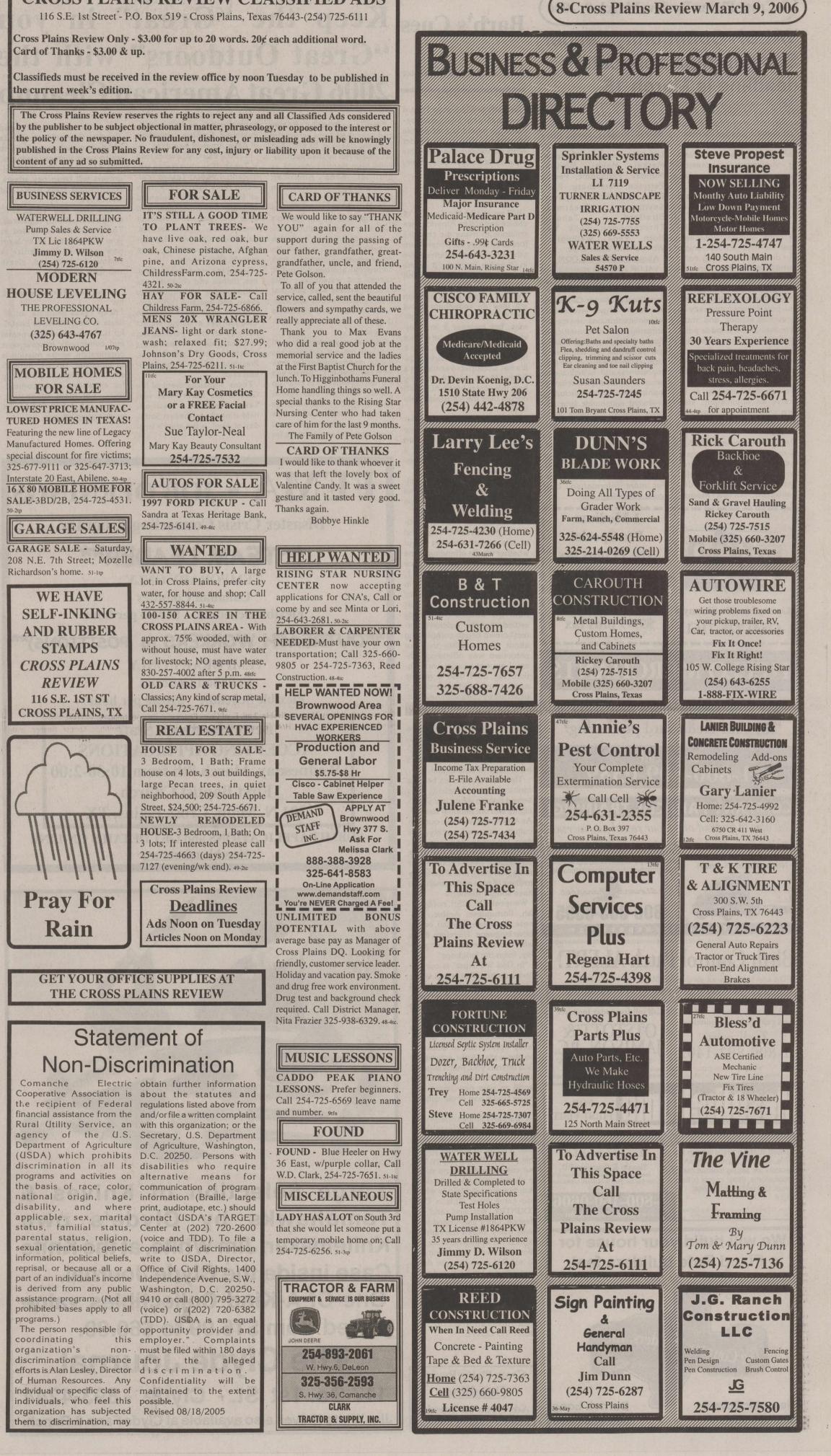


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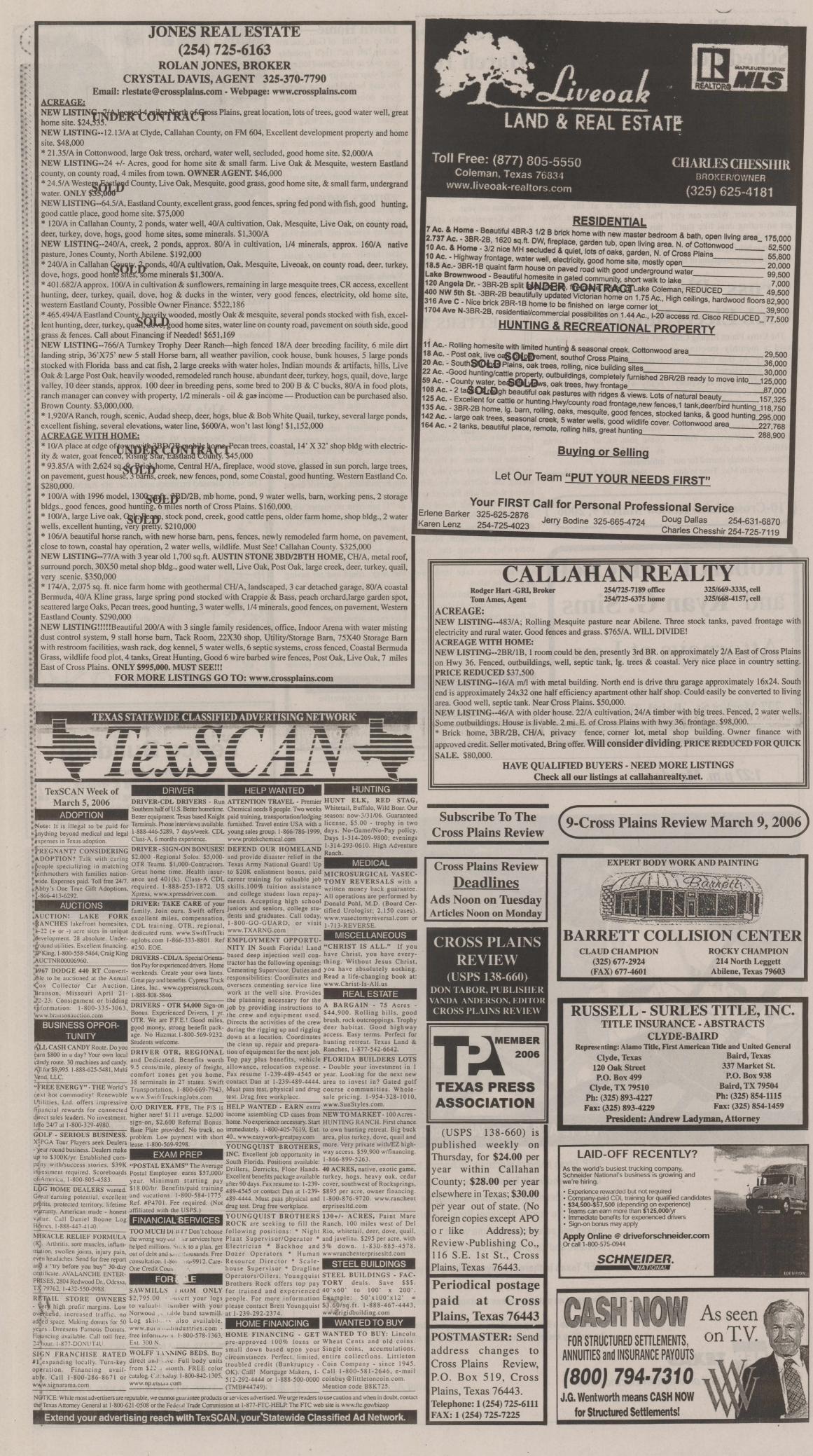
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Cross Plains Kiwanis Pancake Supper Scheduled for Thursday, March 16

and great fellowship. The every need! "suggested donation" for so coffee or water. Where can you Plains School Cafeteria. Now

Just one week away, on during the year, too numerous to Buy more than one ticket He may be lurking just outside

much eating and fellowship Pancake Supper is Thursday (in addition to the ticket) is only \$4 per person. That's night, March 16, beginning at 5 toward the projects that the all the pancakes and sausage p.m., continuing until 7 p.m. Kiwanis Club helps toward you can eat, along with tea, The place is at the Cross throughout the year. take part in helping the Kiwanians ticket(s) yet, be sure and see a Pancake Supper!! with their many programs of help Kiwanian and buy them now.

Thursday night, March 16, is list but including, sponsoring the and bring a friend or two one of Cross Plains' great "Social Key Club of Cross Plains High maybe give one to someone Events" of each year — the School. Key Club members whose budget is stretched too Kiwanis Pancake Supper! will be joining the Kiwanians thin already. If you wait to It is the night for great food in serving, helping to meet your pay at the door, you just might be talked into paying The date, again, for the more and/or making a donation

get an eating deal like that?! this is only a few days away, so Plains thanks you in advance for security system on? Psalm 91 is A serendipity is that you can if you haven't purchased your your support. See you at the a great way to protect you and

Dear Editor.

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. 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 The Kiwanis Club of Cross start your day off with your your family on a daily basis. Submitted by Bob Pipes 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.**

IT'S ANOTHER BOY!

Able Wesley Rye Wheeler

was born to Russell and April Wheeler on

Friday, December 30, 2005 at Hendrick Medical Center.

and was 19 1/4 inches long.

He weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces

The very pleased brothers and sister are Aaron Augustus,

Alexander, Archer Boy and Abigail

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Sandy Sharp and Charles Wheeler.

and the late

Ward and Bertha

Wheeler.

Great-grandparents are

Amy Albrecht and the late Edgar Albrecht,

Pauline Smith and the late Richard Smith,

the late Annette and Byron Foller

Cross Plains Roping Club Elects New Officers

officers were elected.

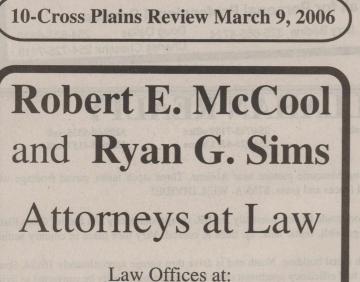
Relations for the club.

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

The Cross Plains Roping Club off your dancing' shoes, and get held a monthly meeting in ready to cheer on those bullriders. February. At that time, club It'll be here before we know it.

Work days to get the arena New officers are as follows: ready will be decided at this Re-elected as president was Rod months meeting, which will be Middleton; Vice-President-Al Monday, March 13th, at 7:00 PM Taylor; Treasurer-Dana Hall; at the roping arena. If you're Secretary-Lorna Munian. Dana interested in becoming a member, Hall will also oversee Public come join us, or call Lorna at 254-725-4933 for more

Submitted by Lorna Munian



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Let me begin by saying that to make a disaster such as this the recent firestorm that went more traumatic for all concerned. through the city of Cross Plains and surrounding area was a contradictory opinion they devastating, and yes the clean are immediately labeled troubleup has been timely. According to makers? Opposing opinions letters published in the paper I should have the effect of making surmise that some of the clean us stop and think and try to up efforts went beyond just figure out a better way to handle taking the debris away. After future problems, instead of finger having to deal with the trauma of pointing and insisting that "you" losing friends and loved ones or "I" am right no matter what, along with their homes, pets, cars, and that it will be "this way" or etc., it seems some of the victims bust! lost salvageable items, because

meant to be taken.

of finger pointing in the letters I very much appreciated. have read. Come on guys...now is not the time to finger point, volunteers. but to do what is the best for the citizens of Cross Plains. To me

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that means taking extra care not Why is it that if anyone voices

In closing I would like to somewhere along the line, thank the firefighters that worked we dropped the ball and let the so hard to contain the fire as salvage crews take items not best they could and for saving everything possible. All the Everyone is entitled to his or her volunteers that have manned opinions, but there has been a lot posts during and since the fire are

Thanks again to all the

Lydia Williams - Cottonwood Cross Plains Property Owner



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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