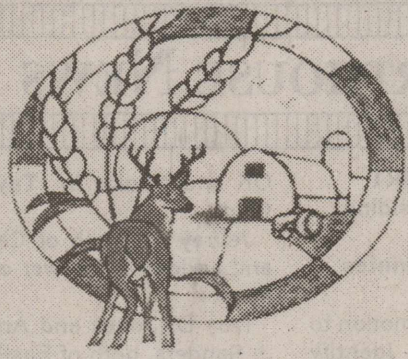


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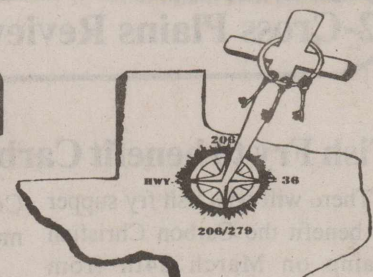
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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Monday was the first day of spring and it announced the arrival of NEW BEGINNINGS!

The new "tenders" are shooting from beneath the burned ground in their brilliant green array. The earth appears more beautiful than ever. The rain is healing the dry, burned fields, and even the wheat that has laid dormant for months is looking lush. God is amazing isn't He?????

I'm looking forward to when the flowers bloom and the colors God created will abound.

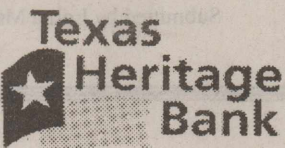
A recent speaker at my home church explained that we are in a state of reformation and encouraged us to live "beyond"; as better and greater things are yet to come through our Lord Jesus. What a great message of hope here on earth.

This "Holy Alphabet" might be helpful in your daily game plan. Be blessed!!!! **Vanda Anderson**

"Holy Alphabet"

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship

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American Legion Post 423 to Meet March 30th

The American Legion Post 423 will hold a meeting Thursday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Building on the corner of Beech Street and 1st Street.

The election of new officers will be the main item on the agenda.

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Distribution from Fire Relief Fund to Area Agricultural Producers

Initial distribution to homeowners, owners of rent houses, renters, and owners of unoccupied houses or mobile homes have been made from the Fire Victims Account of the United Fund of Cross Plains. There are limited funds remaining to be distributed to fire victims who lost fences, hay, and farm tractors that were agricultural related.

If you are an agricultural producer, having suffered the loss of fences, hay, and/or farm tractors due to the fire of December 27, 2005, please go by Cross Plains City Hall and complete a prepared form in order to be given consideration of some reimbursement, as funds will allow. The forms will be available through April 14, 2006.

Submitted by the committee

Peggy Joyce Ruth Shared her Revelation on Psalm 91

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

The "Ladies Night Out" salad supper was held March 13 in the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church. The ladies were anxiously awaiting the teaching of prestigious area speaker and author, Peggy Joyce Ruth.

Being a Brownwood resident, she is well known for her books, "Tormented: Eight Years and Back" and "Psalm 91 God's Umbrella of Protection".

Having already read both books, it was my desire to have her autograph them. She graciously wrote a brief message and signed her name in several people's copies.

She appeared on the Sid Roth Show, "It's Supernatural", last year. Nation-wide exposure

was established by that divine appointment, she commented.

Peggy Joyce is an amazing teacher. She focused on "Psalm 91 God's Umbrella of Protection". A wealth of information flowed as she told us of the special protective measures within Psalm 91. She explained the meaning verse by verse. She emphasized that any area where protection is needed is covered within.

This wonderful message had of course always been in the Bible, but God's revelation to Peggy Joyce was in His perfect timing and now she is sharing it with everyone. She was a willing vessel and eager to tell others. She made it clear that she wants everyone to enjoy the comfort provided in this special verse.

She has even published a child's and teen's version of the Psalm 91 that will help them not to be anxious in their daily life. Her book has been translated into several languages.

You can tune into Peggy Joyce's radio program "Better Living" every Wednesday at 10 a.m. on 99.3 The ROCK in Brownwood where she teaches from God's Word.

The meal was exceptionally delicious and the fellowship was outstanding. Ladies, if you haven't attended one of the Ladies Nights Out, you have missed something special. Many enlightening speakers have been featured since this program began. Hats off to First Baptist Church for this excellent outreach program!

Callahan County groups participate in 20th annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off

ABILENE, Texas — Drivers will see something different along Texas roadways April 1, when approximately 200,000 volunteers around the state participate in the annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off — one of the nation's largest one-day litter clean-up events.

So far, two Callahan County Adopt-a-Highway groups have signed up to take part in this annual event. They are the Baird Chamber of Commerce and 4-His Kids, Inc.

Trash-Off will launch a spring and summer filled with special events and contests commemorating the 20th anniversary of Don't Mess with Texas. The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is a partnership between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB). The public is invited to participate by contacting your local TxDOT district office at 325/676-6806 or the Callahan County maintenance section at 325/854-1353 to adopt a stretch

of highway or by signing up online at www.ktb.org.

"When you see thousands of volunteers coming together on one day to help keep Texas beautiful, it's truly inspiring," said TxDOT Travel Division Director Doris Howdeshell. "There's so much to celebrate this year as the Don't Mess with Texas campaign turns 20, and Trash-Off is certainly one of the things we are most proud of."

In January, TxDOT debuted the new "Real Texans Don't Litter" television public service announcements (PSA) as a springboard for the Don't Mess with Texas 20th Anniversary. The PSAs feature some of Texas' most recognized celebrities including 2006 DMWT TRASH-OFF Lance Armstrong, Erykah Badu, Ray Benson, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Julius Jones, Los Lonely Boys, Matthew McConaughey, Chuck Norris, Janine Turner, Owen Wilson and Lee Ann Womack.

In addition to the media campaign, TxDOT is sponsoring

a "Real Texans Don't Litter" Cleanup Contest, challenging "Real Texans" to volunteer at one of 25 cleanups around the state. The locations will be unveiled the day of Trash-Off, April 1, and the events will take place between May and mid-August.

Visit www.DontMessWithTexas20.org on April 1 for exciting news and additional information.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off began in 1986 to encourage the public to refrain from littering for one designated day. Each year, approximately 830 million pieces of litter accumulate on Texas' roadways and today, litter pickup costs taxpayers approximately \$36 million annually. Paid contractors clean 90 percent of these roadways, with groups such as Adopt-a-Highway doing the rest.

Southwest Airlines, McDonald's and the AT&T Cotton Bowl are proud sponsors of the Don't Mess with Texas 20th anniversary.

Early voting begins April 3 for Cross Plains JP office

Callahan County election officials report there will be only one early voting location for the Republican Party Runoff Election involving two candidates for the Place #4 Justice of the Peace office.

Early voting for the Republican Party Runoff Election will take place in Room #107 at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird. Early voting begins Monday, April 3 and continues through Friday, April 7. Early voting hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and the early voting location will be open during the lunch hour. All seven voting precincts can cast their ballots early in Baird.

The Tuesday, April 11 runoff election will also be cut from seven voting locations to just two. Republican party voters in Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Precinct #3, Precinct #5, Precinct

#6 and Precinct #7 will vote at the Southside Baptist Church in Clyde.

Callahan County voters in Cross Plains Precinct #4 will cast their votes at the Cross Plains Community Center in Cross Plains. Polls on Tuesday, April 11 will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The only local race in the Republican Party Runoff Election involves Bob Hill and Burlie Taylor.

Early voting in the Democratic Party Runoff Election will also take place in Baird at Room #107 in the County Courthouse from April 3 through April 7. There are no local runoff candidates in the Democratic Primary.

The Democratic Primary Runoff Election on Tuesday, April 11 will be held at the Baird Activity Center with polls open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.



WHAT A RIDE—Dr. Shelly Brooks (right), District Superintendent of the Brownwood District, and Jim Senkel (left), Pastor of First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Cross Plains, are shown riding a makeshift elevator at the Presbyterian Church where the FUMC congregation is meeting until they get a new building. Their church and parsonage burnt on December 27, 2005.

Love Fund Established for Allen Barnett

A Love Fund has been established for Allen Barnett at the Texas Heritage Bank. He had been hospitalized in Brownwood Regional Medical Center but is now at home. Barnett will be undergoing gallbladder surgery soon.

Allen is an electrician/plumber/air conditioner repairman, etc. for this area. He and his wife, Barbara, would be appreciative of your assistance and your prayers.

Cross Plains Barbarian Festival Meeting is March 28th

The Cross Plains Barbarian Festival will meet Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. at Jean's Feed Barn.

Come at 6:00 p.m. for food and fellowship. Plans for the 2006 Barbarian Festival will be discussed. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Susan McNeel 725-6498 or Cindy Payne 725-6692.

Project Graduation Meeting March 27th

A Project Graduation meeting will be held Monday, March 27, at 5:00 p.m. at the Dairy Queen.

All Junior and Senior parents are encouraged to attend and help with the planning of activities, etc.

Anyone who is interested in assisting with the yearly event for Cross Plains High School Seniors are welcome to attend.

Abusive Medicare Scam Targets Senior Citizens—BEWARE!!!!

The Better Business Bureau is ALERTING senior citizens about an abusive telemarketing scheme aimed at Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

The caller informs the seniors that they are "about to lose their Medicare benefits unless they pay a fee immediately". Telemarketers instruct the victims to disclose their bank account number to pay a check by phone.

The scam is called the "\$299 RING". That is the typical amount of money the Medicare beneficiaries are talked into withdrawing from their checking accounts in order to "keep" their benefits or to pay for a non-existent prescription drug plan.

The Bureau offers the following tips:

* NEVER RELEASE your

personal banking information to anyone that calls YOU!

* Legitimate Medicare drug plans NEVER ask you for payment over the phone.

* No one can come into your home uninvited.

* No one can ask you for personal information during their marketing activities.

* Always keep all personal information safe, including

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Cross Plains Cemetery Board

Organizational Meeting

Monday, March 27th
6 PM
At City Hall

Fish Fry to benefit Carbon Christian Camp

There will be a fish fry supper to benefit the Carbon Christian Camp on March 24th from 6-8 p.m. The benefit will take place at the Carbon Community Baptist Church with Blue Grass Combination providing the music for the evening. Donations will help the camp get ready for a summer of ministry.

Submitted by Vicki Sallee

Clay Jacobs coming to Cross Plains Cowboy Church April 2nd

Sometimes God will bring you on an incredible journey, even when you may not realize that is exactly what is happening. It seems WE always have a plan for what we think GOD should do in our lives or with our calling in life, only to find that if we will just step out of the way and walk humbly with our GOD, He will show us our true destination... a destination full of love, joy and peace that can only come from a savior.

Clay Jacobs will be at the Cross Plains Cowboy church on April 2, 2006. Services will start at 10:30 a.m.

Cross Plains Cowboy church is located seven (7) miles from Cross Plains on Highway 36 west, turn left on CR 459, turn right at the first driveway.

For more information call 254-725-6446 or 325-518-5514 for Pastor Len Smith.

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254-725-7574 Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
Bill Armstrong - Pastor

OBITUARY

R.C. Merryman

R.C. Merryman, age 80, passed away Monday, March 20, 2006 at Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at the Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Jim Senkel officiating, with Bob Pipes assisting; burial followed in the Belle Plain Cemetery.

He was born on July 20, 1925 in Callahan County, Texas to Bob and Carrie (Johnson) Merryman. R.C. married Wanda Warren in September 1949 in Albany, Texas. He worked in the oil fields and owned and operated Merryman Drilling until he retired. He then moved the location of his business to the local coffee shop, there R.C. and his friends spent many hours visiting and discussing world affairs and of course the price of oil. He will be missed by his friends as they gather to remember the good times they had with R.C.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son and two sisters. R.C. is survived by his wife Wanda of Cross Plains; sons, David Merryman and wife Debbie and Tom Merryman and wife Jan; a daughter, Ann Knott and husband Mike all of Cross Plains; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Online ordering of birth, death certificates available

Birth and death certificates can be ordered online, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) announced March 20, 2006.

Previously, the certificates could be requested only by mail, fax or by visiting the DSHS vital records unit in Austin or one of the 490 local registrars' offices throughout the state.

Certificates may be ordered online at www.texasonline.com. DSHS Chief Operating Officer Randy Fritz said, "Customers needing copies of birth or death certificates should find the speed and convenience of the new online ordering system a real timesaver."

He clarified that while certificates can be ordered online, they cannot be downloaded or printed.

Online ordering of a birth certificate for a birth that occurred in the last 75 years is limited to the individual for whom a birth certificate is requested and to the mother or father of that individual.

Online ordering of death certificates for deaths that occurred within the last 25 years is limited to the surviving spouse, a parent of the deceased and to certain funeral directors.

Verification of any birth, death, marriage or divorce — regardless of date — also is available online.

Forms for ordering by mail can be downloaded from the DSHS Web site, www.dshs.state.tx.us. TexasOnline.com is the official eGovernment Web site for the State of Texas.

The Cross Plains Review now has a website. Visit us and our other Callahan County Newspapers at www.clydenewspaper.com to see the great services we offer!

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Delivery will be **THURSDAY, March 30th**, at the times listed for the following towns and locations.

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Cross Plains-Cross Plains Grain & Peanut Co. (254) 725-7345 9-10 A.M.
Brownwood-Gore Brothers Inc. (325) 646-8966 11-12 A.M.
Bangs-Bob's LP Gas, Seed & Feed (325) 752-6422 12:30-1:30 P.M.
Santa Anna-Simmons Feed & Supply (325) 348-3168 2-3 P.M.
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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Derek G. Herndon, motion to dismiss to failed to identify granted, defendant sentenced to prison on other case.

Marcial Martinez, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted, defendant sentenced to prison on other case.

Charles Calvin Zara, motion to withdraw as surety granted. End of term order discharging defendant under misdemeanor probation: Tyson Gideon Jules; Lois Johnson.

End of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication: Jackie Dave Bridges; Scotty Mitchell; Christy Cagle; Nathan Ballard; Donald McNeil, Jr.; Gary Crenshaw; Brandi Walton; Cedric Kirk.

Jason Monroe Howell, motion to withdraw as surety granted. Ricardo Camacho, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$200 fine, \$215 court costs.

Jason R. Haynes, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$200 fine, \$215 court costs.

Isaac Castillo, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted, defendant pled to other charge.

Brenton Donnell, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.

Sandra M. Carter, motion to revoke probation.

Jared South, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and extension of probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

Steven W. Carroll of Abilene and Cathy L. Carroll of Clyde. John O. Youngblood of Enid,

OK and Nadine W. Taylor of Clyde. Jeffrey L. Smith of Caldwell and Ladean E. Brewer of Abilene.

Troy D. Jones and Amanda J. Sanders, both of Eastland.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

MBNA America Bank, NA vs. Melissa Scott, default on arbitration award.

The State of Texas vs. \$700.00 in US currency, seizure and intended forfeiture.

Barton Elmore Kendrick and Linda Jane Kendrick, divorce.

In the matter of a transfer of structured settlement payment rights by Miles Moore.

Civil Minutes

Paula Jill Hernandez and Jose Guadalupe Hernandez, divorce granted.

John Thomas Harris III and Christine Joan Harris, divorce granted.

Criminal Information and Complaints

John R. Dunnam, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Order discharging defendants from probation, no deferred adjudication: Guy Rister, Melanie Shackelford.

Jennifer L. Coffman, request for extension of probation granted.

The Rodger Dell Brown in the courthouse records is not the Rodger Wayne Brown, Clyde City Councilman, volunteer fireman and baseball coach.

Donations of food, auction items sought for Doris Broadus benefit

On December 9, 2005 a friend of the Callahan County Community, Doris Broadus was seriously injured in a Motor Vehicle Accident. Doris has spent almost three months in 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 is Program Director of the Abilene Chapter of the American Red Cross and assisted with the Cross Plains fire relief for the American Red Cross.

They are hoping to do their 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 Clyde on Hunt Street Saturday, April 15, 2006 and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Please feel free to contact Margo Stafford at 325-893-5754 or 325-439-5150, Dianne Cheek at 325-893-5754 or 325-665-9585, and Jackie Semmler at 325-854-1444 or 325-201-2032.

Cross Plains Roping Club Sets Bull Ride

The CPRC (Cross Plains Roping Club) would like to say "thank you", to all those who made purchases at our bake sale on Saturday. Added to the much needed rain, it was a great success.

Our date is set, the band is booked and the bulls are raring to go. Mark your calendars. The Turkey Creek Cook-off and

Bullride will be Saturday, May 20, 2006. If you weren't there last year, you missed a terrific event. This year looks even better. A work day had been set for April 8th. All our members help to prepare for our event. Please make your plans to attend.

Submitted by Lorna Moniaun

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11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wednesday
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COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

We have been out of touch for a couple of weeks but this is to remind everyone that quilting days for the quilting club will be Thursday, March 23 and 30. Quilting begins at the Cottonwood Community Center at 10 a.m. and all ladies of the community are invited to come out and join in the fellowship.

Please keep these dates on your calendar: Texas Trash-Off Day will happen on April 1, 2006. Help keep Cottonwood roads and streets clean. A clean place is much safer than a trashy place. Texas Department of Transportation and the Cottonwood Quilting Club will sponsor this event. Meet at the Community Center at 9 a.m. to get trash bags.

The Cottonwood Community Annual Reunion will be held the first Saturday in May 2006 and the Cottonwood Baptist Church

will celebrate their 125th year in existence on May 7, 2006, details will follow.

Burkett Pecan Began in a Squirrels Nest

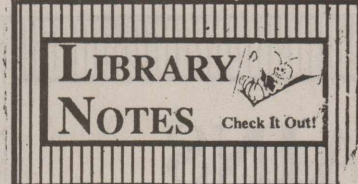
I was rustling through some TBF folders recently that I acquired when I moved my office to the barn. I had intended to file the papers someday and placed them in a "To Be Filed" box. This packet of folders contained a letter from Wesley and Vonnie Rutherford of San Antonio, along with some mimeographed pictures, articles and papers on various subjects about Baird, the T&P Railroad, and miscellaneous articles.

One of the articles tells about two brothers who were out hunting one day in 1900 and followed a squirrel to his nest. When they killed the squirrel for supper they looked in the nest and found some paper shell pecans the squirrel had stored up for winter food.

Joe and Omar Burkett carried the pecans home and their father was very interested. They discovered the tree the pecans came from two miles east of Putnam, Texas and in the spring of 1900 buds and grafts from that tree were placed on a smaller tree, and thus began the start of the Texas Pecan Industry.

Now Burkett pecans are grown wherever pecans are grown. And years later a "Welcome" plaque was made from the wood of that original tree which was destroyed in a storm. The "welcome" plaque now hangs in our home in Cottonwood thanks to the lucky draw from a hat in December 2004.

(For notes of interest, additions or subtractions to or from this column, please call Wallace Bennett at (254) 725-7474 or send to csb5@airmail.net or send snail mail to 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.)



Behind The Books

Ah, spring is in the air. Don't you just love all the interesting things that trees do this time of the year? Leafing out, bursting into bloom and spewing pollen everywhere! However, another type of tree activity comes to my mind that is just as interesting — the Family Tree. My Genealogy Group would just love to help you explore your family tree. Come on by any 2nd or 4th Friday, 1-3:00 and check out the action. They are definitely a fun group.

CU-BW

March 13-17, 2006

Statistics

Circulation:	
Books:	103
Interlibrary Loan:	0
Internet Users:	13
Honorariums:	
Curt and Ginny Hoskins - Honoring Dorothy Petty	
Memorials:	
Charles and Lou Rodenberger In Memory of Albert Lovell and Pete Golson	
Donations:	
Janet Swanson	
Donations - Books:	
Charles and Lou Rodenberger Church of Christ	
Jan and Bill Marsh	
James Oscar Koenig	

Activity Report

Patrons:	98
Lap	10
Lapsit	5
Other	83
Programs:	55
Copies:	60
References:	0
Books Checked Out	103
Lap	38
Lapsit	12
Other	53
Calls In:	4
Internet Users:	13

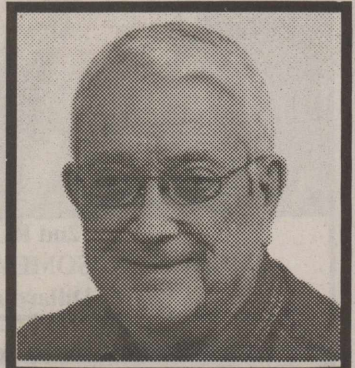
Down Home

To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times
and yes some will be bad,
but...
Zion waits in glory... where none are ever sad!

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hanging from the limb of a tree with a board notched to fit on the rope.

Then the child would sit on the board with a parent or guardian pushing the swing back and forth. The longer they pushed, the higher you went. When you became an age where your feet touched the ground, then you could push yourself off with your toes.

Most everyone enjoyed swinging; and I just absolutely loved to swing.

making mud pies, picking mesquite beans and pretend cooking them for a meal. We would clear off small areas on the ground, then outline it with small stones. We'd line off rooms such as living room, bedroom and kitchen.

Another fun thing to do was to slide down the cellar door. It made an excellent slide.

A favorite thing to do was to swing. There were no swing sets such as those today. All swings were usually made by ropes

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

"Just A-Swinging"

Thinking about decades later, I remember many, many, good times spent playing happily with other children outside. Many of them were relatives, cousins mostly, while others were friends and neighbors. We played from sun-up to sun-down, except we stopped for meals and naps.

Some of the things we liked to play were jump rope, ring-around-the-rosie, hop scotch, making a play house with rocks,

It's Worth Crowing About



TEX sez: didja' hear how much people came to respect and admire the guys from Abilene in their dirty white coveralls who were such a vital part of our recovery efforts? They each made the choice to come over here day after day to pick up debris that the big machines couldn't get. It certainly wasn't an easy job, but every day when they showed up to eat, they acted as if it were nothing. Groups providing their noon lunch got to know them

on a first name basis and the guys always thanked the "cooks" on their way back out to work. They did a lot for us, but I'm betting we did a lot for them also.

Our "city guys" were real positive role models for them and accepted them for what they were doing, not what they had done. Who knows what good will come from their time spent working together? Project Pride heard.

Oplin Volunteer Fire Dept. benefit fish fry set for March 31

On March 31st the Oplin Volunteer Fire Department invites everyone to their benefit fish fry being held at the Oplin Community Center. We'll be serving up a plateful of fish, red beans, coleslaw and hushpuppies for a generous donation of \$5.00 per person. We'll also be serving a delicious dessert in the form of several different choices of cobblers for an extra \$1.00 per serving. We'll start serving up the fish n'fixens at 5:00 p.m. and continue until 7:30 p.m. or until we run out of fish (so plan on being here early!)

What's better than a great dinner that benefits a volunteer fire department that relies on your continued donations and support?

After you're filled up on the fish n'fixens you might want to mosey on over to the dance floor where Jack Rosser will be playing all your favorite tunes from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Admission to our dances is still only \$4.00 per person.

The Oplin Community Center is located at the intersection of FM 604 S. and FM 2926. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed.

So gather the family and all your friends and come on our to show your support for the Oplin Volunteer Fire Department.

Submitted by: Pam Ruffield

WE HAVE SELF-INKING AND RUBBER STAMPS CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

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PIONEER NEWS

Cowan and Laverne's daughter Wanetta, spent one afternoon with them recently. Thursday day at Lubbock and Shallowater visiting relatives and a friend Iona Ashmore. Laverne has been working on her quilt of memories and just about has the top finished.

The Quilting Club had a great day! We got Christy's "Eight Point Star" out of the frame. It is soooo pretty. Now we are working on Glenda's top and the "Dutch Doll" that Jean Fore is sponsoring.

James and Jean Alexander have had a house full of company over spring break. First Heather flew in, then Starr came a day later. Andrea and Michael came on Friday. They all had a super good time.

Glenda went to see Krista run in the track meet at Cross Plains on Friday. It was night before she ran and it was cold. She went to Early

on Monday to see Wanda and Don Nelson. Wanda is doing with her back after her back surgery. They took Glenda out for lunch. She really enjoyed her visit with them and the wonderful Frenchie Wheeler's funeral at Davis Morris Funeral Home. They all grew up on the same road at Owens.

Glenda went to her sister Shirley's and they visited Jackie La Bleu in the Oakridge Manor Nursing Home in Brownwood. Jackie is recuperating after a fall in her home. Winifred took them out for supper.

Ramona Dudas invited Glenda to go to the senior luncheon with her and Don last Thursday at Rising Star. She really enjoyed the lunch and the day.

Wow! The rain has been great! About 3 1/2 inches were recorded at Pioneer. We thank the Lord for it!

RISEING STAR NURSING NEWS

We would like to praise God for the wonderful rain we have received. May we be blessed with some more, soon.

April 8th from 8 a.m. till 2 p.m. the Nursing Center will be having a benefit garage sale for a fellow employee who had an auto accident and is unable to work. All proceeds will be greatly appreciated.

Spring has sprung. residents will be doing a craft project this week. They will be

making a spring flower bouquet. Our thoughts and prayers for Willie Wilson who is in the hospital. Get well soon Willie, we miss you.

Appreciation to Mayrene Ash-ley for the delicious snacks; Hazel Lee for the birthday cards; and to Mrs. Lucas for the beautiful silk roses.

A warm welcome for our new resident, Darwell (Gene) Bush. **Winter is on my head but spring is in my heart.**

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MARCH 27 - 31

MONDAY - Spagetti w/ Meatsauce, Tossed Salad, Buttered Corn, Pineapple, Garlic Toast
TUESDAY - Salmon Patty, Coleslaw, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnip Greens, Peaches, Bread
WEDNESDAY - Pinto Beans w/Sausage, Sauerkraut Salad, Buttered Carrots, Banana Cake, Cornbread
THURSDAY - Teriyaki Chicken, Buttered Rice, Stir Fry Veggies, Sugar Cookie, Bread
FRIDAY - Chef Salad (Ham-Egg-Cheese), Baked Potato, Lemon Pudding, Crackers

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THE KIWANIS CLUB OF CROSS PLAINS

Thanks everyone who helped make the Pancake Supper fund raiser a GREAT SUCCESS!!

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We're already looking forward to next year's!!

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By Bob Pipes
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In the comic strip "Shoe," one tells another, "You might think it's easy being an atheist, but it's not!" And he is asked, "Why not?" And he replies, "When Fridays come around, I have no one to thank!"

It is rather sad, isn't it, to not recognize God as the Creator and Keeper of all things, hence have no one to thank for things like "Fridays," the end of another workweek (for some). And more importantly, to have no one to thank for the wonderful rain we have received, other than the weather forecasters?! And even more importantly, to have no one to thank for life — and even more importantly, for forgiveness, and hence hope in regard to eternity. I guess we could be like the atheist, however, and believe that we are just like the dog Rover when he dies, "Dead all over"! That doesn't sound too "easy" either, does it?

Thank You, God, for being God!

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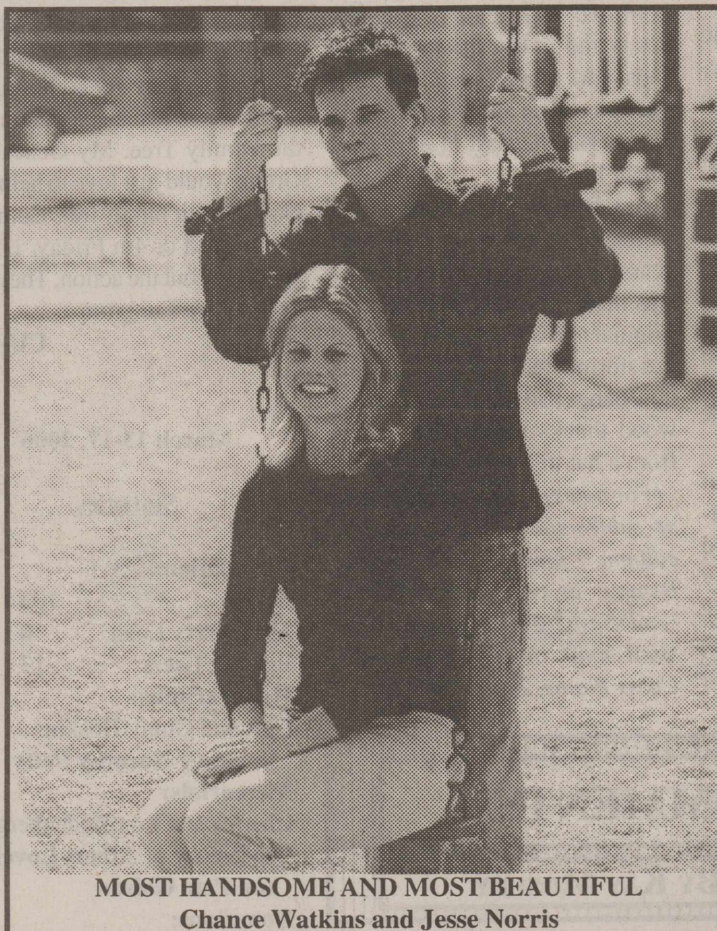
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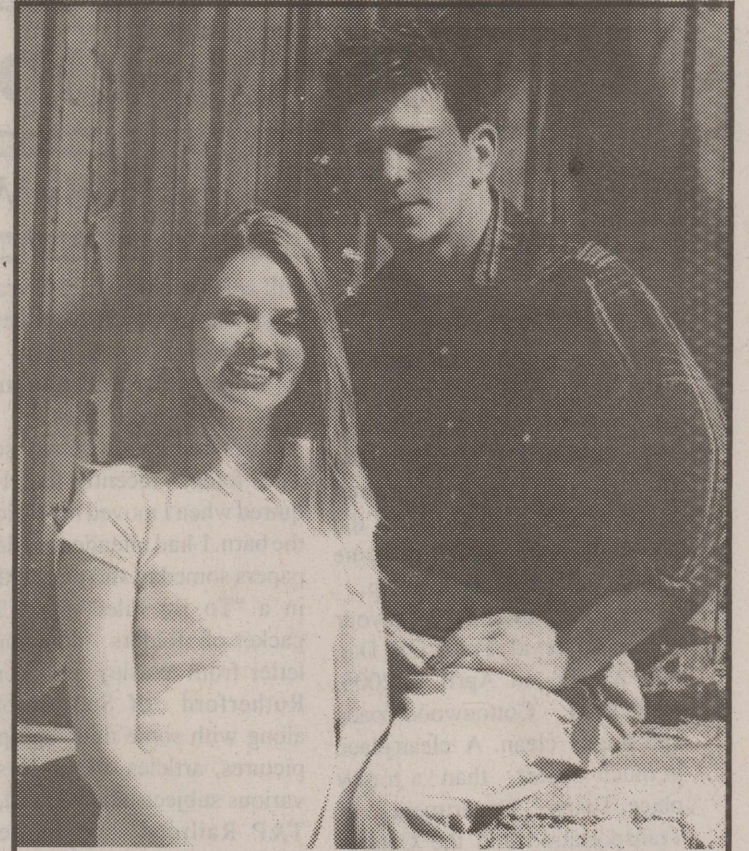
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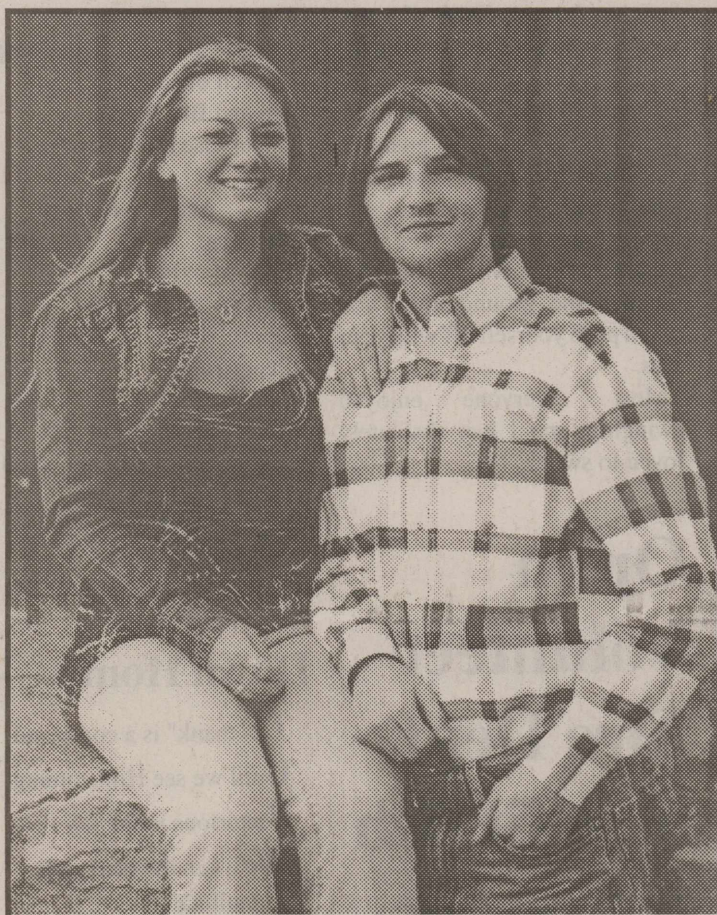


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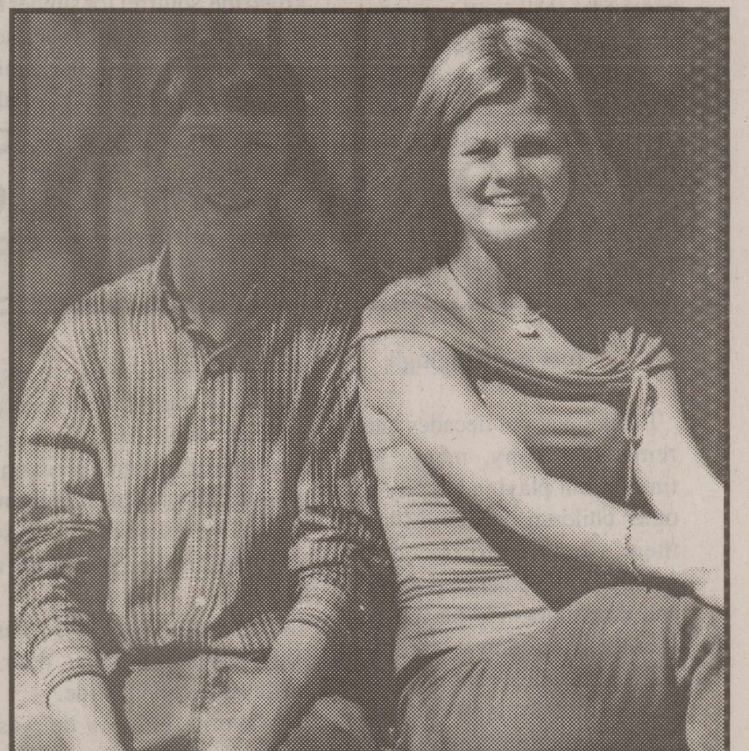
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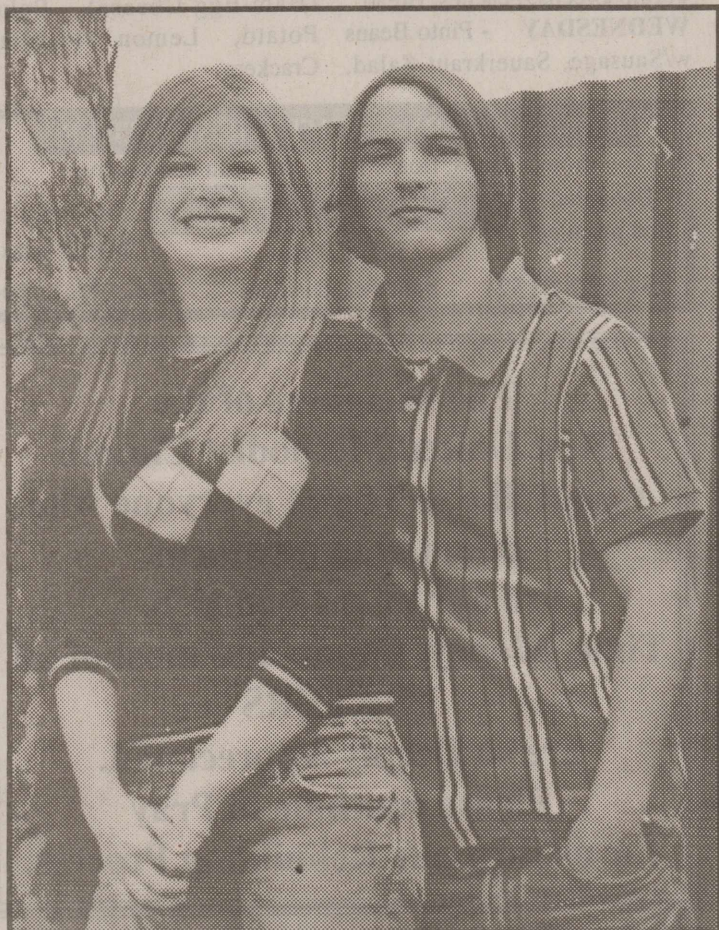
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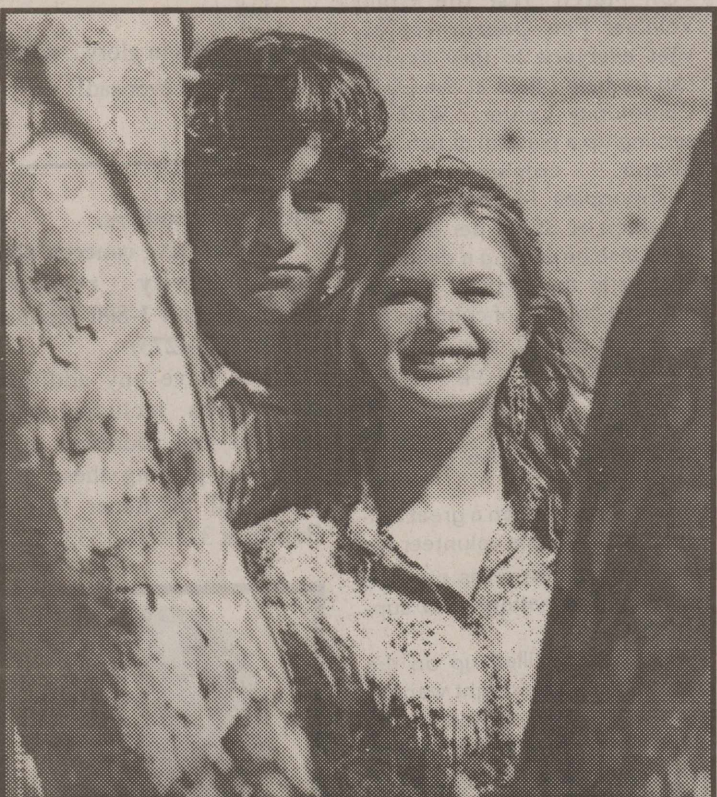
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SCHOOL MENU

MARCH 27 - 31

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY - Pancakes, Sausage, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Cheese Toast, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY- Corn Dog, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Oranges
TUESDAY - Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Pears
WEDNESDAY- Chalupa, Salad, Pineapples
THURSDAY-Fish or Hot Pocket, Coleslaw, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Peaches
FRIDAY-Submarine Sandwich, Salad, Pickles, Chips, Rice Krispie Treat

Have A Nice Week!!

Notice of Meeting

The Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club will be having a meeting to discuss the plans for the 2006 CP Athletic Banquet.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 28, 2006

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: Cross Plains High School Gym Foyer

We welcome and would appreciate all parents who are interested and willing to help with the planning of this banquet so please attend this meeting.

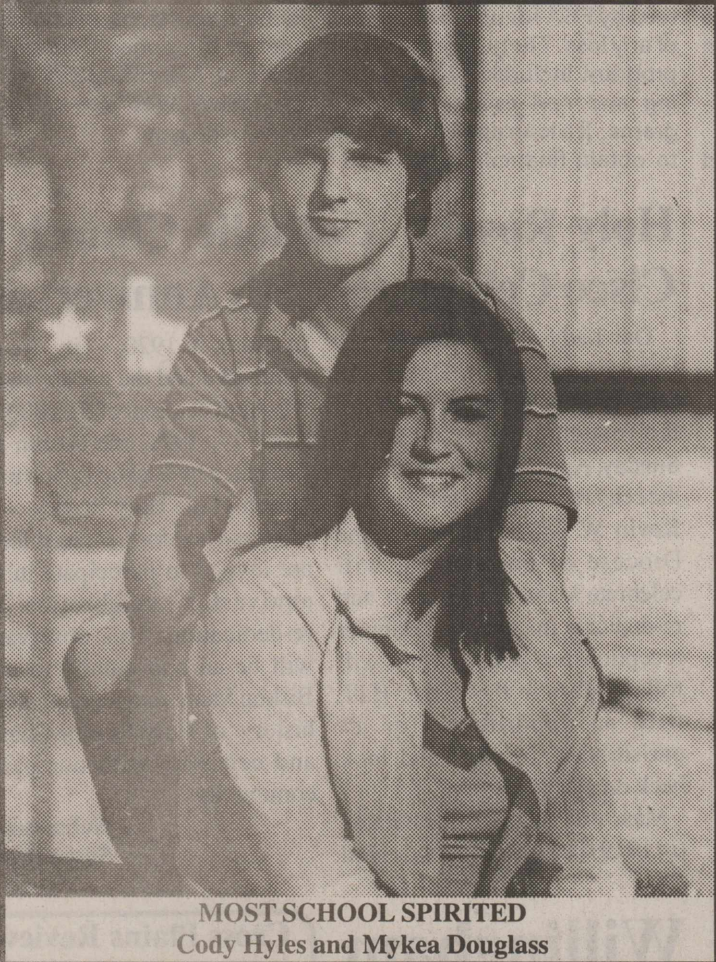
The more ideas we have, the better this event will be for our athletes.

We will also be meeting again a few more times, so there will be another chance to participate in this planning.

Any questions, contact Debi Bennett at 325/660-9590 or Marty Callaway at 325/214-0249.



FRIENDLIEST
Thomas Estes and Megan Thomas



MOST SCHOOL SPIRITED
Cody Hyles and Mykea Douglass



BIGGEST CLOWN
Jerrah Hutchins and Clayton Thomas



MOST FLIRTY
Brittany Adams and Forrest Creamer

Cross Plains Little League Meeting Sunday March 26th 2PM At Dairy Queen To Elect New Officers And To Discuss Upcoming Year

PTO Meeting

Thursday March 23 6PM

GUEST SPEAKER Professional Counselor Leatha S. Warden

We Will Introduce New (Elected) Officers And Take Final Vote On Fund-Raiser

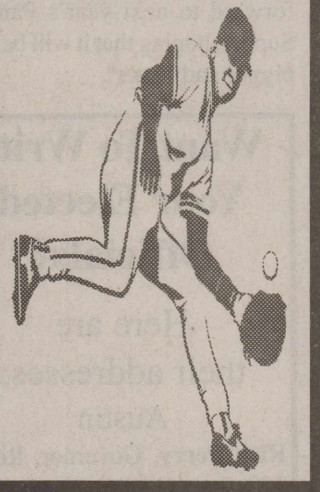
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Kim Crockett files for seat on Cross Plains School Board

Hi, my name is Kim Crockett and I am seeking the position of School Board Trustee for the Cross Plains School District. I hope to be able to visit with many of you in the coming weeks and look forward to sharing a little bit about myself.

I have lived in Cross Plains area for almost 6 years. I have been married to Davy Crockett for 13 years and have 3 small children that are a part of the school district. I am glad to be part of the Crockett family that has been in Cross Plains for a long time.

I grew up in a small town like Cross Plains and then went to college in Abilene, Texas. I received my Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work in 1988 from Abilene Christian University. I have been a Licensed Social Worker for Harmony Family Services, Juvenile Probation Officer for Taylor County, Coordinator for the Noah Project, and Visitation Exchange Coordinator for Family Outreach of Abilene.

My volunteer activities while in Abilene included several board seats on: Taylor County Juvenile Justice Association, Family Outreach of Abilene, Taylor



KIM CROCKETT

County Chamber of Commerce Subcommittee for "Youth at Risk", Abilene Police Department Contract and Bonuses, and Taylor County Coordinating Council for the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

Since moving to Cross Plains I served on the Callahan County Child Welfare Board for 2 years and am a current volunteer for "Meals on Wheels" at the Senior Citizen Center. I have been a Substitute Teacher for Cross Plains for the past year and have attended most of the board meetings the last 2 years. I worship at Cottonwood Baptist church, but enjoy visiting different churches in the area. Most of all I am actively involved

with my children and their school activities.

I have been able to meet with teachers, students, administrators, paraprofessionals, bus drivers and many others that work for the school. In talking with these people, there are many things that they would like to see different. After being involved myself with the school activities, I agree that there needs to be some things different. I am willing to go in and see what can be done to implement new ideas, but as you know, I must work as a team with other board members who may not see things as I do. I have to be objective and seek common goals that other members have.

As a Board Trustee I will do what I can to get the best education and the best opportunities for all students and not just a few. We are not doing our children and grandchildren any favors if we just settle for a mediocre education. We have to stress going above and beyond, and expect that from our faculty and our students. I look forward to serving you in this next year, if elected on May 13th.

Political Ad Paid by Kim Crockett P. O. Box 193, Cross Plains, TX 76443

2006 Texas High School Rodeo Region X Names Three Callahan County Students as Champions

Three Callahan County Students won championships for the year in the Region X Texas High School Rodeo Association-Rainey Bacon, River Dillard, and Sloan Hendley.

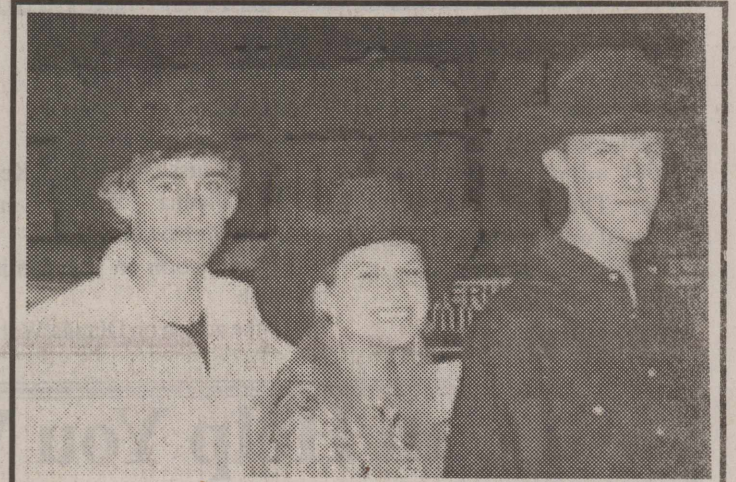
Rainey and River are seniors at Cross Plains I.S.D. and Sloan is a junior at Eula I.S.D.

These students competed at ten THSR this year starting in August and ending Sunday, March 12th in McGregor, Texas.

Year End Results:

* Rainey received 3rd in Barrel Racing, 5th in the Breakaway Roping and 1st in the Cutting Event. The points she collected gave Rainey the Region X 2006 All Around Cowgirl title and saddle. Rainey is also this year's Region X President and Region X Ariat Reporter.

* Team Roping partners River and Sloan earned 1st in the Team Roping event. The points River collected this year gave him the 2006 Region X Champion Header title and saddle. The points Sloan



REGION X CHAMPIONS
River Dillard (from left), Rainey Bacon and Sloan Hendley

collected this year gave him the 2006 Region X Champion Heeler title and saddle.

* Rainey and River were also awarded a THSRA Scholarship that Region X gave to four 2006 seniors.

These three High School Rodeo Athletes (Rainey, River, and Sloan) have advanced to the 2006 Texas High School Rodeo "State Finals" June 10-18 at the Expo Center in Abilene, Texas. All the THSR Regions will have their

Top Ten contestants in each event participate during the THSR Finals for a spot at the National High School Finals Rodeo in Springfield, Illinois July 24-30.

Rainey Bacon is the daughter of Jeff and Debbie and Bacon of Cross Plains. River is the son of Bud and Becky Dillard of Cross Plains. Sloan is the son of Cindy Hendley of Abilene and Scott Hendley of Potosi.

(Rodeo is a SPORT check out ESPN wide world of sports.)

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SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

March 16, 2006

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Burlie Taylor, Frankie Hyles, Jim Cook, Scott Childress, and Reggie Pillans.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tennon; High School Principal Jimmie Cearley; Elementary Principal Margie Sowell; and guests, Tonja Walker, Janice Phillips, Jennifer Wootton, Kim Crockett, Charlotte Lee, Nora Odom, Annette Nickerson, Judy Luter, David Hagler, and Mindy Estes.

Prayer was led by Jackie Tennon.

Minutes were approved with corrections.

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Hyles to allow Beta Sigma Phi to use facilities for garage sale March 18, 2006. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Dillard to accept budget amendments: Function 34 Buses; Function 36 Fire Ath. Equipment; Function 51 Heaters/AC; Function 81 Heaters/AC. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Childress to approve Emergency Operations Plan. For

7 Against 0

Motion was made by Hyles and seconded by Schaefer to accept the cheerleader try out constitutions with changes as discussed. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Cook that the addendum added to minutes be submitted to Cross Plains Review via normal channels. For 6 Against 1 Pillans

Addendum

The following item was not faxed with the School Board Minutes of January 16, 2006, to the Cross Plains Review, because of the possibility of it being political in nature. TASB (Texas Association of School Boards) legal department ruled it not political but merely informational. The item is as follows:

The legality of being a School Board Trustee and simultaneously holding the office of Justice of the Peace. The Court of Appeals of Texas, J. Curtis Brown, Chief Justice, and Draughn and Ellis, Justices, ruled, "The offices of Justice of the Peace and School Board Trustee are not incompatible because neither office is accountable to, under the dominion of, or subordinate to the other, and neither has an right to interfere with the other in the performance of any official duty."

Executive session in at 8:34

p.m. and out at 10:09 p.m.

Motion was made by Dillard and seconded by Hyles to accept the resignation of Dalena Tarver. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Childress to give a vote support for continuous contract personnel. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Hyles to extend probationary contracts on Donnie Dillard, Brandon McDowell and Jennifer Wooten. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Pillans and seconded by Dillard to extend term contracts on the attached list: Pat Stephens; Marc Morgan; Nora Odom; Laci Bean; Treva Gambrell; John Wyatt; Jamie Apple; Connie Ricci; Leslie Lawrence; Deanna Golson; Kim Cassidy; Terri Hunter; Gerry Webb; Janice Phillips; Ronda Hagler; and Rhonda Hinten. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Hyles and seconded by Pillans to extend the contract on Becky Dillard. For 6 Against 0 Dillard Abstained

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Hyles to extend half-time curriculum director/test coordinator to Edward Brady. For 7 Against 0

Motion made by Hyles and seconded by Pillans to adjourn. For 7 Against 0

FSA allocates loan funds for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers

(Baird, TX) --- March 8, 2006 --- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) allocates a portion of its farm loan program funds specifically for socially disadvantaged applicants (SDA) including minority and women producers.

"FSA farm loans are available to all qualified applicants, but by setting aside funds specifically for minorities and women, the Agency ensures members of these specific groups can receive a portion of available funds - assuming they meet FSA loan eligibility requirements," said Robert Frost for Callahan County FSA.

By FSA definition, an applicant is considered socially disadvantaged if he or she is a member of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice, without regard to individual qualities. FSA has identified socially disadvantaged groups as Women, Blacks, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.

FSA offers both direct and

guaranteed farm loans. Farm loan funds can be used to purchase farms, livestock and equipment. They may also be used to operate a farm, build or repair service buildings, pay for soil and water conservation practices, and in some cases refinance debt.

For direct loans made by FSA to purchase a farm the terms may extend to 40 years with a current interest rate of 5.125 percent. Direct operating loans may be made for one to seven years with a current interest rate of 4.875 percent, which is subject to change.

"Applicants requesting direct real estate loans should be aware that funding for this program is limited and may require a waiting period before funds are available and applications approved," said Frost.

FSA guaranteed loans are made by banks or other commercial lenders and are guaranteed by FSA for up to 90 percent of any loss. The guaranteed loan program includes both operating and real estate loan programs. If a loan applicant is able to obtain financing from a pri-

vate lender equal to 50 percent or more of the total funds needed to jointly finance the purchase of the farm, the interest rate on the FSA direct loan would be fixed at 5.0 percent.

SDA loan applicants do not receive automatic approval. Individuals must be U.S. citizens with a satisfactory history of meeting credit obligations, have sufficient education, training or experience managing or operating a farm, possess the legal capacity to incur debt, and be unable to obtain credit through traditional lending means.

"Qualified loan candidates are provided information and assistance to develop sound management practices, analyze problems and utilize available resources essential for successful farming in the ever-changing agricultural environment," said Frost.

For more information regarding FSA loan programs, contact Richard Young, Farm Loan Manager at the Jones County FSA office at 325-823-3255 or visit the USDA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov>.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains ISD will be held on March 23, 2006, beginning at 6:00 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:

Open Meeting

Prayer

1. Review Cheerleader Constitution
2. Executive Session
 - A. Discuss contracts of Kent Smith, Dianna Webb and Brandon McDowell
 3. Take action on Kent Smith contract.
 4. Take action on Dianna Webb contract

contract

5. Take action on Brandon McDowell contract.
 6. Adjourn.
- This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on March 17, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. by Jackie Tennon, for the Board of Trustees.

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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Democratic and Republican Primary Runoff Elections held on April 11, 2006 will be tested on March 28, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. at Room #102 County Courthouse, Baird, Texas to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

(s) Jeanie Bohannon
Signature of Officer

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion Democratic and Republican Primary Ruoff que se llevara a cabo el April 11, 2006 se probara el March 28, 2006 a las 3:00 p.m. en Room #102 County Courthouse, Baird, Texas para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todas los proyectos de ley.

(s) Jeanie Bohannon
Firma del/dela Oficial

Kiwanis Club Says "Thanks"

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains expresses a BIG "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped make the club's recent Pancake Supper Fund Raiser a great success. Thanks to individuals who bought tickets and came to eat. Thanks to the businesses that helped with donated items and advertising. Thanks to the CPISD for use of the cafeteria, and to Debbie Thomas and Inez King for their great assistance. Many of you who came to eat — and some who did not even come to eat — donated beyond the advertised price in order to help the Kiwanis Club with community programs and services.

Thank you! We already look forward to next year's Pancake Supper, hoping that it will be even bigger and better!

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

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

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

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Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Cisco Celebrates 85th Anniversary

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Cisco will celebrate the 85th anniversary of the founding of our parish on Sunday, April 2, 2006. As part of the celebration, the Most reverend Kevin W. Vann, Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth, will celebrate Mass at 11:30 a.m. and re-dedicate the church. A dinner reception for Bishop Vann will follow Mass in the Parish Hall, with an opportunity for all parishioners to meet and look back on parish history.

Mass was originally celebrated (in 1919) in the Union Labor Hall

in Cisco. In 1920, a city lot was purchased and the parish church was built at a cost of \$10,000. On April 17, 1921, the church was dedicated by Bishop Lynch to the Queen of the Holy Rosary.

Current and former parishioners are invited to participate in this anniversary celebration and re-dedication. This observance will be an opportunity to meet Bishop Vann, reminisce about the history of Holy Rosary Church, and celebrate with our parish community.

Submitted by
Susan Horton

Willingham Family Reunion set for May 28

The Willingham Family Reunion has been set for Sunday, May 28, 2006 in Tye, Texas. Descendants of San Willingham and Etta Boston Willingham will join together for a day of reminiscing and sharing the past year of events in their lives with each other.

Old friends and acquaintances are welcome to join the family at Red Man Lodge. A basket lunch will be spread together. Please send new addresses to Mrs. Mary Payne, 501 Stella, Baird, Texas 79504.

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The American Red Cross urges the Big Country to ready now for Tornado Season 2006

With the beginning of spring comes the threat of severe weather and the most active part of tornado season. Nature's most violent storms, tornados can occur any time throughout the year and have wreaked havoc in every state. The Big Country Region Branch of the American Red Cross urges residents in the Big Country area to take steps now that can make your family safer when tornados threaten.

"By preparing together for tornado season, we can make our families safer and our communities stronger," Ronnie Broadus, Program's Director said. "We can help you and your family create your tornado preparedness plan now, before our community is threatened by severe weather."

Last year, the Red Cross provided lifesaving disaster relief for more than 4,775 families whose lives were turned upside down by the devastating power of 32 tornados that roared through U.S. communities. The Red Cross set up tornado relief operation 19 states, from Utah to Wisconsin to Pennsylvania, in a season that was active and destructive from March through December. In the aftermath of these storms, Red Cross disaster relief workers provided safe shelter for more than 710 displaced residents in 47 shelters and served over 437,000 meals for affected families.

As with any disaster, preparation can be the difference between life or death. The Red Cross recommends that families prepare for tornados by:

- **Create and practicing a Home Tornado Plan:** Pick an uncluttered place where family members could seek shelter: a basement, a center hallway, a bathroom, or a closet on the lowest floor.

- **Assembling a Disaster Supplies Kit:** Kits should contain a first aid kit and essential medications, canned food and manual can opener, bottled water, flashlights and a battery powered radio with extra batteries and other emergency items for the whole family.

- **Heeding Storm Warnings:** Listen to your radio and TV stations for updated storm information. A tornado WATCH means a tornado is possible in your area. When a tornado WARNING is issued, go to the safe place you picked to protect yourself from glass and other flying objects. If you are outside, hurry to the basement of a nearby sturdy building or lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area. If you are in a car or mobile home, get out immediately and head for safety.

- **Preparing for High Winds:** Make trees more wind resistant by removing diseased and damaged limbs, then strategically removing branches so that wind can blow through. Install permanent shutters on

your windows and add protection to the outside areas of sliding glass doors. Strengthen garage doors and unreinforced masonry. Move or secure lawn furniture, outdoor decorations or ornaments, trash cans, hanging plants and anything else that can be picked up by wind and become a projectile.

For more information on tornado preparedness, contact the Big Country Region Branch of the American Red Cross at 325-677-2622 or visit www.redcross.org or call 1-866-GET INFO.

Governed by volunteers and supported by community donations, the American Red Cross is a nationwide network of nearly 900 chapters and Blood Services regions dedicated to saving lives and helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Led by one million volunteers and 36,000 employees, the Red Cross annually mobilizes relief to families affected by more than 70,000 disasters, trains almost 12 million people in life-saving skills and exchanges more than a million emergency messages for U.S. military service personnel and their families. The Red Cross is the largest supplier of blood and blood products to more than 3,000 hospitals across the nation and also assists victims of international disasters and conflicts at locations worldwide.

Predator awareness workshop in Abilene March 29

The Taylor County Livestock & Wildlife Protection Association, along with the Taylor County Extension Office, will be hosting a one-day predator awareness workshop on Wednesday, March 29. The session will be held at the Extension Office, located on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center, beginning at 8:30 AM. The registration cost is \$20.00 per person if received by March 24. After that date and at the door, the cost will be \$30.00 per person. The fee includes lunch. Five CEUs will be awarded to persons holding a Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator license.

This unique workshop will focus on the interaction and methods of assessing and minimizing wildlife damage. Topics will include the following:

- Interpreting Physical Evidence of Predation
- Coping with Feral Hogs, Coyotes & Vultures
- Control Alternatives Including Nonlethal Approaches
- Foothold Traps
- Disease Vectors
- Prevention of Illicit Use of Pesticides
- Code of Ethics for Predator Control

Speakers will include Dr. Dale Rollins, who will discuss predator control and wildlife management, and Texas Cooperative Extension Wildlife Services personnel who will address aerial gunning and calling, among other topics.

For additional information or to register, call the Taylor County Extension Office at 325-672-6048.

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.

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Texas to receive \$1,916,800 in drought funding

WASHINGTON, March 15, 2006—Agriculture Deputy Secretary Chuck Conner today announced that USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will allocate close to \$20.1 million in Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) funding to 26 states affected by natural disasters.

"The Emergency Conservation Program is an important tool for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate and strengthen environmental stewardship of their lands," said Conner. "These funds will help farmers and ranchers rehabilitate farmland damaged by floods, drought, wildfires and other natural disasters in recent years."

ECP gives producers resources to remove debris from farmland, restore fences and conservation structures, provide water for livestock in drought situations and grade and shape farmland damaged by a natural disaster. Locally-elected FSA county committees implement ECP for all disasters other than drought, which is done by FSA's national office. Eligible producers receive cost-share assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost of approved practices, as determined by FSA county committees. The \$20.1 million in ECP funds allocated today are from unused funds from various states.

Among the 26 states receiving the funding announced today are Texas and Oklahoma, which are continuing to face drought and severe wildfire conditions. Texas will receive more than \$3.9 million, while Oklahoma will receive over \$2.7 million.

FSA is allocating \$20,142,400 in ECP funds to 26 states including \$1,916,800 in drought disaster funds in Texas.

Producers can contact their local FSA office regarding ECP sign-up periods, which are set by the county FSA committees. For a producer's land to be eligible, the disaster must create new conservation problems that, if left untreated, would impair or endanger the land and affect its productive capacity. Conservation problems that existed before the applicable disasters are not eligible for ECP assistance.

In addition, USDA has several other programs to help farmers and ranchers recover from damages caused by natural disasters. These programs include the Emergency Loan Program, Federal Crop Insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistant Program.

More information on ECP and other disaster assistance programs is available at local FSA offices and on-line at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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 Stansley's Cook Ranch in Abilene. Just \$35.00! Includes Lunch &

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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 Koosman at the TTIA office for more details, to register or for answers to any questions, 512-476-4472, <http://www.ttia.org>.

Brangus Breeders Sale March 25th at Abilene Auction

The West Texas Brangus Breeders Association will hold their annual sale on Saturday, March 25th at 10:00 a.m., at Abilene Auction, Abilene, TX.

The sale will include 78 selected Brangus bulls, 50 registered females, pairs, bred cows, bred heifers, open heifers, 600 commercial, selected pairs, bred cows, bred heifers, and choice open replacement heifers.

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Anyone desiring a sale catalogue on registered cattle or further information can contact Tommy Millorn, Sales Chairman, at 325-698-7014 during business hours or 325-338-3610 after business hours. Sammy Pierce, Sales Manager can be reached at 979-865-1410 and Danny Farris, President, can be reached at 325-669-5727.

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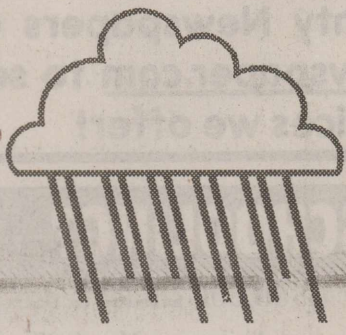
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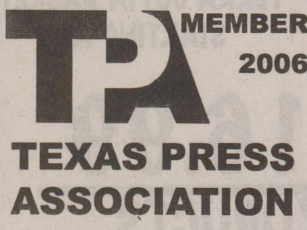
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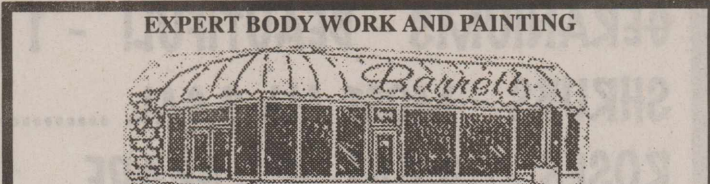
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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Hats for Friends

I noticed last week the article about a fund-raiser for a friend by paying to wear a hat. It reminded me of one of my favorite stories. I have printed it for you as a Timothy Tale but it is worth repeating.

Close Friends Sam and Georgie were close friends. Where one went, the other wanted to go.

One week Georgie left to go to a hospital in another city. Sam was sad and counted the days until Georgie would be home from having his treatment for cancer. But when

Georgie got home he was not the same. He did not want to go out and ride bikes or even look for arrowheads.

One day Sam's mother said, "You look like a wild boy". When Sam's red hair got long it stood up straight up over his head. After lunch Sam started for the barber shop. When he was almost there he saw Georgie and ran to catch up with him. Sam

grabbed Georgie's arm and said "Please come with me to get a haircut. After we are finished we will get an ice cream, my treat"

The boys went into the barber shop. Sam sat in the barber chair and as Georgie sat down his cap fell off. He did not have any hair! Big tears welled up in his eyes. "It came out when I had chemo," he said.

"Hey, wait a minute" Sam said to the barber. "Cut all my hair off just like Georgie's." After a call to Sam's mom the barber did as Sam asked. Soon there were piles of bright red hair on the floor. When he was finished the two boys looked in the mirror and laughed at themselves. Let's get our ice cream" said Sam.

Sometime Sam and Georgie wore hats but sometime not. People smiled to see the friends on the street. One head had red fuzz and one had none. The best part was that they were together again, fuzz or no fuzz.

Chrissie King

Pecan management short course is Friday in Abilene

Taylor County Extension is proud to offer a one-day short course in pecan management March 24, 2006. If you are a homeowner and desire to increase your nut production and better manage your pecan trees in the landscape, then this is the education program for you. If you are a producer, then plan on attending to get the latest information on Integrated Pest Management and effective approaches in combating diseases and pests. CEU credits available.

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Training will be held at the Taylor County Extension office located on the southeast corner of the Expo Center and Fairgrounds. The fee for this program is \$35. Lunch is provided. Call 672-6048 to register today.

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Rising Star VFD to host Spaghetti Dinner and Auction

The Rising Star Area Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner and Auction on Friday evening, April 7th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Higginbotham Community Center in Rising Star.

Tickets for a Shotgun will also be available for purchase that evening. All proceeds will go to benefit the Rising Star, May, and Sipe Springs Volunteer Fire Departments. Donations will be taken at the door.

For more information contact June Stone at 254-643-2029 or Melody Jackson at 254-643-1650.

Callahan County DPS Report

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Texas Cosmetology Hall of Fame move to Cisco College

The Texas Cosmetology Hall of Fame will soon have a new home at Cisco Junior College. Established in 1978 by the Board of Directors of the Texas Cosmetology Association, the Hall of Fame was housed at the Frank Joseph Cosmetology Building in Austin.

"When that building was sold in 2005, several members of the Hall of Fame approved CJC as the new site for the Hall of Fame," Elaine Willingham, Cisco Junior College Cosmetology Instructor, said.

"I was so excited when I received the news. For me it was like winning an Oscar. Many of those in the Hall of Fame were not only my mentors, but they were also my personal friends. I have always looked up to these people, and I admire their accomplishments and everything that they have done for the cosmetology field."

We at CJC feel very privileged to have been selected for this honor. The Hall of Fame display is being moved into a special area in the CJC Vo Tech II Building where the Cosmetology Department is located," she said.

An open house dedication of the Hall of Fame has been planned for Monday, March 27 from 7:00 p.m. till 8:30 p.m. "This is a very special evening for CJC, and we want to invite the public to attend. Several of the Hall of Fame inductees and their guests are expected to be on hand. For the last two years, we have been renovating the CJC lab and classroom, and we will have that completed in

conjunction with the dedication," Willingham said.

According to Willingham, a former board of director of the Texas Cosmetology Association, a strict criterion was in place for induction into the Hall of Fame. "Inductees must have developed or established leadership, products or education to enhance the cosmetology profession in Texas; or exhibited greatly in the legislative, professional or artistic processes of the cosmetology field," she explained.

In 1979 Glen Nealeigh of Abilene, Jessie Lee Sharpley of Lubbock, and Lee Self of El Paso became the first inductees into the Hall of Fame. In 1987, Simone Campagne of Houston was named to the Hall of Fame, followed in 1992 by Dale Johns, Amarillo; Larry Johnson, Houston; Jeri Herne-Skaggs, Abilene; Jimmie Kay Kennedy, Abilene. The last two inductees were Jonnie McCoy of Ft. Worth and Mae Whitley of Dallas (1996). Willingham said that at the time of the 1996 induction, the Association could no longer get the original awards, so unfortunately there are not plaques for McCoy and Whitley. "Still it is an honor to all those who were selected for this tribute, and it is an important part of the history of cosmetology in Texas," she said.

Willingham added that she is looking forward to the dedication and hopes that everyone will attend. The Voc Tech II Building is located on N. Wrangler Drive on the Cisco campus.

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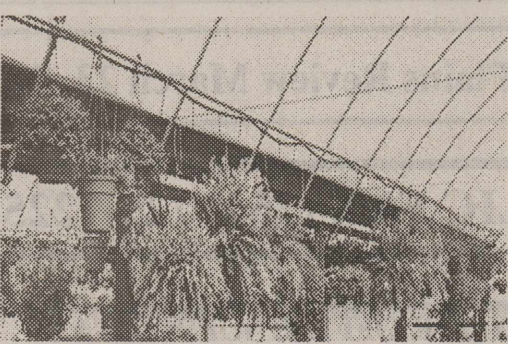
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