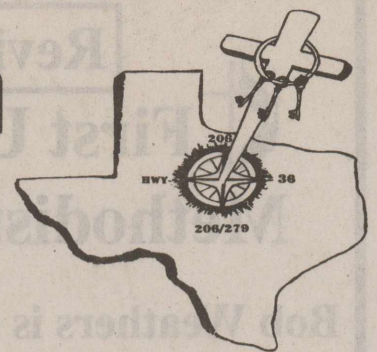


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EDITOR'S NOTE: I don't remember where this cute little ditty came from, but I think you will enjoy it. It reflects that "Texas humor" we all know and love. I don't know about you, but just to have been born in this great state was a wonderful blessing. I know I am prejudiced, but I think God made a very unique place when He created Texas, and whoever wrote the following thought so, too. Have a blessed day! **Vanda Anderson**

"Church Phone"

A man in Topeka, Kansas decided to write a book about churches around the country. He started by flying to San Francisco, and started working east from there. Going to a very large church, he began taking photographs and making notes.

In one church, he spotted a golden telephone on the vestibule wall, and was intrigued with a sign which read, "\$10,000 per minute".

Seeking out the pastor he asked about the phone and the sign. The pastor answered that the gold phone is, in fact, a direct line to Heaven, and if he pays the price, he can talk directly to God.

The man thanked the pastor and continued on his way.

As he continued to visit churches in Seattle, Salt Lake City, Denver, Chicago, Milwaukee and around the United States, he found more such phones, with the same sign, and the same explanation from each pastor.

Finally, the man arrived in the state of Texas. Upon entering a church, behold, he saw the usual golden telephone. But THIS time, the sign read, "Calls: 25 cents!"

Fascinated, the man asked to speak with the pastor. "Reverend, I have been in cities all across the country and in each church I have found this golden telephone, and have been told it is a direct line to Heaven, and that I could use it to talk to God. But in 20 other churches, the cost was \$10,000 per minute. Your sign says 25 cents per call. Why is that?"

The pastor, smiling benignly, replied, "Son, you're in Texas now, it's a local call!"

American Legion Post #423 to Meet Thursday

Members of the American Legion Post #423 will meet Thursday, April 27, at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall located at NE 1st Street and Beech Street in Cross Plains.

Discussion of a proposed fund-raiser for the American Legion Post 423 will be the main topic of the session. All members are urged to attend and new members are welcomed.

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

TPWD Hometown Horned Toad Contest Winners

Cross Plains Elementary students participated in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Hometown Horned Toad Contest. Students began researching the Texas horned toad back in October. Students conducted both primary interviews with Cross Plains' residents and Internet research.

Students had to make determinations about why the horned toad is disappearing and what can be done to save our state reptile. Upon completion of their research, students had to catalog their findings in an essay, which was then submitted to the TPWD for contest consideration. Criteria for judging the essays included depth of research; analysis, organization and presentation of ideas and hypothesis; and standardized documentation of source materials.

Students participating in the "Grades 3-5 Team" category were 1st place winners in the state contest in their category. Students with the winning essay, "Where Are They Now?," were Cheyenne Cowan, Katherine Goode, Joe Holland and Riley Lawrence.

Students participating in the "Grades 6-8 Team" category were runner-up in the state contest. Those students were Lauren Goode, Rosa Salazar, Kenzie Taff and Zoie Walker.

Winning first place qualified the 5th grade team to receive up to a \$1,000 for a field trip to a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Wildlife Management Area. Because they were "very close" runner-up, the sixth grade team was also invited by the state to

See Contest Page 4

The ABC's of Growing Great Families coming soon

Do you feel as if you've been run over when coping with your kids and their power struggles? You certainly don't need another expert making you feel guilty for yelling at your kids.

This what you really need: **The ABC's Growing Great Families with Brenda Bird.** Brenda travels the nations motivating, instructing and entertaining parents with her wisdom and wit.

Discover the three most important keys to raising kids who will lead truly great lives! Laugh and learn with this dynamic mother of three sons who are traveling the road to greatness.

The program will be held Monday, May 1, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Room 124 at the Cross Plains Elementary School. Childcare will be provided.

REMEMBER, kids are constantly under construction.

Cottonwood Baptist Church to Celebrate 125th Anniversary

Cottonwood Baptist Church invites you to participate in our special 125th anniversary service on Sunday, May 7th.

God has done incredible things in this church family over the years and we are looking forward to more great things in the future!

We would love to have you join us on May 7th at 11:00 a.m. as we celebrate our past, present, and future. Also, plan on staying for lunch after the service!

The Cottonwood Historical Association will hold its annual meeting Saturday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood Community Center.

All residents of the area, whether new, old or former, are cordially invited to attend this important meeting. If you have previously attended historical meetings and have not been in a while, we want you back! If you are new to the community, please attend and meet new friends, enjoy a great lunch and participate in the business meeting.

The Historical Association is responsible not only for our cemeteries but also for the old Post Office, which was once a bank, and the old Methodist Church. In case you are not interested in the cemeteries, you might be interested in these historical buildings. If so, please plan to attend.

Leo Thompson will be our speaker. He attended the Cottonwood School, was also a teacher there, and taught in several other area schools.

A potluck lunch will be served. Please bring a covered dish to compliment the meat, bread and drinks furnished by the association. We look forward to seeing you!

Submitted by H.D. Weaver, President

Early Voting for Local Elections Begins May 1st

Early voting in the Cross Plains I.S.D. Trustee and the City of Cross Plains Council elections begins Monday, May 1, and ends Tuesday, May 9th. You may cast your ballot at the local City Hall during their regular office hours. The regular election will be held May 13th at the Cross Plains

Community Center. There will be two vacancies on the school board, that of Burlie Taylor and Reggie Pillans. Three candidates, incumbent Burlie Taylor, Kim Crockett and Tony Wyatt, are seeking election. The council seats of Jerry Cassle and Terry Lichty and the

mayor's position are expiring. There is no opposition in the mayor's race, so Ray Purvis will remain in that office. Incumbent Jerry Cassle, Scarlet Koettel and James Nichols are vying for the two available seats. Remember to vote in these important community elections.

Henry Chappell Attracts Loyal Crowd

The avid supporters of the Library's **Meet the Author** program, plus visitors from Okinawa and Dallas, enjoyed the evening with Henry Chappell last week. A successful author of numerous hunting, fishing and camping pieces, Chappell related how he had found his true calling to the writing of historical fiction. Then he hastened to amend his thinking that this genre may not actually be his life's work. As he explained, "I don't think my well is as deep as Elmer Kelton's, whose ability to write the same style with a different approach each time is just phenomenal."

Having grown up in the deeply religious south, Chappell shared how his boyhood in Kentucky had impacted everything he has written. As he came to love this adopted West Texas, he was drawn to the history of the area. The more he pursued the influence of the violence among the encroaching settlers, the Indians and the buffalo hunters, the more he came to believe that Texas had been greatly defined by this early history.

Another time frame of interest to Chappell was the burning of

Dallas just prior to the Civil War and the ensuing racial turbulence. The hanging of three slaves charged with arson and the possibility of the Underground Railroad operating in the area raised a lot of issues and unanswered questions.

These historical records sparked the creative juices of the fledgling fiction writer. The "what ifs" continued to haunt him - "what if a young man with a strong faith actually experienced all this violence?" "What if he survived the violence - how would his life be changed?"

Thus, armed with a love of history, a strong personal faith and the desire to write from this base, Chappell embarked on what has become a successful career as a historical novelist. His stories, "Callings", "Blood Kin" and a currently untitled work in progress, all deal with the confluence of race, violence and religion. As he noted, "anytime a person is confronted with violence of any kind, that person is changed," and thus, his characters are different at the end of his stories than they were at the beginning. His stories are not

centered around any heroes or protagonists; but rather follow the characters as they deal with the clash of ideals and ideas.

Chappell also touched upon his collaborative efforts with photographer Wyman Meinzer to produce a photo story of the 6666 Ranch. The highly unusual approach of author and photographer working totally independent of each other turned out to be very successful under the editorship of Mike Gibson. Another project is currently underway with this team - a study of working dogs that is sure to be of interest to a wide audience.

Ginny Hoskins, President of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Library, welcomed the guests with news of recent grants that will help fund the renovation of the Annex. Chair of Meet the Author, Charles Rodenberger, announced that as yet the unconfirmed next author would be here October 17.

The evening concluded with refreshments, visiting and a lot of book sales and signings - another successful program by the Friends of the Library.

Submitted by Arlene Stephenson

Library Book Give Away for Fire Victims Saturday, May 6

A library giving away books? Yep, that's right. The Friends of the Cross Plains Library have collected new books to give to those who lost their homes in the December fires. We have books for children at all reading levels and some for young adults and adults. If you lost your home

and all your "stuff" in the fire, please come by the Cross Plains Public Library on north Main Street on Saturday morning, May 6, between 9:00 and 12:00, and pick out some new books to help "jump start" your new home library.

Submitted by Ginny Hoskins

will be required, and you will need to sign a receipt for your fire relief check. Distribution checks will be available during the workweek of May 1-5. If you missed previous notices of this distribution, please complete a prepared form that is also available at City Hall, in order to be given consideration of some reimbursement, as remaining funds allow.

Distribution From Fire Relief Fund to area Agricultural Producers to start May 1st

Distribution of money from the **United Fund of Cross Plains Fire Relief Fund** to Agricultural Producing **fire victims who lost fences, hay, or farm tractors that were agricultural related** is to be made beginning May 1, 2006. If you are a victim who made application for some reimbursement for lost property in one or more of these categories, please go by Cross Plains City Hall during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m.

-5:00 p.m.). Proper identification will be required, and you will need to sign a receipt for your fire relief check. Distribution checks will be available during the workweek of May 1-5. If you missed previous notices of this distribution, please complete a prepared form that is also available at City Hall, in order to be given consideration of some reimbursement, as remaining funds allow.

Library Flea Market to Close after May 6

Several grants have been received for the remodeling of the building adjacent to the Cross Plains Library, and thus, the popular flea market will be discontinued after the May 6 sale. Work will begin shortly thereafter to totally renovate that space into the children's junior and young adult areas, an expanded conference room for public use and storage space.

The fundraising project was started in February 2004 and has netted the library nearly \$3,000 in vendor rent and book sales. One Saturday alone, there were 193 visitors strolling up and down the rows of booths, shopping for antiques, hand-crafted items, seasonal items, building supplies,

electrical appliances, toys, yard tools, medical equipment and LOTS OF BOOKS. Each sale found new and interesting "stuff" being discovered.

The final sale on Saturday, May 6 will have lots of items priced at rock bottom prices at every booth. Books will sell for \$1.00 per bag - as full as you can load it and get it out the door before it breaks. Rumor has it that there will even be a bunch of "freebies" throughout the building.

But all good things must end and the "root 'n rummage emporium" has served its purpose. The Library extends a heartfelt thanks to all who have been a part of this fundraising effort.

Submitted by Arlene Stephenson

Notice of Public Meeting to elect board member to Central Texas Opportunity board

Attention residents of Callahan County, Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. will be holding a public meeting to elect a board member to represent the low-income population. Meeting will be held at 511 South 1st St., Clyde, TX on 05-02-06 at 1:15 p.m. Qualification for Board Members: resident of county and want to represent low-income population on Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. Board of Directors. If you have any questions please call Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. at 800-625-4167.

Submitted by Hanna Adams
Community Services Manager
Central Texas Opportunities, Inc

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

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

OBITUARY



AVA GRIFFIN FOY

Ava Griffin Foy

Ava Griffin Foy died peacefully in her Austin residence on April 18, 2006. Born December 2, 1908 in Callahan County, she was the first of ten children born to Joel and Nellie South Griffin.

Following graduation from Clyde High School, a year at McMurry College, and two summers at Sul Ross University and John Tarlton College, she taught school in Fairview, Clyde and Cross Plains.

On July 11, 1932, she married Harold Clarkson Foy of Baird at the First Methodist Church in Clyde. At the time, he was an engineer with the Texas Highway Department in McLain, Texas, and they moved through the Texas Panhandle as roads were constructed.

After stints in Brownwood - where Harold was in charge of road construction in Camp Bowie - and in Corpus Christi where he worked at the Naval Air Station, the couple settled in Brownwood. There, Harold was named Manager of the Brownwood Water Improvement District, which regulated Lake Brownwood.

In late August of 1949, Harold died and Ava was faced with

raising a daughter, 11, and a son, 5. Within two weeks, she was enrolled in Daniel Baker College. During the next twelve months, she completed two years of college requirements and received her Bachelor of Education from McMurry College.

Two weeks after graduation, she began a 25-year career as a fifth grade teacher in Brownwood. She later earned a Master of Education degree from the University of Texas in Austin. She loved attending school and considered her enrollment in five different colleges to have been special times.

Ava was president of the Junior Twentieth Century Club, served on the Board and the Pastor Parish Relations Committee at First United Methodist Church and spent one summer writing elementary school curriculum for fifth grade.

She is survived by daughter Nancy McCoy of Austin and son James Harold Foy and wife Cynthia of Farmersville; brother Bill Griffin and wife Lucille of Clyde; four granddaughters: Carolyn McCoy Johnson and husband Bob and Kathleen McCoy of Austin; Nicole Foy and husband Steve Priester of San Antonio; Andrea Foy Naff and husband the Rev. Jason Naff of Beckley, West Virginia. She has eight great-granddaughters: Emily and Lyndsey Johnson; Peyton, Tatum, and Sloane Priester; and Avery, Rylie and Ellis Naff. Other survivors include numerous other relatives.

Burial was at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 22 at the Ross Cemetery in Baird. A memorial service at First United Methodist Church in Brownwood followed.

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CROSS PLAINS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2004

BEGINNING BALANCE 01-01-2004 \$ 1,894.69

RECEIPTS - 2004

Gift Deposits \$14,634.80
Interest on Now 3.92
Interest on CD's 1,265.06
Grave Opening Permits 1,265.06

Total Receipts \$18,903.78
Plus Balance 01-01-2004 1,894.69
Total Receipts & Balances 20,798.47

DISBURSEMENTS - 2004

Mike Pritchard \$ 7,500.00
Postage & Supplies (Flags) 31.90
Extra Jobs - (Paving Cemetery) 1,700.00
Extra Jobs - (Todd Kennedy) 3,000.00
Saving Deposit Box 20.00
Clovis Simons & Sand 1,200.00
Other (Higginbothams) 71.96
Other (Granbury Steel) 4,070.26
Other (King Architecture) 1,603.75
Other (CP Review-Add) 58.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$19,255.87

ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2004 \$ 1,542.60

CROSS PLAINS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2005

BEGINNING BALANCE 01-01-2005 \$ 1,542.60

RECEIPTS - 2005

Gift Deposits \$25,439.59
Interest on Now 1.81
Interest on CD's 1,451.09
Grave Opening Permits 1,650.00

Total Receipts \$28,542.49
Plus Balance 01-01-2005 1,542.60
Total Receipts & Balances 30,085.09

DISBURSEMENTS - 2005

Mike Pritchard \$ 7,500.00
Postage & Supplies (Higginbothams) 1,105.96
Postage & Supplies & Fees (Ann Beeler) 18.00
Postage & Supplies & Fees (Debbie Gosnell) 15.00
Extra Jobs - (Todd Kennedy) 5,720.00
Extra Jobs - (Parker Bros.) 2,250.00
Saving Deposit Box (Plus O.D. Charges) 95.00
Clovis Simons & Sand 1,200.00
Other (Turner Landscaping) 9,750.00
Other (Historical Commission) 25.00
Other (Superior Powder Coating) 1,020.50
Other (City of Cross Plains-Lot Purchase) 1,445.69
Other (ACME Brick) 232.22

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$30,377.37

ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2005 \$ <292.28>

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Jessica G. Rodriguez, theft by check.

Stacey P. Menchaca, theft by check.

Fountain, W. Bullard, Ct. I - possession of marijuana, Ct. II - driving while intoxicated (DWI), Ct. III - driving while license invalid (DWLI).

Robert K. Stewart, Ct. I - DWI, Ct. II - deadly conduct.

Jason B. Frazier, DWI.

Rafael J. Gomez, possession of marijuana.

James F. Purcell, possession of marijuana.

Alfredo Gonzalez, DWI.

Teresa J. Wright, DWI.

Roger L. Poole, DWI.

David W. New, DWI.

Brian A. Frazier, failure to identify.

Larry B. Wren II, terroristic threat.

Robert P. Hoemke, passing stationery emergency vehicle.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Cress Green, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$200 fine, \$215 court costs, \$247.74 restitution.

Donna Reid, plea of guilty to theft by check, 2 year probation, \$100 fine, \$301 court costs.

Donna Reid, plea of guilty to DWI, 20 days in jail, \$401 court costs.

Roman Mendez, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 20 days in jail, \$250 fine, \$256 court costs.

Justin Nichols, plea of guilty to resisting arrest, 18 month probation, \$1250 fine, \$251 court costs.

Alan Starr, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 2 year probation, \$500 fine, \$251 court costs.

Jose Castellon, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 2 year probation, \$700 fine, \$306 court costs.

Roman Mendez, plea of guilty to assault, 20 days in jail, \$250 fine, \$306 court costs.

Marshall McShan, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 2 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$256 court costs.

Kimberly Hogue, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 18 month probation, \$700 fine, \$356 court costs.

Christopher Wilson, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 18 month probation, \$400 fine, \$356 court costs.

Richard Fenton, Jr., motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Roman Mendez, motion to dismiss to criminal trespass granted, case dismissed for plea to other case.

Justin L. Nichols, motion to dismiss to DWI granted, case dismissed for plea to other case.

dismissed for plea to other case.

James Don Seals, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.

Brent Rice, motion to dismiss to assault granted, case dismissed for plea to other case.

Brent Rice, plea of guilty to theft by check, 2 year probation, \$100 fine, \$281 court costs, \$360.33 restitution.

Robert Allen Hayes, motion to revoke probation granted.

Miguel Valeriano, motion to revoke probation granted.

James D. Hutchinson, plea of guilty to assault, 50 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$231 court costs.

Anthony R. Elmore, motion to dismiss to DWI granted, in the interest of justice.

Michele Eldred, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.

Ricky C. Beauchamp, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.

Alfredo Gonzalez, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 30 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$500 court costs.

Yamil H. Ramirez, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to other case.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Samuel Keith Crim and Ruby Del Cook Crim, divorce.

First National Bank of Baird vs. Mike Robinson, default on note.

In re: order of foreclosure concerning Henry Silba and Alice Silba and 724 Peyton, Baird, Texas 79504 and Bank of New York, foreclosure.

John A. Vance vs. Roy Parsons, individually and also known as Roy-Gene: Parsons, default on note.

Adela Campos Morris and Tony Allen Morris, divorce.

Criminal Indictments

Ariel B. Salazar, possession of marijuana.

James C. Maddie, Jr., possession of a controlled substance.

Eddie W. Bell, sexual assault.

Derek Lee Casey, unlawful possession of firearm.

Robert L. McKelvy II, possession of controlled substance.

Criminal Minutes

Johnathan C. Harris, plea of guilty to aggravated assault against public servant, 6 year probation, \$2000 fine, \$241 court costs.

Rhonda K. Czeto, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 4 year probation, \$1200 fine, \$241 court costs, \$140 restitution.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett

Cottonwood Connections

First of all, please do not forget the Annual Meeting of the Cottonwood Historical Association Meeting on May 6, 2006. There will be a business meeting including items concerning the two grave yards, the Old Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the old Post Office and other items of business.

Mr. Leo Thompson will be the main speaker and will deliver his address before lunch. The lunch will consist of barbecue brisket, chicken and sausages, furnished by the Association and covered dishes furnished by you the attendees of the meeting.

On The Road

Carol and I will not be able to attend the Historical Association meeting, of course, due to out of state travel to the Eastern Coast of the United States of America.

We are now in Savannah, Georgia, the site of Governor Oglethorpe's Colony in America. We are surrounded by things ancient and old. We dined at "The Pirates House" and legend has it

this is where many innocent seamen were shanghaied aboard ships other than their own.

And legend, (the place mat at our table), also has it that this house is the oldest house in America. Legend also has it that the original Pirates House was opened in 1753. It seems that sailors drank and told sea stories about far-a-way places from Singapore to Bombay. One hapless Savannah policeman, taking a banker's holiday, got drunk in the Pirates house, passed out, and was tossed out back with the rest of the riff-raff. He awoke aboard a ship bound for places unknown and it took him two years to work himself back to Savannah.

Just thought I would throw a little sea story in to get in the "Savannah" mood. And that, of course, is legend. The fact is that Oglethorpe got many of his colonists out of debtor's prison in London and they arrived in America as indentured servants.

John Wesley, founder of America Methodism was hired by Oglethorpe to be his secretary and

Anglican Priest of the colony. It was here that Wesley cut his teeth on faith and trust in God.

When George Washington visited Savannah, May 1, 1791, he was saluted with the roar of a twenty-six-gun salute from the Chatham Artillery, an Artillery brigade of the Revolutionary War. Washington was so impressed with the tribute he sent them a gift of the "Washington Guns", two cannons captured at Yorktown on October 19, 1781. These two cannons are on display in one of the famous Squares of Savannah.

Most impressive and inspiring was our worship with Richard and Mary Ann Chaffin at Christ's Church, on the spot where John Wesley preached his first sermon in America in c. 1736. The church building itself is very grand, and the Episcopal service very spiritual and awe-inspiring.

That's it for today. Next stop Charleston, SC.

(To place information in this column, for the next few weeks, please call Wallace Bennett on his cell phone, 817-229-4044.)

PIONEER NEWS

Tuesday was a good quilting day for the ladies. We are still working on the "Dutch Doll" and the "Memories" tops. The warm days are here and we have started having to use fans and the A/C. Some of our members are still not feeling well. We hope this week will find them doing better and able to be back with us.

Do not forget this week will be the "domino" game night on Thursday. Come out for some fun. James and Jean Alexander had visitors this week, Will and his friend Rachel from Abilene. Also, Bernice Pyeatt from Clyde spent Saturday afternoon with them.

Randy Ballard and Neil Carrol from Houston treated the Hutton clan to a great fish fry at J.D. and Sandy's Friday night. All Laverne and Cowan's great-grandchildren, except Wanetta's, were at J.D. and Sandy's Saturday. They had 14 adults and 16 children. Everyone

had a great time. Friday afternoon, Laverne and Cowan's friends, Jerry Shedd and Fanny Miller of Clyde visited with them.

Frankie Smith had for her company Friday and Saturday, Roxie and Bobby Nance from Irving. Saturday, Frankie traveled to the Brownwood Lions Club to a musical. It was very good just to see friends she hadn't seen in a while.

Glenda Phillips went to Abilene last Thursday with Charlene. Charlene had to get a shot in her neck. She had to put her to sleep so she had to have a driver. Charlene has been having a lot of trouble with her neck lately. That is why she hasn't been quilting. Logan spent the day with Glenda last Friday. They picked up 3 1/4 thirty gallon bags of cones. Glenda said there are still a lot of cones in the trees. They are tired of picking them up. She really has

had a bumper crop this year. Boy, it has kept Logan busy! Glenda went to Winters Sunday after church with Allen, Janice, and family to Janice's grandmother's. There was a total of sixty-one there. Everyone had a great time, lots of good food and lots of egg hunting.

D.P. and May Jones got a call from her nephew, Danny Mike Fritchlee, that he is now a grandfather. His son, Sam, and wife had a little girl. They named her Kyleigh Lynn. Mike lives in the Washington D.C. area. The son and family live in Longmont, Co. Mike is also the nephew of James and Jean Alexander.

The community was proud to get the wonderful rain. We pray we will have some more. Lots of fertilizing of coastal is going on!

Words of Wisdom: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6

Scranton cemetery and musical dinner meetings set

The Scranton Cemetery Association will hold a meeting Thursday, May 4th at 7pm at the Community Center in Scranton. Immediately following the cemetery meeting; another meeting has been scheduled to make plans for the homecoming musical dinner. Everyone is invited to attend.

Scranton Musical set for Sat., May 6th

The Scranton musical will be held Saturday, May 6 at the community center. The kitchen opens at 5:30 and the music begins at 6:00. All area musicians are invited to play. Mark Ray will be the emcee. You may call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group. Donations of sandwiches and/or pies are welcomed.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MAY 1 - 5

MONDAY - BBQ Brisket, Ranch Style Beans, Coleslaw, Butterscotch Pudding, Bread
TUESDAY - Salisbury Steak w/Gravy, Blackeyed Peas, Yellow Squash, Mixed Fruit, Bread
WEDNESDAY - Sliced Ham, Orange Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Stewed Okra & Tomatoes, Gelatin, Bread
THURSDAY- Chili Dog on Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Pears, Ranger Cookie
FRIDAY-Chicken & Dumplings, Tossed Salad, Steamed Carrots, Peach Cobbler, Bread

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

LIBRARY NOTES

Behind The Books

Things are sure changing from my viewpoint from the front door. Those great Key Clubbers came down again last Wednesday after school and really spiffed the place up. Come on by and see how much better we look after they painted all the bare spots and caulked areas. Then people were busy next door measuring, discussing and dreaming of how nice our expansion will look. It will be kind of sad to see the vendors taking all their treasures out after the last flea market sale on May 6 - but it's all in the name of progress.

CU—BW

Statistics April 17-21, 2006

Books	92
ILL	1
Internet Users	19
Memorials: James and Paulette Foster in memory of R.C. Merryman	
Donations: Louise Foster and Marjorie M. Middleton	

Library Activity Report April 17-21, 2006

Patron:	86
LAP	8
Lapsit	4
Other	74
Programs:	45
Copies:	32
Reference:	0
Books Checked Out:	92
LAP	31
Lapsit	10
Other	51
Calls In:	13
Interest Users:	19

It's Worth Crowing About



Tex sez: "Didja' know" — that the same small group of wonderful women has been the driving force behind the Project Graduation event since they started it in 1989? Jean McWilliams, Connie Kirkham and Lurene McNutt picked up on the rapidly growing idea of providing seniors a safe place to celebrate all night after their graduation ceremony and have been doing it annually. The United Methodist Church has also been a part of the successful event since the beginning. The Building Committee for the new church is mindful of the privilege of hosting Project Graduation and constantly keeps that need in mind as plans are developed for the new facility.

Project Pride knows.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

KAY MOSLEY

Notes: What happened over the weekend at your house? The Easter Bunny got lost but we had fun, fun, fun! Our company was Jim and Marlene Gattis, my cousins, and Ann and Sonny Bounds of Canyon Lake.

"Worlds Wondrous Wonders"

I wish you could have been there to see it. It was so beautiful and by far the absolute largest I've ever had the occasion to observe. The most lacy. It was just after midnight and we had just watched our Sierra Plant bloom. Conditions have to be just right to make matters work perfectly. It blooms just once and just after midnight and only lasts for just a very few minutes. After that, the bloom is gone, not to be seen again for years.

For it to bloom, details have to be perfect: the plant must be extremely dry, not watered for 6 months or more.

Such are many of the wonders of our world. They may be few and far between but well worth the wait.

There are all kinds of wonders in the world, it just more or less depends on your tastes.

There are some who would find going to the theatre wondrous—with the cast, the orchestra and the crew all live. Some would enjoy Swan Lake and/or museums with paintings by world renown artists such as Monet, Di Vinci and Renoir. Ballet, ballroom dancing as well as Mozart, Bach and Strauss.

On the other hand, you may well be one who prefer Picasso, love country western music, while another favorite for some is rock and roll.

Another form of art is the riveting works of Norman Rockwell.

Whatever your preference, if it is wonderful to you then it is one of the world's wonders.

3rd Annual Turkey Creek Cook-off and Bullriding May 20th

Preparations are underway, it's bigger and more exciting than last year! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 20th. It's time for the 3rd Annual Turkey Creek Cook-off and Bullriding.

Our cook-off entrants are coming with their cooking secrets. The PSBR is returning with the top 20 bull riders, and Jim Sadler is joining us again for

the dance. He's bringing a fiddle player and some friends to join him.

So make plans to join us for a day of good food, bullriding excitement, and dancing under the trees at the Cross Plains Roping Arena and Treadway Park.

Submitted by Lorna Muniain

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BREAKTHRU
By Bob Pipes
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Carl Sandburg wrote: "A baby is proof of God's opinion that life should go on." Parents and children are important and valuable in God's eyes. And every member of the family needs to be valued by each of the others in the family. A young boy once exclaimed to the rest of his family: "I'm glad God made us a family — and me a part of this family!"

Have you read Proverbs lately? There is very valuable information there from God for families. Children are encouraged to "hear the instruction of your father" and "not forsake the law of your mother" (Proverbs 1:8). "For they will be graceful ornaments on your head, and chains about your neck" (verse 9). Proverbs 22:6 — "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 23:13a — "Do not withhold discipline from a child" — and, yes, the last part of the verse reads, "If you punish him with a rod, he will not die." And verse 14 explains that to do so will "save his soul from death."

Let us value one another and follow God's instructions for dealings with one another in our families so we can be thankful that God has made us a family — a part of the family that we are — even helping one another go to heaven.

We encourage you to share in periods of life-changing Bible study and worship with us. We really do care about you, too!

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
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RE-ELECTION FOR CROSS PLAINS - ISD SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE

BURLIE W. TAYLOR

I would appreciate your vote for re-election to the Cross Plains School Board. I am interested in the future for our young people and the quality of education they receive to insure a successful future. It would be an honor to continue to serve as your school board representative.

- * Graduated from Morton High School, Morton, Texas
- * Graduated from Texas Tech University — B.B.A. Degree with a Major in Accounting
- * Graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary — with a Master of Divinity Degree (Languages)
- * Veteran of the Korean War — Honorable Discharge
- * Served on the District Education Improvement Committee (DEIC) — Pearsall ISD, from 1996-1999
- * served as a Substitute Teacher in the Cross Plains ISD — Fall of 2001 until Spring of 2005
- * Attended all regular School Board meetings during the current school year, 2005-2006
- * Completed all of the required hours of Continuing Education:
* TIER-1 — 4 HOURS * TIER-2 — 3 HOURS * TIER-3 — 12 HOURS

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Contest

participate in the field trip. We are very proud of these students for their hard work and effort and congratulate them on their successful participation in this state contest.

Submitted by
Connie Ricci

See the winning essay entries below:

Grade 3-5 Team Category 1st Place Winners

"Where Are They Now?"

By Cheyenne Cowan,
Katharine Goode, Joe Holland
and Riley Lawrence

Missing: our beloved horny toad friend that we've seen, played with, stuffed in our pockets, and sold for 5 cents is now disappearing. Or does it just now want us to see it? Either way, we don't see it anymore. So we have been researching and trying to figure out the mystery of their disappearance. We wanted to know where the horned toad lives, what they look like, if our hometown would be a horned toad heaven, and what the community was like when horned toads were around.

Our state lizard can grow 2 1/2 inches to 7 inches long. Pretty small, huh? Their colors can range from white to red tones. Many of them have a blend of dark brown spots and lines which creates a pattern. They have flat bodies, pointed snouts, and numerous horns on their heads and sides. Some people say this makes them fierce looking, but we don't think so.

The endangered horned toad prefers to live in semi-arid open areas. They're found where the soil is loose, sandy, or loamy because they like to bury themselves under the soil. They are found in the Southwestern United States.

While we were researching, we found some cool facts about horny toads. For example, did you know the horned toad squirts blood from the corner of their eyes and puff up when they feel alarmed or that the amazing female can lay up to 30 eggs which hatch in 5 to 9 weeks? That's a lot of little horny toads running around. Another interesting fact is that horny toads hibernate from late September to early April. It also is interesting that some people think the horned toad is symbol of strength.

Our hometown, Cross Plains, is a great place for horned toads. It's a very nice town because we have a lot of vegetation, agriculture, ranching, and farming. Here is something the horned toad would enjoy about our community. We have tons and tons of ants!! Did you know horned toads can eat around 200 ants per day? That's a lot of ants, right? (We bet you don't eat that much. We also bet

you don't eat ants.) Anyway, Cross Plains is a horned toad heaven because of these reasons.

For our research we interview 16 people: Wesley Ingram, James Crocket, Robert Pipes, Elvan Goode, Julia Wheeler, Margie Sowell, Dianna Stover, Charles Chesshir, Leslie Lawrence, Keith Lawrence, Kathy Purvis, Cam Morgan, Paula Winfrey, Dean Dillard, Dennis Dickson, and Connie Ricci. Our interviewees are teachers, ranchers, farmers and business owners. They said that the horned toads were most common in the early 1950's to the late 1970's when the area was not as populated and farms and ranches were more natural because they didn't use all the pesticides. Most of our interviewees said they noticed that the horned toads became less common in the late 1970's to the early 1980's.

Of our 16 interviewees, only 10 have seen horned toads from 2000 to present. We think horned toads are disappearing because of the use of pesticides and population growth, which has caused habitat destruction. We came to this conclusion, because Katharine Goode, one of the researchers, lives on Silverbrook Ranch where pesticides aren't used at all, and there is no population growth to cause habitat destruction. On the ranch, Katherine's father, Elvan Goode, one of our interviewees, sees horned toads all the time in the pastures. Therefore, we believe horned toads are still around, but in places where their habitat is not being destroyed.

Where are they now? They are living among us, and we think we can save horned toads from becoming extinct if we all work together to stop using as much pesticides and to stop destroying their habitat. We believe that we can save our beloved horned toad for generations to come.

Grades 6-8 Category 2nd place runner-ups

"The Mystery of the Disappearing Horned Toads"

By
Lauren Goode,
Rosa Salazar, Kenzie Taff,
and
Zoie Walker

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to shoot streaks of blood out of your eyes, live in a hot, dry, desert, or eat ants as your favorite food? You may have seen many Texas lizards, but if you had taken the time to study the horned toad, you would have discovered these are traits of this very amazing creature.

For example, to defend themselves from predators such as snake, hawks, or pesky roadrunners, horned toads will squirt blood out of their eyes.

They count on this action to scare predators away. Horned toads might also lighten or darken their skin so that predators will not see them. Sometimes the horned toad will suddenly flatten, freeze, or inflate into a round sphere as a defense mechanism. Although these actions seem unusual, they are just some of the ways horned toads protect themselves.

When Texas horned lizards aren't dealing with predators, they are dealing with the harsh Texas environment. In fact, they are really creatures of hot, dry, sandy environments, and Texas suits them well. They are often found buried in sand with their heads sticking out. They can also be found in the forests and short grass prairies of Texas. Hibernating from late September to April helps protect them from the severe Texas winters.

Most horned toads' diet consist of red ants. In fact they can eat at least 200 red ants a day. However, depending on the species, horned toads might also consume pill bugs, grasshoppers, crickets, beetles, and even spiders! You might think these food sources are gross, but they provide the horned toad with the vitamins and minerals it needs. In fact these foods help the horned toad go through its life cycle.

A horned toad starts its amazing life as a tiny egg. Female horned toads usually lay about 30 eggs at a time. After a five to nine week time period the hatchlings receive no attention from their parents, they begin to hunt immediately after birth. They are full grown at about 3 years of age. No matter how old it gets, the horned toad's outstanding features remain the same.

These spiky creatures have features that look very odd, and their colors may vary from shades of tans to gray and browns. The horned toads have smooth white stomachs and darker colored backs. The horned toad has a pointed snout and rows of spikes on its sides and back, which help protect it from predators. Two larger spikes in the middle of its head, which look like horns, give the horned toad its distinctive name.

We focused our research area on Cross Plains and its surrounding areas. People in Cross Plains have long been familiar with the horned toad's strange features. Cross Plains was established in the late 1800's and has always been a small town. Cross Plains' population is approximately 1000 people. In winter the average temperature is around 40 degrees F. However, in summer the average temperature is around 90 degrees F. Most of the time Cross Plains has a perfect environment for horned toads. In the spring time lush grasses, shrubbery, and thousands of blooming flowers are seen everywhere, which provide a perfect habitat and food supply for the Texas horned toads.

For our research we interviewed 9 different people. Most of our interviewees are farmers or ranchers who have lived here almost all their lives. Most of our interviewees have seen horned toads from the 1950's to present day. Most of them thought that the horned toads started

disappearing in the 1970's and have continued to decrease in numbers right up to the present day.

After talking with our interviewees and hearing their opinions, we have drawn several conclusions about why this mysterious, yet fascinating creature began to disappear.

We believe that horned toads began to disappear primarily because of habitat destruction. From our research we learned that in the 1950's and 1960's, Cross Plains was a very rural area. The land was different because there was more vegetation, fewer houses, and fewer people. Farmers used fewer pesticides. Beginning in the late 1970's, however, Cross Plains began to change.

Today, the town and the surrounding area have increased in the number of houses and families. As more people moved into the area, houses were built, destroying pastureland. The land and vegetation have also changed somewhat because ranchers have sprayed herbicides on much of the farm and pastureland. Pesticide use also became more common, as farmers tried to increase crop production. In addition, fire ant populations also began to increase about this time. The fire ants destroyed the red ant populations, which were the horned toads' main food supply. All of these factors, we believe, have contributed to the disappearance of the Texas horned toad.

Our research has led us to believe that people in our area should seriously consider using fewer pesticides and leaving more natural areas for the Texas horned toad to live and reproduce. By doing this, we believe that we can create an environment that will allow the horned toad to survive and flourish. We think saving the Texas horned toad is important. After all, what would Texas be without the Texas Horned Toad?

Individuals interviewed by the students include: Elvan Goode, Ruben Salazar, Cecilia Taff, George Mack Taff, II, George Mack Taff, III, Richard Taff, Colby Walker, Darcy Walker, Randy Walker and Vickie Walker.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MAY 1 - 5 BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Eggs, Biscuit, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY - Breakfast on a Stick, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Poptart Yogurt, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - HOLIDAY LUNCH

MONDAY- Hot Dog w/Chili & Cheese, Tator Tots, Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY - Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY- Meat/Cheese Nachos, Salad, Pinto Beans, Apple Crisp
THURSDAY-Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Baked Chips, Mixed Fruit
FRIDAY- HOLIDAY

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Beta Sigma Phi Wants You!!!!!!!

Is college in your future? Are you seeking a career in a technical trade? Or perhaps you are hoping to succeed in the arts. Are you working in your chosen career path, but would like to enroll in a course or courses which will enhance your performance abilities?

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This annual scholarship is made possible through community support of various events sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Don't forget, the deadline to submit your application for this scholarship is May 15, 2006.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Pillans to table dress code changes until the next meeting. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Hyles and seconded by Dillard to accept the school calendar for 2006-07. For 7 Against 0

Executive session entered at 6:42 p.m. and out at 8:00 p.m. Motion was made by Hyles and seconded by Pillans to accept the resignation from Truett Horten. For 7 Against 0

Executive session in at 8:05 p.m. and out at 8:19 p.m.

Motion was made by Hyles and seconded by Pillans to send letter of assurance for auxiliary personnel, aides and secretaries with the exception of Patricia Cook, Marilyn Tennison and Bud Dillard.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Taylor to extend letter of assurance to Patricia Cook. For 6 Against 0 Cook Abstained

Motion was made by Dillard and seconded by Pillans to extend letter of assurance to Marilyn Tennison. For 4 Against 3 Childress, Taylor, Hyles

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Pillans to extend letter of assurance to Bud Dillard. For 6 Against 0 Dillard Abstained

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

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 guest were also in attendance: Superintendent, High School Principal, Elementary Principal, and guests, Tonjia Walker, Tricia Hopkins, Nora Odom, Annette Nickerson, Kim Crockett and Susan Holland. Prayer was led by Reggie Pillans.

Minutes were approved as read. Motion was made by Dillard and seconded by Schaefer to cancel the school board election at 6:00 p.m. on May 16, 2006. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Hyles to allow Project Graduation to be held at Cross Plains I.S.D. gym facilities for Project Graduation activities on May 26, 2006. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Schaefer to adopt all titles for textbooks for 2006-07 school year. For 7 Against 0

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KIM CROCKETT

CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE

I sure have enjoyed the visits with you in the community. Everyone has their own idea of how things are and how things should be. I want to encourage you to voice your ideas to me any time. I am not going to be able to meet face to face with all of you, so please feel free to contact me via telephone or email.

Baseball season is here and an exciting time for families. We look forward to getting involved and watching the kiddos play ball. This is what I hope for in representing you on the Cross Plains School Board. I look forward to working with you and for you. I, along with the current board members, have to work as a team towards success. Just like a baseball team works together for victory for themselves and the fans. Success in education and leadership is better if all are involved. That includes you. I encourage you to be as involved with your children and with your school leaders as much as possible. All of us working together will be valuable to our children and grandchildren.

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By Barbara Holmes Worcester

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Depression: According to a recent survey undertaken by MIND amongst people suffering from depression, many felt much better after eating a banana. This is because bananas contain tryptophan, a type of protein that the body converts into serotonin, known to make you relax, improve your mood and generally make you feel happier.

PMS: Forget the pills — eat a banana. The vitamin B6 it contains regulates blood glucose levels, which can affect your mood.

Anemia: High in iron, bananas can stimulate the production of hemoglobin in the blood and so helps in cases of anemia.

Blood Pressure: This unique tropical fruit is extremely high in potassium yet low in salt, making it the perfect way to beat blood pressure. So much so, the US Food and Drug Administration has just allowed the banana industry to make official claims for the fruit's ability to reduce the risk of blood pressure and stroke.

Brain Power: 200 students at a Twickenham (Middlesex) school were helped through their exams this year by

eating bananas at breakfast, break, and lunch in a bid to boost their brain power. Research has shown that the potassium-packed fruit can assist learning by making pupils more alert.

Constipation: High in fiber, including bananas in the diet can help restore normal bowel action, helping to overcome the problem without resorting to laxatives.

Hangovers: One of the quickest ways of curing a hangover is to make a banana milkshake, sweetened with honey. The banana calms the stomach and, with the help of the honey, builds up depleted blood sugar levels, while the milk soothes and re-hydrates your system.

Heartburn: Bananas have a natural anti-acid effect in the body, so if you suffer from heartburn, try eating a banana for soothing relief.

Morning Sickness: Snacking on bananas between meals helps to keep blood sugar levels up and avoid morning sickness.

Mosquito bites: Before reaching for the insect bite cream, try rubbing the affected area with the inside of a banana skin. Many people find it amazingly successful at reducing swelling and irritation.

Nerves: Bananas are high in B vitamins that help calm the nervous system.

Overweight and at work? Studies at the Institute of Psychology in Austria found pressure at work leads to gorging on comfort food like chocolate and chips. Looking at 5,000 hospital patients, researchers found the most obese were more likely to be in high-pressure jobs. The report concluded that, to avoid panic-induced food cravings, we need to control our blood sugar levels by snacking on high carbohydrate foods every two hours to keep levels steady.

Ulcers:

The banana is used as the dietary food against intestinal disorders because of its soft texture and smoothness. It is the only raw fruit that can be eaten without distress in over-chronicler cases. It also neutralizes over-acidity and reduces irritation by coating the lining of the stomach.

Temperature control: Many other cultures see bananas as a "cooling" fruit that can lower both the physical and emotional temperature of expectant mothers. In Thailand, for example, pregnant women eat bananas to ensure their baby is born with a cool temperature.

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD): Bananas can help SAD sufferers because they contain the natural mood enhancer tryptophan.

Smoking: Bananas can also help people trying to give up smoking. The B6 and B12 they contain, as well as the potassium and magnesium found in them, help the body recover from the effects of nicotine withdrawal.

Stress: Potassium is a vital mineral, which helps normalize the heartbeat, sends oxygen to the brain and regulates your body's water balance. When we are stressed, our metabolic rate rises, thereby reducing our potassium levels. These can be rebalanced with the help of a high-potassium banana snack.

Strokes: According to research in "The New England Journal of Medicine," eating bananas as part of a regular diet can cut the risk of death by strokes by as much as 40%!

So, a banana really is a natural remedy for many ills. When you compare it to an apple, it has four times the protein, twice the carbohydrates, three times the phosphorus, five times the vitamin A and iron, and twice the other vitamins and minerals. It is also rich in potassium and is one of the best value foods around. So maybe it's time to change that well-known phrase so that we say, "A banana a day keeps the doctor away!"

Denton Valley School reunion set for April 29

The annual Denton Valley School Reunion will be held Saturday, April 29, 2006 at the Clyde Intermediate School Cafeteria. The school is located on Farm Road 1707 (Hays Road). Take exit 299 of Interstate 20.

The business meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m., with lunch being served at 12:00 noon. Please come and enjoy meeting with friends and sharing good times. If you have pictures or anything connected with the school—would you bring them to share with everyone.

For more information call Frances (Gibson) Mabb at 325-893-5992 or Louis (McCormick) Jones at 325-893-5906.

Submitted by: Frances Mabb

'Spring Swing' women's golf tournament set for Saturday, 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 (soft spike shoes only), Abilene, Texas. This fundraising event allows the West Texas Catclaw ABWA chapter to award educational scholarships to area students.

Tea-off is at 9:00 a.m. with team and special event prizes. Players will have an opportunity to win a Hawaii trip, Dell Computer, Hogan Irons, the chance of a trip for two to Hawaii, Boise radio/CD player, every participant will get a coupon good for a Free Magique Rescue Wood valued at \$125, cash prizes and more. If you need a golfing partner, no problem, as arrangements will be made to get you on a team. There is a registration fee of \$60.00 each, which includes green fees, golf cart and awards luncheon. For more information contact West Texas Catclaw Chapter members, at (325) 675-6164, 695-7914 or 695-1389, or mail registration and fees to ABWA Spring Swing, P.O. Box 1902, Abilene, Texas 79604. The "Spring Swing" tournament has grown from 44 entrants in the first year increasing to 136 with women coming from San Antonio, Waco, Huntsville, 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 ABWA 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.

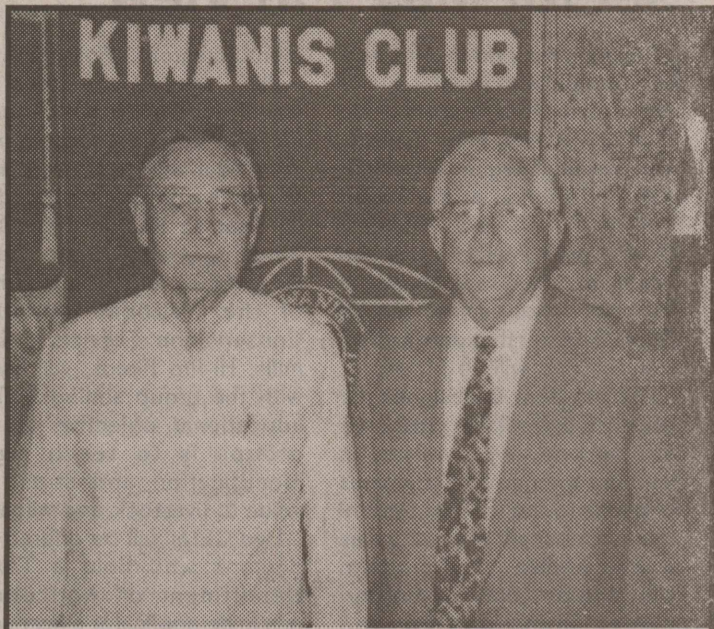
Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from April 16, 2006 through April 22, 2006 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—81
Complaints—60
DWI—2

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

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COUNTY JUDGE REPORTS AT KIWANIS CLUB MEETING—Roger Corn (right), Callahan County Judge, was the guest of Kiwanian Ray Womack at the Tuesday, April 18 meeting of the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club. Judge Corn shared information from the county's standpoint in regard to the fires in Cross Plains and other places in the county on December 27, 2005, and since then. He confirmed that FEMA has promised to reimburse the city and county some for the expenses of cleanup from the fires. The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains invites everyone to enjoy the fellowship of the club's weekly meetings at noon each Tuesday at Jean's Feed Barn, east room. Membership inquiries are also welcomed which can be directed to the club's president, David Estes.

IT'S A GIRL!

Samuel Ray and Kara Lynn Woertman Fritchlee of Longmont, Colorado are pleased to announce the arrival of their little girl
Kyleigh Lynn Fritchlee
Kyleigh was born April 18, 2006 at 4:27 p.m. at Longmont United Hospital Longmont, Colorado

Maternal Grandparents are Kevin and Paula Woertman of Longmont, Colorado. Paternal grandparents are Danny Michael Fritchlee of Sterling, Virginia (1969 graduate of Cross Plains High School) and Pamela Lee Pittman Fritchlee of Longmont, Colorado. Great-grandparents are the late Raymond E. Fritchlee and Ann Frances Alexander Fritchlee (formerly of Cross Plains-Pioneer area). Kyleigh is the Great-great-great-granddaughter of the late Doss and Annie Laurie Hughes Alexander of Pioneer and the late Inez Cromer Brown of Cross Plains. Great-great aunts and uncles are D.P. and May Jones and James and Jean Alexander of the Pioneer community.

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The program is designed for livestock and wildlife producers and anyone else interested in learning the names and values of plants found in West Central Texas for benefit of livestock as well as wildlife. The program will include plant inventory, value, identification and diversity. Plant photography as well as informational resources will be discussed.

In the opening session, Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist and Ben Taylor, Extension research associate, will discuss the value of knowing your plants as well as how to develop your personal

plant inventory. Following Dr. Rollins' session, the group will travel to the Knaus Ranch, located near View, to learn plan identification in a range setting. Interactive groups will be led by Dr. Barron Rector, Extension range specialist, Steve Nelle, Ricky Linex and Alan Heirman of the National Resource Conservation Service. Kent Mills, Hi-Pro Feeds, will assist with the group settings. The educational objective of the groups is to teach plant identification and stress its value to livestock and wildlife.

Two CEUs will be offered for persons who hold a Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator's license.

This program is sponsored by the Extension programs in Taylor, Callahan and Shackelford Counties. To register, come by or call the Extension office in Callahan County 854-1518, Shackelford County 762-2232 or Taylor County 672-6048.

Submitted by: Robert Pritz
County Extension Agent

Disaster assistance available for small businesses in Callahan County

Sacramento, CA - Small, non-farm businesses in 204 Texas counties (plus contiguous counties in Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma) may now apply for low interest disaster loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These disaster loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenue to farmers and ranchers caused by the severe drought conditions above normal temperatures and wildfires that occurred in 117 Texas primary counties beginning April 1, announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center - West.

Primary Texas counties in the Big Country include: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford, Taylor, and Throckmorton. Small businesses may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) of up to \$1.5 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred. "Eligibility for these working capital loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 4%, a maxi-

mum term of 30 years, and are restricted to small businesses without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Judd said.

By law, SBA makes EIDLs available when the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Mike Johanns declared this disaster at the request of Governor Rick Perry.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are ineligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency (FSA) about the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However, in drought disaster nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

Information and application forms may be obtained by calling toll-free (800) 659-2955, or by visiting the SBA website at www.sba.gov/disaster. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339. Mail completed applications to the U.S. Small Business Administration at 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline to apply for these loans is November 7, 2006.

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Burn Ban lifted in Callahan County

Callahan County Commissioners voted to lift the Declaration of Emergency Disaster and Burn Ban for Callahan County during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, April 24 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The Emergency Disaster declaration and burn ban has been in place in Callahan County since the wildfires in the Cross Plains area in late December 2005.

On a motion by Commissioner Tommy Holland and second by Commissioner Doris Grider, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to lift the Declaration of Emergency Disaster for Callahan County.

On a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, the commissioners voted 5-0 to left the burn ban in Callahan County effective April 24.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

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

—The minutes of the April 10 commissioners' court meeting were approved as presented.

—There was no public comment received.

—Michial Thompson, with Justice Software Solutions, County Sheriff Eddie Curtis, William Cheek and Jacqueline Semmler met with the commissioners' court to discuss purchasing computer software for the jail. Justice Software Solutions will charge Callahan County

\$175.00 a month for 33 months and \$75.00 a month thereafter.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to purchase one computer out of the Callahan County Records Management and Preservations funds and one computer out of the Sheriff's Bond Forfeiture Fund Account and to purchase the software from Justice Software Solutions. Judge Corn seconded and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to advertise for bids for the Justice of the Peace Building in Clyde located on North First Street. Commissioner Grider seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve a Plat located in Precinct #2 for Eagle Cove Subdivision. The plat is owned by Bud Logan. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and it carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with all the fire departments that responded to the Callahan County wildfires. Commissioner Grider seconded and the motion carried 5-0. These fire departments will turn their expenses into the Texas Forestry Service and receive reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

—Commissioner Grider made a motion to pay all approved bills. Judge Corn seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Grider seconded and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

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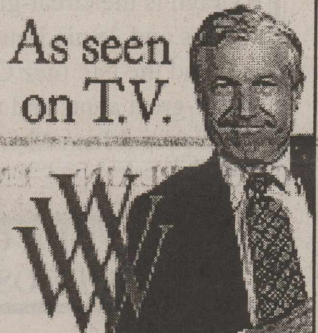
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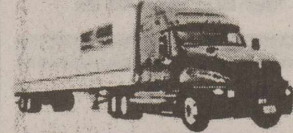


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(1) 16 oz. Buffalo Chicken Bites

(1) 12 oz. All Meat Hot Dogs

(10) 4 oz. Beef Burritos

(1) 15 oz. Marie Callender's Soup

(1) 14 oz. Ketchup

(1) 7.5 oz. Mac & Cheese

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CJC 27th Annual Spring Art Show

Cisco Junior College's 27th annual spring art show is on exhibit at the Maner Memorial Library on the Cisco campus and in the foyer of the Abilene Educational Center located at 717 E. Industrial Blvd. in Abilene. Sue Mullinax, CJC art instructor, said that the show will be on exhibit through May 5.

The Maner Memorial Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sunday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Abilene Educational Center hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Mullinax and her students welcome the public to view the art works free of charge.

The show contains works by the art majors from the Design I and II and Painting I and II classes. Also exhibiting this year are students enrolled in Foundations of Art, a hands-on, experiential class that can be taken for the Fine Arts credit by those who wish to enhance their artistic awareness.

Mediums that are included in the show are oil, acrylic, pastel, metal tooling, collage, drawings, and others. Many of the works will be offered to the public for sale. There will be a Best Offer Bid Box in the library so that people can make an offer for particular

works by writing their bid on a card. At the close of the exhibit, the bidders will be notified if the student will accept their bid.

Students exhibiting art at the Cisco campus are Roz Brandt (Cisco), Dave Center (New Orleans, LA), Jeanalea Chadwick (Cisco), Joy Conner (Eastland), Andrew Cook (Eastland), Jeremy Fain (Brownwood), Brian Goeltz (Helotes), Carolyn Heatley (Albany), Julie Henson (Cisco), Sarah King (Eastland), Gail Lewis (Cisco), Zeb Matthews (Cisco), Rachel Mayhew (Ft. Worth), Amy McConnell (Boyd), Elaine Neely (The Woodlands), Nikki Norman (Post), Tanner Richardson (Levelland), Carmen Rosales (Cisco), Nick Santos (Grand Prairie), Jordan Shepherd (Three Rivers), Antonina Shvets (Ukraine), Amanda Songer (Rockwall), Kara Stevens (San Antonio), Ruth Stewart (Cisco), T. J. Sutton (Marble Falls), and Kallye Weathers (Eastland).

Students who are exhibiting at the Abilene Educational Center are Lori Brown (Early), Lauren Cole (Breckenridge), Robert Garza (Abilene), Ashleigh Haan (Rising Star), Lindsey Hufstetler (Abilene), Lauren Nix (Abilene), Jacqueline Markel (Abilene), Lisa Medina (Merkel), Crystal Nguyen (Abilene), Sara Nygaard (Abilene), Candace Teel (Abilene), and Lyndi Walker (Abilene).

Editor's Note: Laverne Hutton brought by this information for our reader's benefit. **Vanda Anderson**

If you are threatened with abduction or attack, consider the following:

1. The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to use it, do!
2. If a robber asks for your wallet and/or purse, do not hand it to him. Throw it away from you...chances are that he is more interested in your wallet or purse than you, and he will go for the wallet/purse. Run in the other direction!
3. If thrown into the trunk of a car, kick out the back taillights. Stick your arm out the hole and start waving like crazy. The driver will not see you, but everybody else will. This has saved lives.
4. Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping, eating, working, etc., and just sit doing their checkbook, or making a list, etc.) Don't do this! The predator will be watching you, and this is the perfect opportunity for him to get in on the passenger side, put a gun to your head, and tell you where to go. As soon as you get into your car, lock the doors and drive away.
5. If someone is in the car with a gun to your head, do not drive off, repeat: Do not drive off! Instead, gun the engine and speed into anything, wrecking the car. Your air bag will save you. If the person is in the back seat, he will get the worst of it. As soon as the car crashes, bail out and run.
6. A few notes about getting into your car in a parking lot, or parking garage:
 - *Be aware: look around you, look into your car, at the passenger side floor, and in the back seat.
 - *If you are parked next to a van, enter your car from the passenger door. Most serial killers attack their victims by pulling them into their vans while the women are

attempting to get into their cars.

*Look at the car parked on the driver's side of your vehicle, and the passenger side. If a male is sitting along in the seat nearest your car, you may want to walk back into the mall, or work, and get a guard/policeman to walk you back out.

7. If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, run! The predator will only hit you (a running target) 4 in 100 times; and even then, it most likely will not be a vital organ. Run, preferably in a zig-zag pattern.

8. As women, we are always trying to be sympathetic: STOP. It may get you killed. Ted Bundy, the serial killer, was a good-looking, well-educated man, who always played on the sympathies of unsuspecting women. He walked with a cane or a limp and often asked "for help" into his vehicle or with his vehicle, which is when he abducted his next victim.

9. Another Safety Point: Someone told me that her friend heard a crying baby on her porch the night before last, and she called the police because it was late, and she thought it was weird. The police told her, "Whatever you do, do not open the door."

The lady then said that it sounded like the baby had crawled near a window, and she was worried that it would crawl to the street and get run over. The policeman said, "We already have a unit on the way, whatever you do, DO NOT open the door." He told her that they think a serial killer has a baby's cry recorded and uses it to coax women out of their homes thinking that someone dropped off a baby. He said they have not verified it, but he had several calls by women saying that they hear baby's cries outside their door when they are home alone at night.

Do not open the door for a crying baby—the Crying Baby theory was mentioned on America's Most Wanted recently when they profiled a serial killer in Louisiana.

Following a successful promotion that led to a permanent menu item, the Beef Checkoff Program has once again teamed up with Quiznos ~ Sub restaurants to cooperatively promote a new prime rib sandwich. The sub contains a double portion of thinly sliced prime rib with melted mozzarella cheese, sauteed onions and mild peppercorn sauce. The promotion includes numerous mentions of the Beef Checkoff and features the Beef Checkoff logo.

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CROSS PLAINS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MINUTES

4/17/06 Meeting

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Coley Smart, Jr., Johnnie Bland, Dorothy Odom, Era Lee Hanke, and Sharlet Wallace. Board Members present were: Burlie Taylor, Vondell Bailey, Sandra Jones, Melissa Richards, and Bob Harrell.

Bob called meeting to order and Burlie led the group in prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. End of the year financial reports for 2004 and 2005 were handed out along with the first quarter donations report.

Bob allowed Mr. Smart to speak to the board presenting materials to clarify family plot location. Bob informed Mr. Smart and family of the procedures the cemetery association will take in order to rectify the situation. The Smart family agreed on

procedures. Sandra made a motion that the cemetery association take care of the situation following Bob's procedural plan. Burlie seconded, motion carried. Bob informed the board of the Anderson family plot extension for Kathryn Walden.

Bob reported that five (5) applications for the caretaker job have been received. It was decided to extend the job opening for two more weeks ending 4/28/06. Burlie made a motion for the board to meet on 4/24/06, 5pm at City Hall to establish new ground maintenance policy for the caretaker. Sandra seconded it, motion carried. Melissa agreed to put a notice in the paper of the job extension and meeting on the 24th.

Burlie made a motion to adjourn and Vondell seconded it, motion carried.

4/24/06 Meeting

Those present were: Margaret McNeel, Rick and Peg Terrell and Terry Lichty. Board members that were present were: Debbie Gosnell, Burlie Taylor, Bob Harrell, Sandra Jones, Vondell Bailey and Melissa Richards.

Bob called the meeting to order and Burlie led the group in prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved after an addendum was made concerning meeting on 5/1/06.

Bob briefed the board on the resolution concerning the Smart family and Savell family plots. Melissa agreed to type a note from the Cemetery Association to the Savell family for their grateful understanding concerning the family plot situation.

Bob brought up the grounds maintenance policy. The board went over the existing duties and added further needed duties to the policy. Sandra made a motion to accept the newly revised ground maintenance policy, Burlie seconded it, and motion carried.

The board will meet Monday, May 1, 2006, 6pm at the City Hall to interview with applicants for the caretaker job. Debbie will contact each applicant and schedule them in 30 minute increments. Applicants will be mailed the newly revised ground maintenance policy so they will have a detailed listing of the job duties to be performed.

Burlie made a motion to adjourn and Vondell seconded it, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

CROSS PLAINS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2006

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Transfer from 654795	45
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Grave Opening Permits	
2 Plots-Jesse Kitchens-New B-3, A&B	\$ 150.00
3 GOP's Higginbothams for Esther McCoy, Zora Mae Bryant and Matti Faye Wilson	225.00
TOTAL	\$ 375.00

CROSS PLAINS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2006

Donations & Earnings	
I/M Wanda Anderson	\$ 20.00
I/M Wanda Anderson by June Hughes & Family	200.00
TOTAL	\$ 220.00
Grave Opening Permits	
1 GOP by Higginbothams for Ivan Odom	\$ 75.00
1 GOP by Higginbotham for Edna Parrish	75.00
TOTAL	\$ 150.00

CROSS PLAINS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2006

Donations & Earnings	
Paul Harlow	\$ 50.00
Jean Fore	50.00
M/M T.W. Thackerson	100.00
Clark	50.00
CD #8190	106.91
Anna & Kenneth Beeler	100.00
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I/M Glen Harmes by Mardell Harmes	100.00
TOTAL	\$ 962.06
Grave Opening Permits	
1 GOP by Funeraria Brazos for Albert Cox	\$ 75.00
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1 Plot-Joyce Carol Savell	75.00
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Cross Plains Cemetery Association Meeting Monday, May 1st

The Cross Plains Cemetery Association will hold a meeting Monday, May 1, 2006, 6pm at the City Hall.

The meeting is being held in order to conduct interviews with the applicants for the caretaker job.

If you are interested in joining us, we welcome you.

Oplin Community Homecoming set for June 3

The Oplin Community Center would like to invite everyone who has ever lived in the Oplin Community to mark their calendars for Saturday, June 3 for our bi-annual Homecoming and Community Wide Dinner. Folks will begin to gather at the community center about 9:00 a.m., bringing with them a side dish or dessert to accompany all the brisket that our volunteers will cook to perfection. Lunch will be served somewhere around noon and the visiting will continue until around 3:00 p.m., or thereabouts.

This is an opportunity for the newcomers to meet the old-timers, for the young to meet the young at heart, and for folks to meet their neighbors. So be sure to mark your calendar and come on out for a day of good folks and plenty of good food. For further information about our homecoming please contact Doug or Judi Campbell at 529-4301 or Tom and Pam Rumfield at 529-4522.

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

Commissioners approve resolution opposing revenue caps and lowering current appraisal cap

Callahan County Commissioners approved a resolution opposing revenue caps and lowering current appraisal caps being considered by the Texas 79th Legislature during the commissioners' court regular meeting held Monday, April 24 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Resolution

WHEREAS the 79th Texas Legislature is seeking to address the method by which public education is funded during a Special Session beginning April 17, 2006; and

WHEREAS the State of Texas previously retreated from its historic level of funding for public education' thereby requiring local school districts to increase property taxes to fund education; and

WHEREAS 61 percent of the average taxpayer's property tax burden is due to school taxes while only 14 percent is due to county taxes; and

WHEREAS Texas homeowners and businesses need meaningful property tax relief; and

WHEREAS proposed bills to lower the existing appraisal cap from 10% to 3% or 5% a not true solutions to the school property tax problem; and

WHEREAS proposed bills to place harsh revenue caps on county and city governments also are not true solutions to the

school property tax problem; and WHEREAS county government is already struggling to meet the demands of underfunded and unfunded state mandates such as indigent health care, indigent defense and federal mandates such as the Help America Vote Act and the Clean Air Act; and

WHEREAS noted Texas economist Dr. Ray Perryman and The Perryman Group completed a detailed study of appraisals and revenue caps that concluded such caps would have a devastating effect on local governments and the entire state's economy and job outlook and

WHEREAS the study shows that both types of caps restrict the flexibility of local governments to respond to changing needs, emergency situations and state and federal mandates; and

WHEREAS the study shows caps bear no relation to the legitimate demand for costs of public services provided by local government, such as demographic shifts and industrial development; and

WHEREAS the study shows that appraisal and revenue caps particularly constrain the capacity of high growth areas to meet service and infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS the study shows that such caps adversely affect bond rating, thus limiting local governments, ability to meet infrastructure needs while raising the costs for such; and

WHEREAS the study shows that appraisal and revenue caps depress property values; and WHEREAS the study shows

that appraisal caps discourage real estate activity, distort market outcomes, penalize business start-ups, limit long-term economic growth, create systematic inequities among taxpayers, arbitrarily redistribute the tax burden and tend to be regressive with persons in disadvantaged neighborhoods subsidizing those who are more fortunate;

WHEREAS the study shows revenue caps have resulted in substantial increases in state funding of local services in other states that have passed them; and

WHEREAS undermining a property tax system based upon fair market value is questionable public policy and will result in a distorted, inequitable taxation scheme;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Callahan County does hereby express its opposition to revenue caps and lowering the current appraisal cap and does hereby urge the 79th Legislature to reduce the school property tax burden by again assuming the state's historic share of support for public education,

SIGNED THIS 24th day of April, 2006.

(s) Roger Corn
 Callahan County Judge
 (s) Harold Hicks
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News for Veterans

OFFICE CLOSED—Your Callahan County Veterans Service office will be closed May 2 for training in Abilene. The office will reopen May 8 & 9.

BIG SPRING VA HOSPITAL—Thanks to everyone for your support in the effort to keep the Big Spring VA Hospital open. A special thanks to US Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson for her support of Texas Veterans, especially West Texas Veterans. The Big Spring VA Hospital will remain open in Big Spring.

Submitted by: Tom Ivey

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who supported, encouraged and especially you who voted for me in the Justice of the Peace race, Precinct 4 and 6. I promise to uphold the law to the best of my knowledge and ability, and to serve you with fairness, honor, and integrity. I look forward to continuing working with our local law enforcement and serving the entire community.

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