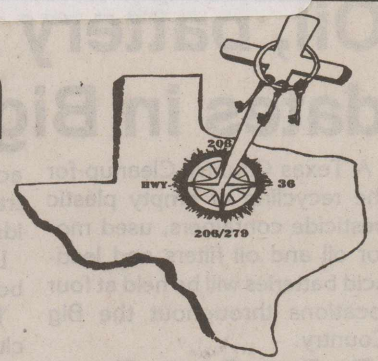


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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Kitty Propest, a resident of Cross Plains, shared this beautiful story about "Mother" with me after my mother passed away. It was strange because I didn't read it when she first gave it to me, but the day I chose to sit down and soak in each word, it meant so much to me. I knew everyone needed to read this and Mother's Day was the most appropriate time. This is perfect for those who still have their mothers, those who don't, and those who are moms. Have a wonderful Mother's Day!

"Mother"

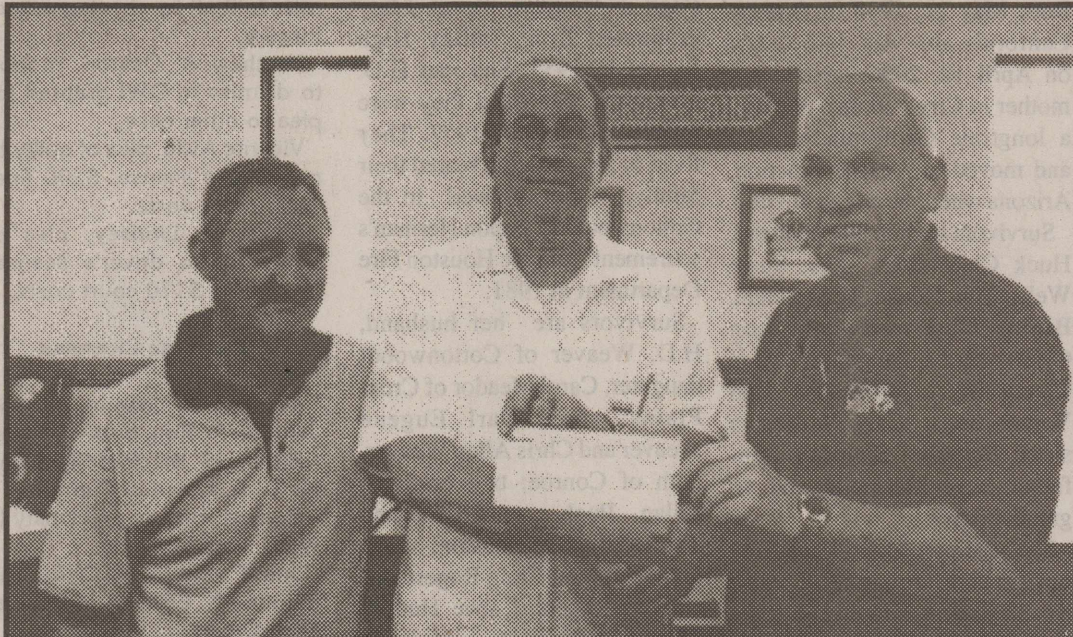
The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is this the long way?" she asked. And the guide said, "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them, and the young Mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

Then the night came, and the storm, and the path was dark, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come!"

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary. But at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there." So the children climbed, and they reached the top they said, "Mother, we would not

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MORE MONEY DONATED — Jay Maples (right), Germania area supervisor, and Ron Bagley (left) of Greenwood Insurance Agency presented a check in the amount of \$3,000 to Cross Plains Mayor Ray Purvis (center) for the Cross Plains Fire Clean Up Relief Fund.

Germania Applauds the Community of Cross Plains and its Clean-Up Efforts

As soon as the executive team at Germania Insurance in Brenham, Texas learned of the wildfires that scorched the town of Cross Plains on December 27, 2005, they wanted to offer some assistance to help the city with the expense of the clean-up efforts.

Typically, Germania Insurance donates a specified monetary amount each time a fire department responds to a fire that damages or threatens Germania insured property. So, when nearly a quarter of the properties that it insures were damaged or destroyed by this blaze, Germania decided to contribute to the clean up.

Word of this tragedy hit home for Germania Vice President Ron Rhodes. Rhodes grew up in Cross Plains and he and his wife Nancy both graduated from Cross Plains High School. So many people

that he knew including his own family were affected by the tragedy.

"Nancy and I traveled to the area shortly after the fire and were shocked by the devastation. However, we also were very impressed by the resolve of the citizens and community leaders to make sure the community would be rebuilt," Rhodes expresses.

"In my 25 years with Germania, I have experienced many natural disasters such as tornadoes and hurricanes. During this time, I have never witnessed a community organize such a coordinated effort as the Cross Plains citizens did to provide aid and assistance to their neighbors immediately following the destruction. The continued effort to clean up the debris from the burn sites was incredible," Rhodes states. "I was impressed to see so many volunteers and

city staff including Debbie Gosnell and Mark Norris work long hours to ensure that the clean-up effort was successful. While many of these individuals sustained losses from the fire, their continued commitment to restoring their community was moving," Rhodes said.

Several Germania insurance adjusters volunteered to go work the affected area. Germania Area Supervisor Jay Maples, Lubbock, was one of the first to volunteer. Maples worked in Cross Plains following the tornado in 1994 and said he enjoyed working with the people of Cross Plains. He felt that he could contribute his knowledge of the area to expedite the claims process.

Germania salutes the City of Cross Plains for their efforts to restore and rebuild the lives of their neighbors.

Local School Board Member Helps State Association Decide Legislative Positions

Dr. Scott Childress of Cross Plains ISD is helping decide issues the Texas Association of School Board (TASB) will pursue in the upcoming 80th Session of the Texas Legislature. He represented this region at a meeting of TASB's Legislative Advisory Council Saturday, April 1, in Austin. There are a total of 108 members from all regions of the State.

The council is responsible for merging the views of the various state regions into legislative priorities and developing specific legislative position statements. The council's recommendations will be submitted for adoption to TASB's Delegate Assemble at the Association's annual convention in the fall. The council will finish its business at its second meeting on May 20 in Austin.

Love Fund Established for Local Man at Texas Heritage Bank

A love fund has been established at Texas Heritage Bank for the Roland "Buck" Brown family by the Cross Plains Roping Club. Buck was a long standing member of the club and a founder of our upcoming cook-off event.

With this in mind, the club has Buck and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Contributions may be made at the Texas Heritage Bank.

Barbarian Festival Sponsorship Deadline is Monday, May 15th

The deadline to become a sponsor for the 8th Annual Barbarian Festival is May 15th.

The Barbarian Festival is June 10, 2006. Sponsorship money goes towards the purchase of awards for tractor, car and motorcycle show, advertising, T-shirts, etc. Partial proceeds of the festival sponsor the Terry Jane Wyatt Memorial Scholarship.

The Barbarian Sponsor, donation of \$100 or more, includes your name on the back of the T-shirt, name on all advertising and a FREE T-shirt. T-shirts are given to all car show entries and are sold at the festival.

The Warrior Sponsor, any donation less than \$100, includes your name on all advertising.

2006 Sponsors To Date Are:
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Warrior: Tim's Floral, K-9 Kuts, Johnson's Dry Goods, Ray's Barber Shop, Lawrence Farm & Ranch and Coyote Flat-Wood & Crafts.

If you would like to become a sponsor please contact Kandy Jones 254-725-4458, Susan McNeel 254-725-6498 or Cindy Payne 254-725-6692 or mail to P.O. Box 741, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

The Festival Committee would like to thank the sponsors for their continued support.

Local Elections Slated for this SATURDAY!!!!!!

If you haven't already voted in the early elections, don't forget to cast your ballot on Saturday, May 13th. You may vote between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center located at 2nd and Beech Street.

The Cross Plains I.S.D. has two trustee positions expiring, that of Burlie Taylor and Reggie Pillans. Three candidates are vying in this election, incumbent Burlie Taylor, Kim Crockett and Tony Wyatt.

There are two seats open on the Cross Plains City Council, those of Jerry Cassle and Terry Lichty. Incumbent Jerry Cassle, along with James Nichols and Scarlett Koettel are running for these positions.

Ray Purvis is the only candidate in the race for mayor.

These are important positions in our local government, so please exercise your right to vote!

Texas Heritage Bank to Sponsor "Thank You" Card Signings

Texas Heritage Bank will be sponsoring a "Thank You" card signing at the Cross Plains Community Center on Monday, May 15, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. A list of donors and others who helped with the cleanup and recovery efforts will be provided as well as the "thank you" cards. Refreshments will also be provided.

The entire community is encouraged to participate. Many people have contributed to the success of this community over the past 4 months and we need to recognize and express our gratitude for their efforts. For more information, please call Texas Heritage Bank at 254-725-6141.

Submitted by David Estes

Cross Plains Public Library to be included in Book

Eighty-four libraries in the United States and Canada will be featured in *Heart of the Community: Libraries We Love* to be published this fall. Berkshire Publishing Group has honored the Cross Plains Public Library by choosing it to appear in this beautiful full-color coffee table book that will be the first to sing the praises of America's beloved libraries.

Chosen from hundreds of nominations, each library was noted as a powerful asset to its community. As a group, the libraries selected display the full range of the diversity, potential, style, history, and contributions of libraries in the United States and Canada. The key selection criteria were: the library is of historical significance; the library is associated with an important event; the library is associated with an important person; the library is distinguished by its architectural design; or the library is of special significance to its community.

Ginny Hoskins, president of the library's Board of Directors said, "We don't know exactly why we were chosen, but we're guessing it might be partly because of the Robert E. Howard connection, but probably mostly because our small library does so much with the resources we have. Very few libraries of our size are open every day and have so many programs like LAP (Learn About...Program), Lapsit,

summer reading, Meet the Author, the writing contest for students, the genealogy group, the oral history project, computers with Internet access, and of course, books and audio tapes that can be checked out. The reason we can do all this is because of the wonderful support we get from our community — both financial support and the help of our volunteer workers."

Why publish a book like this? The people at Berkshire Publishing Group love libraries and they're not alone. Sixty-two percent of adults in the U.S. have library cards at our 16,220 American public libraries. Since Benjamin Franklin helped to start the first libraries, Americans have used public libraries to get the information they need to enjoy and extend their lives. Berkshire reports that 83 percent of Americans believe libraries and librarians play an essential role in our democracy and are needed now more than ever. Libraries are a cornerstone of American democracy, and they are of vital importance in ensuring free access to information, as they have been for nearly three hundred years.

The publisher will give one copy of the book to the Library, and additional copies can be purchased. The retail price will be \$49.95, but discounts are available if multiple copies are purchased.

REMINDER TO THE CITIZENS OF CROSS PLAINS

It's that time of year again. Spring rains are wonderful, but with them come the growing season. The City reminds its residents that there is an Ordinance regulating the height of weeds within the city limits. This will be the **only** reminder to citizens. A personal letter will no longer be sent.

If your lot grows up and is not kept in an orderly, neat, mowed fashion, the City will pay to have your lot mowed and bill you for the cost. If you do not pay the bill, a lien will be placed against your property until the bill is paid.

For a copy of the ordinance, please contact City Hall.

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Oil, battery recycling dates in Big Country

A Texas Country Cleanup for the recycling of empty plastic pesticide containers, used motor oil and oil filters and lead-acid batteries will be held at four locations throughout the Big Country.

The Texas Country Cleanup Program is sponsored by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The recycling centers will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. These collection events are open to all Texas residents free of charge.

Recycled items being taken free of charge include:

Empty plastic pesticide containers (high pressure or triple rinsed). Please have lids and paper instructions removed.

Used motor oil and oil filters. There is a limit of two 55-gallon drums per participant for oil filter recycling. Oil and filters will not be accepted from businesses that change oil for a fee. Also

accepted with be crank case oil, transmissions fluids, brake fluids and power steering fluids.

Lead-acid batteries such as car, boat, tractor batteries, etc.

The four recycling events include:

Monday, May 15 at the Coleman Rodeo Grounds located on Highway 206 (south side of Coleman). Contact Lance Rasch 325/625-4519.

Tuesday, May 16 at the Dublin City Maintenance Yard located at 502 N. Norton (FM 847). Contact Robert Scott 254/965-1460.

Wednesday, May 17 at the Comanche Community Center located at the corner of Highway 377 and Indian Creek Drive (west side of Comanche). Contact Robert Whitney, 325/356-2539.

Thursday, May 18 at the Anson Farmer's Co-op Gin located at 1721 17th Street (Highway 180). Contact Todd Vineyard 325/823-2432.

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Pastor: LEN SMITH

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For Information

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254-725-7574 Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley 254-643-1977

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Church (254) 725-6266

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Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

OBITUARIES

Carmelita June (Vernon) Clearwater

Carmelita June (Vernon) Clearwater passed away peacefully on March 29, 2006 following a valiant battle with cancer.

Memorial services will be held at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel, 309 NE 4th Street, Cross Plains at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 21, 2006.

She was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed. Born May 21, 1938 in Orange, California, she was laid to rest on April 12, 2006, next to her mother in Cross Plains. She was a longtime California resident and moved to Apache Junction, Arizona when she retired in 1992. Survivors include her husband, Huck Clearwater; sons, Steve Wells, Tom Roush, Tony Slagle, Blaine Clearwater and Lon Clearwater; a daughter, Lynda Clearwater; brothers, Ron Vernon and Gary Vernon; a sister, Beverly Simpson; stepfather, Jake Marinelli; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, P.C. and Syntha Larkin of Rising Star; her parents, Robert Vernon and Vera (Larkin) Marinelli and a son, Mitch Slagle.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Mary Pugh Weaver

Mary Pugh Weaver, age 69, passed away Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at the Rising Star Nursing Center. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 5, 2006, at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Mark Thrift officiating, assisted by Matt McGowen; burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery in Callahan County, Texas.

Mary was born May 31, 1936 to Jack Thomas and Lora (Smith) Pugh in Houston, Texas. Mary graduated from Smiley High School in 1955. She met H.D. Weaver in 1956 and they were married on July 4, 1957. They lived in Houston and reared their family, then moved to the Cottonwood area upon Herman's retirement from the Houston Fire Department in 1981.

Survivors are her husband, H.D. Weaver of Cottonwood; daughter, Carol Meador of Cross Plains; sons, Carl Eugene Weaver and Chris Allen Weaver, both of Conroe; two brothers, Julian Pugh of Conroe and Thomas Pugh of Houston; seven grandchildren, Craig Rogers, Jr., Charles Rogers, Carrie Hutton, Megan Weaver, Mallory Weaver, Mason Weaver, Clint Weaver; and one great-granddaughter, Jolie Elizabeth Hutton. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Shirley.

Commissioners approve sale of old Clyde JP building

Callahan County Commissioners voted to accept the high bid from Stan Petrusky to sell the old Clyde Justice of the Peace building located at 420 North First Street in Clyde.

The commissioners took the action Monday, May 8 during a regular commissioners' court meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Commissioners received two bids from Stan Petrusky in the amount of \$6,500 and a second bid in the amount of \$6,050. On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to accept the Stan Petrusky bid in the amount of \$6,500. This building is located on Block 17, a part of Lot 7 RR Addition in Clyde.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. Present included Judge Corn, Commissioners Bryan Farmer, Harold Hicks, Tommy Holland, and Doris Grider. Also present were County Treasurer Dianne Alexander and County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon.

—The minutes of the April 24 commissioners' court meeting were approved as presented.

—There was no public comment received.

—Commissioner Grider made a motion to table the West Central Texas Council of Govern-

ments Implementation Plan for 2006 until more information is received. Judge Corn seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

—Judge Corn made a motion to continue services with the County Information Resources Agency (CIRA). The agency is a Texas Association of Counties website with no charge to the county. Commissioner Hicks seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to authorize the current plan with the Texas County District Retirement Services (TCDRS) for 2007. There is no change for members. Commissioner Holland seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

—Judge Corn made a motion to approve a resolution for membership to the Texas Building & Procurement Commissioners State of Texas Co-Op and to allow the Baird Foundation to pay the membership. It is a requirement to be a member to advertise for bids for the Baird Depot. Commissioner Farmer seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

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

—The commissioners' court meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. on a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Farmer with a 5-0 vote.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Robert L. Hartt, possession of marijuana.

John L. Hamil, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Ramiro Flores, DWI.

Thomas L. Johnson, possession of marijuana.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Alberto Vargas, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, forgery.

Matthew A. Deaton, motion to dismiss to DWI granted for plea to other case.

Vicente Avila, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$200 fine, \$165 court costs.

Roger D. Lindsey, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$215 fine, \$170 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Kenneth R. League, Jr. and Jennifer M. Fox, both of Clyde.

Bradley S. Black of Clyde and Ashlie R. Green of Putnam.

Cody G. Bruton and Dusty L. Allen, both of Clyde.

Joe T. South of Clyde and Ramona K. Elsberry of Bakersfield, CA.

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Upcoming Brown Bag topics announced

In January 2005, the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board, in partnership with chambers of commerce in the region, initiated a series of "brown bag" workshops. These interactive seminars, targeted to businesses, will be delivered from the Abilene Workforce Center via video conferencing to locations in Breckenridge, Brownwood, Snyder, and Winters. For location and registration information in any of these cities, contact a Business Services representative at the Abilene Workforce Center at (325) 7954200. There is a nominal fee of \$10.00 for the workshop, and participants should bring their own lunches.

The Brown Bag schedule for

Sweetwater Job Fair to be held

If you are an employer in the Sweetwater area, this announcement is just for you! The first annual Sweet Jobs in Sweetwater Job Fair will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2006, from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at the Nolan County Coliseum Annex. There is no charge for employers; however, booth space is limited. The job

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

MBNA America Bank, N.A. vs. Connie M. Lilledahl, default on arbitration agreement.

Tamsey Donnell Frazier and Jason Brian Frazier, divorce.

Jimmie Loyd McCloud and Susan Elaine Henson McCloud, divorce.

The State of Texas vs. \$1290.00 in US currency, 1999 Ford Mustang, VIN # 1FAFP4047XF144397, original notice of seizure and intended forfeiture.

Lydick Hooks Residential Services, Inc. vs. Shane Campbell, default on note.

Jennifer Anna Smith and Cody Shane Smith, divorce.

Criminal Indictments

Christian D. McCoy aka Christopher L. Hartness, Ct. I - arson, Ct. II - insurance fraud.

James E. Edgar, theft.

Criminal Minutes

James E. Edgar, plea of guilty to theft, 6 months in prison, \$251 court costs.

John A. Dealba, Jr., plea of guilty to DWI with child passenger, 4 year probation, \$2000 fine, \$350 court costs.

James E. Boykin, plea of guilty to burglary of a building, 2 year probation, \$2500 fine, \$295 court costs.

Jimmy D. Martin, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$750 fine, \$216 court costs, \$140 restitution.

the next six months includes the following dates and topics:

- May 25 Generations in the Workplace
- June 22 - Wisdom
- July 27 - Legal Issues
- August 24 - Controlling Job Related Injury Costs
- September 28 - Conflict Resolution
- October 26 - Holiday Temps

For future Brown Bag seminars, business representatives are invited to submit topics of interest to their industry or community. For more information on the Brown Bag seminars, contact Diane Signer, Lead Business Services Representative for the Workforce Center, at (325) 795-4200.

fair is being hosted by the West Central Texas Workforce Center, the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce, the West Central Texas SSA, and the Sweetwater Reporter. For more information on how to register, contact Jessica Chavira, Business Services Representative for the Workforce Center, at (325) 235-4324.



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Wednesday

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett

Historical Association Meets In Cottonwood

The Cottonwood Historical Association met Saturday at 10:00 am amid positive reviews. One reporter said the presentation by Leo Thompson was outstanding as he painted a picture of Cottonwood in an older time and evoked responses from the audience. Each member of the audience was asked to stand, introduce himself/herself and report his/her connection to Cottonwood. Each person brought old memories alive as the guests detailed life in Cottonwood in that day and time.

During the business meeting of the Association the condition of the old Methodist Church was discussed and the members approved spending money from the Association's CD, not to exceed \$10,000, to repair the roof of the building. The money will be replaced by various fund-raising projects as devised by the Association's Board of Directors.

The first project, as I understand it, is to produce a recipe book of Cottonwood. Participants can dig up their Mother's and Grandmother's favorite recipes and send them in along with their own favorites. Such a book would

have a historical value as well as be a useful book for today. For details of the project, log on to the Cottonwood web page, www.cottonwoodtexas.com.

Charleston Revisited

Well I didn't finish my information about Charleston, SC. But most of it will have to wait; you can ask me any questions you want to when we meet.

One of the interesting aspects about the city of Charleston, which most of you probably know, is that the original town fathers decided to tax residential property in the city on the basis of the linear feet the structure occupied along the street. That made for some unique and interesting styles of houses, as you can imagine.

Many of the mansions and older homes of the city were built sidewise to the street, fronting the street with a strange but interesting view.

We also visited Magnolia Plantation with its beautiful gardens and scenes. Sherman burned this plantation home on his march through Georgia. We also visited the Angel Oak Tree; the oldest tree on the east coast. Then we toured the only tea farm in America. The next time

you drink a cup of tea look; at the package. If it says Bigelow on it, the tea was grown in America.

Almost as interesting is the countryside and elsewhere where we were staying on Edisto Island, SC. The huge beautiful oak trees and tall pines, with the Spanish moss dripping from the branches, were beautiful. Some of the trees were said to be over 700 years old, up to 1400 years.

Well so much for Charleston. It was a beautiful city and many historic events took place there including the first shots fired in the Civil war and the saving of the city of Charleston by Sherman in his march through Georgia.

We are now in Williamsburg, VA. Now this is where the wings of democracy really took flight with the winning of the revolutionary war by George Washington at Yorktown. Williamsburg is very close to the early settlement of Jamestown, VA. and very close to the battleground of Yorktown, where Americans won their freedom from British domination.

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

PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies finished the "Dutch Doll" quilt. It is a very pretty one. It was pieced by the late Dorothy Mitchell. We are working on Laverne's "Memories" top. Sandy will put her top in this week. We had our monthly meeting and discussed the date for our Fall Quilt Show. We also discussed what we were to do about the Rehab quilt.

Don't forget that Thursday will be the Domino Game Night. Everyone is welcome.

There will be a Memorial Day program on May 29th. The community is invited to join us. It is always a beautiful service. Jim and Charlene Fleming and family do a fantastic job getting it together.

The Pioneer and surrounding

communities are having their reunion on June 3rd this year. Plan to come and bring your families.

Cowan and Laverne Hutton's brother-in-law, Dub Hardin of Shallowater, passed away. Cowan, Laverne, Danny, J.D. and Sandy left early Friday morning to attend the funeral at Shallowater and the burial at Lubbock. Then they visited with Cowan's sister in Lubbock before returning home.

Jean Alexander and May Jones traveled to Dallas on Thursday to attend the wedding shower of Andrea Appleton, the granddaughter of Jean and May's great-niece. The teachers at Andrea's school gave the shower. After-

wards, Andrea, Mike, Jim, Marla, Ashley, Jack, Jean and May went out to eat. They stayed the night with Jim, Marla and Ashley Alexander. They all had a great time.

Wow! We did have quite a week of stormy weather. Pioneer got about 2 inches of rain all together last week. It was sure welcome. North of us though, had a lot of hail which wasn't so welcome.

Word of Wisdom: Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.

It's Worth Crowing About



Tex sez: didja' know that folks from 11 states besides our own have already indicated that they will be here for the Robert E. Howard Centennial Celebration in June? And that 8 of them are flying in from California? Other states on the list are Arkansas, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Wyoming, Tennessee, Colorado, Louisiana, N. Carolina and Maryland.

That's a lot of interest in what our little Cross Plains has to offer. How much better can it get? Project Pride knows.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MAY 15 - 19

MONDAY - Chicken Cacciatore, Buttered Pasta, Green Beans, Peanut Butter Cookie, Bread

TUESDAY - Sausage, Sauerkraut, Blackeyed Peas, Copper Penny Salad, Orange Gelatin, Bread

WEDNESDAY - Meatloaf, Whipped Potatoes, Broccoli, Cheesecake, Bread

THURSDAY - Pinto Beans & Ham, Spinach, Hominy Casserole, Lemon Pudding, Cornbread

FRIDAY - Chicken Salad, Potato Soup, Peaches, Chocolate Cookie, Crackers

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

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

Note: As I'm writing this, it is thundering, lightning and raining. Storm warnings abound.

"The B's"—Birds, Butterflies and Bees"

Recently, I have notices that by the time I can finish writing the sentence, it's already too late to broach the subject. It's better to wait another day or so until things settle down some.

This is such a nice time of year, the beautiful plants and flowers, birds and butterflies. One of my favorite things to do in the spring is to watch the birds and butterflies as they flit about.

Generally, we have four bird feeders, two hummingbird feeders and one butterfly feeder. This year Marvin has three of the bird feeders down for refurbishing

and repainting.

Some years we have a parakeet or so, I guess they just got out of their cages, flew away and just kept going, going, and going (you know, like the rabbit on T.V.).

We used to watch the squirrels but I guess they've relocated.

This week I've noticed a lot of flowers poking their heads up to catch that sunshine. There's never a dull moment in spring.

It is so soothing to sit under the canopy of shade trees watching the birds attacking their bird feeders! You would think it was "prime rib" the way they devour it.

The little hummingbirds are keeping their feeders super busy, also. They generously share their feeders with the butterflies. I had bought the cutest little butterfly feeder. We used in one spring and

summer and after that Marvin couldn't find it. He can't remember where he packed it away.

The cutest thing I've seen was about 3 or 4 years ago when I was sitting quietly on the porch. This little squirrel ran down the tree trunk, stopped, braced his back feet on the tree, stretched out and resting his front paws on the fountain, and leisurely drank from the fountain. For me, it was an exciting point in time.

When I'm not watching the birds and butterflies or dodging the bees, you can probably find me sitting in the yard admiring my flowers.

I like to visit and talk with my flowers. I hope it helps them, it certainly makes me feel better.

When you pass my house, wave, I'll just be outside taking it all in!

RIISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

By Linda Merritt

Mayor Earl Harris proclaims this week of May 14th, 2006 as National Nursing Home Week. Nursing facilities provide medical, nursing and emergency care on a 24 hour basis. They provide specialized services to both young and old, offering rehabilitative, personal, hospice and respite care. Nursing facilities also address residents' social and psychological needs by providing access to interaction with other individuals of similar age and interest and by organizing ongoing activities.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Mary Weaver.

Thoughts and prayers for Julian Harvey who is in the hospital.

Starting May 16th-19th we will be celebrating Nursing Home Week. All families and friends are welcome to come and help us celebrate.

Tuesday: Western Day, Yippie - yie-yay, Lewis Fortune and band will perform at 2:00.

Wednesday: Antique Car Show. Vroom, Vroom. Coke



REPRESENTING THE RISING STAR NURSING FACILITY—Dane Clark (back), City Councilman, Jan Clark (front, from left), City Manager, Johnnie Elliott, Administrator, and Volley Joe Williams, resident.

floats at 2:00.

Thursday: Employee pajama day. Ahh photo memories. Judging at 10:00. Winners revealed at 2:00. Refreshments.

Friday: Hotdogs. Chef Dane Clark on the grill, 12:00 noon.

MOTHERS HOLD THEIR CHILDREN'S HANDS FOR A WHILE...THEIR HEARTS FOREVER.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

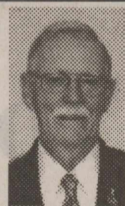
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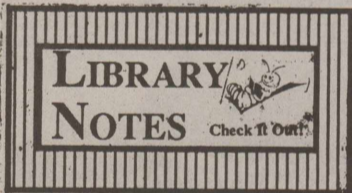
In Sunday's comics, Ernest calls Frank's attention to "all these thoughts about the struggle between good and evil." For instance, Edmund Burke's familiar statement, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." After some similar statements, Frank replied, "It's not that good doesn't triumph over evil, it's that the point spread is too small." It seems at times that the "point spread" is too small indeed! And perhaps it is due largely to the fact that good people do not do enough toward offsetting evil.

Old Testament Deborah, judge and prophetess, was very instrumental in Israel's defeat of King Jabin and his army (of Canaan). After the battle was won, Deborah compiled and sang a song, and within it was a curse against Meroz, "because they did not come to the help of the Lord" (Judges 5:23). It was another case of "the sin of doing nothing!"

Let us not be guilty of not standing up against evil. The point spread is too small and we cannot afford the curse of God for doing nothing. More importantly, people's eternal destiny hangs in the balance...

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.
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus



Behind The Books

What a wonderful trip down memory lane! As I watched the latest group of LAP "graduates" getting ready to move into the big school environment in the fall, I was reminded of the early days of LAP. 'Twas back in the mid 80's when those first little munchkins arrived for the "Learn About...Program". They learned about...sitting still, listening to stories, singing songs, taking turns, holding the flag, etc. etc. And now, oh my ----- those little ones are now in college or in the work force. Some with tiny munchkins who will soon start the second generation of LAP!! Wow, talk about an enduring program.

Statistics May 1-5, 2006

Books	45
ILL	0
Internet Users	20
Honorariums	0
Memorials	0
Donations: Alton and Joan McCowan	
Donations-Books: Sue Hullender and Ann Beeler	
Donations-Labor: Phillip Schaefer	

Library Activity Report May 1-5, 2006

Patrons	69
Programs	28
Copies	101
References	2
Books Checked Out	45
Calls In	9
Internet Users	20

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VOTE MAY 13th

KIM CROCKETT CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE

This is my last opportunity to let you know how much I appreciate all the conversations I have had with you. I wish that I could have visited with more of you. If elected, I look forward to serving all of you, especially your children. I will do my best to seek out educational programs that will provide what our children need for the future. I will work with you and for you to make sure each and every child is treated fairly and with respect. Last, but surely not least, I will work for the teachers and other personnel to make sure they are treated with the respect that they deserve. I hope we can all work together so that Cross Plains ISD will continue to be a great school that we are all proud of.

Political Ad Paid For By Kim Crockett, P.O. Box 193, Cross Plains, Texas 76443

2006 BASEBALL PARADE AND OPENING CEREMONIES A HUGE SUCCESS



If you wish to place an ad for your Senior this year in the paper, you will need to come to The Cross Plains Review in person.

The ads are \$10 up front. NO CHARGING!!

Ads need to be made no later than **Wednesday, May 17th.**

Here are some examples that have ran in previous papers.

A.J.
Congratulations! We're so Proud of You.
We Love You
Dad, Mom, ReNetha, Crystal, Brent, PaPa, Nannie, Grandma and The Rest of the Bunch

Dear Carrie
We are so proud of you! You are such a joy to be around, with your beautiful laughter one can't help but be happy around you. Remember delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Love, Mom and Jimmy

Kevin
We are very proud of you!
Congratulations and Good Luck!
May God Bless You with Happiness and Success.
Love, Mom, Greg and Family

C. P. STUDENT REVIEW

CPHS All Sports Banquet Monday, May 15 6:30 p.m.

Calling all who want to help with decorating—you are greatly needed!!! We will start decorating on Sunday, May 14th about 2:00 p.m. at the FBC Family Life Center.

Tickets can still be pre-purchased up until Thursday a.m. from Lurene in high school.

\$2.00 per person.

* Any sports pictures are needed and can be turned into Roxie Thomas at Texas Heritage Bank or Theresa Koenig by Thursday, 05/11/06 by 12 Noon for the posers. Please put name on back of originals so they can be returned.

Call 325/660-9590 if you have any questions.

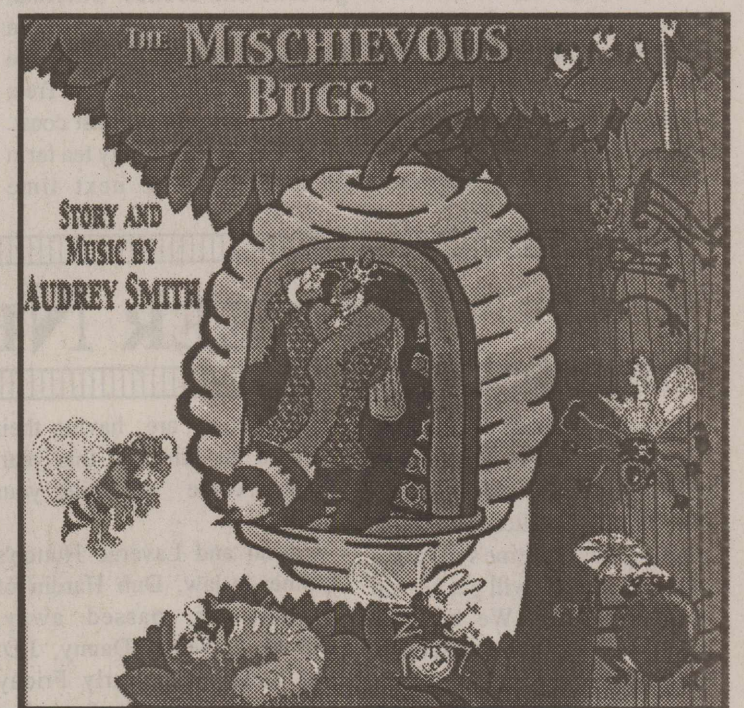
"The Mischievous Bugs" to be presented Thursday, May 11th

The 3rd and 4th graders at Cross Plains Elementary are inviting you to come and support them as they present "The Mischievous Bugs". A story and music by Audrey Smith.

The program will take place Thursday, May 11, at 7PM, in the Cross Plains School Auditorium. The children have worked hard under the supervision of Kathy Purvis and some of the other teachers and are looking forward to showing their parents and the community all kinds of underlying talents.

So come on out and show these children you appreciate how hard they have been working.

Remember to mark your calendar for Thursday, May 11th, at 7PM.



CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on May 16, 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

1. Prayer
2. Canvass votes for May 13, 2006 School Board Election
3. Swear in newly elected School

Board Members

4. Re-establish new board
5. Open Forum
6. Read and approve minutes from previous meeting
7. Discuss and take action on agreement for audit services for 2006/07
8. Discuss and take action on advertising to sell old buses
9. Discuss and take action on building warehouse for Cross Plains I.S.D.
10. Executive Session
 - a. Discuss retirement of Mitchell Atchley

b. Discuss pay scale for auxiliary personnel

c. Discuss employment of new employees

11. Take action on executive session items
12. Review bills/financial report
13. Adjourn

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on May 9, 2006, at 3:00 p.m.

Jackie Tennison
For the Board of Trustees

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MAY 15 - 19

BREAKFAST

- MONDAY - Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY - Pancakes, Sausage Link, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Cheese Toast, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - HOLIDAY LUNCH

- MONDAY- Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Wedges, Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY - Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY-Tacos, Salad, Corn, Spice Cake
THURSDAY-Fish or Hot Pocket, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Coleslaw, Pears
FRIDAY-HOLIDAY

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VOTE MAY 13 Tony Wyatt CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE

Political Ad Paid For By Tony Wyatt
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AND THE WINNER IS—Tommy Phillips (left) was the winner of the ring. Dana Veteto (right) presented the gift on the behalf of the Burkett Volunteer Fire Department.

Burkett Volunteer Fire Department Announce Diamond Ring Winner

The Burkett Volunteer Fire Department drew for a winning ticket for the diamond ring after our garage sale Saturday. The ticket was drawn by a lady from Rising Star, Shirley Senior. The winner is Tommy Phillips of Cross Plains. Congratulations!!! Although this is Mother's Day weekend, he said this would be a "just because" gift for his wife. The BVFD wish to express our

appreciation to everyone who has helped with donations, visited our garage sale, or bought a chance on tickets. It is only with the help of our friends and neighbors that we are able to have equipment for our Fire Department.

To contact us, or to make a donation, mail to: Burkett Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 324, Burkett, TX 76828

Annual Dyess AFB Air Show Scheduled for Sunday, May 21st

DYESS AIR FORCE BASE, Texas—People seeking more information about the Big Country Appreciation Day — Dyess' annual air show — can now access information on expected aircraft through the event's Web site. The air show takes place May 21.

The site can be found at www.dyessairshow.com. Along with the aircraft information, visitors to the site can find helpful hints on attending the show as well as directions to get to Dyess Air Force Base. Visitors to the air show will be directed to the base's Tye Gate on Military Drive.

The gate opens for Big Country Appreciation Day at 7:30 a.m., and opening ceremonies

begin at 9:00 a.m. The highlight of this year's airshow will be the Air Force's premier demonstration team the Thunderbirds. Other performers include the F-15, B-1, various warbirds along with many other current and former military aircraft. Admission and parking are free.

People coming to the air show should not bring weapons, alcohol, animals except for seeing-eye dogs, glass containers and roller devices like skates, roller blades, skateboards or scooters. Bags may be searched before entering the airshow.

For more information, contact Dyess Public Affairs at (325) 696-2863.

Down Home—

have done it without you." And the mother, when she lay down at night looked up at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today, I've given them strength."

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth, clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said, "Look up. Lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an everlasting glory, and it guided them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

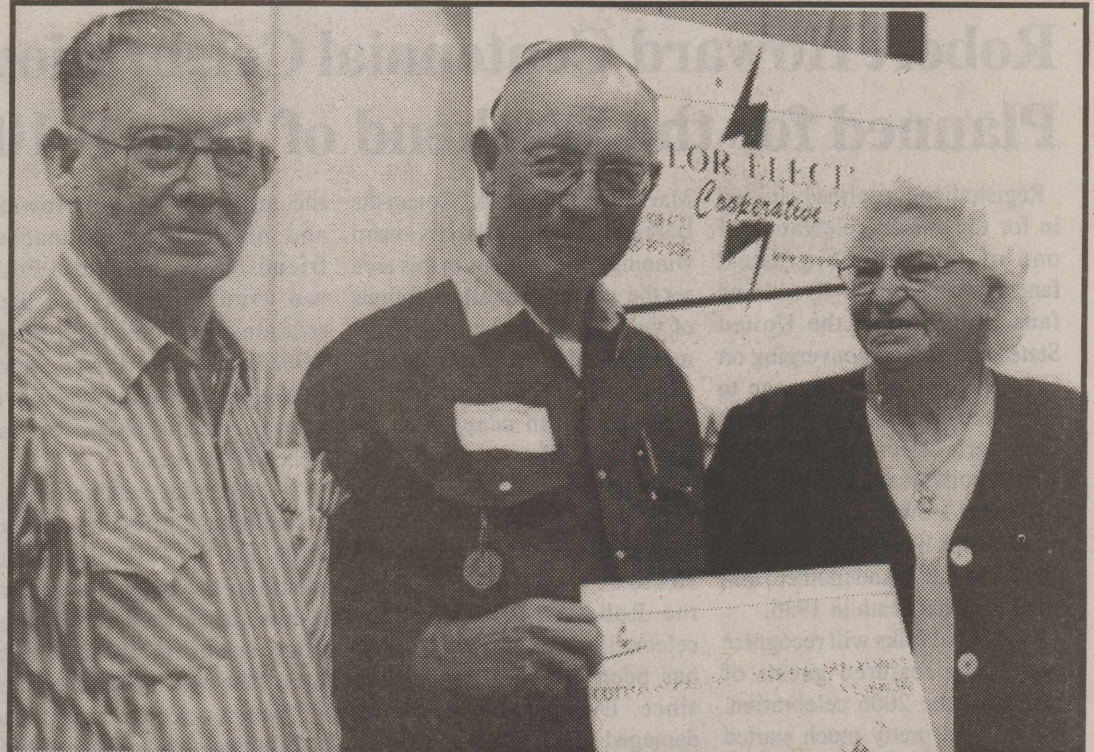
And the days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the mother grew old and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as a feather; and at last they came to a hill and beyond they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide. And mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates." And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said, "We cannot see her but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence..."

Your Mother is always with you.... She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street; she's the smell of bleach in your freshly laundered socks; she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not well. Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every tear drop. She's the place you came from, your first home; and she's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love and your first heart-break, and nothing on earth can separate you.

Not time, not space...not even death!

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



TAYLOR ELECTRIC DONATES TO AREA FIRE DEPARTMENTS—Taylor Directory Sybil Norris (far right) presents \$1,000 to Cottonwood and Cross Plains Fire Departments. Tom Bennett and Bob Childress accepted the donations.

Taylor Electric Membership is "Rounding Up" Goodness for the Big Country!!!!!!

Taylor Electric Cooperative presents \$1,000. Appreciation awards to 24 area Volunteer Fire Departments in their service area via their Round Up Program!

"The Round Up program is a volunteer campaign where our membership can round up each monthly electric bill to the dollar. The pocket change moves into a 5013C non-profit account, where it is recycled back into the member communities. The average amount per Round Up member is about \$8.00 a year. If an individual gave \$8.00 to a good cause it might not go very far but when the membership pulled together cooperatively, they created something very useful, said Rebecca Sharp, Communications Director for Taylor Electric. "I am so impressed with this program and the support shown by our members, I think I am working for some of the best people in the Big Country!"

During their 67th Annual meeting at the Abilene Civic Center, Taylor Electric Cooperative surprised local volunteer Fire Departments in their service areas with formal recognition for their hard work over the past year to help protect their membership along with a \$1,000.00 contribution. The presentation was the first official donation made from the voluntary member driven charitable program.

"Volunteer Fire Departments are the first line of defense when it comes to our rural and suburban members, those volunteers are out there helping take care of property and families who are important to us, Sharp relayed, they are a remarkable group of people and we are grateful to them for all they do".

Taylor Electric is a long standing local business, who has a reputation of willingly contributing to the Abilene and surrounding economy and its

progress. The company serves eight counties across the big country and is a member owned, not for profit group. Uniquely, Taylor Electric does not participate in deregulation and is still a "one stop shop" for utility needs, much the way business use to be prior to deregulation. This means customers (or members) can call the group locally for power needs including billing and service. The group charges a membership fee and is currently very competitive in market pricing per kilowatt. (source: www.powertochoose.com) There were over 1,200 members in attendance at the April event. The company also retired over \$280,000 in capital credit checks back to its eligible members at the meeting.

"The donation was great, it was really appreciated, said Don Russom, President of the Big Country Fire Fighters Association, and came at a time when these departments really needed it!"

Thank You

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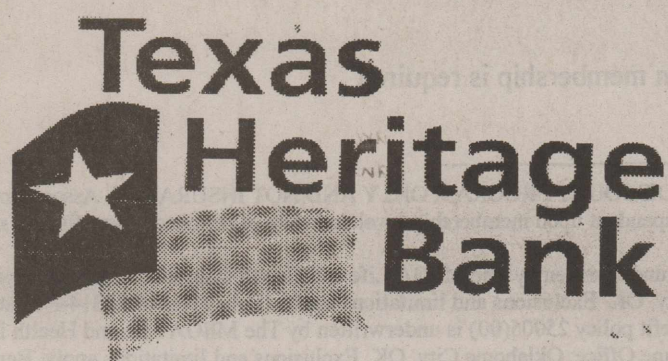
So, we're sponsoring a thank you get-together

Join us at the Community Center
 Monday May 15 from 1:00 until 4:00 pm

The purpose is to write thank you notes to all of those people that helped us with our recovery from the fires. We couldn't have done it without lots of people helping. And now it is time to say thanks.

Stop on by and send a note of thanks. You'll be glad you did. And so will the people at the other end.

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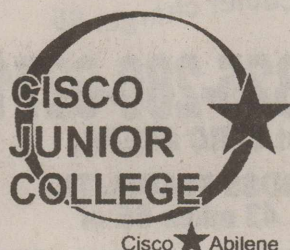
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Robert Howard Centennial Celebration Planned for the Weekend of June 8-10

Registrations are already rolling in for the annual celebration of one of the world's greatest fantasy writers. June 8-10 will find fans from around the United States and abroad converging on Cross Plains to pay homage to their hero — Robert E. Howard. This year's celebration marks the 100th anniversary of his birth. Although Howard was born in Peaster, he lived here with his physician father and mother from 1919 until his death in 1936.

Some local folks will recognize one of the featured guests of honor for the 2006 celebration. Glenn Lord pretty much started the day of recognition of Howard's literary contributions in June 1986. The first "Memorial Gathering" consisted of a reception at the library where some of Howard's writings were on display and the viewing of the death certificate and funeral notice across the street at Higginbotham's. Lord is known the world over for his never-ending efforts in championing Howard and his works. He published the first collection of REH poetry in 1959, edited the legendary fanzine, "The Howard Collector" from 1960-1972, was the literary agent for the owners of Howard's works for over 30 years and continues to be involved in advisory and editing roles with all things Howard.

Co-guest of honor will be Roy Thomas who was the driving force behind the success of

Marvel's comic book "Conan the Barbarian" in the 70's. His award winning contributions in this area set the standard for all depictions of the Cimmerian hero in visual medium. In addition to his work with the comics, Thomas has worked on adaptations of Conan into film, television and animation.

When Project Pride purchased and restored the old Howard House on Highway 36 in 1989, the Robert E. Howard Day celebration took on new life and has been growing every year since. Even the tornado that damaged the house and yard in 1994 did not deter the fans' enthusiasm of being in Cross Plains and walking where their hero walked.

This year's celebration will include a wide variety of panel discussions led by Lord, Thomas and members of the Robert E. Howard United Press Association. A silent auction, swap meet and autograph session with numerous authors, a screening of a portion of a Howard documentary by Ethan Nahte of Dallas and a reading by Howard biographer Mark Finn of Austin are also on tap. There is even a "boxing match" scheduled at the old icehouse and a re-enactment of a radio version of boxing matches based on Howard's boxing stories.

Michael Myers, the screenwriter for *The Whole Wide World*, will be on hand to introduce the viewing of the movie depicting

the story of Robert Howard and his local schoolteacher friend Novalyne Price. Price had written the story of their relationship under the title of "One Who Walked Alone", which was later adapted into the movie starring Vincent D'Onofrio and Renee Zellweger.

The three-day celebration is a collaborative effort by Project Pride and the REHUPA to pay tribute to the ingenious literary abilities of Howard. Not limited to any one genre, Howard wrote tales of the wild-west, adventures of swashbuckling heroes and body pounding boxing matches as well as poetry for both the tender hearted and those seeking a visual story in rhyme. The Conan stories and his other fantasy writings are simply what have gained the most attention from Howard aficionados.

All of the scheduled activities and panel discussions are free to the public; however REHUPA has announced that donations for Project Pride, the Fire Relief Fund or the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be accepted at the Friday evening Violet Crown Radio Theatre event.

Project Pride welcomes all offers of help as we host the large crowd from around the nation and world. If you would be interested in helping with hosting responsibilities at the Museum and other venues around town, please contact Era Lee Hanke at 254-725-6562 or Margaret McNeel at 254-725-6498.

Medicare Enrollment Deadline May 15th

AUSTIN, TX— With only a few days before the May 15 open-enrollment deadline for Medicare's prescription drug benefit, the Texas Academy of Family Physicians and the Hispanic Alliance for Progress Institute remind still-eligible Medicare beneficiaries that enrolling before the deadline locks in the lowest premiums and best savings. Those enrolling after the deadline could face higher premiums.

"This is the biggest expansion of Medicare benefits in the program's four-decade history," said Shiree Sanchez, who is Of Counsel for the Hispanic Alliance for Progress Institute. "As with any new program, there is a learning curve, but seniors are finding it's worth their time and effort."

The two organizations pointed to a recent national telephone survey by the Medicare Rx Education Network which found that four out of five seniors who voluntarily signed up for the new Medicare prescription drug coverage are satisfied with their coverage. The survey also found that 77 percent of voluntary enrollees reported peace of mind knowing that they have prescription drug coverage.

Beneficiaries with enrollment and coverage questions can get assistance by calling 1-800-MEDICARE, logging onto www.medicare.gov, or calling 1-800-252-9240 to connect with local Area Agencies on Aging. The Texas Academy of Physicians and the Hispanic Alliance for Progress Institute suggests preparing for enrollment by:

1. Identifying the name of each drug, precisely as it appears on the prescription bottle.
2. Knowing the dosage (e.g., 75 mg).
3. Checking how frequently the medicine is taken (e.g., daily, twice daily).
4. Finding out the cost of each medication.

3rd Annual Turkey Creek Cook-off and Bullriding to take place Saturday, May 20th

The Cross Plains Roping Club proudly invites you to our 3rd Annual Turkey Creek Cook-off and Bullriding, Saturday, May 20th at the roping arena and Treadway Park.

Our cook-off judging begins at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, with the last category to be turned in at 2:30 p.m. After the last entry is turned in, we open the voting for the "People's Choice" award. Tickets are \$2.00 each. This entitles you to samples from our cooks to judge for yourself, and vote for your favorite. The voting will be closed at 4:00 p.m. So that the award ceremony may begin.

The bullriding begins at 7:00 p.m. Come early to get a good seat, and cheer on the bullriders as they compete for points in the PSBR circuit, cash awards, and buckles.

Jim Sadler returns this year to entertain us at the dance. The dance is set to start at 9:00 p.m. So grab a partner and dance under the trees to live music with a country sound.

Our raffle items are on display at Texas Heritage Bank in the lobby. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. The drawing will be held during intermission

at the bullriding, along with a few surprise giveaways.

Of course, an event such as this would not be possible without our sponsors, many of whom are local merchants, who have contributed time, money, of supplies, to make it all possible. Thank you to KEAN 105, Abilene Tile and Construction, Park Car Wash, Blake Fulenwider Dodge, Texas Heritage Bank, Welch Stone, Jones Real Estate, Economic Development Corporation, Bill Pancakey, Annie's Pest Control, Village Market, Cross Plains Review, Rancher's Choice Realty, Anna-Chesshir, Moss Ranch, Conway's Bitter Creek Ranch, Cross Plains Frozen Food, Blessed Automotive, Little Pit BBQ, Winfrey's Grain & Peanut, Johnson's Dry Goods, Potter's Game Tables, Higginbotham's, Staghorn, Gozzy's Pizzeria. That's an impressive list and we appreciate all of their help.

Roping club members, we have one week to cross our t's and dot our i's, so come out to the arena Saturday morning starting at 9:00 a.m. for our last work day before the event, with a meeting to follow.

Submitted by Lorna Munialin

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from April 30, 2006 through May 6, 2006 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—107
Complaints—89
DWI—2
Possession of Marijuana—1
Driving While License In-

valid—1
Fugitive Arrest—1
Possession of Controlled Substance—2
Possession of Dangerous Drug—2
Vehicle Accidents
There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time period.

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- A feature on the ubiquitous mesquite.
- A report on the numerous mineral springs and their history.

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Letters to the Editor

"This is Justice, if so, God Help Us All"

Dear Editor:

We read *The Rising Star* headline, "Jury Finds Star Defendant Not Guilty". We asked again, "Not Guilty" of what... murder, criminal negligence? There was never a question of "guilty". Six witnesses at the scene (two of whom were from *Rising Star*), a Texas Ranger, a Deputy Sheriff and a DPS officer all told the jury who killed Dusty Hargrove and how it was done. The article mentioned trash talk, drinking and rivalry. These are excuses for murder???

Not guilty. A supposedly "intelligent jury" listened to a defendant and his brother, who told different stories, and a "paid expert" who recreated the scene 2 years and 2 months later, and made their decision.

The defense attorney who made the trial as long as possible, was worried about the murder verdict, and that was why he asked the jury to consider criminal

negligence. We believe he was as shocked as anyone, of the NOT Guilty verdict.

The judge had informed the jury this would be a two day trial. It was a five day trial. The judge informed the jury the **paid expert** was an "expert". The **paid expert** should have been enough to alert the jury of this man's expertise. He is an expert for trials he is paid to attend. Not one of the witnesses for the prosecution was paid. They told the truth as they saw it, not because they were paid. The Texas Ranger and officers were at the scene after it happened, not two years later, as the paid expert recreated the scene.

If you discount the autopsy report and the six witnesses; this jury was told by the Texas Ranger, the Deputy Sheriff and the DPS officer, the act was intentional and not accidental. Yet the jury chose "NOT GUILTY".

If Cheyne Fox was not guilty,

who killed Dusty Hargrove? He is dead. He was dead that night two years ago and he is dead today. If no one was guilty, why is he dead? It is our wish that the jury who was tired and wanted to go home on Friday afternoon, remember that Dusty did not get to go home. We live with that daily. We watched the Fox family leave with Cheyne and Shawn, the bored judge who slept at intervals in the trial, and the "jury" go home to their families. We went home to the grave we have visited for two years.

This is Justice, if so, God help us all. Our only solace is God is the final judge. He won't be bored. He will not be ready to go home and there will not be a "jury".

Russ Thomason, the District Attorney, Assistant District Attorney Brenda Gray and their office staff did an excellent job in this trial, and the compassion and

professionalism of the District Attorney's Office for our family was greatly appreciated.

We thank the Texas Ranger and the other two officers who told the truth as the evidence indicated. We especially thank the eye witnesses who had to go through this horrible tragedy again. We thank all of you who were with us at the hospital that night and at the trial.

The *Rising Star* witnesses who were with me during the trial, though you did not get to tell of the incident involving the defendant's actions in prior years, thank you for being with us and for your support.

Jim & Cliffdean (White) Hargrove
Kelli & Frankie Hyles and Family
Kami & Tad Timmons
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National Nursing Home Week to be Celebrated May 14th-20th

National Nursing Home Week this year is being held May 14-20, beginning on Mother's Day. Sponsored by the American Healthcare Association (AHCA), the week spotlights the crucial role nursing facilities play in delivering quality care to our nations' seniors and disabled Americans, 1.5 million of whom reside in nursing facilities.

This week brings awareness to nursing facilities and also provides an opportunity to celebrate the unending care that is given and received by senior Americans across the United States. Caregivers make this happen very day in every facility but during National Nursing Home Week; others, family, friends and members of the community, see and participate more fully.

Rising Star Nursing Center will be hosting several events during the week. Tuesday will be Western Day with Lewis Fortune and his band at 2 p.m.; Wednesday will bring antique cars and tractors at 10 a.m.; Thursday will be Pajama Day for the staff—prizes will be awarded; and Friday there will be a Hotdog Cookout with Chef Danee at 12 noon. There will be special gifts for staff members to recognize their hard work.

Everyone in the community is invited and encouraged to join the Rising Star Nursing Center in celebrating this special week.

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Dear Editor:

The annual Foster Reunion is slated for Saturday, May 27th. One of the largest in the state; it includes the Brashear, Hutchins, Pillans Scott and Tatom families, because John and Idella Foster had 5 girls.

Lavern and Elvis Scott are the only uncle and aunt the grandkids have left. First, second, third and fourth cousins come together on Memorial Day weekend in celebration and enjoy fun and fellowship. Baseball, lunch, entertainment and Bingo fill the

gaps between visitation and swapping spit. Seems the tales get taller each year. PITIFUL!

What ain't pitiful is the entertainment. It's no tall tale that Texas' most famous ELVIS PRESLEY impersonator, in the person of James L. Wages (www.jameslwages.com) will entertain the family after lunch.

The youngsters love the rock and roll; and it's true that some of us are still able to shake a leg (as long as its just one at a time), and all enjoy the gospel songs that won the real Elvis several grammy awards.

Public "Sincerely Elvis" shows will be at 8 p.m. both Friday, May 26, and Saturday, May 27. Friday night is volunteer blue ribbon homemade cake contest. Wanda Goble won last year! The doors open at 7 p.m. and cake judging is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday night is Sadie Hawkins dance contest at 7:30 p.m. for all youngsters under 15. An Elvis collector wristwatch will be awarded the winner. ANYONE interested in the contests, reservations, or advance ticket information call (254) 725-7433.

You may want to join the fun

bunch for a night to remember. If you plan to attend, it's at Cross Plains Community Center and DON'T forget to bring the kids, camera and be thinking about tunes to request or don't. You are welcome, thank you, thank you very much!

Children under 6 get in free and 6-14 pay \$5 at the door. One kid said the show was more better than Six Flags when it's raining! Advance tickets are \$10, if you purchase by May 16th only \$9 and \$12 at the door.

See you there!

Bugs Foster

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

GIVE EVERYTHING

Two years ago my family and I were at the park, on a main highway near our home, enjoying an afternoon of watching my oldest daughter play softball.

I had noticed the man, in dirty clothes, sitting at one of the far tables near the street, with all his earthly belongings in a single shopping cart. I then noticed him walk our way, and I tried to make myself invisible (probably as invisible as he feels every time someone ignores his outstretched hand.)

To my relief, he was only going to the drinking fountain for water. I was so relieved; I didn't even consider reaching into my ice chest full of cold bottled water and offering him one. I just allowed him to continue to drink the questionable quality of water from the public park fountain.

After he finished his drink, he lingered for a moment to watch the girl's game. Many thoughts passed through my mind as I looked at him. How old was he, if he had children, how did he get into the position to be living on the streets?

He walked back to his cart without asking anyone for anything. As the day in the park continued, my two sons ages 9 and 3, where playing kickball on the grass around the outside of the ball field.

I was absorbed by the softball game, but I still remember the scream my older son made, "ERICK STOP!" As I turned, I could see the ball my son had kicked being chased by my younger son, directly toward the highway loaded with fast moving cars. I screamed my son's name and begin to run the 40 or so yards to the street.

To my amazement, the man in the dirty clothes jumped up and ran in front of my son only a few feet from the highway. The kick ball continued into the street to be bounced along by several cars. I reached them both a few seconds later and immediately begin to thank the man who so unselfishly protected my son from harm.

I tried to give him all the money I had in my pocket. All he said was, "that's OK man, I just wanted to help." I begged him to take the money, and finally he reluctantly did and walked back to his cart.

Ironically, here was someone who, just an hour earlier, I was trying to ignore, 90 he wouldn't ask me for spare change. Now I would gladly give everything I had for his act of Kindness. It's truly amazing how our vision can change so quickly.

No longer was he just a man in the dirty clothes with a cart. He was looking like a big, beautiful, Guardian Angel.

By David Sims

Central Texas Opportunities May is National Community Action month

By Julie D. Smith

Balancing bills, homework and two young children seemed too much for Theresa James. However, when she received financial assistance from Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. she could finish her education and provide for her family.

"This program made my time in school less stressful and let me focus on my homework. I am forever grateful," said James, a Registered Nurse, referring to the Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. Community Service program.

Central Texas Opportunities is one of 47 Community Action Agencies in Texas and 1000 across the nation celebrating May as National Community Action Month. The agencies were created by the 1964 Equal Opportunity Act. They utilize local, state, private and federal resources to help low income individuals and families acquire skills and knowledge, gain access to new opportunities and achieve economic self-sufficiency.

Through the Head Start and Community Services programs, Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. offers everyone the opportunity for education, training and the right to work. Head Start emphasizes not only child development and education, it also assists parents in furthering their goals.

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Rather than focus on specific needs for low income individuals, The Texas Association of Community Action Agencies and the Community Action Partnership reach out to low-income people in their communities, address their multiple needs through a comprehensive approach, develop partnerships with other community organizations, involve low-income clients in agency operations, & administer a range of coordinated programs designed to measurably impact poverty.

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. serves Brown, Coleman, Comanche, Callahan, McCulloch, Eastland and Rannels counties. This is not an entitlement program. Families and individuals must apply & assistance is given on a case by case basis. For more information, contact your local Head Start or Community Services center.

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Texas Baptist Men Invade Cross Plains

A Ministry That Makes a Difference

By Gary Griffin
Free-lance Writer

It looked like a caravan there behind the Cross Plains 36 West Motel; a caravan of travel trailers. Twenty or more huge camper trailers were hunkered down next to one another like travelers resting on their journey. Three things were quickly obvious as one looked at their campsite; this was not their final stop, they had come for a purpose, and they were of like mind and spirit.

The Texas Baptist Men are not an unfamiliar organization; they travel to disaster areas all over the globe, and the Red Cross is even quick to call upon their services. These too, were here to aid in a disaster, to help rebuild a few houses taken out by December's fire.

They had arrived at Cross Plains by ones and twos; every day would herald the arrival of a new crewmember. This convoy of carpenters had come here to finish out a house for Nora Odom; a house begun weeks before by a group from New Mexico. There missionaries were here on a mission for awhile, but in a few weeks they would unhook and head out on still another project; maybe to Arkansas; maybe to New York; going to wherever the next call comes from.

There are about 10 groups of these vagabond missionaries, and they might be anywhere at any given time. A list of job sites is posted and each chooses where he or she wants to go next. Most travel 6 or 7 months out of the year, from one job site to the next. Some work only occasionally, some pick and choose, and some have made this a full time ministry.

Jerry Dill was a crane operator

in a small community in East Texas, but now heads up a crew and has been on the road with the TBM since 1993.

Bill Pigott started after he retired in 1995, and has headed up crews that have built churches and houses all across the United States. Many small churches lack the resources to build or remodel their facilities, and in disaster situations such as Cross Plains, money and help are hard to come by, so the Texas Baptist Men provide free labor, which makes projects such as Nora Odom's house and others possible.

Ronnie, who is another member of this crew of cross country carpenters, provided ejection seats for fighter plans for the military before he retired, and has now traded or sold every thing he had, purchased a motor home, and hit the open road. All Ronnie has left of his former life is a lot in Arkansas where he keeps a few personal possessions in a metal building; a small lot where he goes and parks his motor home for a weeks rest on occasion. His next stop after Cross Plains is Canmore, Alberta, Canada. He will spend the summer north of the border.

These men are not spring chickens, their average age being about 73 years young, but the amount of work they can accomplish in two weeks always leaves people with their mouths open in disbelief.

Maybe it's the Spirit that they bring that changes things wherever they go. Something about them leaves each worksite with both buildings and spirits lifted to new heights. There is a sweet fellowship among them such is found in only a few close knit churches. That Spirit, however, permeates everything they

do. They pray and eat and sing as one, the men work on construction, and the women invade the community. As the men build, the women sew, teach, pick up trash, encourage and pray and touch every heart they come in contact with. Their goal is to reach out and touch the community while their husbands raise buildings. Once these men and women have been in a place two weeks, the place is never again the same.

There is a blessing to be had here, one that is waiting for you to enter into. Often, however, the blessings are blocked by "buts"; "But I'm too old", "But I don't want to leave my home church", "But I am not a skilled craftsman", "But I can't invest the time" and on and on are the excuses offered.

Some of the group here on this particular project came from a church in Texas that had decided to make a mission project out of their time with the TBM, and had come for only one week. Each man from that group, when the week was over, wished time would allow him to stay a little longer. Some vowed to return before the project was completed. There is no long term commitment required to work with the Texas Baptist Men. Nor is there any particular skill needed, no cost involved, and most of all, no limit to the blessings a person can receive by rubbing shoulders with this motorcade of missionaries.

Check them out at www.TexasBaptistmen.org. You will never know what lies just around the corner while sitting there glued to a pew. Head out for an adventure that might last a week or maybe a lifetime. God is calling, just over the next hill. Is He calling you?

Prophets to the Nations Speaking at Pioneer Pentecostal Church this weekend May 12-13

Prophets to the nations with 30 years of speaking truth, healing and the love God to his people, Michial Ratliff and Cary Stultz, will be speaking at the Pioneer Pentecostal Church this Friday and Saturday, May 12-13, at 7 p.m.

One Word from God can change your life forever.

If you need directions or information contact Dane Ratliff (254) 725-4267 or Dru Eppard (254) 725-6329. The church is located between Cross Plains and Rising Star, 1 mile north off Highway 36 in Pioneer. Signs will be posted.

Everyone is welcome!

2 Public Meetings Announced for May 15th in Brownwood and May 17th in Abilene

The 78th Legislature, in House Bill 3588, created opportunities for coordination of publicly-funded transportation throughout the state. West Central Texas council of Governments (WCTCOG) and Central Texas Rural Transit District (CTRTD) of Coleman have been given lead responsibility for development of a coordinated transportation services plan for the West Central Texas region. WCTCOG has secured the services of a consultant firm to assist with the technical aspects of the plan. At every point in the planning process, input from the public is being sought.

Providers and users of transportation services as well as other interested persons are invited to attend one of three public meetings to discuss their needs and interests. The meetings have been scheduled as follows:

DATES:
May 15, 2006, at the Adams Street Community Center, 511 East Adams street, room C, Brownwood, Texas at 5:30 P.M.
May 26, 2006 at the Experienced Citizens Center, 1401 South 1st Street, Haskell, Texas at 5:30 P.M.
May 17, 2006 at WCTCOG Conference Room, 841 North Judge Ely Boulevard, Abilene, Texas, at 5:30 P.M.

The sessions should last approximately one hour. A brief overview of the legislation and the planning process will be presented by the consultant, followed by a time during which members of the public will be invited to share their thoughts on transportation subjects. Whether the area of interest concerns public transit, agency-provided services, need for additional services or examples of success, all input is welcome. The meetings will be the first in a series that will be conducted throughout the summer.

For additional information, please contact Alex Koons at WCTCOG, (325) 672-8544, or visit the website at www.wctog.org. Comments are welcomed at akoons@wctog.org

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Little George Havens' Cowboy Campmeeting Upcoming at Santa Anna

"The shout of the cowboy, the creak of his saddle, the ring of his spurs, the crack of his whip, moving his cattle along the Great Western Trail, toward the herds in Kansas, are heard no more. Yet along that same cattle trail, some one hundred years later, can be heard the ring of the sledge hammers and the flap of the tent as it goes up, the clatter and the pop of the old chuck wagon being drawn into position—all being readied for a spiritual Round-UP. It's Cowboy Campmeeting time!"

These words, Little George Havens, the founder and former director of the Cowboy Camp Meeting, dictated to his wife in 1982.

The 40th Annual Cowboy Campmeeting at the Flying H Acres, between Coleman and Santa Anna on Highway 84 will be held. This is a ten day meeting June 16-25. Gospel services are at 7:30 p.m. and 10 a.m., except Saturdays when there will arena events.

Chuck wagon meals will be served in the morning at 8:00 a.m. breakfast and evening meal at 5:30—no noon meals. Every-

one on his own. Camp furnishes the meat (generally beef), sour dough biscuits, tea and creek-bank coffee. Those who come out bring a salad, a vegetable, or a dessert.

There is no charge for anything. Just remember, as in those days of yesteryear—we go by faith, and 'put your offering into the hat when it goes by'.

Special events include the Opening Ceremony at 6 p.m. on June 16; Ranch Rodeo June 17 Christian Motorcyclists, Saturday evening, June 17; afternoon of June 19 Stagecoach or other means of western transportation offered to children; June 23 and 25 Goat Tying and Roping School; and join Evangelist Jeff Gore and others around the campfire after evening services for sharing recitations of Western poetry and music.

For additional information contact Lucy Havens (214) 942-9874 (after May 18 (325) 348-3686; Jamey Burrus (940) 550-4598; or Joe Mathis (972) 935-7735.

The Hispanic Camp, directed by Evangelist Sammy Fuentes, is set for June 28-July 2.

Local Tarleton Student Elected to State Office Student Section TAFCS

STEPHENVILLE, TX—Four Tarleton State University students are serving as state officer for Student Section of the Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The women were elected during the recent state TAFCS meeting held in Austin.

Kathy Becker of Stephenville, Melissa Gunter of Gustine, Natoschia Tennison of Cross Plains and Laci Walter of San Angelo are among eight officers serving the Student Section.

"We are very pleased to have these Tarleton students serving on the state level," said Dr. Barbara Williams, a member of Tarleton's Human Sciences faculty and a long time member of TAFCS. "Their participation in the leadership of the student section will certainly reflect well on our program."

Laci was elected as Vice Chair of Organizational Management; Melissa is Vice Chair of Programming; and Kathy is Vice Chair of Student Development. Natoschia is Secretary for the Student Section. As part of their responsibilities, the officers will be participating in national meetings of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences set for June in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Tarleton is also well represented on the state level for professionals. Human Sciences Department chair Dr. Jane Dennis is currently serving as State Treasurer and faculty member Dr. Karol Blaylock is the Professional Section Representative. The Tarleton delegation to the state convention also included Dr. Williams, Cadie Howell of Stephenville, Amanda Ray of Comanche, Anisha Stark of Gustine and Terri Waltz of Stephenville.

The Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences is the state of association for family and consumer science professionals, and is an affiliate of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. An educational and scientific association for professionals, TAFCS was created to improve the quality and standards of individual and family life through education, research, cooperative programs, business and industry, and public information. The organization is dedicated to providing direction, continuity, uniformity of purpose, with a means of networking for a common goal.

Oplin Community Sets their Homecoming for Saturday, June 3rd

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

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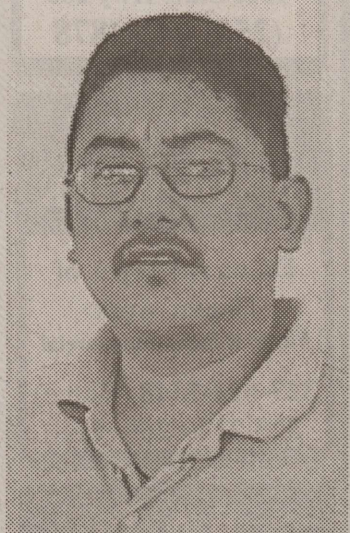
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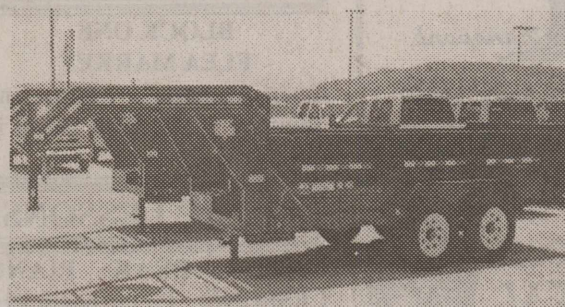


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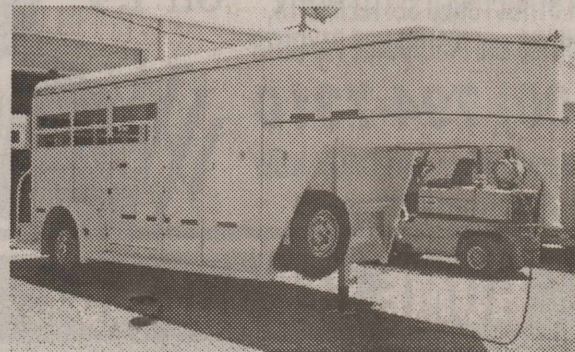
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Matthew Bureson
David Morales
Nathan Strength
Steve Fortune
Chuck Grant

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Ruby Taylor
James Young
Gene Black
Shelly (Key) Moreland
Corine Archer

Mrs. Adry Wheeler

MAY 16
Leonard Mosley
Sheila Payne

MAY 17
Lahoma Bowen
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Couple to Celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Garland and Elva Nell Dupriest will be honored with a 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration on May 20th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. This will be hosted by their children and grandchildren.

Garland and Elva Nell were married on May 30, 1956 at the Atwell Baptist Church. They moved to Rankin, Texas where

they have made their home since their marriage. They have two sons and daughter-in-laws, Gary and Christy Dupriest of Midland, Texas and Michael and Debi Dupriest of Lake Charles, Louisiana. They also have four very special grandchildren, Ryan, Tyler and Kayla of Midland and Austin of Lake Charles.

Their friends and relatives are very special gifts. They request no other.

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Army Pvt. Bridger A. Bush graduates basic

Army Pvt. Bridger A. Bush has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction in drill and ceremonies, rifle marksmanship, weapons, map reading, tactics, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history, core values and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Bush is the son of Billy and Kathy Bush of Reed St., Rising Star, Texas.

He is a 2005 graduate of Rising Star High School.

Community Blood Drive in Cross Plains May 16th

A community blood drive will take place on Tuesday, May 16. The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be at First Baptist Church from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The blood drive on March 21 resulted in twenty five pints of blood. Those who gave blood at that drive are eligible to donate again on May 16. Blood donors will receive a T-shirt and a free total cholesterol test. Cholesterol results are available three days after the blood drive.

According to Meek Blood Center, many different types of patients benefit from blood transfusions. A cancer patient undergoing chemotherapy may use six or more pints of blood during treatment. An accident or trauma victim may use as many as forty pints of blood while as little as three teaspoons of blood can save a life of a premature baby. "There is no substitute for human blood," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter for Meek Blood Center. "It is truly the gift of life that is given from a healthy person to a patient whose very life is dependent on a volunteer blood donor."

Blood donors must be a minimum of 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health. Those who have questions regarding donor eligibility may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org.

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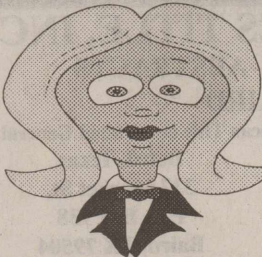
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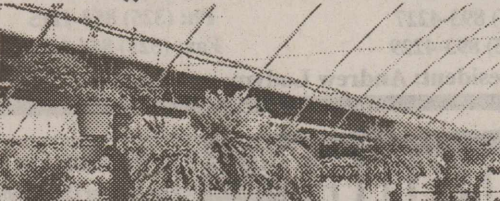
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94 F350 Crew Cab Diesel, Auto (White)...\$4,250
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