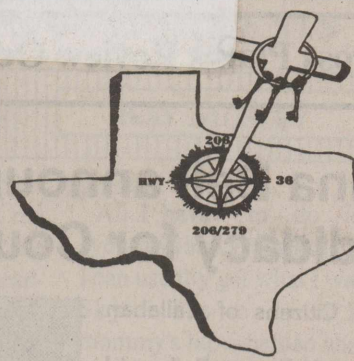


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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: In our fast-moving world the subject of "Stress Management" is something we can all benefit from. You hear about living a stress free life, but I don't see how that could realistically happen. We all have stress, it just arrives in different packages. Of course, the key is how you handle it.

Amber taped a sign on the wall at the *Review* that says "RELAX— God Is In Control". I have to read it often to keep things in perspective.

The following offers some suggestions to make your life more enjoyable, along with some humor to boot! **Vanda Anderson**

"Stress Management"

A lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked, "How heavy is this glass of water?" Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz.

The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance." In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer you hold it, the heavier it becomes. He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on. So before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow.

Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you. Relax; pick them up later after you've rested. Life is short. Enjoy it!

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Love Fund Established for Locally Known Infant, Tyler James

A Love Fund has been established at Texas Heritage Bank for Tyler James, son of Sterling and Tasha (Webb) James of McGregor.

Sterling and Tasha were blessed with two beautiful baby boys, Kase and Tyler, born June 14, 2006 at Scott and White Hospital in Temple. The twin boys had what is called "twin to twin transfusion".

Kase, the bigger twin, was in the hospital from birth until August 24, 2006. He is now home and doing well.

Tyler is the smaller of the two and has been in the hospital since birth. He was transported from Scott and White to Texas Children's Hospital in Houston on October 19, 2006.

Grandparents are Wayne and Darlene Webb of Burkett and Stan and Letha James of Bangs.

Please keep Tyler and his family in your prayers.

General Election early voting now underway

Early voting for the November 7th General Election is now underway at three locations in Callahan County, according to Callahan County election officials.

Early voting will take place each weekday at the County Courthouse Room #102 in Baird, at the Justice of the Peace office in Clyde and the Justice of the Peace office in Cross Plains.

Early voting began Monday, October 23rd and will end on Friday, November 3rd. Early voting hours are between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. each weekday.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than

the close of business on Tuesday, October 31st. Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to: Jeanie Bohannon, 100 West 4th, Suite 104, Baird, Texas 79504.

The only contested race in Callahan County involves the race for Cross Plains Precinct #4 Commissioner race between Republican Party candidate Cliff Kirkham and Democratic Party candidate Elvan Goode.

A Sample Ballot of the November 7th General Election will appear in next week's newspaper.

Helping Hearts, Helping Hands Work Day this Saturday, October 28

This Saturday, October 28, is the annual Helping Hearts, Helping Hands project sponsored by the Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative. This project enlists the help of local volunteers of all ages to assist in improving the lives of area residents by carrying out minor repairs to their homes. This year we are looking at 17 projects to complete in this one day event. Volunteers of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to help as anyone can be of use whether you are a skilled carpenter or plumber or just know how to run a paint brush.

The day will start at 7:00 a.m. as volunteers will meet at the Church of Christ Activity Center located on Highway 36 for a wonderful breakfast. Individuals will then be assigned to different groups as we head out over our community to assist those in need. Lunch will be provided by Texas Heritage bank in the downtown area at noon in conjunction with the bank's 75th anniversary

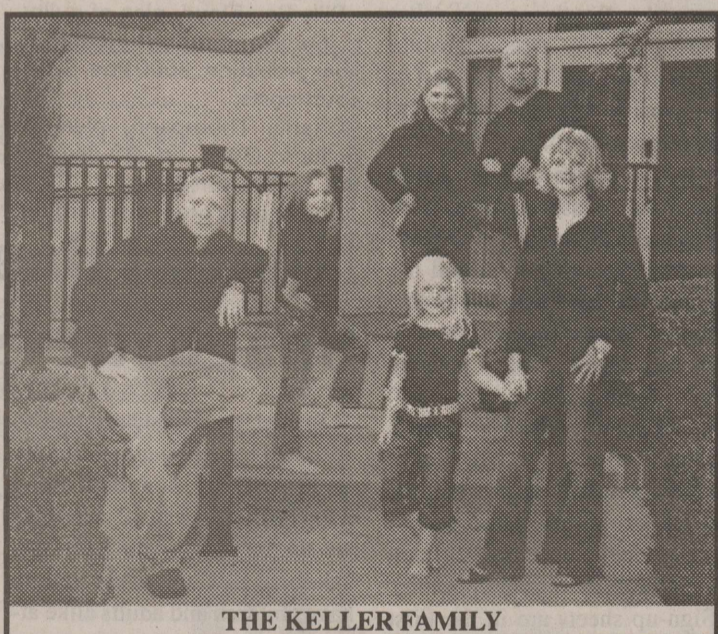
celebration.

We hope you will consider assisting with this local endeavor either by the giving of your time or by making a donation. The Helping Hearts, Helping Hands project has been active for a number of years and each time we participate we are blessed by the things we accomplish as well as by the fellowship in working with those in our community.

Questions you may have regarding this effort can be addressed to Roxie Thomas at 725-6141 or Connie Kirkham at 725-6500. We encourage you to contact us and let us know if you can help so as to get as much of a head count as possible, but if you wake up Saturday morning and feel the need to come out and see what it is you can do, we would love to see you there.

We look forward to seeing you Saturday!

Submitted by
Roxie Thomas



THE KELLER FAMILY

Revival at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains

First Baptist Church of Cross Plains will be having a REVIVAL starting Sunday, October 29th to Wednesday, November 1st.

The Revival Team consists of Pastor Larry Eaton and The Todd Keller Family.

Eaton says he is just a man that God saved from the pits of hell and placed on the Rock to preach. Pastor Larry was born in Kentucky and now resides in Missouri.

The Kellers are a family devoted to leading God's people to the throne of grace through worship. Their truest desire is to see people respond to God's call in Revelation 3:20. Their children, Grant, Bristol, Paige,

and Brook'lynn, take an active roll in worship through voice, instrument and drama. The Kellers are from Amarillo.

There will be a Special Emphasis each night:

Sunday, October 29th: 6:00 pm Revival Service, All Church Fellowship Homemade Ice Cream.

Monday, October 30th: 7:00 pm Revival Service-Friends & Neighbors Night.

Tuesday, October 31st: 6:00 pm Children's Hot Dog Supper, 7:00 pm Revival Service.

Wednesday, November 1st: 6:00 pm Youth Pizza Night, 7:00 pm Revival Service.

Texas Heritage Bank Marks 75 Year of Community Involvement

When Elmer I. Vestal and several others voted in October of 1931 to charter the financial institution now known as Texas Heritage Bank, they no doubt knew they would be providing an important service to their fellow Cross Plains residents.

But they may not have realized they were establishing a legacy of community involvement and local service that would remain three quarters of a century later.

"It takes a lot of things for any organization to last - and even thrive - for 75 years," says David Estes, president of Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains. "But a connection to its community is crucial for a hometown bank like Texas Heritage Bank. That's what has sustained us. That's what continues to sustain the bank."

This month marks 75 years since Texas Heritage began as Citizens State Bank through a vote by civic leaders and businessmen in Callahan County. Since then it has weathered droughts and some fierce economic cycles to serve the residents of Cross Plains and the surrounding areas and even has expanded into other markets to provide the same level of personal service.

The bank will celebrate its anniversary by hosting a street party for the Cross Plains community and bank customers on Saturday, Oct. 28 from noon to 3 p.m. at the corner of NW 1st Street and Main Street in Cross Plains.

Beginning in 1931 with just \$27,500 in capital, Texas Heritage now has capital of more than \$4.8 million. It has opened offices in Boerne and Leon Springs, employs more

than 28 people and continues to focus on being a community bank for the customers it serves.

Citizens State Bank wasn't the first financial institution to serve Cross Plains, but it's most certainly been the longest lasting.

At the turn of the century, Bank of Cross Plains operated in a small wood-frame building on the banks of Turkey Creek. And in the years after Cross Plains incorporated, Guaranty State Bank and First State Bank served the community of roughly 600 on the edge of West Texas. During that time, Cross Plains had become a trading center for cotton and other crops, and the arrival of the Texas Central Railroad in 1912 made a solid financial institution necessary.

But by 1931, with the dissolution of the other financial institutions in town and the discovery of nearby oil wells spurring growth in the community, Vestal and several others agreed to create Citizens State Bank.

While the organizers must have known they faced an uncertain future in the midst of the Great Depression, they had an eye toward an improved economy and growth in Cross Plains.

When it opened for business on Nov. 1, 1931, Citizens State Bank was located on the southwest corner of Main and 8th Streets. R.C. Durringer was cashier and chief executive officer, handling the bank's day-to-day operations. Vestal was chosen by the organizers to be the bank's first president and board chairman.

Over the first several years,

J.R. Patterson succeeded Durringer as CEO, and he was replaced by C.C. Neeb a few years later. Several men served as board chairmen during the first decade of the bank's existence, including John Barr, S.C. Barr, Porter J. Davis, Jesse McAdams and W.P. (Nick) Brightwell.

It was later that Fred V. Tunnell, who went on to be a stalwart member of the Cross Plains community, became president, joined the board and set the standard for involvement in the community.

Though the founders showed optimism establishing the bank during the Depression, they started small. Total average daily deposits in 1934 were just greater than \$70,000.

The bank always has been far from extravagant in its spending habits, especially in those early days. At the time, the institution operated with just three employees - a bookkeeper, a teller and a cashier. Often the bank spent less than \$1000 in a single month.

The bank in the first few decades had few employees to keep costs down, but those employees were well known to local residents. Teller Loretta Luxenberger in the 1950s ran a dairy farm on the north side of town, and teller Vida Balkum farmed with her husband on the south side. Ethel Sims, whose parents ran a Cross Plains drug store, was a longtime secretary to Tunnell. Edwin Baum, who had served

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Annual Jr. Class Fall Festival Scheduled for Saturday, October 28th

The Fall Festival for 2006 will be held October 28th at the Cross Plains High School old gym. The festival will start at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude at 9:00 p.m. We welcome everyone in the community and surrounding communities to attend this night of fun.

There will be several booths for children and adults. There will be a cakewalk with delicious baked goods and the exciting Bingo with great prizes. You can have your dinner with us also, there will be a concession stand.

The Costume Contest will be Birth to Pre-K, K to 6th grade, 7th to 12th grade and adults. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

New to the festival this year will be a pumpkin carving contest. The pumpkin entry fee is \$3 and you need to bring them to the festival by 7:00 p.m. Winners of the pumpkin carving, costume contest, and the king and queen will be announced between 7:30 and 8:00.

Remember boxes for the Festival King and Queen nominees are located at Jean's, Dairy Queen and Texas Heritage Bank so come give your financial support. We hope everyone comes out and enjoys the festivities.

Submitted by Jr. Class

DON'T GET MAD... GET MADD

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

MADD Pays a Visit, A National Merit Scholar is Recognized, "Success Maker" Gets Approval and 'School Climate' was discussed at the Oct. 17th School Board Meeting

*Paula Harris, Victim Services Specialist from Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), spoke in Open Forum about the services they offer to schools. She gave each Board Member a packet explaining what MADD is about and what programs are available.

In one of the new programs, elementary school children go to "Safety City" in Abilene. The kids experience various 'hands-on' fun, while learning educational lessons to deter them from early drinking.

Another new program is "Take Two" for Jr. and Sr. High students. This is a fast paced, upbeat program where teens get to go behind the scenes and see real life consequences for choices. Set in a multimedia environment, with interviews with actual teens and celebrities, this is an experience that empowers them to make wise decisions.

Harris also offered to hold an on-campus assembly where a young woman who has been negatively affected by a drunk

driver volunteers to come and speak first-hand to students. The School Board all agreed to put this on the agenda for the November 16th meeting.

To learn more about these programs or other related issues,

See School Board Minutes Page 4

Texas Heritage Bank

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Donna Bell announces candidacy for County Clerk

To the Citizens of Callahan County:

My name is Donna Bell and I am running for the office of County Clerk of Callahan County. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about myself. I am married to Bruce Bell. We have been married for 13 years and have 5 children and 7 grandchildren. Bruce grew up in Baird and when he retired we decided to move to Baird and make this our home. We also wanted to live closer to Bruce's mom, Bobbye Griggs Roach, who lives in Baird. Bruce is employed by the Baird Senior Citizen Center as Site Manager. We have lived in Baird for 4 years and I am happy to call it home.

I have been an employee of the Callahan County Clerk's office for those 4 years, the last year as Chief Deputy. I have 28 total years in County Government. I worked 10 years for the Yoakum County Tax Office, 5 years for the Yoakum County Clerk's Office and 10 years for the Potter County Tax Office.

I have really enjoyed working for each county including Callahan County. I believe I am qualified for the office and would

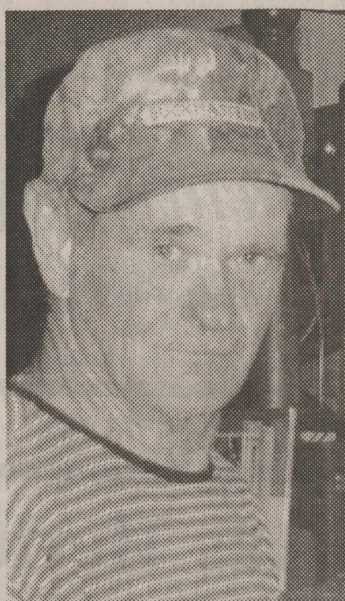


DONNA BELL
...candidate for office of County Clerk

serve the public to the best of my ability. I am asking for the support of each voter and promise to take the office of County Clerk very seriously. In a time of new challenges and rapid change I will strive to assert leadership with the utmost integrity.

Political advertisement paid by Donna Bell, PR 2484 Lot 420, Baird, Texas 79504.

OBITUARY



JOE MITCHELL HOLLAWAY

Joe Mitchell Hollaway
Joe Mitchell Hollaway, 65 of Vinita passed away on Saturday, October 14, 2006. Joe was born on June 16, 1941 in Roswell, New Mexico to Bud and Lela (Mills) Hollaway.

Joe lived in Texas, Arizona and Oklahoma. He was of Baptist faith, and liked fishing, hunting, cats and could tell you about any make and model of car.

Joe is survived by two brothers Monty Hollaway of Oregon, Jack Hollaway of Arizona. One Uncle Cliff Hollaway of Nevada. Cousins Bill and Barbara Wood of Vinita, Oklahoma, Gerald and Helen Robnett of Arizona, Judy and Leon Callison of Pryor, Oklahoma, Elizabeth and Allan Hilburn of Vinita, Susan and Ted Smethers of Arizona and Jennifer and Alec Faraji of California. And numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends in Cross Plains, Texas.

Preferred memorials are to be made in memory of Joe to "Lord's Acre" at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains, Texas P. O. Box 160, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

The family will gather at Burckhalter Funeral Home on Tuesday evening

October 17, 2006 from 6 to 7 p.m. to receive friends and relatives.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at Ball Cemetery with Rev. Bob Johns of the First United Methodist Church of Vinita officiating.

Under the direction of Burckhalter Funeral Home.

Cornerstone Bible Church Announces New Pastor

Walter Pope has accepted pastoral call to Cornerstone Bible Church in Cross Plains.

For the last six years he was director of pastoral care at Abundant Life Church of Brownwood. His wife, Beverly, was office manager at Abundant

Life Church. The couple and their grandchildren have recently moved here.

Walter, who is originally from Cross Plains, welcomes you to come visit with them at Cornerstone Bible Church, located at 832 Avenue A.

Gospel Music Concert to be Held in Moran

A Gospel Music Concert is set for Sunday, October 29th at 6:00 p.m. at the Country Gospel Church in Moran. Admission is FREE!!!

Featured groups include "The Howard Family" of Gorman;

"The Soul Lifters" from Wichita Falls and "The Redeemed" of Eastland. All three groups will be singing that evening.

Please invite your friends and mark your calendars for this special event and don't miss it!!!!

First Baptist Church Plans Women's Retreat

All women of the community are invited to a first-ever in-house women's retreat scheduled at the First Baptist Church on November 3-4.

Linda Schendanze from Weatherford will be speaking on our "Identity in Christ".

Friday evening activities will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a light supper, games, a drama, music and Bible study with breakout sessions. The evening will close at 9:30 p.m. for fellowship, sharing, lots of laughter as we playing games of your choice and have an evening of fun and a girl's night out.

Saturday morning activities will start with breakfast from 8-9 a.m., followed by Bible study, music and breakout sessions. Lunch will be provided and the session will be concluded with a Chinese Gift Swap. Be sure to bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift for the exchange. Closing will be at approximately 2:00

p.m. Cost of the retreat is \$25.00. Supplies needed are: sleeping bag, toiletries, snacks, board games, a wrapped white elephant gift, and an open heart to hear what Jesus has to say to you, and a fun spirit.

If you choose not to spend the night, please come to both sessions on Friday night and Saturday. If your schedule will not permit you to attend on of the sessions, please come to the one you can attend. Cost for the Friday night session alone is \$10 and the Saturday session alone is \$15.00.

Child care will be provided. If you choose to take advantage of this service, please bring a sack lunch for each of your children. Sign-up sheets are in the First Baptist Church parlor, or you can register by calling the church office at 254-725-7629. Please sign up before October 29th.

Submitted by Linda Slaymaker

Courthouse News

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Preston C. Bartlow, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Jacquelyn R. Campbell, failure to identify.

Tammy Jo Reid, possession of marijuana.

Michael F. Jones, DWI.

Alton W. Gober, terroristic threat.

Alfredo Holguin, driving while license invalid (DWLI).

Bobbie Jo Monsey, theft.

Heriberto G. Castorena, Sr., DWLI.

Cari L. Doguet, DWI.

Keith Lane Key, DWLI.

Crystal R. Wheeler, assault.

Christopher R. Hewitt, assault (family violence).

Jeremy D. Chavez, Ct. I - DWI, Ct. II - leaving scene of accident.

Christian D. McCoy, criminal trespass.

Michael Gene Bushell, deadly conduct.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Michael E. Nichols, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to other case.

Debbie Hogue, plea of guilty to theft by check, 2 year probation, \$100 fine, \$306 court costs, \$3921 restitution.

Theodore Kowalzek, plea of guilty to driving while license suspended (DWLS), 1 year probation, \$300 fine, \$306 court costs.

Betty Brown, plea of guilty to theft, 5 days in jail, \$300 fine, \$256 court costs.

Robert Hartt, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 2 year probation, \$300 fine, \$256 court costs.

Michael Nichols, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 18 month probation, \$800 fine, \$256 court costs.

Rodney Roberts, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 18 month probation, \$600 fine, \$356 court costs.

Kaci Ann Echols, plea of guilty to theft by check, 2 year probation, \$100 fine, \$306 court costs, \$580.64 restitution.

Michael Nichols, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Tarrant Co. granted.

Rodney Roberts, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Ector Co. granted.

Debbie Hogue, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Collin Co. granted.

Gilbert Recio, order on motion to withdraw as counsel granted.

Robert C. Jones, motion to dismiss to Ct. I - DWI, Ct. II - deadly conduct granted, defendant incompetent.

Jose Luna, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 60 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$401 court costs.

Billy Ray Floyd, plea of guilty to harboring runaway child, 1 year probation, \$600 fine, \$256 court costs.

Charlie Thompson, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 30 days in jail, \$356 court costs.

End of term order discharging

Nimrod Baptist Church Spaghetti Supper

Nimrod Baptist Church, FM 569, will have a spaghetti supper fund-raiser by donation along with our Fall Festival activities for the children on Saturday, October 28. They would love to have children and adults alike attend.

The meal will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Children's activities will be

defendant under deferred adjudication, Jared Morgan.

Kevin Kohler, Jr., motion to revoke probation granted.

Travis Byram, motion to revoke probation granted.

Dona Earlene Reid, motion to revoke probation granted.

Armando M. Hernandez, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$200 fine, \$165 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Edgar D. Timms and Jennifer L. Sellers, both of Clyde.

James D. Vinson and Margo N. Stafford, both of Clyde.

Brandon O. McDowell of Cross Plains and Micah A. Carr of Universal City.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Brenda McCullough and Rusty McCullough, divorce.

JoAnn Behrends; Cynthia Bryan, Shannon Behrends; as next friend of Janeen Centree Behrends, a minor child; and the estate of Kenneth Wayne Behrends vs. City of Baird; John Windham, individually; Clay Woods, administrative head of Marshalls; Eddie Curtis, individually and as Sheriff of Callahan Co. Sheriff Department; John Does, I-10; and Thomas Davis Jr., administrative head of Public Safety, wrongful death.

Mark Young vs. Julie Amber Young, suit to terminate.

The State of Texas vs. 1994 Ford T-Bird LX, VIN #1FALP624XRH206135 & Desert Eagle semi-auto 9mm, serial #34313802, motion of seizure and intended forfeiture.

Criminal Indictments

Chad A. Fayleus, possession of child pornography.

Criminal Information & Complaints

Charlie D. Thompson, assault on public servant.

Criminal Minutes

Rick Lee Macke, plea of guilty to manslaughter, 8 years in prison, \$206 court costs.

Toby J. Lindley, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Johnny M. Edwards, plea of guilty to DWI - 3rd or more, 5 years in prison, \$325 court costs.

Jennifer L. Burns, order discharging defendant from probation, no deferred adjudication.

Charlie D. Thompson, plea of guilty to assault on public servant, 3 years in prison, \$219 court costs.

Order discharging defendants from probation under deferred adjudication; Robert Cribbs, Quata Saldivar.

Chad A. Faykus, plea of guilty to possession of child pornography, 6 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$299 court costs.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett

Well fall has fallen, and I am very glad. Those old dog days of summer really get tedious the last few days. It makes a good man want to cry. But the fall weather makes you feel good and happy. Any way the fodder is in the shock and the pumpkin is in the barn.

The quilting club held their Turkey Dinner and Musical last Friday night, and raised some good money for the upkeep of their building and the people heard some very good music, although not many stayed to hear the music. The Quilting Club sold many takeout dinners, but most people, like myself, had conflicts with other programs.

I stayed for a while and heard a couple of bands including Wes King's band, which I liked very much. They are from Tuscola, Texas.

The quilting club will be hanging their annual Rehab Quilt next Thursday. They have not come up with a name yet for the quilt, but promised one for next week. They are trying to get it ready to deliver in early December when TV Station KTAB has their annual dinner meeting to honor the Clubs that have quilted and donated a

quit. A good delegation from the Cottonwood Quilting Club always attends this dinner meeting.

Then the next item on the agenda is a Bake Sale which the ladies of the club will have on November 4, at 9:00 am. They will hold this annual Baked Goods Sale in front of the Village Market in Cross Plains so that those of you who love to cook and bake can donate baked goods for a good cause and those of you who don't cook/bake (for whatever reasons) can buy and freeze for Thanksgiving Dinner! Call Sue Bennett for particulars.

My graduating class, of 1942 at Cross Plains High School, held an annual reunion in Abilene this past week. Ate at the Deutchlander restaurant in Buffalo Gap and, lo and behold, met Bill and Janet Marsh's daughter, Terri, who has been working at the restaurant for 8 years and is now Assistant Manager, and our class has been going there for a number of years. Will wonders never cease?

Get Me To The Church On Time

Jean Draper is home from an exciting trip to Chicago. She went to that area to witness her

grandson, Jimmy Rogers, getting married. Jimmy is finishing Basic Training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Base and when Jean and her party got to the base, the Shore Patrol would not let them drive their car on Base. So, they walked to the backside of the camp to sign her grandson out and just made it to the Church on time. Actually they went to the License Bureau to get a marriage license and got there just in time before they closed the office for the day. And they did make the Judge's Office on time. The judge married several Sailors and their brides at the same time. Jimmy Rogers and his new bride will be home for a few weeks, then he will ship out to Guam Naval Station for further training. I understand there will be a church wedding in East Texas for them to repeat their vows in a religious ceremony, but that the military procedures and paperwork for her to accompany him required this official wedding and had to be done right away.

(Please contact Wallace Bennett at 254-725-7474 for new or personal items for this column. E-mail is csb5@airmail.net. Snailmail address is 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.)

PIONEER NEWS

Christy Dallas drove Charlene Chesshir to Abilene to the Abilene High School reunion of classes from 1940 to 1946 last Saturday. Charlene graduated in 1944.

They shopped a little and then went by Charlene sister's, Christene Cooper. Christy chauffured them all to the reunion.

Christine and Stewart's son from California came in and we had a good visit with Tom and Lynn Cooper.

Jim Chesshir sprained his ankle last Friday, so he didn't come down last weekend.

Pioneer's Annual Quilt Show Nov. 4th

The Pioneer Community's Annual Quilt Show will be Saturday, November 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Anyone in the area interested in bringing quilts for display should bring them between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. the morning of the show. They should be picked up at 4 p.m. that day.

Quilts can be either hand quilted, machine quilted or tacked. There is NO entry fee. Ribbons will be given for the ones chosen as "People's Choice" for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

They will have the Country Store where on can buy hand-

made items, crafts, etc. Best of all there will be plenty of fresh baked cakes, pies, breads, etc. These goodies to buy can be frozen for the upcoming holidays.

The sale of goods from the Country Store helps with the upkeep of the Community Building. Anyone wishing to help with items for the bake sale would be appreciated.

The Pioneer Community Center is located one mile north of Highway 36 between Rising Star and Cross Plains on FM 569. Call 254-725-7321 or 254-725-7188 for more information.

GARDEN TIPS

By James Nichols

Otis Says:

Till a place up in your garden for onions because November is the month to plant onion bulbs and also a good time to transplant winter onions and your walking onions.

RISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

By Linda Merritt

There was differently a frost on the old pumpkins Monday morning. This cooler weather is sure nice with a crisp freshness in the air.

We will be having a haunted house again here at the center. We welcome trick-or-treaters to come by. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. on the 31st.

The residents will be cutting out and decorating Halloween cookies for our party on the 31st, at 2:00. At that time we will be having an employee costume contest and pumpkin carving contest.

Everyone be sure and remember to fall back an hour to standard time on Saturday night the 28th.

There Are Two Ways To Spread Light: To Be The Candle Or The Mirror That Reflects It.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 3

MONDAY - Smothered Chicken, Whipped Potatoes, Broccoli, Oatmeal Cookie, Wheat Bread
TUESDAY- Mexican Cabbage, Blackeyed Peas, Yellow Squash, Jalapeno Cornbread, Orange Gelatin

WEDNESDAY - Bell Pepper-Beef Rice Casserole, Buttered Corn, Pickled Beets, Spice Cake, Bread

THURSDAY- Baked Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Zucchini & Tomatoes, Bread Pudding, Bread

FRIDAY - Ham-Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce/Tomato, Potato Soup, Carrot-Raisin Salad, Lemon Cake

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

LIBRARY NOTES

Statistics
October 16-20, 2006

Honorariums: Wanda Merryman in honor of Cecil and Mary Barton; Margaret Waring in honor of Charles and Lou Rodenberger

Memorials: Harold and Mary White in memory of Merlin Franke and Leonard Pillans; Wanda Merryman in memory of Bobby and Eddie Faye Dillard; Frances Galloway in memory of Leonard Pillans and Family

Donations: Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Stambaugh, Chad and Kim Cunningham, Don Harris, Alexander Doss and Billy Sinclair

Donations-Books: Juanita Byrd, John Burleson, and Lou Rodenberger

Library Activity Report
October 16-20, 2006

Patron	63
Programs	27
Copies	66
Reference	2
Books Checked Out	48
Calls In	4
Internet Users	15

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October 26, 2006

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank all the people who helped make the Community Wide Sale a success last Saturday. It was a beautiful fall day and many were out enjoying it, judging by the number of people who stopped at our sale and asked for the maps of participants.

Thank to the merchants who participated and if it weren't for those who joined in to lend their support we couldn't have a "community wide" sale, it would just be our little ole sale!

Last but not at all least, we want to thank Vanda and the Cross Plains Review for all the assistance with publicity and good space coverage for the sale. We have often failed to thank them in the past and all the organizations in this town benefit from our local newspaper.

Sincerely,
Beta Sigma Phi

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

KAY MOSLEY

Comment: It is a pleasure this week to have a guest writer, my daughter, Allison Wilson. Some said we should change the heading to: "Quick, Clip and Chic". She writes of her father, mother, and her and Paige's two dogs.

"Big Babies"

Good day everyone, this is Abby Wilson. I am Kay's granddog. I am 9 or 9 1/2 years old. You know what happens in old age. My partner in crime is Skyler Wilson. He is a big baby.

I got loose in Lubbock and Skyler went with me. I chased cats around four blocks. Skyler got beaten up by the cats. They ripped the fur from his head and scratched the tar out of him.

I got caught three hours later. Boy was I in trouble. Let me tell you, Skyler never goes out with me again. He's too scared now.

He thinks he's a big bad dog but he isn't. Every time our Mommy tells Skyler she's going to get him, he tends to play limp. He always tilts his head to one side and raises his paw like its hurt. Sometimes he even falls on his back, looking

all sad.

All I have to do is raise eyebrows and give a sad look and I can usually get what I want. All Skyler has to do is lay in mommy's lap—he's so cheesy.

Since we have been here at grandma's we have enjoyed chasing Granddad's squirrels. Two and 1/2 months ago I actually caught one. But my girl (Paige) took it from me and tossed it over the fence. So those darn cats got to snack on it instead. At least I got its tail. Granddad was so mad at me.

Although I still like trapping cats in Granddad's lawn mower, Mommy keeps letting them free. I just wanted to play with them.

We like coming to Grandma's. She lets Skyler and I sit in her chair (one at a time though). Our Grandma loves us very much. Granddad just likes to tease us with our toys. He is such a stinker, but we love him anyway.

Well, it's time to close. I thank you for your attention, but it's time for our dinner. So till next time, this is Abby and Skyler Wilson.

See you soon in the papers.



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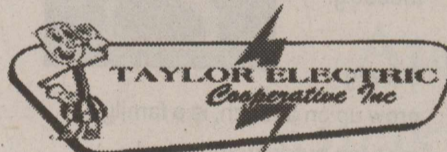
Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the General Election held on November 7, 2006 will be tested on November 3, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at Room #102 County Courthouse, Baird, Texas to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

(s) Jeanie Bohannon
Signature of Officer

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion General que se llevara a cabo el November 7, 2006 se probara el November 3, 2006 a las 9:00 a.m. en Room #102 County Courthouse, Baird, Texas para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todas los proyectos de ley.

(s) Jeanie Bohannon
Firma del/dela Oficial



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By Bob Pipes
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In a Baylor Hospital advertisement there's a picture of five women. They are: "Too busy," "No symptoms," "I feel fine," "I'm too young," and "It's a man's disease." Then the statement: "No more excuses when it comes to your heart and vascular health."

I could say, "Well, men are not the only ones who make excuses, huh?"—but I'll just say that "People not only make excuses about physical health issues, they make them about spiritual health issues also." Excuses, along with "passing the buck," began with Adam, then Eve (Gen. 3:12-13). Moses was good at making excuses (Ex. 3:11; 4:1, 10, 13), this last one being a "Let George do it," also. And they are recorded on and on throughout the Bible.

What is your "favorite excuse"—especially when it comes to spiritual matters? The old saying is that "One excuse is as good as another"—but the truth of the matter is, "One excuse is as flimsy as another." Like lies, people (but not us, of course!) try to prop one excuse up with another—and they all fall before God's truth like dominoes...

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Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

School Board Minutes — Buffaloes

go to www.schoolassembly.org or www.madd.org or call 1-877-MADD-HELP. Paula Harris was called and invited by a parent concerned about underage drinking.

*High School Principal, Jimmie Cearley announced that he had received a Letter of Commendation honoring senior **Russell Thomas as a National Merit Scholar.** Cearley emphasized that this is a very high honor of achievement and wholeheartedly stated, "I'm very very proud of him!" This honor is given out to only 34,000 students across the nation and is awarded by SAT results.

*Elementary Principal, Margie Sowell reported that teachers had met and discussed their needs regarding "Success Maker", the program that helps in preparing students to understand and score higher in the TAKS tests. Scott Childress asked if there was enough staffing for the program. Sowell answered that they don't have a staff person available right now. Kim Crockett urged, "Teachers need to make sure they know how 'Success Maker' works." Sowell explained that she had already had a good staff meeting and went over it for those who weren't yet familiar with the program. The Board approved to buy 5 more licenses at this time. Eleven have already been acquired, bringing the total now to 16 usable sites. Principals Cearley and Sowell have visited a few other schools to study what programs/methods they are using to achieve higher test scores.

*Board President Scott Childress just returned from attending the Texas Association of School Boards 46th Annual Convention. He gave an overview of the workshops: *Board President's Legal Duties and Responsibilities, Effective Facilitation Skills, Planning Productive Meetings, Practical Parliamentary Procedures, Board Duties They Never Tell You About and The Board's Role in Improving Student Achievement.*

Childress said that the 'school climate' affects students and staff and so does the culture. He explained that, "Providing a climate of high expectations influences success." He encouraged the members to think about how they can all improve student achievement using Board policies. Childress handed out booklets from the conference for each member to look over.

*Tina Wyatt, President of Parent-Teacher-Organization (PTO) gave a brief summary of what they've been up to so far this year. For 'National Lunch Room Day', they made a cake and a card for the lunchroom ladies. "We so appreciate the lunchroom ladies!" she exclaimed. The PTO took bags of 'thank-you' letters to the bus drivers and custodians, as well as 'goody-bags' to show their gratitude for all they do each day

for the school, teachers and students. They have a birthday cake every 2 months to celebrate birthdays of school employees, once every 6 weeks they have an appreciation lunch in each of the school lounges. Tina also added that at the end of the year they always have a Teacher Appreciation Party.

*In Open Forum, Susan Holland spoke about being disappointed at the many request for fund-raisers that kids are bringing home and asked to participate in. Mrs. Holland related that the 5th and 6th grade Band Boosters are told to provide a lot of food. She went on to comment, "We're not even into December yet, and we're being bombarded with requests for either food or money."

*The administrative procedure on requiring new hires to have a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) before driving busses was discussed. Tension stated that the new Aid now has a CDL to drive a school bus. Tension added that in the event that they are short of drivers, he, Mr. Cearley or Margie Sowell are asked to do the job, and it's always worked out.

Crockett asked if there was continuing training to update the drivers on how to handle situations as they might arise on the bus. Tension replied that they do go for training every 3 years. He also explained that the School Zone Lights are regulated under Federal Law and that they are to be on 3 times a day for 45 minutes only.

*Robert Pritz, County Extension Agent was named as Adjunct Faculty Member. This allows CPISD to be well represented at stock shows. Ag teachers Marc Morgan and Roy Richey will also support the kids who will be showing animals.

*Bids from electric providers; WTU, DLS and Reliant Energy were looked at to evaluate which would offer the best price for the school. The lowest bid came from WTU at .1210/.0936 kilowatt-hours and was accepted.

*The Board voted against approving "scanned signatures" on documents because of the possibility of fraud.

*The discussion on the calendar/evaluation for Mr. Tension was tabled and the Board went into Executive Session from 6:50 - 7:25 p.m. Those attending from the public were, Craig Hopper, Teresa Loudermilk, Robin Hale, Paula Harris, Tommy Ames, Jennifer Wooten, Susan Holland, Tina Wyatt, Janice Phillips, Judy Luter, Annette Nickerson, Tonya Walker, Kali Rogers and Patricia Hopkins.

The Cross Plains School Board now meets every 3rd THURSDAY of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library. The next meeting is November 16th. The public is encouraged to attend.

Come Up Short, 18-9

The Cross Plains Buffaloes lost to the Santo Wildcats, 18-9 here Friday night. The Buffaloes totaled 237 yards of offense with 12 first downs. Santo had 298 yards of offense with 16 first downs.

Rushing: Sean Williams 22 carries/88 yards; Thomas Estes 9/66; Russell Thomas 3/11; JJ Callaway 1/5

Receiving: Russell Thomas 2 catches/26 yards; Justin Dickson 2/19; Mitchell Gibbs 1/12; Joe Dalton Wyatt 1/10

Passing: Thomas Estes 6/14/67 yards

Tackles: Russell Thomas 10 Tackles/0 Assists; Jacob Melton 7/1; Sean Williams 5/4 (Recov. Fumble); Steve Garrett 4/3; Joe Dalton Wyatt 3/2; Markus Maxwell 2/2; Zach Bennett 2/1 (Caused Fumble); Justin Dickson 2/1; JJ Callaway 2/1; Cody Hyles 1/2; Fili Vasquez 1/2 (INT); Thomas Estes 2/0; Colton Manley 0/1; Josh Raddle 1/0.

Submitted by Coach Hagler

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK OFFENSE

Thomas Estes, Sr., QB
9 carries/66 yards
6 of 14 passing for 67 yards

DEFENSE

Russell Thomas, Sr., DB
10 Solo Tackles
Jacob Melton, Jr., DT
7 Solo Tackles/ 1 Assisted Tackle

SCORING SUMMARY

1ST QUARTER	
CROSS PLAINS	7
Santo	6
2ND QUARTER	
CROSS PLAINS	0
Santo	0
3RD QUARTER	
CROSS PLAINS	0
Santo	6
4TH QUARTER	
CROSS PLAINS	2
Santo	6
FINAL	
CROSS PLAINS	9
Santo	18

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from October 15, 2006 through October 21, 2006 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—91
Complaints—99
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—1

Vehicle Accidents
There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.



CLASS OF 1942 GET TOGETHER—Donnel Clark (back, from left), Harold White, Mary Jane (Stafford) Barclay, Imo Jeane Clark; Wallace Bennett (middle, from left), Mary White (wife of Harold), Virginia White (sister of Harold), Vida Scott, Joan Ripper, Grady Ramey, George Hoover, Bill Russell, Ben Wagner; Jack Ripper, seated (front, from left), Frances (Pierce) Galloway, Jaunita Burks, Helen Wagner, and Dorothy (Thompson) Ramey. Present but not shown were Mike and Nell Ratliff. (Photo courtesy of Frances (Pierce) Galloway.)

Cross Plains High School Class of 1942 Meets in Abilene

By Wallace Bennett

The graduating class of 1942, "called the do nothing, want nothing, seek nothing class, and they don't start that until sometime after 10:00 am each morning," held their annual meeting in Abilene's El Elegante Hotel Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

They did very little site-seeing but did a lot of meeting and eating, preferring, as one member said, to "just sit and enjoy the fellowship and stillness." The only site-seeing trip the class did take, was to visit Abilene's new Texas Frontier Town and see how "WE" used to live in those olden

days, most of us.

Other than meeting and eating in some of Abilene's finest establishments, the group held a business meeting under the leadership of Class President Forrest "Mooney" Scott on Wednesday.

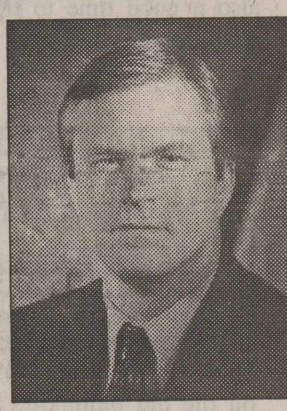
A moment of silent prayer for the loss of two members of the class in the past year, Leonard Pillans and Merlin Franke, was observed and the question of not meeting annually as a class anymore and meet during the High School reunion every three years with a group of graduates for the decade of the 1940's was discussed and decided, due to the fact that this class had a unique

and close relationship to each other, being the last graduating class before WWII, to continue our annual meeting.

It was, however, decided that class members meet during the High School reunion whenever possible.


Juanita (Burks) Hoover was elected as the new Class President and the class would meet at the same time and place next year. The burden of making arrangements with the hotel and decisions of where to eat and meet and what kind of entertainment fell on her shoulders. She was completely in charge; no other class member had a thing to worry about, just show up!

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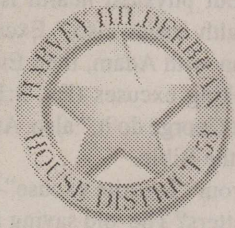
Harvey grew up on a ranch, is a family man, an outdoorsman, and businessman. His love of Texas and Texans is obvious in every legislative endeavor.

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Varsity vs. Gorman

October 27, 2006 7:30 p.m. There

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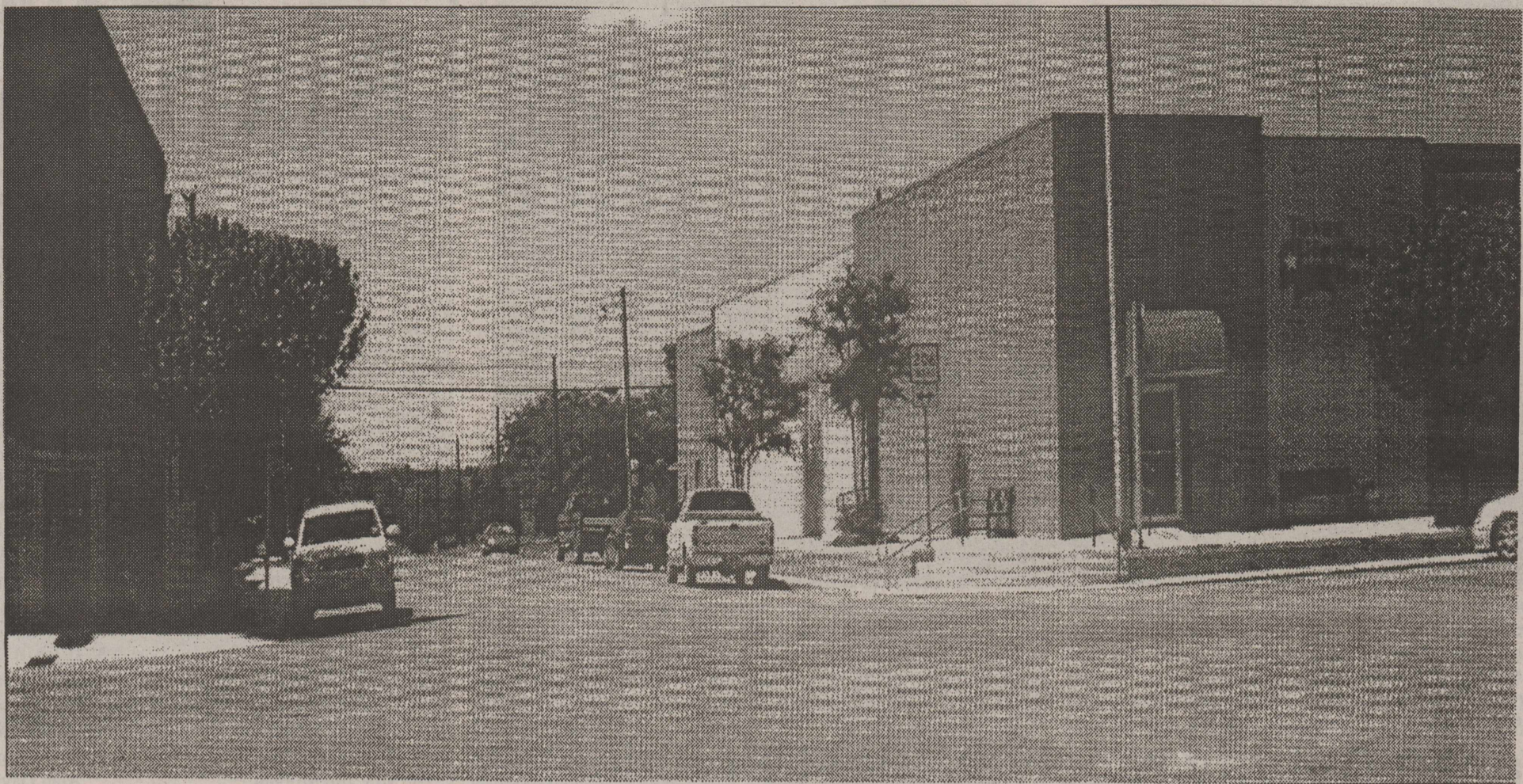
OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 3	
BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY - Sausage-N-Blanket, Assorted Juice	MONDAY - Pizza, Salad, Corn, Pudding
TUESDAY - Breakfast on a Stick, Assorted Juice	TUESDAY - Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Peaches, Rolls
WEDNESDAY - Muffin, Yogurt, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY -Soft Tacos, Salad, Refried Beans, Pineapples
THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	THURSDAY - Chicken Pot Pie, Meadow Blend Veg, Bread Stick, Fru
FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice	FRIDAY - Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Baked Fries, Cookie

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people dancing or playing games.

And a barbeque plate for anyone that wants one.

Even some drawings for special prizes.

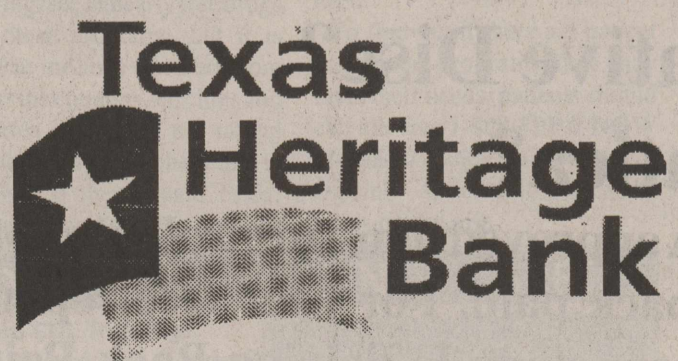
We'll be celebrating our 75th birthday.

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And since our having a good time means
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See for yourself.



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STATEWIDE AWARD—The Texas Association of Counties presented the Callahan County Commissioners' Court with the 2006 County Best Practices Exceptional Delivery of Service

Award during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, October 23rd at the County Courthouse in Baird. Pictured from left to right front row include: Jeannie Bohannon,

County Clerk; Doris Grider, Precinct #4 Commissioner; and Dianne Alexander, County Treasurer. Back row left to right include: Bryan Farmer, Precinct #2 Commissioner; Harold Hicks,

Precinct #1 Commissioner; Roger Corn, County Judge; Marc Hamlin, Texas Association of Counties President; and Tommy Holland, Precinct #3 Commissioner.

Callahan County receives 'Best Practice' Award from Texas Association of Counties

Texas Association of Counties President Marc Hamlin honored the Callahan County Commissioners' Court for its recent Best Practices award from the TAC Leadership Foundation during the Commissioners' Court meeting held Monday, October 23rd at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Callahan County's prestigious award for Exceptional Delivery of Service is among 17 presented to 14 counties through the Leadership Foundation's 7th Annual "Best Practices" awards for extraordinary innovations, achievements and effective management in county government.

In presenting the award, Hamlin said Callahan County was one of only 14 counties so honored. He said the Best Practice Award is a sign Callahan County is contributing to county government.

"Without your vision and foresight it could not have happened," Hamlin told the commissioners' court in presenting the award.

Hamlin, who is the District Clerk for Brazos County, said while traveling to Callahan County to present the award, he still sees the devastation the wildfires did to Callahan County and commended the County Judge and the commissioners' court for stepping forward during that time to help the citizens of Callahan

County.

Hamlin said the Texas Association of Counties presented this Best Practice Award at the conference in Austin, but wanted to stop by the county seat and officially recognize the county.

The TAC President said despite all the bad things you hear about Texas politics, "Y'all make Texas look good," said Hamlin.

Hamlin told the commissioners' court the Texas Association stands ready to help you anytime you need them.

The award stated: 2006 County Best Practices Exceptional Delivery of Service Award is conveyed to Callahan County for the Network & Telecommunications Project for outstanding achievement and effective management of county government facilities, processes and programs. Issued by the Texas Association of Counties Leadership Foundation the seventeenth day of August, 2006.

(s) Carol Autry, Board Chair The Texas Association of Counties (TAC) is a statewide organization whose members are county government officials in all 254 counties of Texas. Its Leadership Foundation serves as an educational resource for county officials.

"These award-winning programs have shown a marked increase in customer service or productivity, performances that go the extra mile and county

leadership in the best of terms," said Randall County Tax Assessor-Collector Carol Autry, chair of the foundation board and TAC board member.

TAC's President Marc Hamlin is Brazos County district clerk. Callahan County received its award in technology for its network and telecommunications program that provided life- and property-saving services during the huge wildfires of 2005.

When raging wildfires spread around Cross Plains in fall 2005, the Callahan County emergency dispatch system was inundated with calls, more calls than there were phones in the dispatch area. Thanks to the county's brand new central phone network, however, there was flexibility to move more phones to the area so that frightened citizens were not put on hold.

Such modern communication would not have been possible in the small West Texas county two years earlier because there was no network of computer and phone systems. Judge Roger Corn initiated the project because the county had such a patchwork of systems in the various county offices that Corn was concerned about productivity, customer service, and costs.

The judge worked with a Plano company and other elected officials to figure out the county's

needs and the costs. The group made a list of goals and has met every one of them. Importantly for taxpayers, a thorough review of the county's bills for the old patchwork of systems revealed that the \$118,000 needed for new computer and phone networks could be paid for through reduced costs of the old systems - plus an estimated \$100,000 in savings over the life of the new systems.

The new phone network has freed up employees to better serve residents in person, as well as allowing citizens to access information lines after hours. The new computer network allows county employees to better share records between offices. The new system has been particularly significant for the sheriff's office, where reliability and saving time are of the utmost importance.

The TAC Leadership Foundation's board of directors consists of Randall County Tax Assessor-Collector Carol Autry, chair; Brazos County District Clerk and TAC President Marc Hamlin; Kaufman County Judge Wayne Gent; Harris County Constable Ron Hickman; Navarro County Justice of the Peace Connie Mayfield; Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector Betsy Price; Tom Green County Treasurer Dianna Spieker; and former Dallas County Commissioner Roy Orr, ex-officio member.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- OCTOBER 28**
 LuAnn (McConal) Sandahl
 Alvin Parrish
 Lyn Fleming
 Debra Kunkel
 Kevin Dwayne Wilson
 Janice (Clark) Kelly
 Patricia Twiner
 Johnny Harris
 Dennis Ray Kelly
 Tammy Hutchins
 Doyle Oliver
 Terry Shults
 Melinda Hinkle
 Shelly Vineyard
 Kathleen Hope Terstegge

- OCTOBER 29**
 Gregory Pancake
 Barbara (Renfro) Sowell
 Mack Ingram
 Troyce Breeding
 Mrs. Jim Morgan
 Mrs. W.C. Carey
 Charles Holden
 Greg Robertson
 Maci (Phillips) Wyatt
 Daley Anderson

- OCTOBER 30**
 David McGowen
 Dean Roger
 James Whitton
 Judy L. Foster
 Clovie N. Johnston
 Billy Walker
 Carl Smart
 Pamela Barnett
 Jo (Mrs. J.O.) Taylor
 Lee Meador
 Dustin Purvis

- OCTOBER 31**
 Jayten Ames
 Denese (Whiteley) Watts
 Shawn Michael Lusk
 Donald Pope
 Ronald Pope
 Brandi Lee
 Ken Post

- NOVEMBER 1**
 Laci Wilson
 Billy Hargrove
 Robert Edward Markham
 Fred Canales
 Sharelynn Bell
 Erica Barron
 Wesley J. Barnett

- NOVEMBER 2**
 Dana McDade
 Don Harris
 Larry Smith
 Sandra Lane
 Alan Davis
 Charles Jennings
 Virginia Hayes
 Kenneth Havens
 Linda Steele
 D.C. Sawford
 Kristen Hope Bland
 Joseph Tirado

- NOVEMBER 3**
 Dena Childers
 Glen Dale Phillips
 Mary Dian Graham
 Mitzie Pope
 Mrs. G.M. McConal
 Alan Hilburn
 Caleb Taylor
 Brandon George Foster
 Pamela (Pittmas) Fritchlee
 Arista Blaze Smith

Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District poster contest

Poster entries shall be on standard poster board, cut to half size-22" X 14". Artwork on poster entries should be produced with materials which do not readily smear, crack or chip. If necessary a fixative or lamination may be used. Poster entry artwork should be flat.

Each poster will need an entry form attached to the back of the poster.

Students may choose one of the two themes for this year's contest. #1 "Water Wise" #2 "Celebrate Conservation" Students will be awarded a ribbon for participation by the district. Area Winners will be presented with a plaque.

A Digital Photograph will be required of each winner from the County competition to be published in the Local Paper and the SWCD newsletter.

The District will choose three winners from the Callahan County School Districts 4th, 5th and 6th grades. These posters will be submitted to the Area 5 competition. If one of these posters is selected it will then be sent to the State Competition.

All posters must be turned into Callahan Divide SWCD no later than January 28, 2007.

Please Contact Judi Winans at Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District 141 W 4th street suite B Baird, Texas 79504 325-854-1349 ext 3.

Texas Heritage Bank

as the bank's vice president during the 1960s, succeeded Tunnell as president in 1968, and Tunnell's son, Jack W. Tunnell, became president in 1971 and served for the rest of that decade. "The Tunnell family did so much for Cross Plains," says Wimpy McCoy, who succeeded the younger Tunnell as president. "There are many people in town who still associate the bank with them and their interest in the community."

McCoy wasn't a native to Cross Plains when he joined the bank as a loan officer and vice president in 1976 under Jack Tunnell, but he says he quickly came to appreciate the character of the people in Callahan County. "When we came, we were just accepted,"

McCoy says. "We really enjoyed the community and the people, and that counts for a lot." Indeed, when McCoy moved his family to Cross Plains to work at the bank, he expected to work for a few years, gain some experience and move on to greener pastures in the banking profession. Instead, he ended up staying at the bank for 20 years and retired in Cross Plains. In 1980, when Jack Tunnell retired, McCoy was happy to take the job as president. "I thought, 'This is where I like to be, why go somewhere else?'" he says now. "It was the right choice to put down roots. We've had so many good times."

It was during McCoy's 14 years as president that the

bank weathered the boom and bust in oil, which created twin challenges for all financial institutions.

In the late 1970s and into the 1980s, the price of oil continued to climb, agriculture was strong, and the bank rode both to growth. In fact, during McCoy's tenure as president, the bank became more aggressive in lending and doubled in size. Then the bottom fell out of oil and gas. The price of oil fell dramatically hitting West Texas as hard as or harder than anywhere else. Banks and savings and loans across the state shut their doors. Real estate values plummeted and borrowers defaulted on their loans in the mid 1980s. The bank's only local competition, a savings

and loan based in Brownwood, failed during this period, and many wondered whether small community banks could survive. "We had some problems, but we were able to work with customers," McCoy says. "Luckily, when oil and real estate hit rock bottom, we had a strong capital base, a strong customer base and a strong Board. Things were probably as tough as during the depression, but we kept the bank going through a lot of hard work."

Throughout McCoy's tenure as president and even before, the bank was active in community service. McCoy and other bank officers served on the boards of the Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Corporation and

the school district. McCoy helped start the local Kiwanis chapter in the late 1970s. Steve Mack and W. G. McCoy were driving forces behind the establishment of the Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation.

Dannes Turner, who still serves as vice president of Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains, has been at the financial institution for nearly three decades and says personal service and community service are the two hallmarks she has seen during that period. She currently serves as president of the Economic Development Corporation and been active in other local organizations. "We realize the importance of being a part of the community," Turner says. "If you don't know the people you are trying to serve, how can you serve them?" "We have to be a part of the community we're in," she says. "If we don't show up, we'll hear about it."

When the bank changed hands in 1994, Turner says she saw that same commitment to community involvement and customer service in the new ownership. Steve Mack joined as president that year, and McCoy stayed on for two years, helping to ensure a smooth transition for the bank's employees and its customers.

The bank adopted the name Texas Heritage Bank in 2001, about the time it opened its first office outside of Cross Plains - in the San Antonio suburb of Boerne. "We saw an opportunity in Boerne to offer

that community the same customer service that had existed in Cross Plains for some time," says Mack, who is now CEO of Texas Heritage Bank. "It's the kind of bank you remember - where relationship matters." In 2005 a third location opened in Leon Springs, another San Antonio suburb.

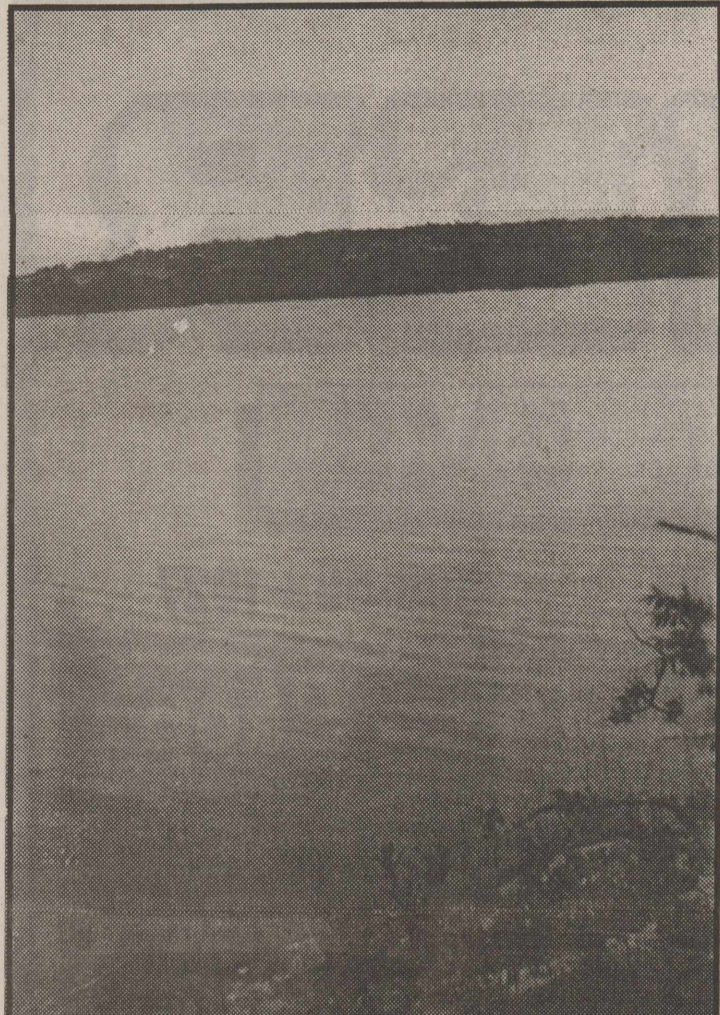
Estes and Turner say Texas Heritage Bank's most significant opportunity to help its community came just a year ago, when fire ravaged much of Cross Plains, destroying nearly 100 homes and damaging many others. Texas Heritage Bank spearheaded the recovering efforts, even helping to establish the City of Cross Plains Fire Relief Fund, which has garnered contributions from all over the country and the world. The bank made available to local residents loans at special rates to help rebuild and short term loans to help get them back on their feet, and Estes led the formation of the Fire Relief Distribution Committee which was chaired by McCoy. "After the fire it just became more evident how important a role the bank plays in helping the community," Turner says. "The people we're helping are our neighbors, our friends, our community partners. We have to be the ones to help them."

That's a legacy Vestal and his fellow founders of Texas Heritage Bank would be proud of.

Author, Kenneth R. Pybus

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DO YOU REMEMBER THIS?—Richard Purvis, a former resident of Cross Plains, handed me this photo of Cross Plains Lake taken in June 1942. The lake was located east of Mrs. Clarence (Pat) Bush's home at Cottonwood. Perhaps there are some of you who recall when this lake was built with teams of mules, according to Wallace Bennett. He noted that he was at this particular lake the day World War II broke out. When went home that day, his mother told him that Pearl Harbor had been attacked. That event changed the lives of so many people.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

It Is No Secret

Back in the 50's there was a well known radio host/comedian/song writer in Hollywood named Stuart Hamblen who was noted for his drinking, partying, etc.

One of his bigger hits at the time was "I went Go Huntin With You Jake but I'll Go Chasin Women."

One day, along came a young preacher holding a tent revival. Hamblen had him on his radio show presumably to poke fun at him. In order to gather more material for his show Hamblen showed up at one of the revival meetings.

Early in the service the preacher announced "There is one man in this audience who is a big fake."

There were probably others who thought the same thing but Hamblen was convinced that he was the one the preacher was talking about. Some would call it conviction but he was having none of that.

Still the words continued to haunt him until a couple of nights later he showed up at the Preachers door around 2:00 a.m. demanding that the preacher pray for him. But the preacher refused, saying, "This is between you and God and I'm not going to get in the middle of it."

But the preacher did invite Stuart in and they talked until about 5:00 a.m. at which point Stuart dropped to his knees and with tears, cried out to God.

But this is not the end of the story. Stuart quit drinking, quit chasing women. Soon he began to lose favor with the Hollywood crowd.

He was ultimately fired by the

radio when he refused to accept a beer company as a sponsor.

Hard times were upon him. He tried writing Christian songs but the only one that had much success was "This Old House" written for his friend Rosemary Clooney.

As he continued to struggle, a long time friend named John took him aside and told him "all of your troubles started when you got religion. Was it worth it all?" Stuart answered simply "Yes."

Then his friend asked, "You liked your booze, don't you ever miss it?" His answer was "No." John then said, "I don't understand how you could give it up so easily." And Stuart's response was "It's no big secret. All things are possible with God." To this John said, "That's a catchy phrase you should write a song about it."

As they say, the rest is history. The song Stuart Hamblen wrote was:

"It Is No Secret What God Can Do.

What he's done for others He will do for you.

With arms wide open He'll pardon you.

It is no secret what God can do."

By the way, the friend was John Wayne and the young preacher who refused to pray for Stuart Hamblen, that was Billy Graham.

From the Internet I actually saw Stuart Hamblen once. He had been on a radio show in Durham, N. C. and the announcer invited Stuart to his church that night and he came.

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Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Hunter's Feed Set

Saturday, November 4th, will be the day for the annual Hunters' Feed sponsored by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce. Activities will begin at 11 a.m. and continue through 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center downtown.

This event is held in appreciation of the hunters who frequent this area and boost the economy of our landowners and local businesses.

Hunters (with valid hunting license) and landowners are invited to come and enjoy a free BBQ sandwich from Staghorn Cafe, a bag of chips and cookies provided by Subway, plus a cold drink.

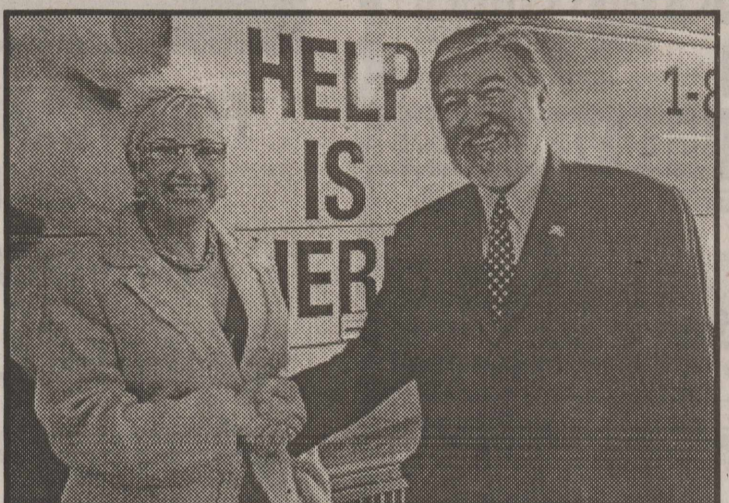
You may also register for many

free door prizes contributed by local businesses and individuals. Drawings will be held throughout the festivities. You must be present to accept the gift certificates, etc.

A drawing will be held for an "All Season Deer Feeder". The feeder is being donated by J&L Sales and Service in Cross Plains. Tickets are \$1.00 each and you DO NOT have to be present to win.

Vendors are invited to set up booths at this event. There is no charge involved and locations are on a first-come, first-serve basis. You must provide your own tables, etc.

For further information contact the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce at (254) 725-7251.



PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE—The "Help is Here Express" rolled into San Antonio as part of an October bus tour through Texas to raise awareness about the Partnership for Prescription Assistance program. Jaime Martinez, LULAC board member, welcomes Mayte Prida, nationally recognized talk show host, producer and author to San Antonio. Prida is a national spokeswoman for the Partnership for Prescription Assistance.

Need Help with Prescriptions?

AUSTIN, TX—The "Help is Here Express" national bus tour rolled across Texas in October to help people who are having trouble affording their prescription medicines. Since January, the bus tour—sponsored by America's pharmaceutical research companies—has visited all 50 states and more than 500 Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA), a national effort that has helped almost 2.9 million patients, including nearly 223,000 in Texas, find programs that provide prescription medicines for free or nearly free.

The "Help is Here Express" is staffed by trained specialists able to quickly help low-income, uninsured or under-insured patients access more than 475 patient assistance programs, including more than 180 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies. After stops in Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Laredo, McAllen, Harlingen, Brownsville, San Antonio and Houston, patients all across Texas can still receive assistance through the program. When the "Help is Here Express" moves on, patients in need can visit PPA's easy-to-use Web site (www.pparx.org) or call the toll-free phone number (1-888-4PPA-NOW) where trained operators field calls in more than 150 languages.

On a nation level, the PPA is represented by Emmy-winning syndicated talk show host Montel Williams, named PPA's national spokesman in January 2006. In addition, nationally recognized Telemundo talk show host and author Mayte Prida leads the PPA's Hispanic outreach effort.

"Millions of patients are already receiving free or nearly free drugs from these programs, but it is clear that millions of others from all over the country—in cities and rural area alike—are not taking advantage yet of the help that is available to them," said Prida, who continues to advocate for

health issues within the Hispanic community.

"As a cancer survivor, I know firsthand the importance of access to prescription medicines," added Prida. "The Partnership for Prescription Assistance has been tremendously successful in helping patients in need, and I look forward to increasing awareness of the program in Hispanic communities throughout the nation, where many more people can benefit."

More than 1,300 national, state and local partners, including the American Diabetes Association-San Antonio, Board of Hispanic Caucus Chairs, and NAMI Texas, are working with America's pharmaceutical companies to spread the word about the program. Trained specialists work with doctors, pharmacists, health care providers and community groups, educating them on the process and use of the PPA's easy-access Web site and toll-free numbers.

Over 2,500 different brand-name and generic prescription medicines are available through participating patient assistance programs. In addition, the PPA provides information on nearly 10,000 free healthcare clinics and connected more than 45,000 patients with clinics and health care providers in their communities.

"We're excited that the 'Help is Here Express' is back in Texas," said Marsha Catron, a spokesperson for the Board of Hispanic Caucus Chairs. "More Texans are learning how easy it is to get help by calling PPA's toll-free number, using the website, or by visiting the bus. And that translates to more people getting the help they need."

To find out if there are patient assistance programs that may meet their needs, patients should call toll-free 1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669) to speak with a trained specialist or visit www.pparx.org.



KIWANIANS LEARN FROM WESTERN AUTHOR—Johnny Boggs (left) from Santa Fe, NM spoke to the Kiwanis Club on October 17. He was in town for the Meet the Author series of talks sponsored by the Cross Plains Public Library. He told stories about being a liar and thief because he writes fiction. His 30 novels are mostly based on historical persons in the South and West. One of his best known novels is THE BIG FIFTY, a story starting in Kansas and ending in Fort Griffin about the 50 caliber Sharps rifle that was used during the buffalo hunting on the South Plains and is available at the Library with other books he has written. He was the guest of Charles Rodenberger (right).

Angel Food Ministries November Menu Announced

The Angel Food Ministries September Menu includes:

- (6) 4 oz Hamburger Patties
- (1) 2 lb. Sliced Turkey w/Gravy
- (4) 6 oz Pork Chops
- (1) 3 lb. Frying Chicken
- (1) 7 oz. Armour Brown & Serve Sausage
- (1) 3 lb. Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast

- (1) 1 lb. Chicken Nuggets
- (1) 8 oz. Cheeseburger Dinner
- (1) 15 oz. Pork & Beans
- (1) 7.5 oz. Mac & Cheese
- (1) 24 oz. French Fries
- (1) 16 oz. Peas and Carrots
- (1) 15 oz. Sliced Pineapple
- (1) 8 oz. Biscuit Mix
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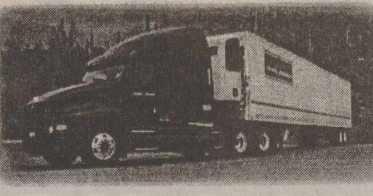
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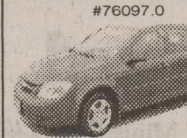







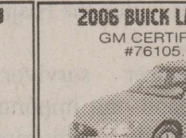
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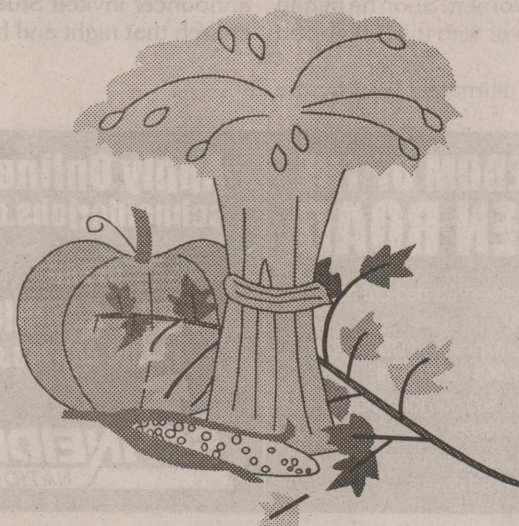
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We would like to thank J&R Oil Field Supply for donating the pipe for the flag pole, along with everyone who participated in building and installing the pole. We appreciate everyone who attended the work day with special thanks to the City of Cross Plains, Carouth Construction, Clovis Simons and Turner Landscaping.

A beautiful granite star was installed last week surrounding the flag pole, thanks to Ricky Thomas of Natura Stone of Cross Plains for this donation.

The Veterans memorial has truly been a "community effort" demonstrating the true spirit and appreciation our community has for the honorable men and women serving our country.

To Mary Scott Nabers, Bro. Ronnie White, Jimmielee Payne, Chief Petty Officer Christopher Key and Benjamin Schaefer, we greatly appreciate your participation in the ceremony to honor our military during homecoming. Thanks to everyone who attended the ceremony showing support for our veterans and those serving today.

We hope each veteran can return to view the completed monument. Please continue to check the *Cross Plains Review* for progress and a completion date.

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Cindy Payne



SERVING LINE BUSY—Approximately 200 enjoyed the delicious fish/chicken dinner benefitting the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department.



ENJOYING THE GREAT FOOD—The Fish Fry provided good food plus wonderful fellowship for community citizens. (Photos courtesy of Vanda Anderson, Editor.)

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CALLAHAN

In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given as follows: TO

J.E. Anderson and Theo W. Carter, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: 6.2 acres, more or less, out of the J.E. Anderson Survey, out of Abstract 1930, Callahan County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 14-A, Page 540 of the Deed Records, Callahan County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$1,215.76, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the County of Callahan, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on May 17, 2005, in a certain suit styled the County of Callahan et al vs. J.E. Anderson et al, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Callahan County, Texas, 42nd Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is T-1592, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of

delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request thereof, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 4th day of December, A.D., 2006, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Callahan County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Baird, Callahan County, Texas, this the 19th day of October, A.D., 2006.

(s) Sharon Owens
Clerk of the District Court,
Callahan County, Texas,
42nd Judicial District

(s) Bill Young
Constable

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Wayne L. Grable, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: Lots 11 & 12, and 12' of Lot 13, Block 51, Central Addition to the City of Cross Plains, Callahan County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 439, Page 714 SAVE & EXCEPT that property more particularly described in Volume 527, Page 180 of the Deed Records, Callahan County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$1,121.25, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the County of Callahan, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on September 27, 2002, in a certain suit styled the County of Callahan et al vs. Wayne L. Grable, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Callahan County, Texas, 42nd Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is T-1503, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request thereof, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 4th day of December, A.D., 2006, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Callahan County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Baird, Callahan County, Texas, this the 19th day of October, A.D., 2006.

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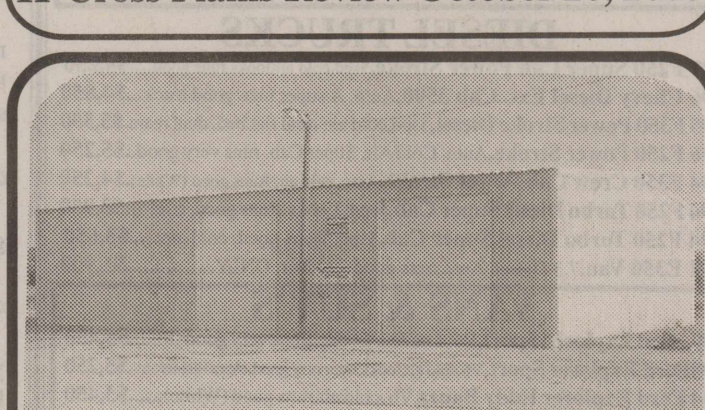
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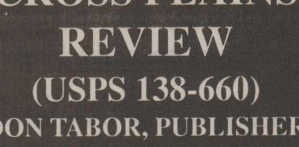


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Boggs Delights Loyal Audience

Greeted by an atmosphere of festive fall decorations and the smell of fresh coffee brewing, the faithful followers of the Meet the Author program knew they were in for an entertaining evening last Tuesday. Acclaimed historical fiction writer, Johnny D. Boggs of Santa Fe, NM, lived up to his billing as a great speaker and spellbinding storyteller.

Boggs was generous with his praise of the role of public libraries in communities of all sizes; relating how he had first discovered such a treasured facility when he was only a third grader in South Carolina. The story that hooked him at such an early age was Owen Wister's *The Virginian*, written in 1902; obviously long before the popular TV series was conceived. Perhaps it was the famous line, "When you call me that, SMILE" that stayed with the young reader, even as he went into the writing arena himself years later.

Educated as a journalist, Boggs brings a different array of tools and talents to his writing. The multi-tasking required of a journalist has been a good background as he often finds himself writing on one story at the same time he is traveling and researching another story.

Years ago, Boggs discovered a real fascination with the American frontier and the historical development of our country. Intrigued by questions of

"what it...?" and "why...?", he set out to discover and portray history from that perspective. To write the story of the Big Fifty buffalo-hunting rifle, for example, he had to personally explore the physical settings for the story and try to visualize the country as it had been during that time period. The resulting effort is similar to the underlying basis of all of his books; that of having historically accurate information interfaced with descriptive characters that carry the fictional plot.

The author of over 30 books, Boggs finds success in continually challenging himself to do something different and to make a good story out of it. He admitted he's a storyteller at heart and by putting them in print; he can share those stories with others. "Most people have a story to tell" he commented as he encouraged those present to give it a try.

When asked about the most difficult part of being a successful writer, Boggs readily admitted that it takes a great deal of discipline. Not only is it difficult to stick to a schedule of writing, it's important to stay with the original basic outline of the story.

Being a successful author in her own right, Dr. Lou Rodenberger commented about the challenge of using authentic language of the time period. Boggs agreed

that both the language and the politically correct society of the time is a huge challenge in writing historical fiction. He drew a round of laughter from the crowd as he admitted to a phrase about little calves "balling" for their mothers that had escaped all of the proofreaders, editors and publishers and found its way into the final stages of being printed before it was caught.

The local Cross Plains Public Library has several of Boggs' books that can be checked out and several others that are in the Meet the Author display in the reference room and can be read in the library.

Dr. Charles Rodenberger reminded the audience that the next featured author would be here Tuesday, February 13. Mark Finn, a boxing enthusiast, has a newly published book about Robert Howard's boxing stories that superseded the Conan series by several years. Many folks will remember Finn and The Violet Crown Radio Players who performed the old radio shows live as part of the Howard Days festivities this past June.

The evening concluded with folks purchasing books to be autographed by the author and enjoying the refreshments. As always, the Library appreciates the support of the community and the surrounding area as they bring authors to our doorstep.

Submitted by Arlene Stephson

Down Home

And then the lecturer shared some ways of dealing with the burdens of life:

*Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

*Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

*Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

*Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.

*If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

*If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

*Never buy a car you can't push.

*Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

*Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

*Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.

*The second mouse gets the cheese.

*When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

*Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

*You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

*Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

*We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.

*It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

*A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Submitted by: Tom Ivey

Elmdale Baptist Revival Oct. 29

The Elmdale Baptist Church at 233 Elmdale Road, South will be hosting a Revival from October 29th through November 1st.

Evangelist Dr. Jerold McBride, former pastor at First Baptist Church of San Angelo will bring the message with music by the Anderson family from Brownwood.

Services begin October 29th at 6:30 p.m., and October 30th through November 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Noon Bible Study and luncheon with Dr. McBride Monday-Wednesday.

For further information call Pastor Bob Cheatham or the Church at 672-5527.

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From Hollywood to Cross Plains

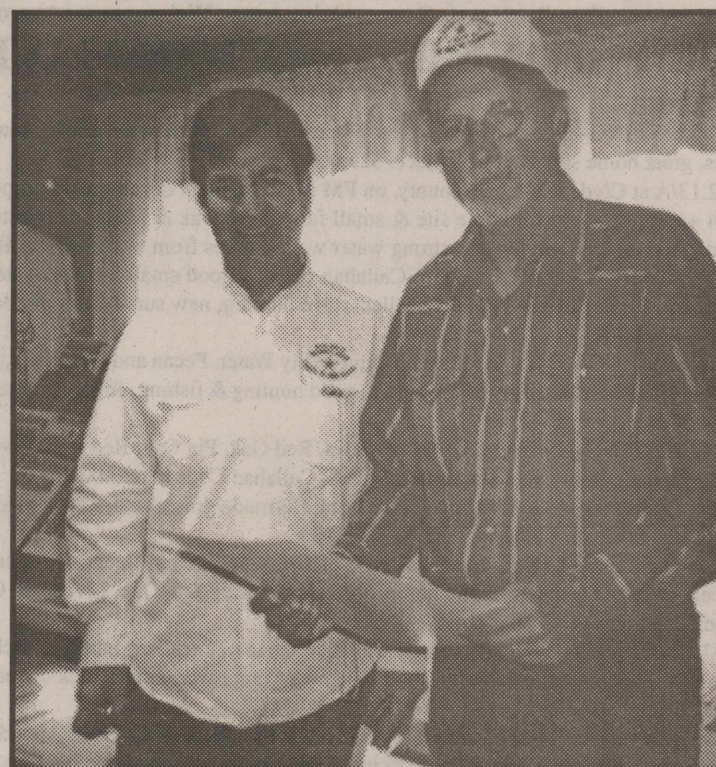
A routine request to show the Robert E. Howard Museum last week resulted in quite an exciting opportunity for local Project Pride members. Arriving at the Museum, they found Bruce Boxleitner and Rob Word wandering around the yard, thoroughly enjoying the peace and quiet. Boxleitner, popular Hollywood actor best known for his television roles and producer Word had flown in from California to participate in the Dean Smith Celebrity Rodeo in Abilene.

Both visitors were very knowledgeable of Howard and his writings and the history behind his life in Cross Plains. Boxleitner was especially interested in Howard's western stories.

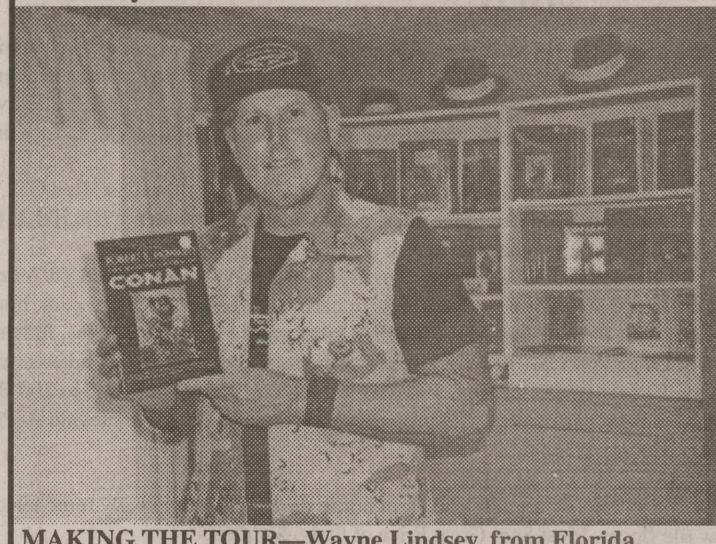
Boxleitner has played in numerous made for TV movies and is currently in the TV series, "Pandemic". Some may remember him in the series "Scarecrow and Mrs. King" of some years back. One of his real ties to the weekend, however, was perhaps the fact that Dean Smith had played his stunt double in "How the West Was Won." Boxleitner is married to Melissa Gilbert of the "Little House on the Prairie" fame.

Word is quite the all around over achiever — artist, composer and director. He has served as program consultant for a lot of the Encore network's westerns, action, mystery and true channels. Most recently, he completed 65 half hours of a cartoon series called "Totally Tooned In."

Another visitor drove from Florida just to visit the Museum and to attend a pulp fiction convention in the state. Wayne Lindsey has been a member of Project Pride for two years and was finally able to take the time



MUSEUM VISITORS—Rob Word (left) and Bruce Boxleitner from Hollywood visit the Howard House Museum.



MAKING THE TOUR—Wayne Lindsey, from Florida.

away from his job of moving alligators for the Florida Parks and Wildlife to pursue his other dream — of walking where his favorite author walked.

Project Pride received a delightful letter of appreciation for the hospitality extended to visitors, the Greens, from England. In summarizing their

extended visit to the U.S., they commented that the three favorite places they had visited were the Grand Canyon, Green Mesa and Cross Plains. And they just couldn't decide on their top choice!!

Life at the Howard House Museum stays interesting, to say the least.

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Submitted by: Tom Ivey

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