

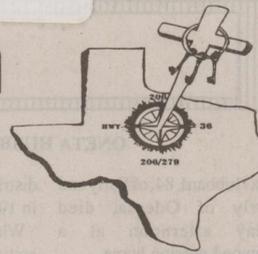
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Editors Note: The following little story has a surprise ending and really makes you think about what you believe and why. Read it carefully... maybe twice.

Vanda Anderson

THE TRUTH SHOP

I could hardly believe my eyes when I saw the name of the store: *THE TRUTH SHOP*. Unable to resist, I decided to take a peek inside.

The salesman was very polite. "What type of truth do you wish to purchase," he asked, "partial or whole?"

"Why I want the *whole* truth of course!" I stated indignantly. I could feel myself getting flushed with anger at his insinuation that I'd settle for less.

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He smiled, nodded his head and waved me on to another side of the store. The salesman there motioned for me to come closer. He pointed to the price tag. "The price is very high," he stated.

"No problem, " I quipped, "What is it?" I was determined to get the whole truth, no matter what the cost!

"Your security," he answered. I stood frozen with a heavy heart. Sadly, I left empty handed, because I still needed the *safety* of my unquestioned beliefs.

Cook and Schaefer File for Place on School Board

Incumbents, Jim Cook and Susan Schaefer have filed with the Cross Plains ISD to run again for a Place on the School Board. Filing began Monday, February 12th and ends on Monday, March 12th.

Those wishing to file for a Place on the School Board Ballot can go by the Superintendent's office at the Cross Plains High School building located at 700 N. Main.

You Can Still Make Your Donation!!

The Cottonwood Historical Association would like to thank everyone who has sent in a donation to help with the repairs on the old Methodist Episcopal Church South. Donations that have come in recently: Subway (Big Country Subs), Taylor Electric, Evelyn Meehan, G.L. and Louella Parrish, J.O. Williams, Wallace and Carol Bennett, Richard and Jeanell Purvis, Ala G. Biggs, Lucibel Manion, Pauline Lawson, Roxalee J. Bynum, Joan E. Sodowsky, Claire Jordan Edwards, R.L. Champion, Beverly Brown, Joe, Deana, Kathleen Terstegge, Teri Brown and Gilbert Ibarra.

If you would like to help with the repairs on the Methodist Church there's still time. For those donating \$100.00 or more, your name or family name will be inscribed on a plaque that will be displayed in the Methodist Church. Your family members could go together and make your space in the plaque a lasting memorial to a loved one. What a wonderful way to remember grandma and grandpa.

All donations whatever the amount are appreciated and will be used to restore this historical landmark. Send donations to: Cottonwood Historical Association, P.O. Box 704, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Police chase ends in church sanctuary

February 9, 2007 at 9:22 a.m., on IH-20 between Clyde and Baird in Callahan County State Trooper Josh Collins observed an eastbound vehicle driving at an extremely high rate of speed. The highway patrol trooper attempted to stop the blue 2006 Mazda M3S two-door, but the driver refused to pull over.

The driver continued eastbound on IH-20 for twenty-seven miles and ignored Texas Traffic Laws. State Troopers were in position to "spike" the fleeing vehicle, but the driver turned south onto US 183 in Eastland County at Cisco.

The pursuit continued for another nineteen miles to the community of Rising Star in the south part of Eastland County. Troopers had called ahead and cross traffic was blocked at the US 183/TX 36 intersection by other officers.

Because US 183 has a slight bend at the north part of town and a concern for the safety of

residents in Rising Star, Troopers backed off before the evading vehicle/driver entered the city limits. However, the driver did not slow down and lost control. The driver and his vehicle traveled several hundred feet across the parking lot of the Rising Star First Baptist Church. The vehicle continued until it crashed into the wall of the Church, coming to a final position in the Sanctuary.

The driver was taken to Eastland Hospital for minor lacerations and observation. He will be taken into custody when the hospital releases him. He faces charges in Eastland and Callahan Counties.

The driver has been identified as Ryan Douglas Rake, 19 years of age from South Lake, Texas (located just north of Ft. Worth). Rake advised Troopers that he was trying to get to his girlfriend in Austin.

Submitted by: Senior Trooper Sparky Dean

Wings As Eagles Hosts Missionary from Mexico

The Wings As Eagles Church will be hosting Pastor/ Missionary Alfredo Alamos, this Sunday, February 18th at 3 p.m.

Mr. Alamos is from Nuevo Lorado, Mexico. He moves in the Gifts of the Spirit: Prophecy,

Healing and Miracles.

Everyone come expecting a very Spirit-filled afternoon.

The church is located at 585 and Hwy. 206, between Cross Plains and Coleman.

Highway 206 Baptist Mission to Celebrate 12th year

The Highway 206 Baptist Mission will hold a 12th Year Celebration on Saturday, February 24th, starting at 5:00 p.m.

The evening will be packed with great gospel music provided

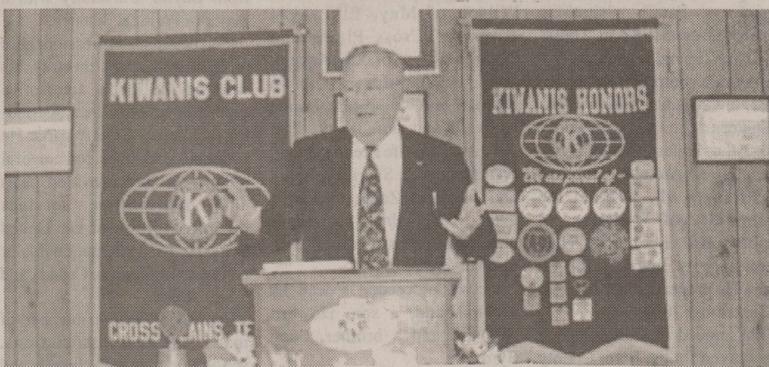
by Mike, Karen and Austin Anderson of Brownwood and Tim Wheeler (of the Glory Bound Group) of Abilene. A meal will also be served.

Everyone is welcome.

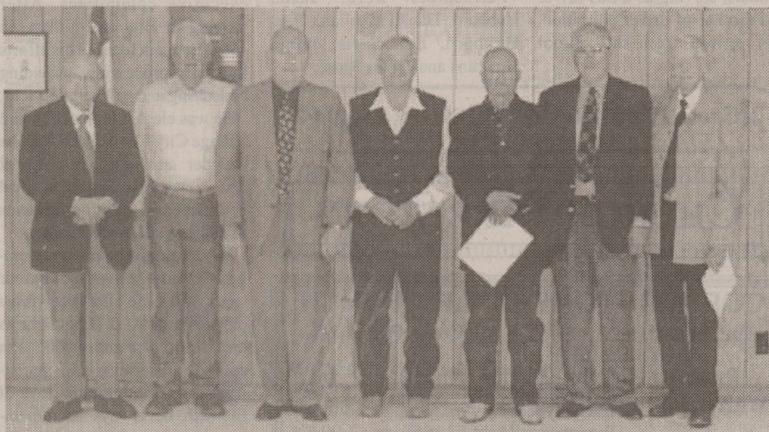
HELP NEEDED for Girl's New Softball Field

The Cross Plains Youth Association is looking for outside help in starting and finishing dirt work on the Girl's New Softball Field. Due to the fire last year and the subsequent rebuilding, help hasn't been available.

If persons are interested in helping on a weekend or two to complete this project please contact James Ames at 325-669-6148 or Gene Ford at 325-665-6431 for more information.



GUEST SPEAKER—Dr. Bruce Davis



CHARTER MEMBERS THAT WERE PRESENT—James D. Alexander (from left), Freddy Tatom, Dale Bishop, Cliff Kirkham, Rolan Jones, W.G. McCoy and James Lawrence.



SPECIAL GUESTS—Kiwanis President Lajeana Hayes-Long (left) introduced the LT. Governor of Division 12 Jimmy Jones (right) and wife Ann (center) to the crowd.



KEY CLUB SERVES GUESTS—Rudy and Bea Barron (far left), coordinators of Division 12 Key Clubs, expressed appreciation to local group for a job well done. Charlene Fleming (3rd from left), Jacob Estes, Emily Foster and Amanda Dunaway served food and drinks during the event. Also helping were Starla Schaefer and Andrew Poole.

Kiwanis Club Celebrates 25th Anniversary

By Amber Kleiber

The Cross Plains Kiwanis Club celebrated their 25th year of service Saturday, February 10th. The club was established on November 24, 1981.

The evening began with a welcome from President Lajeana Hayes-Long. The invocation was given by President-Elect Jim Senkel. Second Vice-President Rick Terrell led the Pledge, the song followed led by Secretary Kathy Chesshir.

At this time the Key Club gave those in attendance a choice of lasagna or chicken alfredo and the meal began. There was also a salad and (fabulous) cheesecake for dessert.

Treasurer Don Clark introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Bruce Davis. Mr. Davis spoke on getting old. As you can guess, it was a very entertaining night. He mentioned his grandchildren and how wonderful it is to get to influence their lives and how he still remembers how his own grandparents had a big hand in his life. I think that most of us would say that our grandparents played big roles in the shaping of our lives.

Last President David Estes and Board Member Bob Pipes got the privilege of presenting certificates to the original charter members of the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club who were present. A complete list of those members is as follows:

James D. Alexander, Dale Bishop, Henry Burkett, Dale Crawford, Charles Dillard, O.B. Edmondson, J.H. Garrett, Benny R. Glover, Don Gosnell, Joe E. Hanke, Jr., Alvin Hutchins, Dan Johnston, Freddie Johnston, Rolan Jones, David Kautz, Clifton Kirkham, James Oscar Koenig, James Lawrence, David Michael McClure, W.G. McCoy, Ted McKeehan, L.P. Mitchell, Eddie Petty, Vaughn R. Pirtle, Ray Purvis, Roy Richey, Freddy Tatom, Lee Thompson, Frank H. Thumsuden and Thomas A. Tucker.

In conclusion the 25th anniversary was well attended and will be well remembered for years to come.

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OBITUARIES

ONETA HUBBARD

Oneta Hubbard, 84, of Early and formerly of Odessa, died Tuesday afternoon at a Brownwood nursing home.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9th at the First Baptist Church in Early, with the Rev. Eddie Alshie and the Rev. Calvin Knight officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Heartland Funeral and Cremation Service, in the Cross Cut Cemetery. Family visitations were held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Oneta was born September 12, 1922, in Cross Cut. She was the daughter of the late Jesse Leroy and Atha Hylas Mason Byrd. She married Arcie B. Hubbard on February 18, 1940 in the community of Williams, in northern Brown County. They were happily married for 60 years. He preceded her in death in September 2000.

They moved to Odessa where she worked for the Ector County Schools, serving as a bus driver and teacher of driver education. She retired from the school

district and they moved to Early in 1983.

While in Odessa, she was very active and enjoyed her church family at Vine Avenue Baptist Church, and later as a member of the First Baptist Church of Early.

She was a very loving mother and grandmother, and leaves behind her son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Betty Hubbard of Odessa; three sisters, Norma Jean Wilson of May; Ellowayne Tatom of Cross Plains and Dolores Magee of San Angelo; five grandchildren, Jason Hubbard and wife Nadia, Daniel Hubbard and wife Kary, Paul Hubbard and wife Brenda, Shelly Williford, and Sheri Hallmark and husband Zane; and nine great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, also survive.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a son, Howard Hubbard and a brother, Leon Byrd.

Pallbearers were: Jason Hubbard, Daniel Hubbard, Paul Hubbard, Len Betts, Jamie Hutchins and James Ross.

JOHN DAVID BAIRD

John David Baird, 62, passed peacefully from this world February 8th at LifeCare Hospital Dallas, surrounded by family and friends.

Born in Coleman, Texas, John grew up in Cross Plains and moved with his family to Dallas before his senior year in high school. He graduated from Highland Park High School and then from Baylor University with a major in Political Science.

John began his professional life at IBM and spent most of his working life in the automotive parts after-market, as a distributor of Internal Engine parts. He founded and operated several companies that provided sales and distribution services throughout much of the United States, and had international sales activities in Mexico, Canada and Saudi Arabia.

He was an active member of many business associations, serving on numerous boards and executive committees. After moving to Highland Village in 1996, he again focused his efforts into data processing, providing consulting and software services. He was elected to the Highland Village City Council and was the founder and editor-in-chief of The News Connection, a local newspaper serving the residents of southwest Denton County.

But John will be most remembered by how he lived the last four years of his life after receiving a diagnosis of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) in December 2002. His courage, determination, incredible sense of humor and love of life will be always be remembered by those fortunate enough to have shared his journey. He was a warrior and the world is a

better place because he was in it.

Special thanks goes to the following for their unparalleled support and expertise throughout John's heroic battle against ALS: The extremely skilled, professional and caring staff of LifeCare Hospital; Doctors Jeffery Elliott and Sharon Nations and all who worked at the MDA/ALS Clinic at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School; Dr. Joseph Viroslav, Wilma Breaux and Monica Boyd at the UTSW Pulmonary Muscular Clinic; the brothers of Tryon Coterie Fraternity and the members of the 1962 graduating class of Cross Plains High School, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the ALS Association of North Texas.

Survived by his wife, Annabell; son, Brian Scott Baird; daughter, Nikki Baird, parents, Donald and Frances Baird; sister and brother-in-law, Becky and Jerry Overstreet, nephews and their wives, Don and Laura Baggett, two great-nephews, Joshua and Jacob, and Hugh and Dawn Baggett; one great-niece, Ashlyn; brother, Mark and nieces, Daya, Dani and Dara Baird; and a host of extended family and friends.

Family visitation was held Saturday, February 10th at Restland Funeral Home in Dallas. A Memorial Service and Celebration of John's life was held Sunday, February 11th at Restland Memorial Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made in John's name to either ALSA of North Texas, 1231 Greenway Dr. Suite 270, Irving, TX 75038 or MDA, 12750 Merit Drive, Dallas, TX 75201.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Jaime Elizabeth Lynchard, theft by check.
Anthony S. Podrovitz, theft by check.
Timmy G. Pinkston, failure to appear, 2 counts.
Pedro M. Perez, failure to appear.
Troy A. Suire, failure to appear.
Timothy St. Chin, failure to appear.
Jimmy Ray Gayoso, failure to appear.
Lonnie D. Fielder, failure to appear.
Peter William Kenny, failure to appear.
Andrew Jackson Lee, failure to appear.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Steven L. Smith, order on motion to withdraw as counsel granted.
David Womack, plea of guilty to theft, 2 year probation, \$100 fine, \$256 court costs, \$1000 restitution.
Anthony J. Lovato, motion to dismiss to driving while intoxicated (DWI) granted for plea to other case.
Cari L. Doguet, motion to dismiss to DWI granted for plea to other case.
Dustin Wells, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 18 month probation, \$500 fine, \$256 court costs.
Roger Dale Brown, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 1 year probation, \$400 fine, \$356 court costs.
Aden Alvarado, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 18 month probation, \$500 fine, \$256 court costs.
Covay Davis, plea of guilty to fail to identify, 10 days in jail, \$300 fine, \$306 court costs.
Ashley Hall, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 1 year probation, \$400 fine, \$356 court costs.
Pedro M. Perez, motion to dismiss to failure to appear granted in the interest of justice.
Andrew Jackson Lee, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.
Timothy St. Chin, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.
Lonnie D. Fielder, Jr., plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.
Pedro M. Perez, plea of guilty to unapproved license plate light - Class C, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.
Brently Irvin, plea of guilty to violate promise to appear - Class C, \$500 fine, \$164 court costs.
Peter William Kenny, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.
Timmy G. Pinkston, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs, 2 counts.
Troy A. Suire, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.
Christopher Hayes, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.

Christopher Hayes, motion to dismiss to violate promise to appear granted for plea to other case.

Aden Azvarado, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Dustin Wells, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Jo Ann O'Neal, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Bell Co. granted.

Tammy Reid, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 10 days in jail, \$700 fine, \$256 court costs.

Travis R. Byram, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Sandra Woods, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Denton Co. granted.

Kimberly Kay Hogue, judgment revoking probation granted.

Sandra Woods, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 2 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$356 court costs.

Jimmy R. Pickett, Jr., waiver of counsel and application to proceed pro se granted.

John Hunter, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.

James J. Connally, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

Roy B. Rifenburgh II of Arlington and Jessica N. Archa of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Marcia Coffey and David Coffey, divorce.

Estate of Jimmy Ray Wheeler, deceased, estate of deceased.

Trella Rechell Satterfield and James Lee Satterfield, divorce.

Darla Masse Grant and Randy Scott Grant, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Dalton Carl Smith and Rebecca Sue Smith, divorce granted.

Travis James Bradshaw and Heather Hodges Bradshaw, divorce granted.

Kimberly Adams and Jaime Quintanilla, divorce granted.

Tammy Lee Dowdy and David Wayland Dowdy, divorce granted.

Brenda McCullough and Rusty Don McCullough, divorce granted.

Hudson & Keyse, L.L.C. vs. Winford D. Fullerton, Jr., final default judgment, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$11,963.53 from defendant granted.

Criminal Indictments

Herman B. Hearn, escape.
Herman B. Hearn, theft of firearm.

Thwila M. Perkins, Ct. I - theft, Ct. II - claiming lottery prize by fraud.

Santiago S. Segura, possession of cocaine with intent to deliver.

David A. Martin, assault on a public servant.

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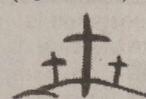
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Morning Worship...11:00 A.M.
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Sunday Evening February 18th

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Wallace is having knee replacement surgery this week and, as does Bill Keane, creator of Family Circus cartoon, will take the occasional break from work and let his son, Billy, take over the job, this week's column is written by Wallace's son, Gary.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Unit

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Unit will meet this month on Tuesday, February 20th at the fire station, 7 p.m. sharp. We've been blessed this winter with some moisture, and the fire danger isn't as high as it was this time last year; however, the presence of an out of control trash fire or welding fire, and even those pesky cigarette butts, are constant threats to our properties and livelihoods. I urge everyone able, to attend.

Cottonwood Connections

My niece Kelli Sue Bennett showed her market pig at the Fort Worth Stock Show last week. My nephew Rhett, from Arlington, also showed, and he won a 3rd place ribbon with his Maine-Anjou heifer.

I Remember Cottonwood

A lot of you are familiar with B.C. Chrisman's book *Early Days in Callahan County*, and

maybe you've heard of and read Lewis Nordyke's book *Nubbin Ridge*. These books are excellent resources on the history of Cottonwood and the surrounding area. Another book that I'm sure most of you are familiar with is *I Remember Callahan*, (Callahan County Historical Commission, Dallas: Taylor 1986). This book is a very detailed account of the people and families that have built and shaped our county.

All three of these books are wonderful windows to our past, and highly informative of what life was like a hundred years ago. But, what about what life was like 50 years ago? Or even 30? Many changes have happened in Cottonwood the last half of this century, and I hope someone out there is helping to preserve our history and writing down their memories and stories. I know my dad, Wallace, has many stories written of his boyhood from the 1920's and 30's. I myself have started to write down things from my childhood, during the 1970's, when I would visit my grandma, Alta Lee, and had the whole of the country-side to play in, (way back before computers and video games).

My most vivid memory was walking the mile-or-so into

Cottonwood to the store my dad and Uncle Arnett ran. My older brother John had put it into my head that danger lurked everywhere, i.e. snakes...in the brush on the side of the road, in the live oak breaks along the creek banks, and especially under the cattle guards. Walking the short mile, to me, a small ten year old, became an adventure of the highest opportunity on a scale that Indiana Jones would be proud of. Making sure I kept to the middle of the road, never dawdling while crossing the creeks, and picking my way carefully over every cattle guard, made my reward, once I made it safely to the store, oh so sweet. A chopped ham sandwich and a cold bottle of Hi-C, to me, was the golden idol.

I would ask everyone who is reading this to take a few moments and jot down some old memories from the decades past, namely the 60's, 70' and 80's, and let's all write a new book for the next generation.

(If you have any news or personal items to include in this column, please contact Wallace Bennett 254-725-7474, or write 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443, or email, csb5@airmail.net.)

PIONEER NEWS

News For The Week Of February 6th

Cowan and Laverne Hutton's daughter, Wanetta, spent Thursday of last week until Saturday night with them. They had an enjoyable time together. Monday Cowan and Laverne spent some time in Abilene.

It has been quiet at the Chesshir farm during all the bad weather. Charles came everyday and kept Charlene supplied with wood for the fireplace. It seems like the wood fire is warmer than the electric furnace. Jim has been snowed in out in Odessa. Christy has been sick with a cold, but calls everyday or two.

The ladies did finish Lou's "Wedding Ring". It is so beautiful! We are proud of what our quilt did for the Rehab. All the community quilts did well. See all you out for the ball

games. The girls did so well against Baird. We just ran out of time. The girls are looking better each game. Way to go Lady Buffs. The boys did well also.

This Weeks News

Charlene Chesshir had a niece from Austin to visit her. She came Sunday afternoon and stayed until Tuesday morning. Tommie Jean Boswell has been a niece and good friend all the years that Charlene has been married. They went to Eastland Monday and had lunch with Christy and Nancy. They came back to Cross Plains and visited Anna Chesshir, so Tommie could see some of Anna's crosses!

The quilting ladies are working right along on Charlene's quilt top. Jean Alexander has her "Baby Blocks" top in. It is for "little Candice" her great-

granddaughter. May will put her top in this week. The club is so proud that Barbara (Watson) Medley has joined us.

Basketball season is over for us. The boys ended it with a win over Winters. The boys and girls did work very hard to bring the community some great entertainment. We are very proud of them and the coaches that work with them. Now comes boys baseball and girls softball. Lets go out and support them, also. TAKS is also coming up for all the students. I know they all will do a "Super Job", but keep them in mind over the next few weeks.

We also have kids traveling all over the state to livestock shows. They always make a good showing, too. In my opinion, CPISD is a great school with super kids and a super staff. Keep up the good work!

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Activity Report February 5th - 9th

Patrons:	59
Programs:	34
Lap: 7	Lapsit: 3
Books Checked out:	62
Lap:	28
Lapsit:	8
Copies:	34
Internet Users:	7

Library Stats

Donations:

Chad & Kim Cunningham Memorials:
Zora Mae Bryant by Renee Denny
Mamie Clark by Daisey King
Hollis Shults, Sr. by Vernon & Elma Cook

Books Donated:

Scott & Jacque Childress

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Vanda:

This is a human interest story. Often we don't hear about the good things young people do.

"What Did You Do Today?"

This past weekend, grandson, Tony Skidmore and two friends, Daniel and Rickey Higgins, ages nine through eleven, roaming the countryside discovered a downed cow at a waterless tank. Those three boys carried hay from a bale left for the whole herd and climbed a fence to our well for water for the helpless cow.

After the friends went home, Tony has continued to water and feed this poor cow. When the hay was gone, he raked dried grasses. This means before the school bus came at 7:00 a.m. and it's the first thing he will do after school.

I just wanted to share this story about three compassionate boys who when asked, "What did you do today?" The answer was "nothing much."
Bit by bit we learned just what "nothing much" was. Quite a "nothing much" I would say.

Barbara Powell

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 4, 2007 through February 10, 2007 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—111
Complaints—124
Furnishing Alcohol to Minor—1
Public Intoxication—1
DWI—2
Evading Arrest or Detention—1
Possession of Marijuana—2
Vehicle Accidents
There were five vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

FEBRUARY 19 - 23

MONDAY - Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Ranger Cookie, Bread
TUESDAY - Chicken-Rice-Broccoli Casserole, Tossed Salad, Carrots, Pineapple, Bread
WEDNESDAY - Chili w/Beans, Coleslaw, Mixed Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Crackers
THURSDAY - BBQ Sausage, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Banana Pudding, Bread
FRIDAY - Beef Vegetable Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Pears, Chocolate Cookie, Crackers
2nd & 4th Tue., Domino Night (42/84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Some Thoughts for 2007

Will Rogers, who died in a plane crash with Wylie Post in 1935, was probably the greatest political sage this country has ever known. Enjoy the following:

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
3. There are 2 theories to arguing with a woman...neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation.
9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
10. If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.

ABOUT GROWING OLDER..

First — Eventually you will reach a point when you stop bragging about it.

Second — The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third — Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth — When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

Fifth — You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth — I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh — One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

Eighth — One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ninth — Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Tenth — Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called gay.

And finally — If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have much to laugh at when you are old.

I deleted a few of these which were not appropriate. You can wonder what they said.

Will Rogers

Bob Eubanks guest speaker at Red Cross event March 9th

The Big Country Region of the American Red Cross will host "Preserving the Legacy of Service" Friday, March 9, 2007 at the Abilene Civic Center from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

The legendary Bob Eubanks from the Newlywed Game Show will be the guest speaker and host of the *Not so Newlywed Game*. Four local couples will be participants in the game. The event will include dinner, show and silent auction.

All money raised at the event

will stay in the Big Country to support the Red Cross Disaster Services. Individual tickets are \$50.00 or \$400.00 for a table of eight. Sponsorships and tickets are available by contacting the office at (325) 677-2622.

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By Bob Pipes
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"First you say you will, then you say you won't..." So goes the words of a song of some time back. It's a song that "the children of Israel" sang quite often. First they told God they would, then they, for all practical reasons, told God, "I won't."

When Moses came down and told them God's "Ten Commandments," they said, "All the words the Lord has said, we will do" (Ex. 24:3b, 7b). Two of those commandments were, "You shall have no other gods before Me" and "You shall not make for yourself any carved image" (Ex. 20:3, 4). Yet while Moses was up on the mountain with God again, they were carving out a golden calf image/god to worship in the place of the Real God (Ex. 32:1-4)! And Aaron, Moses' older brother was the ringleader! First they said they would, then they said we won't!

Of course we are never guilty of making such shallow and short-lived promises/commitments, are we? Ones out of the emotions of fear or excitement usually turn out that way. Let ours be of sincerity and deep thought-out "cross my heart and hope to die" commitment that holds — keeps...

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College Night Planned for Parents, Juniors/Seniors February 22nd

College night is planned for all Junior and Senior students, as well as for their parents, on Thursday, February 22nd, from 6:30 p.m. until approximately 8:30 p.m. in the High School Library.

Information will be available from various colleges, universities and vocational schools concerning admissions, scholar-

ships, financial aid and programs. Representatives will be on hand to give presentations, hand out literature and answer questions.

Students and parents are encouraged to attend this very important meeting to begin planning a bright future. For questions or additional information, please call Dora Warlick at Cross Plains High School: 254-725-6121.

Foundation Announces Writing Competition

The Robert E. Howard Foundation is proud to announce the first annual Cross Plains High School Writing Competition which will give the author of the best paper related to Howard and/or his stories a scholarship of \$1,000 toward his or her college education this fall. The paper also has a chance of being published in the scholarly journal *The Dark Man*.

The competition is open to papers related to Robert E. Howard and/or his works, written by seniors of Cross Plains High School who are planning on attending college in fall 2007. The 15- to 30-page paper must be written between February 1, 2007 and March 31, 2007, and submitted to the Foundation before April 7, 2007.

The entries will be evaluated based on the following criteria

without any specific weighting:

- * relevance of the topic to Robert E. Howard
- * technical merit
- * originality
- * depth of research
- * clarity of presentation.

The winner will be selected and notified by May 7, 2007. The winner will be announced publicly and presented with a certificate at the Cross Plains High School Spring awards ceremony. The editorial board of the scholarly journal *The Dark Man* will consider the winning paper for publication. Other top papers may also be considered for publication.

For additional information, contact the Robert E. Howard Foundation at info@rehfoundation.org. The Foundation website is at www.rehfoundation.org.

What Friendship Means to Cross Plains Students

There were 10 students that contributed to this month's essay writing on the subject of FRIENDSHIP. The essays are in order, from the 4th grade to the 7th. The title of each essay is "What Friendship Means to Me"

Taryn Estes - 4th Grade:

Friends are people who you can laugh with, tell secrets to, have fun, and also support you.

Your friends will keep secrets, they can also laugh with you. You have friends to trust.

Sometimes you laugh, sometimes you cry, but know friends will be there for you.

That's what friendship means to me.

Kaylee Potter - 4th Grade:

Friendship is for example a butterfly. The middle are the friends and I am the wings. I like to cheer them up. We start flying, so we are actually sharing our laughs together and using our imagination. The breeze flying in our face when we are playing together. We play so gracefully.

Korbin McLean - 4th Grade

I think friendship is hanging out with someone who likes you for who you are. Someone who will stand up for you and lifts you up when you're down. But most importantly, being a friend is someone who's got your back. That's what friendship really means to me.

Blake Self - 4th Grade

Friendship is a rare thing. It's as rare as water in a tree. I've always wanted a friend to be a near mirror to me.

To be a friend you should have your own trend and you shouldn't lie or cry, even if it's over a guy.

You should love and care and always share. You should always tell and you should never bale.

I know as a friend it doesn't take long to mend. I have friends of course they have their own trends.

As you can see, friends are near to me, as it should be for eternity!

Cheyenne Bomar - 4th Grade

What friendship means to me is when you need somebody to talk to, your friend will try to cheer you up. You can always trust your friend. When you tell your friend your deepest darkest, they will not tell.

Tucker Collier - 4th Grade

Friendship is good to me. When you have a friend like me, you can play with them. You can go to their house. You can call them. You can ask them if they want to go to church and learn about Jesus.

Brenna Kleiber - 4th Grade

What friendship means to me is always to make new friends, and never treat your friends as rusty old cans.

Your friend must like the same things as you, like games and TV shows and food too.

A friend is to play, all day,

A friend is to support, and never ever send your friend to court,

You need a friend to tell secrets to, make sure she won't sue you, If your friend is happy, mad or sad, you must feel the same way or she's going to be very mad.

Morgan Manley - 4th Grade

Friendship is the love and care, the secrets that they tell but you can never share.

In friendship you should never lie, even if it involves a guy.

I'm known as a royal friend, it took so long for all of us to mend.

Friendship means so much to me, I'd risk my life to save all three.

Katherine Goode - 6th Grade

Friendship is a wonderful thing. It makes you want to laugh and sing.

When hardships come like a wave, friendship is always there to save.

When you feel awful and so poor, your friend helps you more and more.

The years of movies and popcorn, the matching clothes you have worn.

It's all about you being loyal, from when you're tots playing in the soil.

From playing with pretty new dolls, to having parties and making phone calls.

All the burdens you have carried, you'll be together until you're married.

Oh, the pleasures of having a friend, they'll always be there 'til the end.

Kristin Willis - 7th Grade

My best friend's name is Noel. When I go to bed at night, she's right there to hold me tight.

She's has a coat of long silky fur, and when I pet her, she snuggles and purrs.

She follows me from room to room, but runs when I get the broom.

She's just a cat to most, but for me, I love to boast.

She's my best friend.



Airborne launches Teacher Trust Fund in local school districts

Abilene, TX (Grassroots Newswire) February 13, 2007

With more school districts struggling to keep programs in arts and music alive, the nation's leading herbal product in the cough and cold aisle, announced today that it will provide some much-needed relief to school districts throughout the country. Teachers in the following school districts are now eligible to apply for the Airborne Teacher Trust Fund, a nonprofit charitable corporation, that will help fund art and music programs in elementary and middle schools that are in jeopardy of being lost due to budgetary limitations:

- Abilene school district
- Wylie school district
- Clyde school district
- Eula school district
- Cross Plains school district
- Hawley school district
- Merkel school district
- Novice school district
- Jim Ned school district

According to USA Today, Texas is spending \$6,145 on art and music programs per pupil, which is below the national average of \$6,835.00.

The Airborne Teacher Trust Fund is the vision of Victoria Knight-McDowell, a former second grade teacher and creator of Airborne Health Formula. Victoria's goal with the initiative is to help other teachers get their dreams and ambitions off the ground.

"With budgets becoming tighter each year, schools are faced with the difficult decision of having to cut vital programs," says Knight-McDowell. "The Airborne Teacher Trust Fund is meant to fill the gap and keep our youth engaged and inspired, so they can live full and rewarding lives."

According to the 2006 Center for Education Policy, 71 percent of the nation's 15,000 school districts have reduced time spent on subjects such as art, social studies and history since 2002.

"It's frightening to think of a world in which children are not exposed to the arts in any meaningful way," says Elise Donahue, Airborne CEO. "As corporations

and individuals it is up to us to make sure we're investing in the future of our country."

Donahue said that the Airborne Teacher Trust Fund is beginning with an investment of \$250,000. Grants ranging from \$200 to \$10,000 will be awarded to teachers to implement programs during the 2006-2007 school year.

The Airborne Teacher Trust Fund will initially be offered to teachers from public and private schools in California, Florida, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, Arizona, Tennessee, Utah, Mississippi, New York, Oklahoma, Alabama, Nevada, New Mexico and New Hampshire. Each quarter additional states will become eligible until the program is rolled out nationally.

Application information is available via the Airborne Teacher Trust Fund Web site at www.airbornetrust.com.

ABOUT AIRBORNE Created by former second grade teacher Victoria Knight-McDowell, Airborne is the number one selling herbal supplement in the cough and cold aisle with 2006 sales of more than \$100 million. Airborne contains a proprietary blend of 17 herbs, vitamins and nutrients to boost the immune system and fight germs that can cause illness. Airborne efferescent tablets are available in Original Zesty Orange, Lemon-Lime, Pink Grapefruit and now Apple Cider (Airborne Nighttime). Airborne On-the-Go comes in refreshing Lemon-Lime flavor. Airborne Gummi Lozenges come in six natural flavors to help soothe throats. For more information on Airborne or to order the product online, visit www.airbornehealth.com.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Because Airborne is a dietary supplement, statements about this product have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease. As with all dietary supplements, pregnant women or people on medication should consult a physician before taking Airborne.

Child ID kits now available

The Sheriff's Association of Texas has joined efforts with the American Football Coaches Association, FBI's National Child Identification Program, Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) and the office of Governor Rick Perry to provide ID kits to all Texas children, grades K-6th.

This initiative will reach over 2 million Texas children, the fourth largest ID kit distribution in U.S. history.

With the help of Texas Sheriffs and Superintendents, ID kits will be distributed through the public school system and Sheriff's Offices. Students enrolled in the public school system in grades K-6th will receive an ID kit through their superintendent. Each Sheriff in Texas will receive 600 kits to be

handed out on first come, first serve basis to children who fall outside the K-6th Grade age range or do not attend public school. The kits may be picked up at the Callahan County Sheriff's Office, 432 Market Street in Baird.

Each kit contains an inkless fingerprint card, DNA swab and preservation envelope, and a wallet card. All information can be completed by a parent or guardian and stored at home. In the event of an emergency, the ID kit can be handed over to authorities to help locate a missing child.

For additional information, please contact: Tami Becton, AFCA/FBI National Child ID Program, 806-729-4471-cell, tami@childidprogram.com.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **February 15, 2007**, beginning at **6:00 p.m.** in the High School Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- Open Meeting**
1. Prayer
 2. Open Forum
 3. Discuss and Take Action on notice of School Board Elections

A. Pass Resolution to have joint Election with City of Cross Plains.

- B. Date of Election.
- C. Location of Polling Place.
- D. Election Judge.
- E. Early Voting Clerk.
- F. Early Voting Place.

4. Discuss and Take Action on Cross Plains ISD School Calendar for 2007/2008.

5. Discuss and Take Action on Old Gym Locker Rooms.

6. Discuss and Take Action on Date for School Board Workshop: "Boards Role in Improving Student Achievement".

7. Executive Session.

A. Discuss High School Principal, Jimmie Cearley's Evaluation and Contract.

B. Discuss Elementary

Principal, Margie Sowell's Evaluation and Contract.

C. Discuss Athletic Director, David Hagler's Evaluation and Contract.

D. Discuss Superintendent's Goals.

8. Take Action on H. S. Principal, Jimmie Cearley's Contract.

9. Take Action on Elem. Principal Margie Sowell's Contract.

10. Take Action on Athletic Director, David Hagler's Contract.

11. Draft Superintendent's Goals.

12. Review Bills/ Financial Reports.

13. Adjourn.

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, The Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Gov. Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on February 8, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. -- The Board of Trustees.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

FEBRUARY 19 - 23

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Eggs, Biscuit, Assorted Juice

TUESDAY - French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Assorted Juice

WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Juice

THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice

FRIDAY - Donut, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

Have A

Nice Week!!

LUNCH

MONDAY- Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Spice Cake

TUESDAY - Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Pears

WEDNESDAY-Fiesta Salad (Chili Beans, Cheese, Corn Chips), Rice, Salad, Pineapples

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

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FEBRUARY 19

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Time running out to nominate the next Texas 'Teacher of the Year'

Meriden, CT—February 7, 2007 — The deadline for accepting nominations for the Texas 2006-2007 "Teacher of the Year" award is midnight March 1, 2007. The announcement came from the award sponsor, Teachers' Insurance Plan™, a car insurance program exclusively for members of the educational community.

Teachers, students and parents can nominate any of the state's more than 315,000 accredited teachers. Nomination forms are available online at www.teachers.com/toty. To nominate an educator, or yourself, explain in 250 words or less why this teacher should be the Teacher of the Year. Nominees

will be judged on their ability to motivate students, their special talents, and their contribution to their school, students or educational community.

The award will include \$1,000 to the winning teacher and a \$500 grant to that teacher's school. The state winner will also be eligible for the National Award that includes a special recognition and a \$2,500 travel certificate. Winners will be announced at the start of the next school year.

Teachers' Insurance Plan is underwritten by licensed members of the Response Insurance Group of Companies, as authorized by law.

Martinez Named to HPU Honor Roll

Eastland native, Joe Alan Martinez, was recently named to the Honor's List for the 2006 fall semester at Howard Payne University. He is the son of Joe F. and Lil Martinez of Eastland. Joe Alan is the grandson of Sally Davis and the late Sid Davis of Cross Plains.

Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average to be named to the President's List, a 3.65-3.99 grade point average to be named to the Dean's List, and a 3.5-3.64 grade point average to be named to the Honor Roll.

Founded in 1889, HPU is

a Christian, coeducational university offering a full array of liberal arts, pre-professional, and honors studies, as well as a graduate program to its students. Located on a residential main campus in Brownwood, Texas, and at seven extension centers across the state, the university is affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Martinez transferred from Wayland Baptist University where he played two years of baseball. He enrolled at HPU this past fall to begin his Junior year.

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Men and Women Select Life Mates in Differing Ways

Based on 17 years of analysis and experience, Texas Christian Singles Director, Mark S. Gietzen, says that men and women are completely dissimilar in the way that they go about making their selection decisions.

The most prominent factor that will predict how often a woman is selected is unquestionably her hair-length. "The longer her hair, the more often she is selected. It seems that the typical man does not get much beyond the photos in making his selection decision" said Gietzen.

Selection decisions on the part of women are much harder to predict and analyze, and vary widely with age of the woman who is making the selection decision. According to Gietzen; women value men with education, communication skills, financial security and good behavior, meaning no or few habits like smoking, drinking or swearing, and few or no DUI's and felony convictions.

Although a man's height is a factor in many women's selection decisions, (the taller the better) it is not nearly as strong a predictor as a woman's hair-length is in predicting the selection decisions of men.

Texas Christian Singles is a state sub-chapter of CSI, the Christian Singles Info-exchange. CSI is the largest and the most successful nation-wide Christian singles group in America, and is now on its 18th continuous year of business.

CSI is now the only major singles groups in American wherein a person does not have to own or use a computer to be a member of the group. All profiles are exchanged via First Class Mail.

To be eligible to join Texas Christian Singles, one must be a person who:

1. is marriage-minded single,
2. is at least 16 years old (no upper age limit),
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5. believes in life-long commitment to marriage,
6. believes in no sex outside of marriage
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8. agrees to treat all other members in a courteous manner.

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To contact Texas Christian Singles, call 1-800-869-2500, or visit web-site at: www.christian-singles.org then click on "Texas Christian Singles".

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Worker's Comp Session Feb. 27th

AUSTIN, TX - The Abilene Field Office of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is hosting a brown bag educational session for health care providers, employers, human resource managers, claims adjusters, case managers and employee organizations on Tuesday, February 27, 2007. The topic is the recent changes to the Medical

Dispute Resolution process. This free session will be held from 11:50 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Texas Health and Human Services Complex, Room K-101, 4601 South 1st Street in Abilene.

For more information, contact the DWC Public Information Office or Joanne Wilson of the Abilene Field Office at 325-695-4992 or e-mail: Joanne.Wilson@tdi.state.tx.us.

Spaghetti Dinner Fund-Raiser March 2nd

The First Presbyterian Church of Baird is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, March 2, 2007, for the Baird Volunteer Fire Department. It will be held in the Baird School Cafeterium from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Suggested donations are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under ten years, and free for children less than three years. Tickets will be available at the door. Tickets will also be

available in advance at the First National Bank of Baird, Kelton's Flower Shop, Robertson's Hams, Callahan County Farmers Co-op and from Presbyterian Church members. All donations will go directly to the Fire Department.

Please come out and support our local Fire Department! They need your help in acquiring equipment and a new truck!

Submitted by: Ginny Roden

Coins to be collected for Abilene transplant patient

Abilene, Texas—A community Coin Drive is being held in honor of Logan Townsend, an Abilene area child who needs a small bowel and liver transplant. The Coin Drive is an attempt to turn everyday change into lifesaving dollars for children like one 1/2-year-old Logan. Logan is listed for a small bowel and liver transplant at Hermann Memorial Hospital in Houston, Tx. Funds are being raised to assist with transplant-related expenses.

Pennies, nickels and dimes do add up. According to Coinstar, a national coin redemption machine manufacturer, a gallon jug filled with coins can net as much as \$228.34. Coin canisters have been placed in businesses in Abilene and surrounding areas.

Logan is the focus of a fund-raising campaign to assist with his medical and other transplant-related expenses. Logan was diagnosed with Hirschsprung's disease. The Townsend family needs an estimated \$40,000. to

pay their transplant-related expenses.

"The family and friends of Logan want to encourage everyone to support our community Coin Drive and help give Logan a second chance at life," said Karin Goundie, Campaign Coordinator. "Every coin collected will assist with transplant-related expenses."

For more information about the Coin Drive, or other fund-raising and volunteer opportunities, please contact Karin Goundie at (325) 893-3216 or email kamalene@msn.com.

Logan's family has asked for assistance from the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA), a national charity based in Bloomington, Indiana. COTA is dedicated to organizing and guiding communities in raising funds for transplant-needy patients. 100% of all funds raised are used for transplant-related expenses.

Power Wheelchairs Available

February 2007—Wishes on Wheels makes available Electric Power Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory Senior Citizens (65 years old and up) and the permanently disabled of any age, if they qualify.

Usually, there is no charge or out-of-pocket expense for the power wheelchair, including shipping and delivery to the home by a technician, who make the final adjustments to fit the individual and shows them how to use and maintain it. No deposit is required and there is no obligation for determining they qualify.

Electric wheelchairs are provided to those cannot walk and also cannot operate a manual wheelchair sufficiently or safely enough to care for themselves in their residence. They do have to be able to safely operate a joystick controller on the armrest and understand the basic instructions.

There are additional qualifica-

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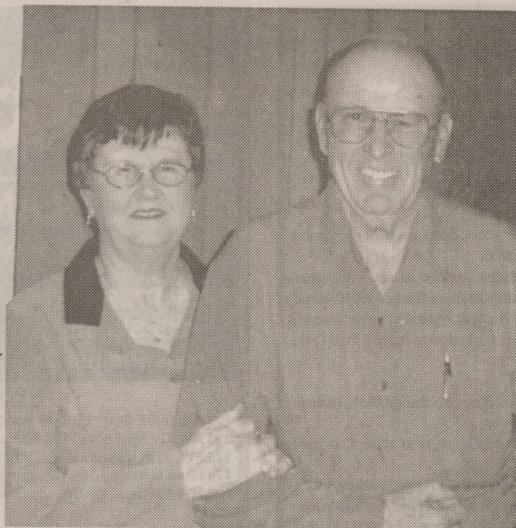
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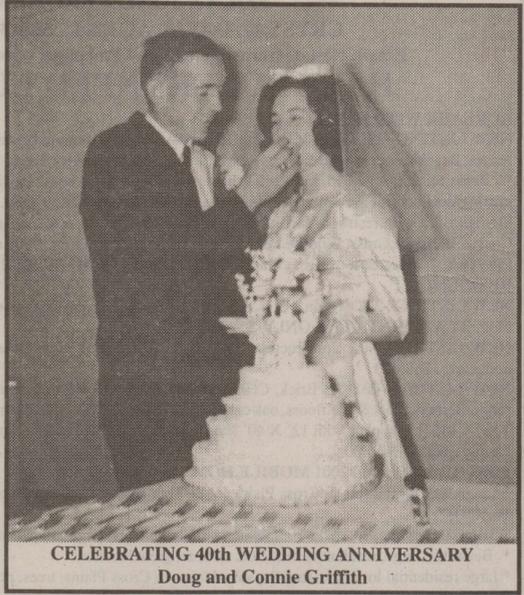
Billy M. and Virginia McIntosh Beard will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on February 26, 2007.

Billy was born in Stith, TX on September 24, 1934 and graduated from Merkel High School in 1952 and received his Bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in 1961. Billy retired from Abilene Lawn Masters in 1999. Virginia was born in Baird, TX on December 2, 1942 and graduated from Baird High School in 1961. Virginia retired from General Nutrition Center in 2000.

The couple met in Abilene in 1978 and were married February 26, 1982. They have 6 children between them: daughters, Sheri Barrett and husband Rick of Albuquerque, NM, Tammy Bayer and husband Rob of Abilene and Tonya Dupre and husband Randy of Sweetwater. Sons Guy Beard of Houston, Terrel Harris and wife Annette of Rockport, Texas and Troy Harris and wife Sharon of Stephenville, TX; 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

The children are hosting a reception at the Baird Senior Citizen Center on Saturday, February 24, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All family and friends are invited to join in the celebration.

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CELEBRATING 40th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Doug and Connie Griffith

Couple to Celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary

Doug and Connie (Goble) Griffith will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on Saturday, February 17, 2007.

The couple was married on February 17, 1967 at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Brother Roger Butler officiating. They have two (2) children, April McNutt and

husband Don of Noodle and Mikki Kirby of Cross Plains; and 6 grandchildren. They also had a daughter, Nikki Griffith, who passed away in 1998.

The surprise reception will take place Saturday, February 17th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Noodle Community Center.

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Tony and Mandee Jacobs are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, **Kinlee Sky Jacobs**. Kinlee was born January 11, 2007 at 5:47 p.m. in the North Austin Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. The new little family make their home in Leander. Proud maternal grandparents are Betty Westerman of Cross Plains and Gary Westerman of Rising Star. Paternal grandparents are Tony and Janie Jacobs, Sr. of Cedar Park. Maternal great-grandparents are Noel King of Cross Plains and the late Alma King, and the late L.D. and Sybil Westerman. Paternal great-grandparents are Manuel and Pauline Soto of San Saba and Virgil Jacobs and Joyce Dixon of Arkansas. Uncle Landon Westerman of Stephenville was also there to welcome his precious little niece.

Revolutionstring Coming to Cross Plains March 3rd

The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative will be hosting a concert featuring **Revolutionstring** on Saturday, March 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains High School Auditorium.

Revolutionstring is a group of young violinist from the Cooper and Abilene High Schools that will play a variety of music including country, Celtic and classical. The cost for the event is \$5.00 per person.

Proceeds will benefit the Area Housing Initiative's ongoing efforts to seek

assistance for the elderly and low-income of our community to receive repair on their houses. Additionally the group sponsors the Helping Hearts/Helping Hands benefit held annually that joins volunteers in our community do get improvements and repairs completed on these homes as well.

Tickets can be purchased at Texas Heritage Bank, Lawrence Farm and Ranch and at the door. Please come out and enjoy an evening of music and benefit a worthwhile project in our community.

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