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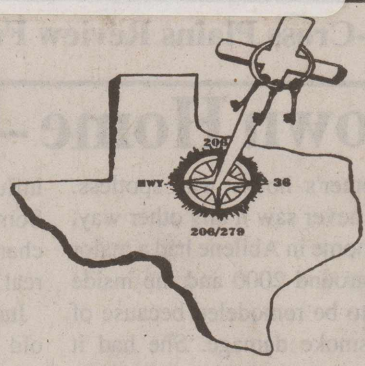
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DOWN HOME

"Remembering Mother"

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

February 13th marked the end of the first year since Mother passed away. I don't know where the time went, but I have experienced some closure.

We never thought about losing two Atwood girls in less than a year. June's untimely death was yet another reality check. That old song "Time Changes Everything" is so true.

Since Mother suffered the first stroke in 2003, I kept hearing myself saying, "this is the most difficult thing I have ever had to do." Visiting her was surreal, because it was like her physical body was still there but not her personality.

Every once in a while I would visit on what I called a "good day" and a little glimpse of her would appear. When she saw me, her face would light up and she would start calling the roll of her sister's names, but usually never said mine. She settled for saying, "That's my baby." Now, you can't get any better than that.

This past year I've been concentrating on remembering her the way she "really" was—a vibrant beautiful lady. She always looked liked she just stepped out of the band box, although she was very frugal about what she spent on herself.

Mother was an excellent instructor in that she instilled her philosophy of life on her sisters, myself and the grandchildren. She taught us how to shop and make the most of what we had. And above all—not to be wasteful. Being of the generation who lived through the Great Depression, she was careful with every resource.

She was extremely talented in that she could design and sew up a dress, a costume for a play, twirling outfit, a formal and she made everyone's wedding dress.

Cooking was her first love. As soon as she finished with breakfast, she moved right on to lunch. She was a wonderful cook. What I would give for a taste of her meatloaf, chicken and dressing, homemade soup, potato salad, pimento cheese, brownies, and more.

She wasn't big on playing games, but she would join us. I never understood why she didn't enjoy it more because she consistently beat us.

All the little details you need to know in life, Mother provided. She insisted that you be at a wedding or a funeral at least 30 minutes early. She was careful to send get well, sympathy and thank you cards. Good manners and etiquette were important to her. I am so thankful for all the things she taught me.

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Burn ban reinstated

Effective at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 20, 2007 Callahan County has reinstated the burn ban.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn made the announcement, which will be discussed by the commissioners' court at the next regular meeting.

Candidates Continue to File for School Trustee and City Council

Filing for Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board Trustee and Cross Plains City Council began February 12th.

Jane Alford Holmes and incumbent Vicki Dillard are the latest two candidates to announce for the school board. Incumbents Jim Cook and Susan Schaefer have already filed.

The terms of Vicki Dillard, Jim

Cook and Susan Schaefer are expiring.

The deadline to file is Monday, March 12, 2007. Those desiring to file for a place on the School Board Ballot may go by the Superintendent's office at the Cross Plains High School building located at 700 North Main.

Three seats on the City Council including Gene Dillard, Audrey Purvis and Edwin Weiss are up for grabs. All three incumbents have filed for re-election.

The deadline to file is also March 12, 2007. You may file your application at the City Hall on Main Street during their regular working hours.

Controversial Decisions, Headlines and Rumors Inspire Community to Show Up at School Board Meeting

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

An air of expectation hung in the room as extra chairs were brought in to accommodate the unusual crowd at the very vocal School Board meeting on February 15th.

Board President Scott Childress asked if anyone from the public had any questions or wanted to make any comments. That invitation opened the door for a tumultuous barrage of questions. Observer Monty Richards, in rapid-fire succession, pressed Mr. Childress for answers concerning why he had called the School Attorney concerning the Superintendent's (Jackie Tennon) contract, that had already been acted on.

Childress responded that he had called under the advice of council. Richards wanted to know if it was Board approved and who had called the attorney. Childress answered that it was he, who had been in contact with the attorney.

Richards inquired, "What was the cost...\$3,500, \$4,000? It costs money. Is it taxpayers money? The Board should make that decision."

"The Board did make that decision," Childress replied. Richards continued, "Ask two

of the Members, they didn't know anything about it! When were they notified?" "At the meeting. You weren't there. It's confidential, you know that. We can't discuss why." Childress answered.

Again Richards asked, "In order to contact an attorney, you needed Board approval. How did it happen? Who approved it?" President Childress replied, "Thank you."

"Where's the process? This costs the school district. It's outta line!" Richards repeated. To which Childress replied again, "Thank you."

Continuing on, Richards stated, "Half the people here, wouldn't even be here tonight, but they've come because of the rumors. People run their mouths."

Councilman Burlie Taylor responded, "In past Boards, some kids knew somehow the next day about what went on about some coaches..."

Richards reacted by saying, "Don't tell me about past School Boards. You're setting yourself up for a lawsuit. You need to be more professional. You're trying to split us down the middle because of ongoing tension between you (Childress) and Jackie (Tennon)."

Again Childress thanked him.

To which Richards answered, "I've got more."

*After a lengthy two hour Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's Goals, Athletic Director Hagler, Principal Cearley and Sowell's evaluation and contract, the Board returned to find most, if not all of the public still in attendance.

In a vote of 4 For (Hyles, Crockett, Taylor and Childress) and 3 Against (Dillard, Schaefer and Cook), the Board accepted the resignation (exit agreement) of High School Principal, Jimmie Cearley, with no explanation as to why.

Unanimously they agreed to extend Elementary School Principal, Margie Sowell's contract, while No Action was taken on David Hagler's contract at present. Tennon added, "He still has a year. Good things, good things, nothing bad." Scott Childress expressed his thanks to Coach Hagler.

*Board Member, Frankie Hyles, holding *The Cross Plains Review* in hand stated, "I appreciate the newspaper being here and covering the meetings and all, but headlines like, *To Extend or Not Extend, That is the Question...Did Tennon Make the Grade?*" causes division. I'm

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Fire Chief Sparks Interest and BFI Trash Talk Highlights Recent City Council Meeting

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

Carouth Brings Update to Council and Escalating BFI Rates at Convenience Center Top List at the February 13th City Council Meeting.

*New Fire Chief, Ricky Carouth gave an interesting update on some of the projects that the Fire Department is currently involved in. The CPVFD (Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department) went to 12 calls this past month, with two of those being house fires. There were also downed powerlines, a control burn and a fuel spill at Food Plaza. He added that it is during this time of year, January through March, that farmers usually burn off old Coastal hay. The CPVFD has about 414 square miles to cover.

Carouth relayed that 3M had donated 4 Air Packs to the Fire Department. The cost of each of those is around \$3,000. He was grateful for their generous contribution to help our community.

He added that he has received 17 donations so far this year and they are thankful for it.

There are now 28 members in the CPVFD, with 6-8 of those being new. There is a training class in Brownwood coming up in the near future so these members can get certification.

Carouth stated, "After 911 we're not just fighting fires anymore. We're in HAZ-MAT (hazardous materials) and other kinds of rescue." He added that the CPVFD had been responding to all calls involving wrecks. This is because there is a likelihood that someone might be trapped and the vehicle might catch on fire if there is a delay in getting them out.

Because of this added response, he requested the possibility of collecting some kind of "Rescue Revenue" that would be billed to insurance companies. Part of this added revenue would then be used to build up needed resources for the Fire Department.

Mr. Carouth then thanked the

City, saying, "The new truck is much more economical. We appreciate everything the City has done for us."

*There have been misunderstandings about the new rates that are about to go into effect by BFI (the local trash pick-up provider) for garbage drop-off charges at the Convenience Station, located just south of town on Highway 206. Apparently this miscommunication has caused some to think that the new rates are already in effect.

THE NEW RATES will be effective starting MARCH 1, 2007. BFI will be posting these new rates at that location to avoid any more confusion. The Council will also ask BFI to pick up all the excess trash that is now littering the collection grounds.

With the advent of these much higher prices, the possibility of citizens resorting to throwing trash on the side of the road was discussed. It was quickly brought

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ATTENTION WOMEN

"Facing the Giants" to show at First Baptist Friday, February 23

Nationally Acclaimed movie, "Facing The Giants" Premieres Friday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church. This showing is limited to **WOMEN OF ALL AGES.**

Called the feel-good surprise movie hit of the season, it has touched the hearts of more than 1 million people, and will be FREE to the public!

This movie will inspire you to Never Give Up, Never Back Down and Never Lose Faith!

More information about this movie can be obtained by going to www.FacingTheGiants.com or by calling First Baptist Church at 725-7629.

With God, All Things Are Possible... (Phil. 4:13).

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.

Mark Finn: Howard was a Texas Writer

Mark Finn entertained an appreciative audience at the Community Center Tuesday evening, February 13. Author of the new Howard biography, *Blood and Thunder: The Life & Art of Robert E. Howard*, Finn (himself a native west Texan) ably presented his idea that Howard should be looked at as a Texas writer.

Born in 1906, Howard grew up in turbulent, frequently violent times in Texas. Stories from the Indian wars were still fresh in the memory of many, and Howard also listened to stories told by former slaves. Growing up, Robert listened to plenty of "Texas tall tales," some of them spun by his own father, as Dr. Howard was well known in Cross Plains as a story teller and "leg puller." During Robert's early years, violence was common in south Texas because of the Mexican Revolution, and it spread north. Robert was also an eyewitness to the oil boom in West Texas with its tough entrepreneurs, rough characters, swindlers, and not infrequent violence. Though most of Robert's own stories are set in far away or imaginary lands, elements of all these Texas stories can be clearly seen. Even Howard's heroes like Conan, Bran Mak Morn, Solomon Kane, and King Kull very much fit the Texas ideal of the "...singular, moral man against a horde of immoral adversaries..."

For most people, Conan the Barbarian is all they know of Howard's writing. Finn pointed out, however, that Howard wrote 300 short stories and 700 poems in his short life, and only 22 of those were Conan stories — many more were Westerns! Finn also noted that the movie Conan was very different from the Conan that Howard wrote about. "His creation Conan is a combination of oil field worker, rambling cowboy, and roguish card shark, even if he wears a lot less clothing and carries a sword instead of a pistol."

Speaking of his favorite Howard characters, Finn mentioned Sailor Steve Costigan, hero of Howard's humorous boxing stories, described as having a "heart of gold, fists of steel, and a head full of rocks."

This series was immensely popular in the "pulp" magazines of the 1920's. When the sport story pulps fell on hard times during the Depression, about the only pulps left were those like *Weird Tales*, so Howard wrote for them — but quickly grew bored with this genre. Soon he invented Breckenridge Elkins, a cowboy version of Steve Costigan. Here at last, was a real Texas character, cowboy extraordinaire and spinner of tall tales. There were 37 Elkins stories, and they ran for years. Publishers asked for a novel, so Howard wrote *A Gent from Bear Creek*, his only novel length work. Most of us who have lived west of Fort Worth will quickly find that Elkins reminds us of someone we've met!

A question was raised as to who inherited Howard's work, and who now owns it. Since this is an immensely complicated story, it was fortunate that Jack and Barbara Baum were present. Jack was able to give the audience at least a thumbnail sketch of all that has taken place since Howard died by his own hand in 1936.

Because of the movies, Conan may be the best known character now, but thanks to the work of people like Mark Finn, Jack and Barbara Baum, and many others, we can hope that many more people will get to know Howard's other wonderful characters — and develop more appreciation for what a wonderfully talented, creative Texas writer he was.

Submitted by Ginny Hoskins

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Down Home

Mother's house was spotless. You never saw it any other way. Her home in Abilene had a major fire around 2000 and the inside had to be remodeled because of the smoke damage. She had it decorated so cute and she was very proud of her home.

I discovered that dismantling her house was a challenging chore. It was so hard to take the rooms apart. If I hadn't been given only a few days to do so, I would probably still be working on it. It seems to me, that none of her things look at home in my house, but they do remind me of her daily.

She had great work ethics and her favorite saying was: "If it is worth doing, it is worth doing right." Most of those she had

influence on are perfectionists. Some folks believe this is a character flaw, but it can be a real plus if you apply it.

Just today I started to dial her old telephone number when I caught myself. It would be so nice to talk to her. She remembered everyone's name and their connection to each family, etc. There have been so many times I wished I could just ask her something or share some thought.

I'm hoping time will continue to heal until we can be united. For now, I'll be content with her in my dreams. I truly believe God allows you to be with those you love in this fashion, for when you wake it feels like they were with you, and that's GREAT!

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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.

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

Max D. Long

RISING STAR—Max D. Long, 75, died Thursday, February 15, 2007 at his home in Whittier, Ca. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Rising Star Cemetery.

He was born December 24, 1931, in Rising Star to Raleigh and Lorene Shook-Long.

Mr. Long was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Nancy Long.

Survivors include his daughter, Donna Jean Long-Romick of Whittier, Ca; three brothers, Raleigh Don Long of Springtown, Rex Long of Rising Star and Tony Long of Dublin; two sisters, Charlene Rider and Dorothy Whiteside of Rising Star; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Ruth Cutbirth Huggins

Ruth Cutbirth Huggins age 94 of Baird, Texas passed away Thursday, February 15, 2007 in an Abilene hospital.

Services were held at 10:30 am Saturday, February 17, 2007 at Parker Funeral Home Chapel. The Reverend Sandra Keith officiated. Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland at 3:00 p.m. Saturday.

Ruth was born January 30, 1913 in Mount Vernon, Texas to Benjamin Barron and Lucy Leona Beall Barron. She has lived in Baird since 2003 moving here from Midland, where she had lived most of her life.

She worked for Sunset Motor Line, various office supply companies and Kent Oil Company, retiring at age 73. She was a member of Westview Baptist Church of Midland. She married Rex Cutbirth and later married William P. (Bill) Huggins.

She is survived by 8 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands and five children.

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COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

William E. Berkley, theft by check.

Timothy C. Hightower, theft by check.

Johanna Z. Jones, theft by check.

Patrick C. Melton, possession of marijuana.

Justin T. Rodriguez, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Jeremy R. Franke, DWI.

Kyla K. Menking, furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Traci L. Durant, DWI.

Crecencia Avalos, reckless driving.

Jorge L. Gonzalez, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Melissa Thomas, motion to revoke probation granted.

Christopher Allen Lucas, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Jessie Wayne Robinson, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Robert Munoz, Jr., plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 18 month probation, \$500 fine, \$293 court costs.

Aubrey A. Tatum, plea of guilty to Ct. II - driving while license invalid (DWLI) to a lesser included charge of no driver's license, \$185 fine, \$165 court costs.

Matthew Eugene Hall, motion to dismiss to burglary of a vehicle granted for plea to other case.

Freddie P. Bustos, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$200 fine, \$170 court costs.

Kristy Anderson, affidavit of surety to surrender principal granted.

Patricia McNabb, compromise settlement

agreement and order granted.

End of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication: James Marrion Tilley; Christian L. McCoy; Jamey Reagan.

End of term order discharging defendant under misdemeanor probation: Delisa Springer Ramsey; Clayton James; Amanda Stephens.

Christina R. Mata, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.

Susan K. Scott, motion to dismiss to DWLI granted, sentenced to prison on other case.

Pat L. Merideth, motion to dismiss to criminal trespass granted, sentenced to prison on other case.

Addison Sprayberry, order amending conditions of probation.

Marriage Licenses

Jeffrey L. Sellers and Tonya R. Shirley, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Donna Kay Stanfield and Loyd Ray Stanfield, divorce.

David Allen Belknap and Kathryn Louise Belknap, divorce.

Criminal Minutes

Matthew Hall, plea of guilty to burglary of a building, 4 year probation, \$500 fine, \$249 court costs, \$2000 restitution.

The Roger Dale Brown listed in last weeks courthouse records is not to be mistaken or confused with the Rodger Wayne Brown, who is a current Clyde city council member and running for re-election.

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 There is no charge for this service.

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**Do you remember
 Belle Plaine?**

The Belle Plaine Cemetery Association is seeking information about the building (church building?) that was located just a few yards west of the entry gates to the cemetery. Any information, personal stories, or photographs of the building would be appreciated. Please share any history with Lee Abernathy, Historian of Belle Plaine Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 716, Baird, Texas 79504 or call 325-673-8678.

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 Wednesday
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American Legion Meeting to be held Thursday

The Cross Plains American Legion will hold a meeting Thursday, February 22. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Building. Stew will be served and all

members and their wives are encouraged to attend.

City Council

out that in the event it should happen, the City would be forced to go through the trash and prosecute the guilty parties.

*County Commissioner, Cliff Kirkham, (not present) had offered to sell the City a 42K Diesel John Deere Generator for \$5,000. Mark Norris discussed the pros and cons, saying that before Y2K they had discussed the possibility of getting one. One problem is that the City doesn't have the infrastructure to use it. They have relied on WTU to get power back on quickly and so far they've always come through.

Taylor Electric is also used in the Cottonwood area, so there are two different sources to draw from. Another problem would be getting it to town if it were out in the country, or visa versa. And if something were widespread, both places would need a generator. Norris added that in the situation with the big fire in 2005, they switched to a different feed and weren't down but about 20 minutes. After a lengthy discussion, the idea was tabled.

*The subject of changing some of the guidelines for people and groups who want to rent the Community Center was discussed. In the present guidelines, the City doesn't rent the Center out to those who want to use it for a money-making event, unless it is for a charitable cause. City Secretary, Debbie Gosnell is going to look at policies that other cities have regulating their community centers and consider reevaluating Cross Plain's guidelines.

*The City had sent out 3 proposals to companies to bid on the "HOME" grant. One letter was returned, (The company was no longer in business), one was declined and the one who responded, Grantworks, was accepted as consultants.

*Newly appointed Judge, Jan Yeager wasn't able to meet with the Council because she was attending her first Judges Training in Austin. Debbie stated that Judge Yeager was doing a fantastic job, spending many extra hours familiarizing herself with the new position.

*Joyce McCoy was appointed at this weeks meeting to be Election Judge in the upcoming City Election that will be held on May 12, 2007.

*The City will now begin taking applications for the position of Water Superintendent to replace the position Mark Norris held. Applications will be available at City Hall and submittable through March 9, 2007

*In the previous month reported, there were 79 calls for service. In the police report for last month, there were 91 calls: 8 Thefts, 5 Warrants, 4 Phone Harassments, 3 Truancies, 3 Open Containers, 3 Criminal Mischief, 3 Accidents, 2 Assaults, 2 Family Disturbances, 2 Loud Music, 2 Hot Rodders, 2 Animal Nuisance, 1 Dog Abuse, 1 Auto Theft, 1 Trespassing, 1 Disorderly Conduct, 1 Drug Charge, 1 Theft by Deception and 1 Child Custody Dispute.

*The 'Official Minutes' for the City Council Meetings are available at City Hall.

*The next City Council Meeting will be March 12th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

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QUIPS, CLIPS AND COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

Comments: It may not be cold in May, but we can be cold any old time.

"One Stick, I Think"

A part of being a married woman or single woman, you have to be the host and boss right along with it. There are many chores that have your name on them.

You can call it fixing the table or decorating for the party, or any number of things. You just have to be cute and smart, pretty as a peach and several things more. Try to be versatile, not eat a lot and use Live Savers or Tic Tacs.

The lady who has to fix the dinner and other goodies can make good use of a pressure cooker. But if her pressure cooker

breaks she might have a hard time preparing anything for the table that day. Many women are scared of a pressure cooker, but they are great time savers.

Here is a quick recipe you may not have tried.

Place one piece of foil on the counter. Get jicama out of the fridge. Slice into thin slices. Cook them in the microwave until done.

Place the cooked jicama and parsnips on the foil and add some popped corn and berries and bake 6 to 10 minutes.

Peel and seed an avocado and mix together. Add Monterey Jack cheese. Add a cup of powdered sugar and cocoa. Microwave this for the children. They love it. They call them Silly Stixs. Have fun! See you later!

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett

Wallace is in the Hendrick Center for Rehabilitation, getting lots of physical and occupational therapy this week. He should be home by next week's deadline to write the Cottonwood News, but in the meantime, since Gary is busy working, you have to settle this week for Carol to fill in.

Cottonwood Connections

Teri Brown and Gilbert Ibarra came in from Houston this past weekend to take her mother, Beverly, to celebrate her birthday dinner in Abilene. Teri tells us that the cookbook is in good hands and that the publisher is projecting a shipping date of April 9, that is, if all goes as it should. But wait, we still have the family histories and photos to print and to add to the cookbook, but all will be accomplished in plenty of time before the annual membership meeting of the Cottonwood Historical Association on Saturday, May 5, 2007. Plan to be there and pick up your cookbook for \$20 each.

If you would like to place an order, write to Beverly Brown, 14394 CR 429, Cross Plains, Texas 76443, with your check, \$20, per book plus S&H for one book \$4.50, for two \$7.00, and for three books, S&H (a bargain) is \$10.00. Order one for yourself, and at least two more for family gifts. Next week we may have a picture of the cover in this column.

For anyone reading this who may have been out of the

country the past several months, the cookbook is one of the fund-raising projects of the Cottonwood Historical Association, voted upon at last year's meeting, which will be used to help with the costs of roof repairs of the old Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Besides being a fund-raiser, the Cottonwood's My Home Recipes, Memories and History Cookbook, has turned out to be a wonderful keepsake for anyone who has ties and memories in Cottonwood.

Other Memories

My husband and our five sons have many memories of their childhoods spent in this Cottonwood "valley", as he likes to call it. Of course, our boys were just "on loan" during their summers when they came to visit their grandmother, Lee Bennett. (Grandpa Bryan died before they had many chances to visit here.) They just took to this country like it was their natural home, and grew up loving more country life than city life, where I grew up. But of course, I grew to love Cottonwood also.

In 1960, we left Fort Hood when Wallace received orders for Germany. He was a U.S. Army Chaplain then, and Bryan was six months old, Jeff was almost two years old, and Greg was 12. But Eisenhower put a freeze on dependents' travel, and while we were waiting to join Wallace in Germany, we spent three months at the farm with Lee, and three

months with my parents in Arlington.

One day I was rocking Bryan in Lee's living room, and she had gone off somewhere in town for awhile. Jeff was playing near the kitchen, then walked over to where I rocked, holding a pepper shaker in his hand. He pulled the top off of the black pepper which let go of a full load of it, straight into Bryan's eyes. There was no telephone. I had no car. I knew there were neighbors across and up the road a bit, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard. I ran with Bryan screaming (was I screaming also?) across the road where kind Mr. Bernard calmed me down, and washed the baby's eyes with cool water. He called the doctor, and the doctor said that was all that was probably needed. Bryan eventually slept, and I was always grateful to the kind neighbors I met in a "crisis".

Funny thing, many years later, we bought the very land that the Bernards lived on, and some years after that, we tore down their house, board by board, saving each usable one for later use. I couldn't help but think of them often. We built our house on that spot where they lived.

If you have any personal or business news for this column, contact Wallace at 254-725-7474, or write 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, TX 76443, or email csb5@airmail.net. We can't write it if we don't know about it.

RIISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

By Linda Merritt

We are proud to announce our King and Queen Sweethearts of 2007. Her highness Queen Lurlene Fortune was crowned during the Valentine party we had. Volley Joe Williams was elected as their King, but due to sickness was unavailable for picture. Congratulations to them both. Everyone enjoyed the music entertainment, cookies and chocolate strawberries that the residents made.

A warm welcome to our new residents, Lucky Taylor and James Woolen.



LURLENE FORTUNE

The residents are looking forward to having ice cream sundaes next week. Popcorn and

Coke is always a treat that they enjoy having for an afternoon snack.

We are proud to have Virginia Payne and Modelle Amaon back from the hospital. They both seem to be doing well.

Our black-out Bingo winner this week was Irene Starkey. Way to go Irene.

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

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

FEB 26 - MARCH 2

MONDAY - BBQ Brisket, Baked Beans, Coleslaw w/Pineapples, Cookie, Bread

TUESDAY - Smothered Chicken, Whipped Potatoes, Normandy Blend, Cheesecake, Roll

WEDNESDAY - Baked Ham, Steamed Cabbage, Blackeyed Peas, Gelatin w/Fruit, Cornbread

THURSDAY - N/A
FRIDAY - N/A

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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In a recent comic strip, Frank and Ernest are on bulldozers named "Betsy" and "Faith". The one on "Betsy" asks the other, "Why do you call your bulldozer 'Faith'?" And he answers, "Because she'll move mountains!"

As I've said before, the writer of the comic strip, Thaves, must know his Bible. He must have read what Jesus told His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt...if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done" (Matthew 21:21). He may have also experienced "mountain-moving faith," like the early Christians of Acts 4:23-31. You can read what their prayer was, and the Scripture says, "And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken..." (v. 31a).

I hope that we all, not only know Jesus' promise concerning faith, but also experience the promise in answer to our prayers of undoubting faith. I can just hear those early Christians say, "Hey, it really works!" What is the name of your "bulldozer"?

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PIONEER NEWS

We sure did have a great day quilting on Tuesday. It started off very cold but with the wood heater and all the work and visiting, it warmed up fast.

We got Charlene's quilt out. It is very pretty just like all the ones we quilt. Jean A.'s "Baby" top will be finished this week. May's "Snowball" top is being worked on. We will be putting two more tops in this week.

Also, Lois McDonald from Eastland quilting with us. We had Norma (Watson) Tucker of our community, and sister of member Barbara Medley, with us. She has recently moved back to here and we hope she continues to come to quilting.

Anyone else who would like to quilt or learn to quilt, come on out!!!!

We have had a lot of cold weather but very little rain! Let's all pray for some rain! All the

farmers and ranchers sure need it.

It is really good to see the progress West Bound is making on the water line. Soon, they will be moving that pipe down to the Brown County line. Great job!!!

Frankie Smith has had her daughter and son-in-law, Roxie and Bobby Nance, visit with her. She always loves to see them.

James and Jean Alexander have had their grandsons, Will and Jack, spend the last few weekends with them. They even made supper for James and Jean.

The baseball and softball season has gotten underway. Let's go out and support our teams. The Rising Star girls basketball team did get in the playoffs! Good job girls!

I will try to have a little more news next time!

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



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PTO to Sponsor Teacher of the Year Award, Primary and Elementary Open Houses

The Cross Plains PTO will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2007 in the school auditorium.

At the meeting you will be able to vote for who you would like to receive the "Teacher of the Year" Award. Teachers Pre-K thru 12th grade will be on the ballot. The meeting will be your only time to vote, and parents of students

will be the only ones permitted to vote. The Cross Plains PTO is sponsoring this event.

The Primary and Elementary Schools will be having an Open House on March 5th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. So just come directly to the auditorium after you visit your child's room and vote for your favorite teacher.

Submitted by PTO Officers

Athletic Booster Meeting

Tuesday, February 27

6:00 p.m.

in
Gym Foyer

Come Be A Part

Controversial

not sure who wrote it, but just stick to the facts."

(After the meeting, I (Deborah Lowitzer) was approached by three people. In regard to Hyle's comment, they said, "The First Amendment is still in effect... just want you to know that we do teach the First Amendment here in this school."

Just for the record, that headline was just a *play on words*, much like others I have written. It was worded the way it was because the evaluation had to do with someone working in a school, where things are graded. He just happened to be the first one evaluated. That's all, no hidden meanings or agendas.)

*College Night for Juniors, Seniors and their parents will be held the night of Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library. During this informative meeting, answers will be available from various colleges and vocational schools. Questions concerning scholarships, financial aid and other relevant topics will also be answered, as representatives will be on hand to help out in any way they can.

Mrs. Sowell related how great the performers from McMurry's Safe and Drug Free Co Op were. Grades Pre-K through 6th were

introduced to new ways to make healthy choices. The program was well received. She also talked about the New Dairy Vending Machine. Made possible from a grant through the milk producers, the venue of dairy products will add a focus on healthy nutrition and give the students a greater variety to choose from.

*Superintendent Tennison went over next year's school calendar and it was approved by the Board. The 2007-2008 school year calendar won't start until August 27th. He announced the first semester will have 86 days and the second semester will have 102 days. Copies of next year's calendar were handed out to the public.

*Action was taken to postpone the discussion on the workshop for the "Board's Role in Improving Student Achievement" until June, because of continuing conflicts with other school activities. Mr. Tennison stated that he would show up any night they wanted to have it.

*He also notified the Board that there was a Faculty Study Committee made up of seven people, who were in charge of going around the school and investigating what improvements need to be made, such as

Come Sit By My Laughing Fire

We have enjoyed our fireplace these recent cold days. My husband prides himself on "laying" his fire." He gets his wood "just so" and then he puts in his kindling so that the logs will burn. When the logs start burning, they are so pretty. Sometimes when the flames leap up and down it reminds me of laughter. That's why I call it my laughing fire. Sometimes the leaping flames remind me of a beautiful sunset. Our best friend enjoys the fire too and sometimes we all just sit and watch the fire burn. Our fireplace does not really heat the house. I guess for us, that is good. We can have a fire on days that are not too cold.

I think of the days long ago when the fireplace was used for cooking the meals. There was a frame which would hold two pots over the fire. I have my dad's black cooking pot that he used when he cooked for round ups. I am not sure what he cooked in it but the men who went on Frank Windham's round ups thought his cooking was mighty fine.

We did not have a fireplace in North Carolina, so when our house here had one I was pleased. I wrapped potatoes in foil and buried them in the ashes. They cooked, and I felt like I should put on a long skirt and a bonnet.

Our fireplace does not give out

much heat. In the days when the fireplace was used to heat the house, I can see why people sat in front of the fire. Now, with central heat, one has to go outside to know if it is cold. I wear some of my clothing year round. In those days people bundled up inside too, especially if they were working in a room that did not have a fireplace. Some people with two story houses had a fireplace on each floor. They used their two hanger frame in the second fireplace to heat water.

I think fireplaces make a room feel more comfortable. They are also focal points in decorating a room. I had one friend who did not use her fireplace. She filled it with flowers. At least it was pretty. At Christmas the fireplace is a pretty place for decorations.

The mantles often have a special story. The lady who designed our house had a special tree made into the mantle of our fireplace.

I have been trying to think of some other uses of the fireplace. Did any of you have a fireplace when you were growing up and how did your family use it? I would love for you to call and tell me about it. I would also like to know if there are any special things you would like to see an article about.

Talking on the telephone helps pass the time for me and I would welcome your calls. My number is 893-4492.

BHW

The next School Board meeting will be March 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library.


SCHOOL MENU

- FEB 26 - MARCH 2 BREAKFAST**
- MONDAY - HOLIDAY**
- TUESDAY** - Sausage-N-Blanket, Assorted Juice
- WEDNESDAY** - Muffin, Yogurt, Assorted Juice
- THURSDAY** - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
- FRIDAY** - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice
- LUNCH**
- MONDAY- HOLIDAY**
- TUESDAY** - Ham Slices, Spinach, Scalloped Potatoes, Roll, Honey
- WEDNESDAY**-Tacos, Salad, Corn, Pudding
- THURSDAY**- Grilled Cheese, Beef-Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Pears
- FRIDAY**- Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Potato Wedges, Rice Krispie Treat

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- FEBRUARY 29**
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Eddie Strickland
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Jan (Neal) Bradford
Jack Webb Baum
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She weighed 8 pounds .06 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. Her proud parents are Chris and Cassie Sliger of Tye. Maternal grandparents are Jennifer Gallaway of Abilene and Roger Gallaway of Big Spring. Maternal great-grandparents are Bob and Carolyn Morgan of Cross Plains, and Linda Trimbill of Wheeler. Great-great-grandparents are Jewel Barnett of Cross Plains and Harrison Hall of Wheeler. Paternal grandparents are David and Lenell Sliger of Cross Plains. Paternal great-grandparents are Clarence and Nelda Evett of Sidney and Roy Sliger and the late Peggy Sliger of Comanche.

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And our sponsor: Pastor Mike McGinn (Rising Star New Life Church)

We would like to announce our March topic:
What are you looking forward to doing during spring break and why?

You can deposit your writing at the special mailboxes placed in Village Market, Mexico City Cafe and Connie's Cut and Curls or give them to your homeroom teacher by March 16th.

For more information about the project's topics or how you can join our sponsor list, feel free to call:
Vilma Gonzalez, Project Creator at: (254) 433-3344
Or our coordinators : Mrs. Connie Kirkham - 725-6500, 725-6318,
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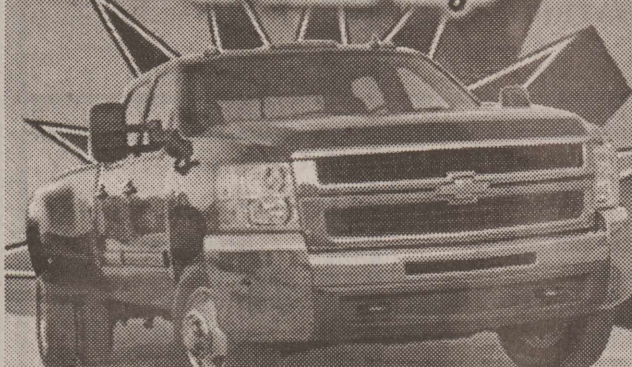
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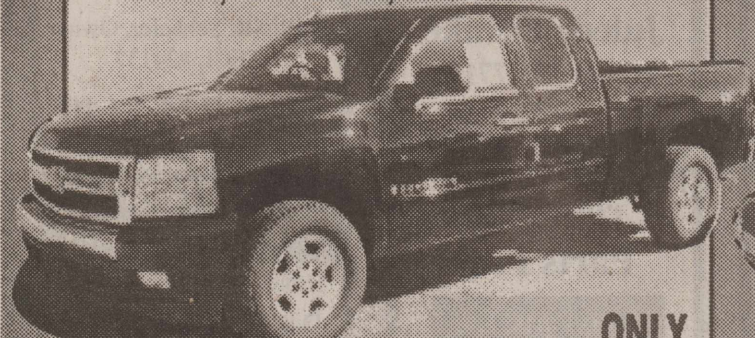


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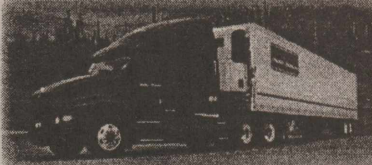
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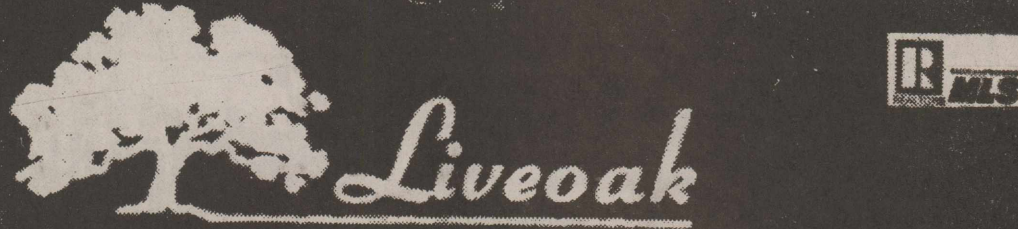
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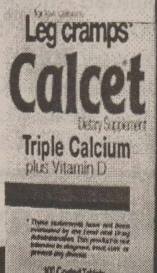
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CLASS GATHERING WELL ATTENDED—The class of 1958 had another wonderful get-together on Valentine's day. This time they met at the home of Claud Champion for a hamburger cook-out with all the trimmings. Those attending were: Naoma Goble Wilson (back, from left), Darwin Breeding, R.L. Smedley, Larry Crockett, Bill Spencer, Claud Champion; David Wells (middle, from left), Lou Watkins, Cecil Wilson, Joe Gary, John Baum, Granvel Scott; Billie Weaver Kelly (front, from left), Jeannie Albrecht Foller, Judy McMillan Smoot, Cathryn Green Bruton, Carolyn Tatum Shipp, Bonnie Davis, Jane Bonner, and Darvel Hutchins. Those attending but not pictured were Sara Spencer, Sandra Crockett, Linda Gary, and Don and Frances Thornton. (Photo by Frances Thornton)

County Commissioners appoint members to County Historical Commission

Callahan County Commissioners voted to accept the appointments to the Callahan County Historical Commission for the 2006-2007 term.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, February 12th during the court's regular monthly meeting held at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

On motion by Judge Roger Corn and second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, the commissioners' court voted 4-0 to approve the appointments.

The members of the Callahan County Historical Commission include: Reggie Pillans, Cisco, Chairman; Felix and Barbara Manion, Baird, Vice Chairman; Beverly T. Ross, Cross Plains, Secretary; Lee Abernathy, Abilene, Director; Dana and Bobby Voigts, Baird, Member; Mary Frances Bennett, Clyde, Member; Steve Bowen, Baird, Member; Allen Wright, Clyde, Member; Helen Groves, Bryan, Member; Billy Paul Harris (Emeritus), Baird, Member; Tom Ivey, Baird, Member; Mike Konczak, Baird, Member; Jackie Pruet, Baird, Member; Mrs. Jamie Turner, Clyde, Member; Judy Luter, Cross Plains, Director; Butch and Dwalah Nelson, Abilene, Member; John and Angela Estes, Abilene, Member; Roger and Barbara Corn, Baird, Member; Sue Blair, Clyde, Member; Wallace Bennett, Cross Plains, Member; Wanda Hammel, Canyon Lake, Member; Robert and Yvonne Peevy, Cross Plains, Member; Bruce and Donna Bell, Baird, Member; Jeff Barton, Baird, Member; Georgia Yawn, Abilene, Member; Janet Swanson, Cross Plains, Member; Jan Loper, Abilene, Member.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Judge Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Present included Judge Corn, Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer; Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Jan Windham; and County Clerk Donna Bell.

—The minutes of the January 8th meeting were approved as presented.

—There was no public comment received.

—Tammy Walker presented the Deputation of Carolyn Bacher to be approved by the court. A motion was made by Commissioner Hicks to approve the Deputation, a second was made by Commissioner Farmer. The motion carried 4-0.

—There was discussion about providing a vaccination for Hepatitis to County Employees. There was no action taken at this time. The discussion was tabled until later in the meeting.

—Tammy Walker presented bids on three different properties sold for delinquent property taxes. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept all three bids. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and it carried with a 4-0 vote.

The three bids received included:

- Lot 5, Block 49, Railroad Addition, Baird, for \$500 from Jim Baker.

- North one-half of Lot 3, Block 66, Railroad Addition, Baird, for \$1,000 for Amber Spinks.

- The west 50x50 foot, Lot 16, Railroad Addition, Clyde, South 35 feet of West of Lot 17, Block 25, Railroad Addition, for

\$1,876.72 from Charlotte Stout.

Walker said the two lots in Baird have both been completed and approved by the City of Baird and Baird ISD. She said the Clyde lot sale has not yet been completed and approved by the City of Clyde and Clyde CISD.

—There was no action taken on reinstating the County Burn Ban.

—After discussion between the commissioners' court and Sheriff Eddie Curtis, a motion was made by Commissioner Farmer to sell the old generator from the County Jail to the City of Cross Plains for \$5,000. A second was made by Commissioner Hicks and the motion carried 4-0.

—A motion was made by Judge Corn and a second by Commissioner Farmer to approve the Revised Texas Association of Counties County Government Insurance. The motion carried 4-0.

—The court discussed the selling of the Justice of the Peace office building in Cross Plains. There was no action taken.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay all approved bills. There was a second by Commissioner Kirkham and the motion carried 4-0.

—There was further discussion of the Hepatitis Vaccination for County Employees. Judge Corn made a motion to offer the vaccination to County Employees. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and it carried by a 4-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting and Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.



KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—Author Mark Finn (right) was the guest speaker of Karen Lenz (left) at the February 13 Kiwanis meeting. He presented other writings of Robert E. Howard. Kiwanis meet every Tuesday, Noon, at Jean's Feed Barn. Everyone is welcome.

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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 violinists 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 to get improvements and repairs completed on these homes as well.

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4 BLOCKS E. OF LIGHT-CROSS PLAINS-
PHONE 254-725-7361
Closed Friday & Sunday

SMALL DEPOSIT WILL HOLD ANY CAR OR TRUCK 30 DAYS

DIESEL TRUCKS

01 F250 XLT Super Duty Power Stroke,6spd,4DR,Runs good	\$9,450
00 F250 Super Duty Power Stroke Crew Cab,6spd,Runs good	\$8,495
99 F250 Super Duty Power Stroke,185K miles,new rebuilt Auto,4DR	\$9,250
97 F250 Super Cab Power Stroke,5spd,cold air,looks,runs good	\$6,250
93 Dodge Cummins Ext. Cab 1 Ton Dually,flat bed (Red & White)	\$5,750
94 F350 Crew Cab 7.3 Diesel,Auto, Runs good (White)	\$4,250
94 F250 Turbo Diesel Super Cab,5spd, Looks,Runs good	\$3,950
94 F250 Turbo Diesel Super Cab,5spd, Runs good, body fair	\$3,550
86 F350 Dually, Hyd, wheel lift wrecker, Super clean truck	\$3,250
90 F350 4x4 Turbo Diesel,5spd, Dually, Nice all steel flat bed	\$3,750

GAS TRUCKS-ETC

01 Ford Ranger Super Cab,V6, Auto, 4DR, Looks,looks,runs good	\$5,950
01 F150 XLT,Super Cab,V8, Auto, clean in & out (White)	\$5,750
01 F150 LWB Reg Cab, 4.6 V8, Auto, in March 06, very clean	\$3,750
95 F250,V8, 5spd, Runs good	\$1,850
92 GMC Sonoma,4cyl, 5 spd, runs good	\$1,495
93 Chev 4x4 Ext Cab,350 V8, Auto, roll bar, runs good	\$2,950
Gooseneck 2 Car Hauler, electric brakes, in good condition	\$2,950
84 Wrecker F250 Super Cab 4x4, Ready to work	\$2,250

AUTOMOBILES

04 Ford Crown Victoria,Loaded, very nice car, 38K miles, power seats	\$10,950
03 Lincoln Town Car,Fully loaded, 40K miles, Leather seats, etc	\$13,950
2000 Ford Contour,4DR,V6,looks, runs good,(Red)	\$3,395
99 Lincoln Town Car,Signature Series, Fully Loaded, New Tires, Super Nice	\$4,995
99 Taurus,V6, A very nice car inside & out (Green)	\$3,750
99 Mercury Sable,V6, O.D., Auto, Looks,runs very good (Red)	\$3,150
98 Ford Contour,V6, 4DR, tilt, cruise, etc, looks,runs good (Silver)	\$2,750
97 Lincoln Mark VIII, LSC, fully loaded, sun roof, looks,runs good	\$2,750
97 Thunderbird,4.6 V8, clean inside & out, runs good (White)	\$2,750
96 Mercury Cougar XR7,3.8 V6, Rear wheel drive, Runs good	\$2,450
96 Ford Taurus,V6, looks,runs good (White)	\$1,950
95 Saturn S21,2DR Coupe, 4cyl, 5spd, looks, runs good (Tan)	\$1,850
97 Chev Cavalier,In fair condition (Black)	\$995
91 Ford Crown Victoria,Looks fair, Runs good (Lt. Blue)	\$995

VANS & SUV'S

99 Dodge Caravan,7Pass, V6, Looks,Runs good (Gold)	\$3,950
99 Ford Explorer Sport,V6, loaded, Auto,Looks,Runs good (Red)	\$5,450
97 Ford Explorer 4x4,V6, looks,runs good, 4DR, Auto (White)	\$4,750
99 Ford Windstar,V6, Auto, 7Pass, looks,runs good (Burgandy)	\$4,950
96 Ford Windstar,V6, Auto, 7Pass (Red), A good buy...ONLY	\$2,750
95 Dodge Grand Caravan,V6, looks,runs good (Red)	\$1,695
94 Ford Explorer 4x4,V6, Auto, looks fair, runs good	\$1,950
90 Dodge Conversion Van,Nice interior, Rear seat/bed	\$1,295
88 Chevy Suburban,Dual Air, good condition, runs good (Blue/Silver)	\$1,295

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