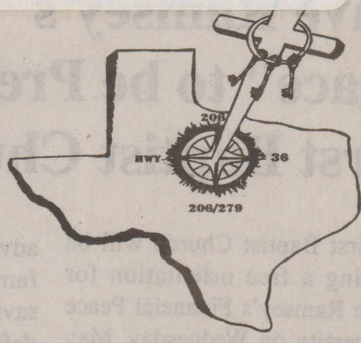


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DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: The following directions to our Father's House is very cleverly written. It has some good sense advice that we can all incorporate into our lives. It was written by my favorite author — Author Unknown.

The sweet lady from Austin sent this to me. All the positive information mailed to me for this column is appreciated. **Vanda Anderson**

"Directions to Our Father's House"

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Make a Right onto Believeh Blvd.

Keep straight and go through the Green Light, which is Jesus Christ.

There, you must turn onto the Bridge of Faith, which is over troubled water.

When you get off the bridge, make a Right turn and Keep Straight.

You are on the King's Highway—Heaven-bound.

Keep going for three miles: One for the Father, One for the Son, and One for the Holy Ghost.

Then exit off onto Grace Blvd. From there, make a Right turn on Gospel Lane.

Keep Straight and then make another Right on Prayer Road.

As you go on you way, Yield Not to the traffic on Temptation Avenue.

Also, avoid SIN STREET, because it is a DEAD END.

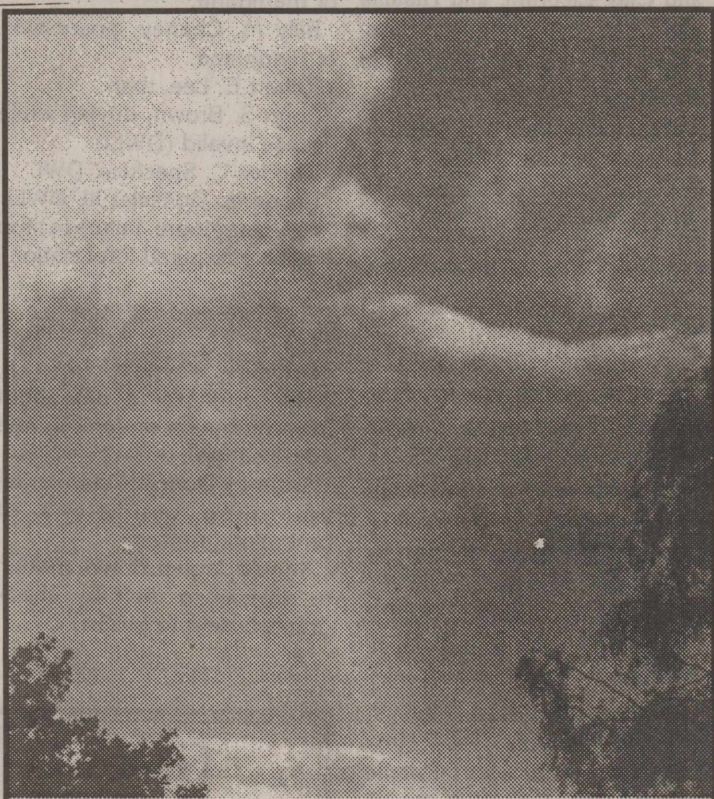
Pass up Envy Drive and Hate Avenue.

Also, pass Hypocrisy Street, Gossiping Lane and Backbiting Blvd.

However, you have to go down Long-suffering Lane, Persecution Blvd. and Trials and Tribulations Avenue.

But that's all right, because VICTORY Street is straight ahead!!

Amen



WONDER IF YOU'RE WATCHED OVER? HERE'S PROOF—What appears to be an angelic presence with his outstretched arm spotted in the clouds (on May 10th) in the sky above Cross Plains.

Love Fund Established for Dustin Snell at Texas Heritage Bank

A Love Fund has been opened for Dustin Snell at the Texas Heritage Bank. Dustin is severely burned on the upper portion of his body. He is hospitalized at the Baylor Burn Unit in Dallas. Dustin is undergoing skin grafts and reconstructive surgery. Snell is currently in a germ-free bubble while he is recuperating. Dustin has health insurance, but is in need of assistance to cover

expenses while his wife, Amber (Phillips) stays with him. The couple has one daughter, McKenzie.

The family would appreciate your assistance and especially your prayers during this very difficult time in their life. Please go by the local bank and make a donation or mail it to:

Texas Heritage Bank
P O Box 699
Cross Plains, TX 76443.

Community Cancer Walk Planning Meeting

It is that time again to make plans for our Community Cancer Walk. We were blessed with a very successful event last year. Thanks to everyone's help.

We want to see if we can top that one! Please come to a meeting at the First Baptist Church on Tuesday, June 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Bring

your ideas and suggestions, and we will discuss how we can support our community members who are struggling with Cancer.

This meeting is open to all churches, civic groups, and any other organization who would like to get involved. For more information, contact Kathy Purvis at 254-725-6219.

LADIES NIGHT OUT SCHEDULED

The First Baptist Church

has scheduled a

Ladies Night Out on

Monday, June 4th, at 7PM

in the Family Life Center.

Come help celebrate

"School's Out" with fun and games.

Bring your favorite salad and invite all your family, friends and neighbors.

PLAYDAY Saturday

A PLAYDAY will be held on Saturday, June 2, at the Cross Plains Roping Club Arena on Highway 36.

Five events will be featured. Leadline and all ages including adults will be provided.

Daily and year-end awards in every age group will be presented.

There will be non-rider events, too!

For additional information call Jamie Wootton at 325-201-1140.

Cross Plains Cemetery Association Meeting

Monday June 4th 5:30 pm

@ City Hall

Everyone is Invited

Salute to Area Veterans

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Saturday, May 26th marked the formal dedication of the Cross Plains and Area Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony. Approximately 200 individuals paid tribute to those who faithfully served their country, even to the point of death.

God provided wonderful weather—an overcast sky and 70 degree temperatures allowed everyone to enjoy the salute to our Veterans.

Donnel Clark, Vice Commander of the American Legion Post 423, welcomed the crowd to the long awaited celebration. He noted that this memorial park was the only one of its kind in Callahan County.

The invocation was led by Burlie Taylor, Post Chaplain. Members of the American Legion Post 423 raised the colors and Bob Kirkham, Post Commander led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kerry Mann, Director of Music at First Baptist Church, sang "The Star Spangled Banner".

Clark introduced the guest speaker, Colonel Tracy A. Smiedendorf, Deputy Commander, 7th Maintenance Group, Dyess Air Force Base. He is directly responsible for overseeing the combined production efforts of 2,100 aircraft and munitions maintenance personnel assigned to five squadrons, as well as a fleet of 36 B-1 aircraft. He also provides maintenance support for 29 C-130 aircraft. He was born and raised in Niles, Michigan but has spent many years of military



DEDICATION OF VETERANS MEMORIAL—Staff Sgt. William Spraggins-U.S. Air Force (from left), Sgt. Michael Bennett-U.S. Marine Corp and Colonel Tracy A. Smiedendorf-Dyess AFB.

service in Texas.

Colonel Smiedendorf's dedication address appealed to the public to continue encouraging and educating the youth concerning the importance of Memorial Day and value of service to keep our country free. At this time, the engraved stones were unveiled. Veterans of each war were asked to stand. The World War II Veterans, the Greatest Generation, were the majority in attendance.

Recognition of Veterans killed in military service was presented by Garmond Parrish. Family members were asked to stand as their name was called. Amazingly, the list was brief in comparison to those who served.

Taps was played by Kyle Foster and a moment of silence was observed.

Ronnie White led the closing benediction. Refreshments were served in the gazebo at the City Memorial Day and value of service to keep our country free. Cross Plains and the Masonic Lodge.

I would like to recognize Cindy (Purvis) Payne and her parents, Audrey and Jewel Purvis, for their dedication in accomplishing this beautiful Veterans Memorial Park. Its beauty compliments our landscape, while the solemn tribute expresses honor to our heritage.

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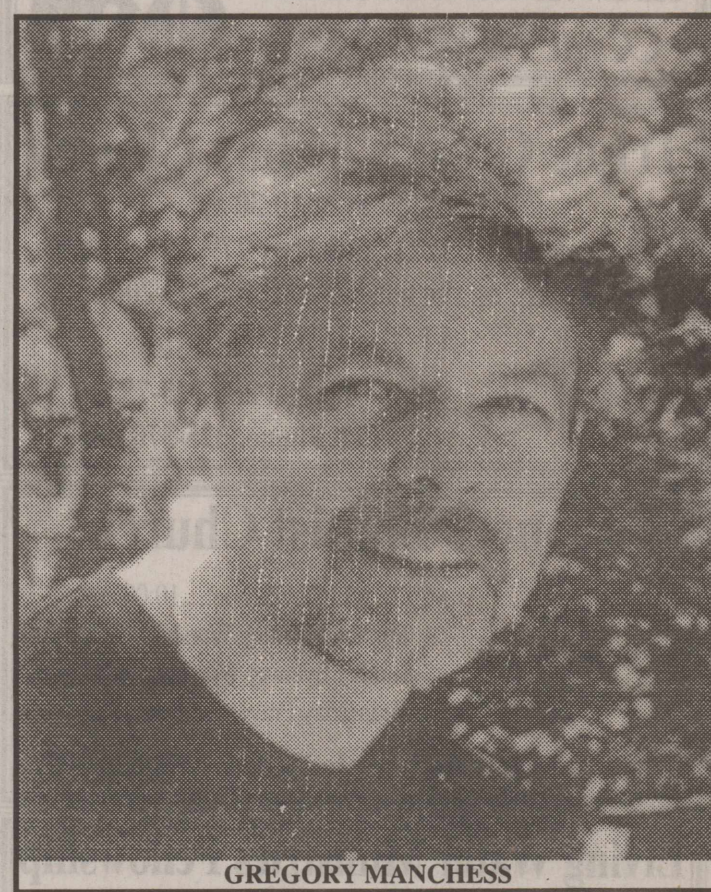
Gregory Manchess Honored Guest

Mayor Ray Purvis has signed the annual proclamation designating June 8 as Robert E. Howard Day. Dozens of visitors will be arriving from around the globe to join local citizens in celebrating Howard's life and his noted contributions to the literary world.

Honored guest this year is the highly acclaimed painter and illustrator, Gregory Manchess from Beaverton, Oregon. Manchess' paintings have appeared in magazines like Time, Newsweek, Smithsonian and National Geographic. He has illustrated film posters, billboards, children's books, as well as the covers of two Major League Baseball World Series Programs. His work has garnered a gold medal, three silver medals, and a Best Illustration of the Year Award from the Society of Illustrators in New York.

While in Cross Plains, Manchess will participate in a panel discussion at the high school on Friday, June 8, at 2:00 p.m. In addition, he will be the featured speaker at the Celebration Dinner, Friday evening, 6:30 at the Cross Plains Community Center. Manchess will be discussing his work in illustrating the "Conquering Sword of Conan".

Other activities planned for the two-day festival will be bus tours, walking tours, several panel discussions, a silent auction and a dealer's room that will offer an opportunity to purchase various publications directly from the numerous authors who will be in



GREGORY MANCHESS

town.

A special postal cancellation will be available at the Post Office during regular hours on Friday.

The Howard Museum will be open for tours all day Friday and Saturday. The Cross Plains Public Library will extend its hours to accommodate visitors who wish to view the original manuscripts of some of Howard's writings. In addition to the regular afternoon hours, the Library will be open Friday from 10:00 a.m. and on Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

All of these activities, as well as the celebration dinner, are open to

the public. Folks are invited to participate in the festivities and to meet some of the visitors who return year after year to our little community.

Reservations for the celebration dinner are available at various places around town. The dinner is being catered by Cook's Fish Barn and offers piping hot catfish and all the trimmings (including dessert and drink. The \$10.00 reservation MUST be made by JUNE 1ST.

For more information, please contact a Project Pride member at 725-4993 or 725-6562.

Submitted by
Era Lee Hanke

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HILLBILLIES & HIPPIE OF HAWLEY



FLAMING FLOOZIES OF HAWLEY

Turkey Creek Cook-off Results

We had great weather and a good turnout for the Turkey Creek Cook-off. Ten teams put their grilling skills to the challenge and results are as follows:

Brisket

1st Place: Hillbillies & Hippie, Hawley; **2nd Place:** Flaming Floozies, Hawley; **3rd Place:** Ed's Custom Const., Clyde.

Ribs

1st Place: Hillbillies & Hippie, Hawley; **2nd Place:** Hazardous Cooking, Cross Plains; **3rd Place:** Flaming Floozies, Hawley.

Chicken

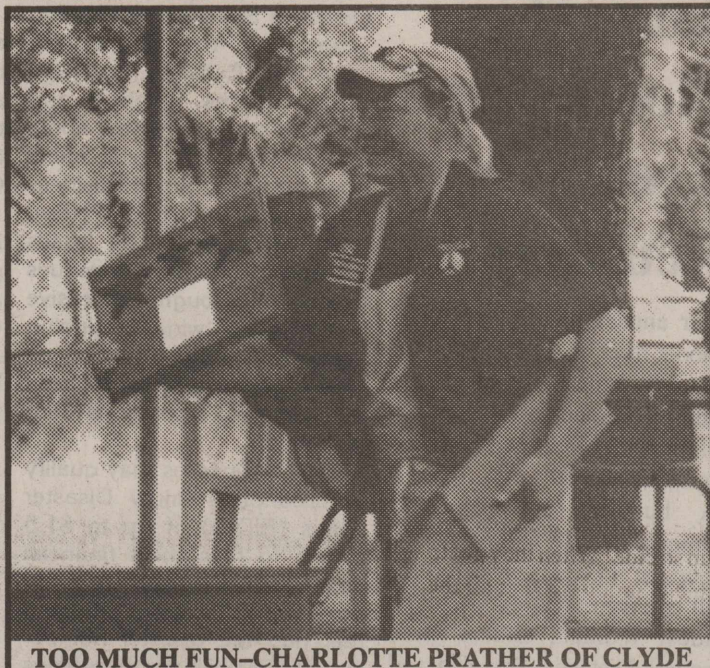
1st Place: Hazardous Cooking, Cross Plains; **2nd Place:** Lonesome Dove, Rising Star; **3rd Place:** Up-in-Smoke, Rising Star.

Chili

1st Place: Ed's Custom Const., Clyde; **2nd Place:** Flaming Floozies, Hawley; **3rd Place:** Too Much Fun, Clyde.

Beans

1st Place: Too Much Fun, Clyde; **2nd Place:** Ed's Custom Const., Clyde; **3rd Place:** Hillbillies & Hippie, Hawley. **Jackpot Cobbler-Flaming Floozie, Hawley.**



TOO MUCH FUN-CHARLOTTE PRATHER OF CLYDE

Peoples Choice Award-Too Much Fun, Clyde.
Showmanship Award-Too Much Fun, Clyde.
Friendliest Cook- Hillbillies & Hippie, Hawley.

Thanks to the judges and Rolan Jones for a great job with the cook-off. Thanks to the two ladies from the Dallas Area for tallying up the scores and helping the judges. Thanks to

Lindsey Barnett for her help, she did anything and everything we asked of her and did a great job! Thanks to Georgia and Darwin King of Baird for making our handmade plaques.

We appreciate everyone who came out and participated in the Peoples Choice vote.

Submitted by
Dana Hall

Babysitting Class offered June 8th

The American Red Cross, Big Country Region, will be conducting a Babysitting class on Friday, June 8, 2007. The class will be held at 1610 North 2nd Street, Abilene, TX and will begin at 8:30 a.m. The cost for the class is \$35.00 and includes a First Aid Kit and all class materials.

The American Red Cross Babysitting class is designed to provide individuals, ages 11-15, with the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of parents or adult guardians. This training will help participants develop skills in leadership and professionalism; basic care; safety and safe play; and first aid.

Class size is limited and prepayment is required to register a participant. You may register by coming by the American Red Cross office at 1610 North 2nd or by calling 325-677-2622. For more information please call the Big Country Region office at 325-677-2622, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Participation in the health and safety programs enables the local American Red Cross to provide disaster services within the community. The American Red Cross truly values your support.

CPR for Professional Rescuer Class offered

The American Red Cross, Big Country Region, will be conducting a CPR for Professional Rescuer Class on June 9, 2007. This class is designed for first responders such as doctors, nurses, firefighters and life-guards. An American Red Cross pocket mask is required and included in the cost of the class. Class will be held at 1610 North 2nd Street, Abilene, TX and will begin at 9:00 a.m. The cost for the class is \$66.91.

Class size is limited and prepayment is required to register a

participant. You may register by coming by our office at 1610 North 2nd or by calling 325-677-2622. For more information please call the Big Country Region office at 325-677-2622, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

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Adult, Infant, Child CPR/AED Recertification available

The American Red Cross, Big Country Region, will be conducting an Adult, Infant, Child CPR/AED Recertification class on June 4, 2007. The cost for the class is \$25.00. This class is for individuals who are only interested or need recertification in CPR/AED.

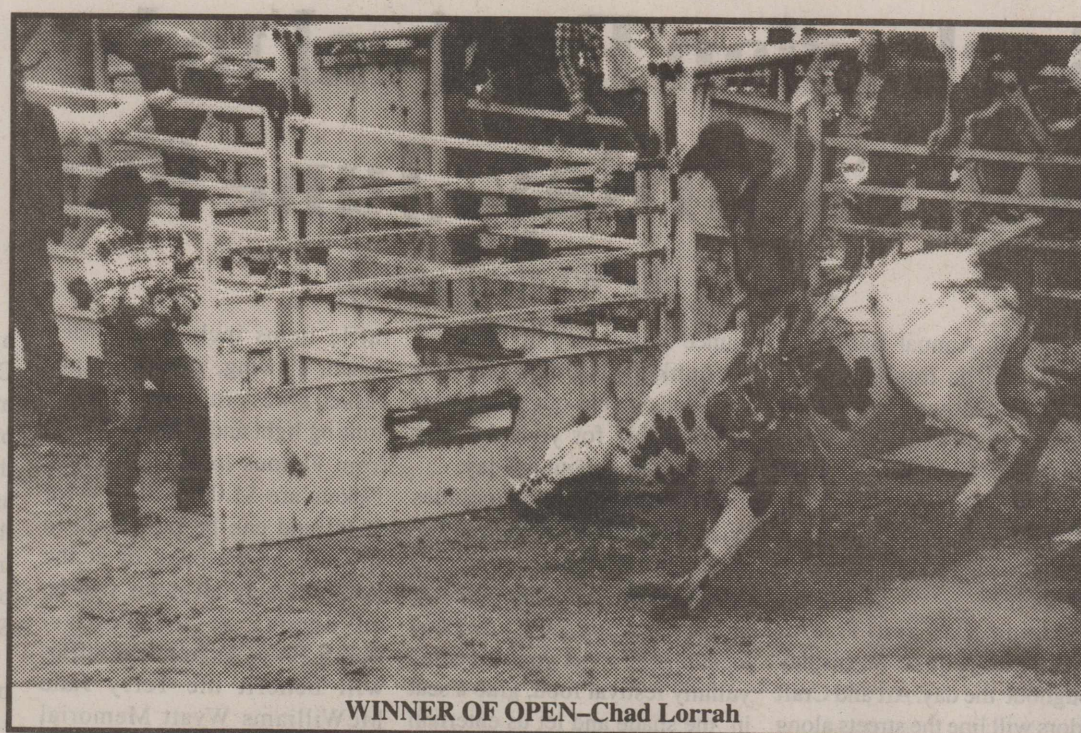
The American Red Cross will be offering First Aid Certification on Monday, June 18, 2007. The cost for this class will be \$20.00. This class is for individuals who are only interested or need recertification in First Aid.

Classes will be held at 1610

North 2nd Street, Abilene, TX and will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Class size is limited and prepayment is required to register a participant. You may register by coming by The Big Country Region office at 1610 North 2nd or by calling 325-677-2622. For more information please call the office at 325-677-2622, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

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WINNER OF OPEN-Chad Lorrach

2007 Cross Plains Bull Bash Great Success

What a wonderful day for a Bull Bash! It was a packed house and filled with excitement! Thanks to Jason Marks for providing extra pens, accommodating and handling some of the roughest stock we have ever had! Thanks to the stock contractors: Kent Cox, Stephenville; Mike King and Jerry Linley, May; Gregg Willingham, Cross Plains; Mark Huff, Odessa. Steers: Jeff Bacon and Jason Marks both of Cross Plains and Heath Hoaretz of Golthwaite, who does an outstanding job with the mutton busting.

We started out with mutton butting and had 15 contestants: **1st Place:** Talon Barker from Cottonwood; **2nd Place:** Brazos Ham; **3rd Place:** Taylor Adams of Cross Plains. Thanks to Kevin Elkins for the beautiful buckle presented to the winner and all of the kids and parents who participated!

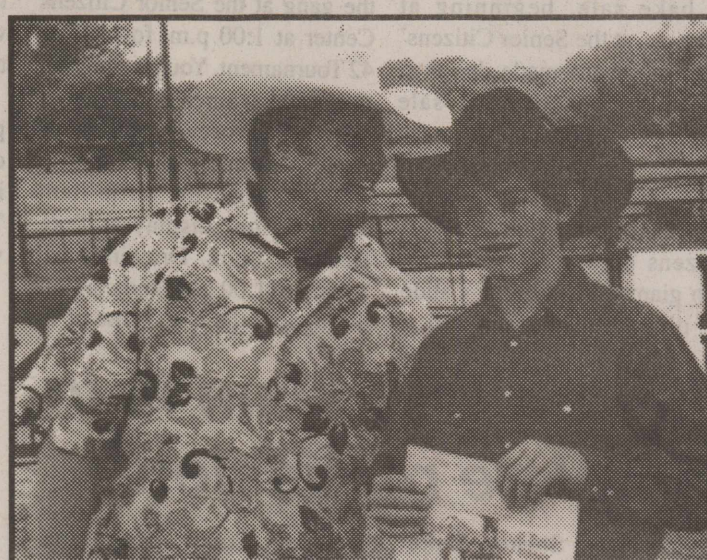
The next event Steer riding proved to be very competitive, there was only one (1) qualified ride. Stormy Rasberry from Roby won the Gorley rope (donated by Jess Gorley) and he also took home a nice check! Thanks to our young Cowboys! They had some rank steers to deal with and they did well!

The PCBR started the bullriding with some great cowboys! Such as Rickey Walker, Tom Messick and Dale Gideon just to name a few! Will Wilson of Zephyr took first place with 84 points. He was presented with a buckle. Pat Reedy also from Zephyr came in second with 78 points. These cowboys proved their experience and class.

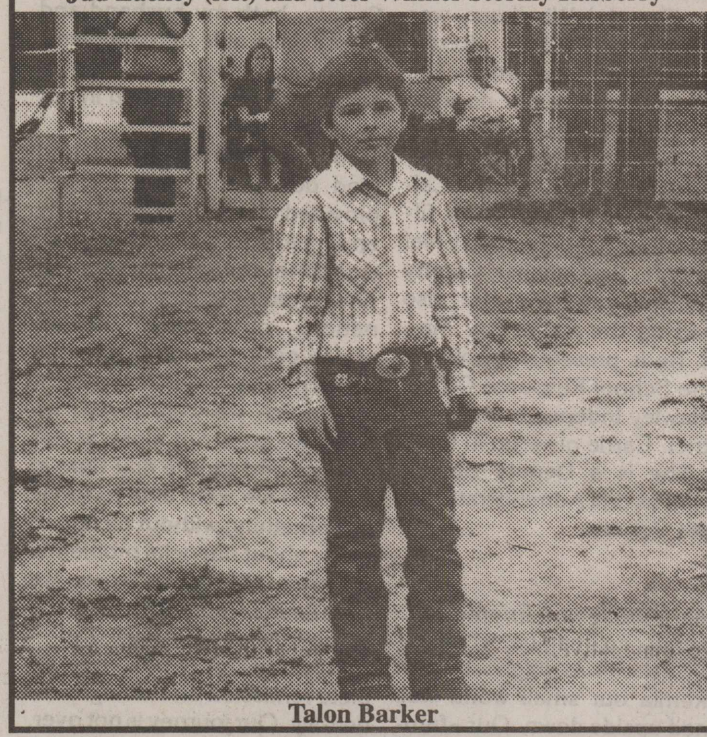
The excitement continued with 24 bullriders in the open, the bulls were awesome and proved to be quiet a challenge! **1st Place:** Chad Lorrach, 88 pts (he took home a buckle donated by Jason Marks); **2nd Place:** Dustin Richards, 83 pts; **3rd Place:** Stetson Rasberry, 78 pts; **4th Place:** Pat Reedy, 76 pts.

Thanks to Jimmy Hargrove for keeping the crowd entertained and doing a fantastic job announcing. I love working with Jimmy, he always is a crowd pleaser!

We would like to thank Toby



Jud Lackey (left) and Steer Winner Stormy Rasberry



Talon Barker

Linley for his tribute to Dusty Hargrove, it was very special to everyone, especially to Jimmy and Cliffadene Hargrove and Frankie and Kelli Hyles. I have the highest respect for these families. They worked and served many years in the roping club and did a great job.

The bullfighters were fearless and always make it look easy keeping our cowboys safe! Thanks Josh Hudspeth, Cody Harris and Jud Lackey for a job well done.

Thanks to the Arena Director Curt Johnson for keeping things going smoothly, and the judges, Mark Campbell and J.R. Hudson. Thanks also to Crystal Messick, PCBR Secretary. How about those horsemen Rod Middleton, Clint Middleton and Ricky Adams. We would also like to say

thanks for use of panels.

Thanks to our sponsors and the citizens of Cross Plains for making this event a success! Sponsors: Cross Plains EMS and Rickey Carouth, Blake Fulenwider Dodge, Texas Heritage Bank, Welch Stone, Jones Real Estate, Park Car Wash, Kevin Elkins, Higginbothams, Mexico City, Winfrey Grain & Peanut, Ranchers Choice Realty, Rockin-U-Bucking Bulls, Village Market, Anna Chessir, Taste of Texas, Cross Plains Frozen Foods, City of Cross Plains, State Highway Department and all roping club members who worked.

Roping Club Members will meet Monday, June 4th, 7 p.m. at arena. See you there. Thanks!

Submitted by
Dana Hall

OPLIN Community Dinner is Saturday June 2nd

Just a reminder for the folks who live in the Oplin area, don't forget that this Saturday, June 1st you are invited to the annual Oplin Community Dinner.

The Oplin Community Center will provide brisket and sausage for the main course and you are invited to bring a side dish or a dessert to be enjoyed by all. The Community Center will open around 11:00 a.m. and dinner will be served somewhere around noon.

So gather the entire family and come on out and meet your neighbors, talk with the old timers about how it use to be in Oplin, discuss with our volunteers how to become an Oplin firefighter or how to volunteer with the Grand Ole Oplin or just come on out and enjoy a good meal.

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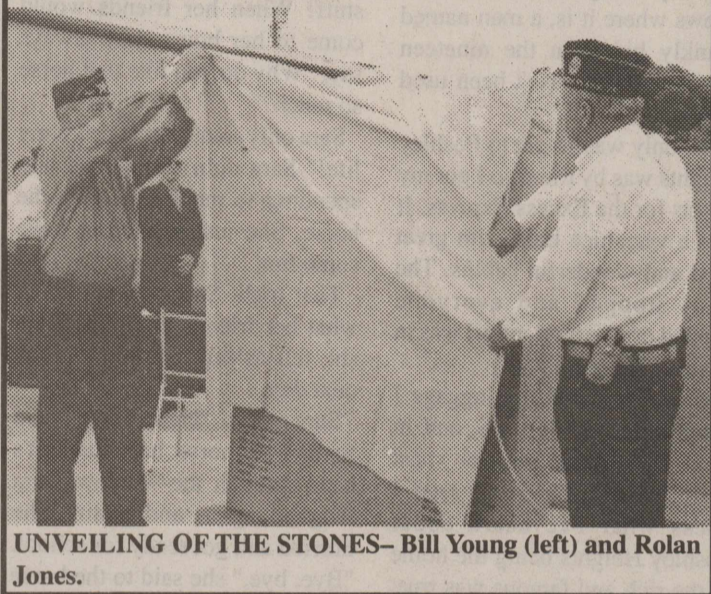
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FAMILY LABOR OF LOVE—Jewel Purvis (from left), Cindy Payne and Audrey Purvis were instrumental in the Memorial Park Project.

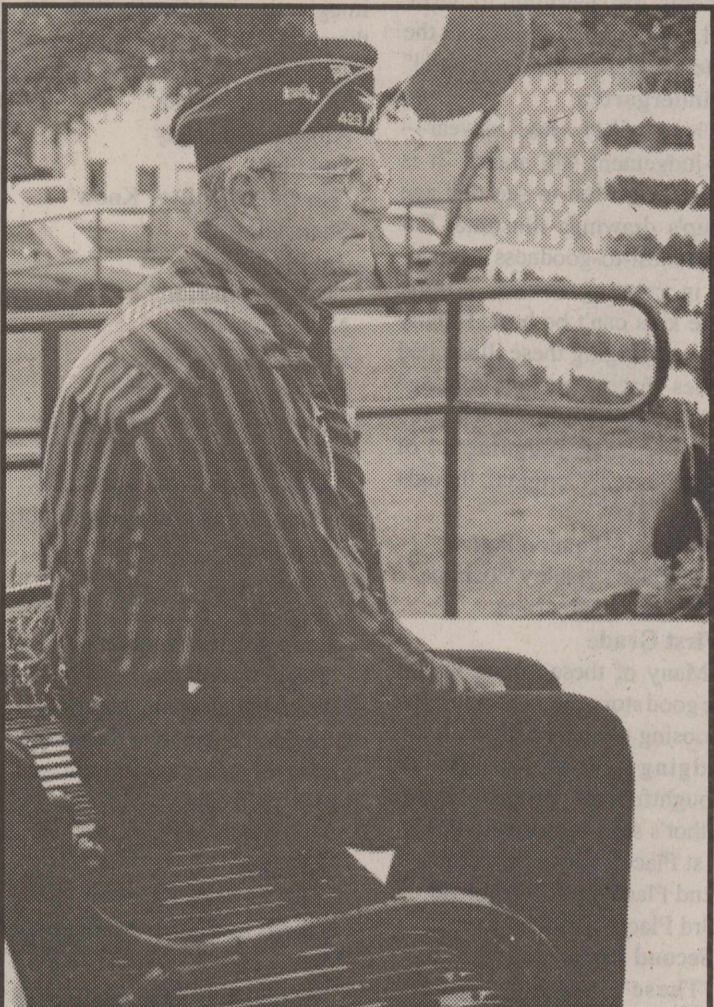


ANNOUNCING SOLDIERS KILLED IN ACTION—Garmond Parrish, Burlie Taylor (sitting) and Donald Beeler (right).

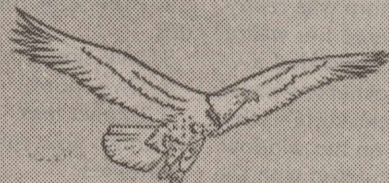


UNVEILING OF THE STONES—Bill Young (left) and Rolan Jones.

Veterans Memorial Park Dedication Highlights



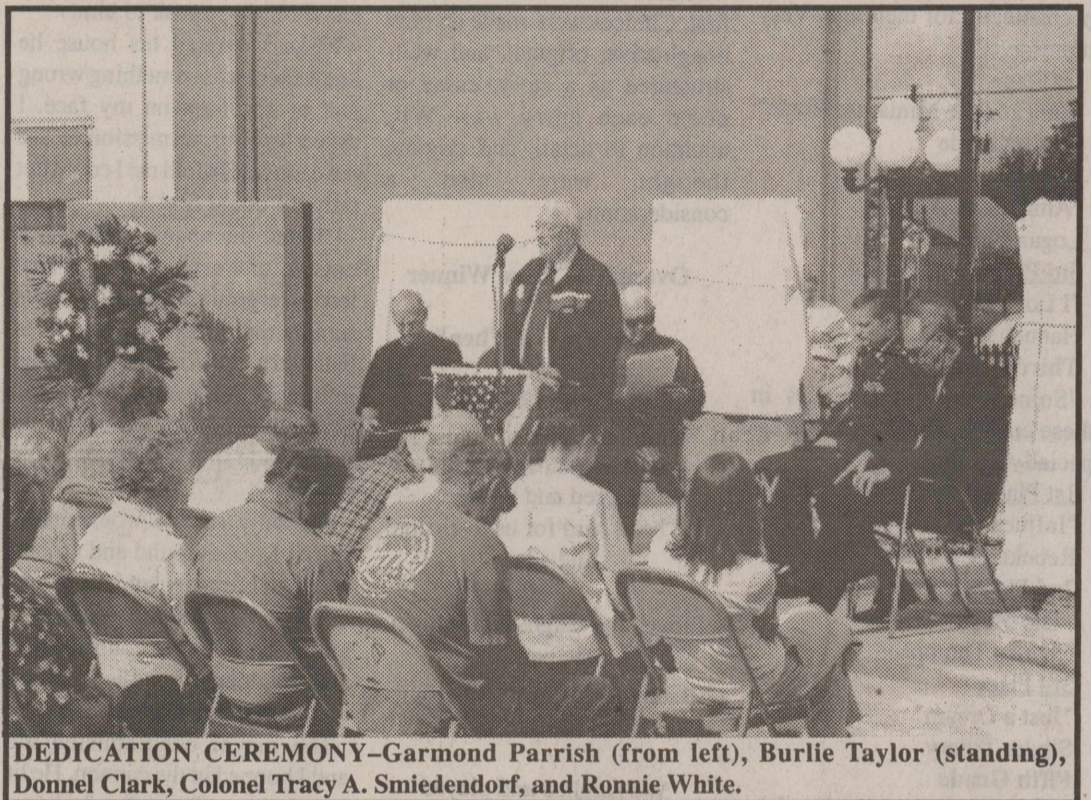
IMAGINE WHAT IS GOING THROUGH HIS MIND Commander of American Legion Post 423 Bob Kirkham.


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DEDICATION STONE MESSAGE— Composed by Cindy Payne, Vanda Anderson, John and Deborah Lowitzer.

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DEDICATION CEREMONY—Garmond Parrish (from left), Burlie Taylor (standing), Donnel Clark, Colonel Tracy A. Smiedendorf, and Ronnie White.

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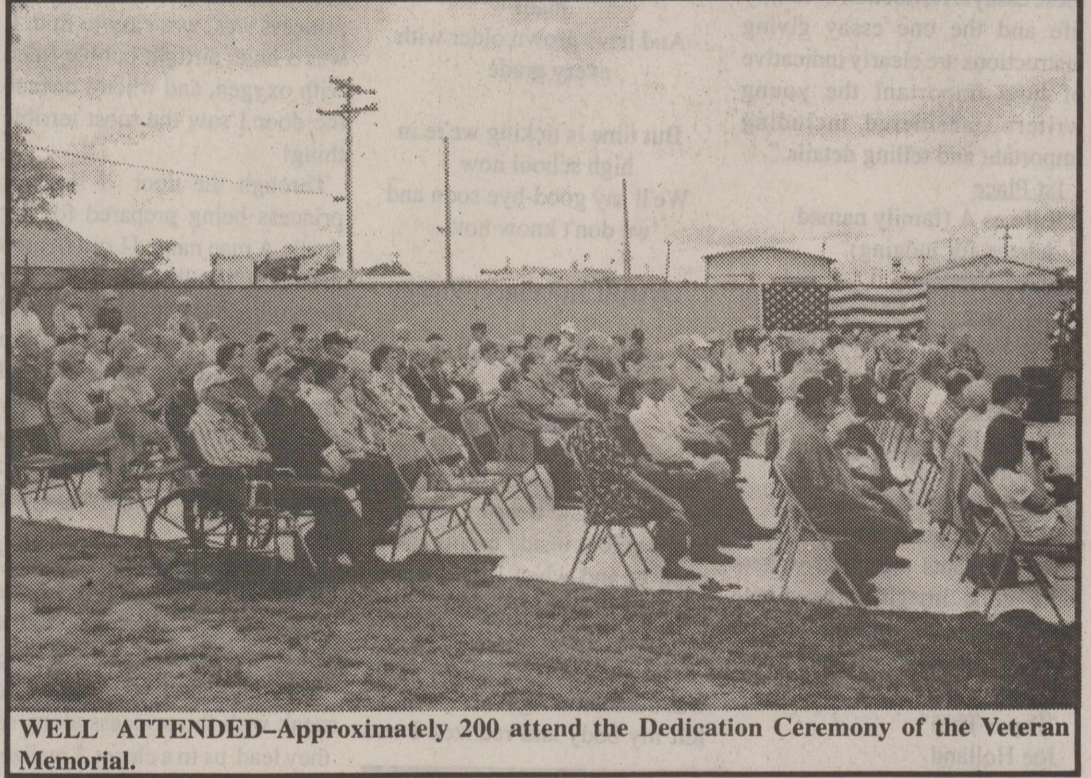
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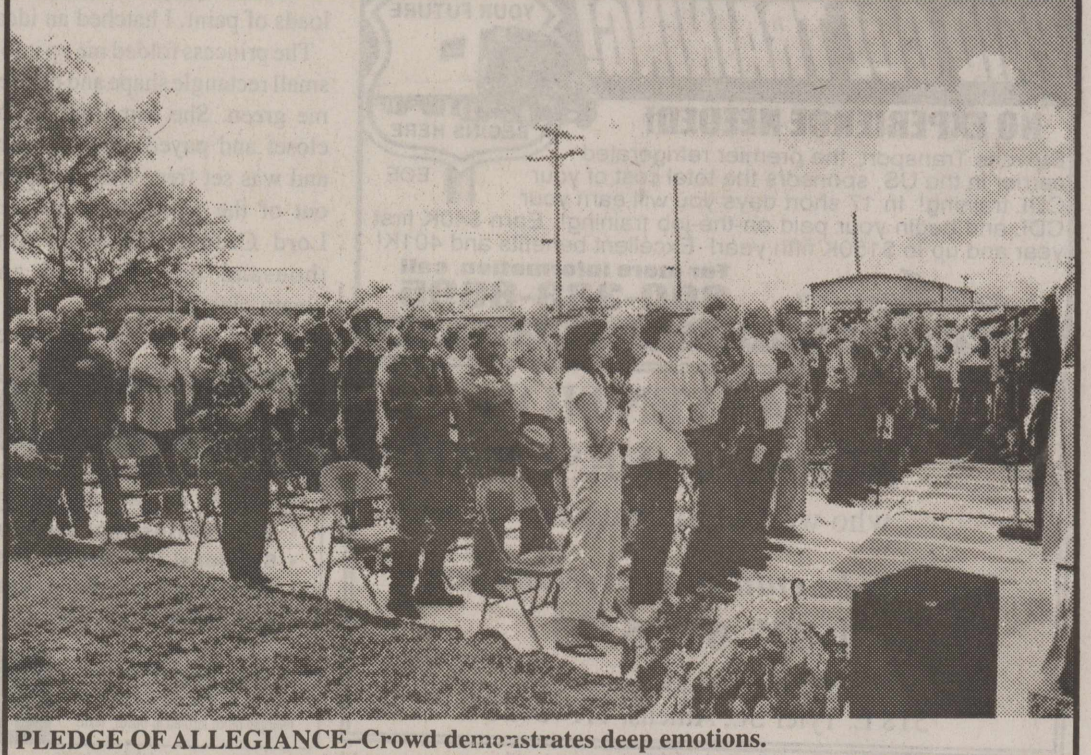
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WELL ATTENDED—Approximately 200 attend the Dedication Ceremony of the Veteran Memorial.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—Crowd demonstrates deep emotions.

Charles Holden to receive Bronze Star for service with 'Devil's Brigade'

By Al Pickett
Special Writer

In the summer of 1942, Charles Holden became a member of a unit that became known as the "Devil's Brigade." Now, 65 years later, Holden, age 90, has been notified that he will receive the Bronze Star for his service with the 1st Special Service Force, a unit that has been the subject of numerous books, documentaries and the 1968 movie "The Devil's Brigade."

"I got a letter from Washington about a month ago that said I was supposed to receive a Bronze Star," he said, "but I haven't got it yet. The whole company is supposed to get it."

Born and raised in Clyde, Holden has lived in the Denton Valley area south of Clyde since 1959. He said he was already in the service in 1942 when he first learned of the formation of the special unit.

"I saw a sign on a bulletin board, wanting volunteers," Holden recalled. "They made it sound like you were getting a good deal."

What he received was an adventure of a lifetime.

Holden was one of 1,800 original volunteers for the joint World War II American-Canadian commando unit. The original advertisement said preference was to be given to men previously employed as lumberjacks, forest rangers, hunters and game wardens.

The 1st Special Service Force was officially activated on July 9, 1942, a joint force of three small regiments and a service battalion under the command of Lt. Col. Robert T. Frederick. Holden said the group did its initial training at Fort Harrison near Helena, Mont., where he learned mountain climbing and skiing. Force members received rigorous and intensive training in stealth tactics, hand-to-hand combat, the use of explosives for demolition, parachuting, amphibious warfare, rock-climbing, mountain warfare and skiing.

"We knew we were better trained than the American army," Holden said.

After completing training in Virginia and Vermont, the Force sailed to the Aleutian Islands to be part of the invasion force of the island of Kiska. But the Japanese had already evacuated the island by the time they arrived,

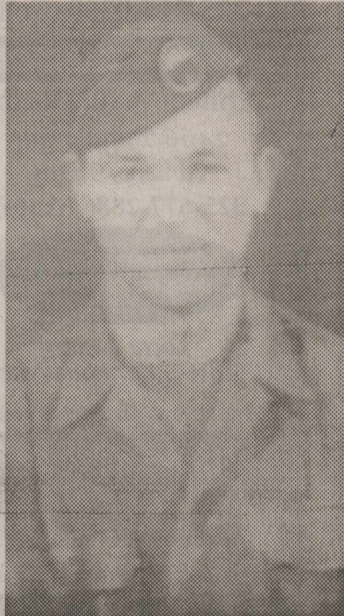


CHARLES HOLDEN
...member of the 1st Special Service Force

according to Holden, so they returned to Fort Ethan Allen in Vermont.

The unit was then sent to Europe, first landing in Casablanca and then arriving in Naples, Italy, on Nov. 19, 1943. The Force immediately went into the line with the U.S. 36th Infantry Division. That winter, the 1st Special Service Force earned a reputation for being able to take impenetrable objectives when no one else could.

The force wiped out a strategic enemy defensive position that sat high atop a mountain surrounded by steep cliffs. Holden said American and British forces had suffered many casualties in previous futile attempts to take the important target. The capture of Monte la Difensa near the ancient town of Rocca d'Evandro (about 10 miles southeast of Cassino) was the basis for the



CHARLES HOLDEN
...circa 1942

1968 motion picture "The Devil's Brigade," starring William Holden, Cliff Robertson and Vince Edwards.

"I wish the movie would have stayed closer to the truth," Holden remarked.

The 1st Special Service Force continued its attack, assaulting Mount La Rementanea, capturing Monte Sambucaro and assaulting Monte Vishiataro. During the mountain campaign, the 1st SSF suffered 77 percent casualties.

Although he injured an elbow and contracted malaria during his time with the unit, Holden knows he was much more fortunate than many of his comrades. He does, however, remember a close call.

"We were in a place where you couldn't dig a fox hole because of the rock," Holden said. "We piled up rock to build a little pen around us. They started throwing mortar at us. One mortar shell hit the rocks about two feet behind me. It wedged between the rocks without the nose hitting, so the fuse didn't go off."

Much feared for their fighting prowess, the Force became known as "The Black Devils" when the personal diary of a German officer was discovered. It referred to "die schwarzen Teufeln (the Black Devils)." With blackened faces, small units would often overwhelm German defenders without firing a shot and then disappear into the night.

The Special Force brigade was withdrawn from the mountains in January of 1944 and landed at the beachhead at Anzio, south of Rome, on February 1st. Their task was to hold and raid from the right-handed flank of the beachhead marked by the Mussolini Canal. Shortly after that, the German units pulled back up to a half-mile to avoid the Force's aggressive patrols.

It was at Anzio that the Germans dubbed the 1st Special Service Force the "Devil's Brigade." The diary of dead German soldier contained a passage that said, "The black devils are all around us every time we come into the line." The soldier was referring to them as "black" because the brigade's members smeared their faces with black boot polish for their covert operations in the dark of night. The 1st SSF fought for 99 days without relief at Anzio.

"Holden said he and his comrades were among the first Allied forces to reach Rome on June 4th and then went back to the Pope's summer home, about 15 minutes from Rome, where they stayed for several weeks.

On Aug. 14, 1944, the 1st SSF landed at Iles d'Hyeres during Operation Dragoon, the invasion of southern France. The Force was a unique military unit that never failed to achieve its objective. It was disbanded Dec. 5, 1944, in a field near Villeneuve-Loubet in southern France.

During the war, the 1,800-man unit accounted for some 12,000 German casualties, captured more than 7,000 prisoners and sustained an attrition rate of more than 60 percent. Holden, who attended the group's reunion last summer in Helena, said there are fewer than 100 members of the original "Devil's Brigade" still living.

Many of the American and Canadian Special Forces today trace their heritage to the 1st Special Service Force.

Neugebauer discusses new 2007 farm bill

Washington, DC - Congressman Randy Neugebauer joined fellow members of the House Agriculture Committee leadership Thursday in discussing plans for drafting the 2007 Farm Bill.

"The House Agriculture Committee has an important task to complete over the next couple of months as it sets out to write the 2007 Farm Bill," said Neugebauer. "We have put in a great deal of work over the last year getting input from all corners of American agriculture. Now, I look forward to getting to the negotiating table and crafting a bipartisan Farm Bill that promotes agriculture into the next decade."

The drafting of the 2007 Farm Bill will occur primarily in each of the House Agriculture subcommittees. The work on the conservation, credit, research, and energy portions of the legislation will get started next week, with work on the remaining portions taking place in June. Chairman Collin Peterson's goal is for the full committee to approve a complete bill by July 4.

Neugebauer believes the success of the 2002 Farm Bill gives

the Committee a solid blueprint to work from during the drafting process. Since many of the current policies have worked well for American producers and taxpayers alike, Neugebauer supports continuing these policies.

Neugebauer does have concerns about the reliance on a "mirage" reserve fund to increase spending on conservation and nutrition programs, and possibly other areas.

"These reserve funds sound great in theory, but they are really just a mirage," said Neugebauer. "The chances are slim that the money in these mirage funds will be available for Farm Bill programs, so it hurts our effort to write sound farm policy if we aren't using accurate budget numbers."

The 2008 budget creates a mirage fund for agriculture totaling \$20 billion over five years. However, to use money in the fund, either offsets in other federal spending or tax increases would be required. Finding similar offsets or successfully approving tax increases has proven to be a difficult challenge in the past.

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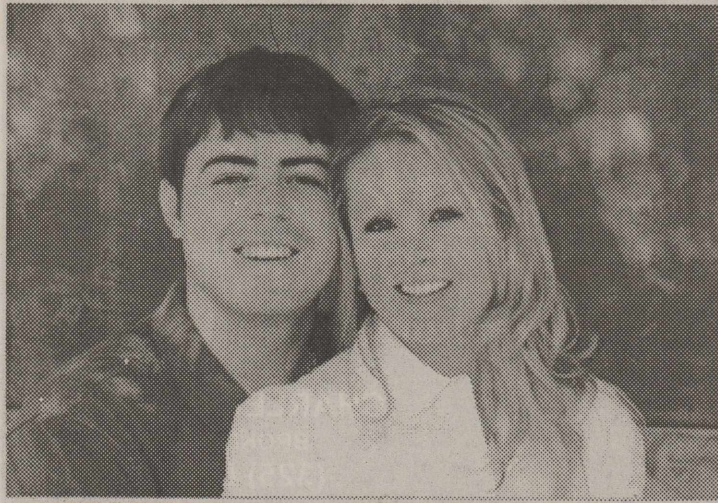
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CBRE and lives in Houston. Heather graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School in 1999. She graduated from the University of Houston in May 2006 with a Degree in Inter-disciplinary Studies. She currently works for the University of Houston doing Educational Research. Dusty and Heather will be married July 14, 2007 at Briscoe Manor in Richmond, Texas.

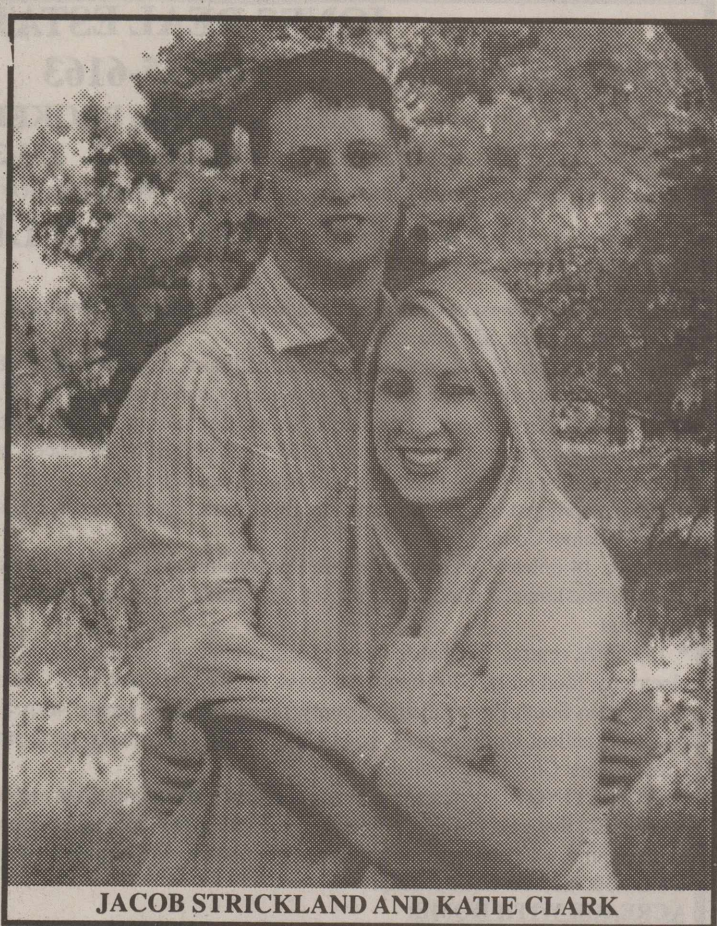


KIESHA RUTH McCLELEN & THOMAS BRIAN GAGE
...to wed June 30th in Granbury

Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McClelen of Glen Rose are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kiesha Ruth McClelen to Thomas Brian Gage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Gage of Clyde. The bride elect is a graduate of Glen Rose High School and a graduate of Abilene Christian University with a B.S. degree in Food, Nutrition & Dietetics. Kiesha is employed by Aramark

as a registered dietician at Hendrick Hospital. Brian is a graduate of Clyde High School and a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University with a B.B.A. degree in Accounting. He is a certified public accountant with Layton & Fowler, CPAs, L.L.P. in Abilene. They are planning a June 30th wedding in Granbury, TX. The couple will live in Abilene.



JACOB STRICKLAND AND KATIE CLARK

Clark-Strickland Announce Engagement and Upcoming Wedding Plans Told

We are happy to announce the engagement of Jacob W. Strickland and Katie A. Clark. Jacob is the grandson of Lovera and the late Jack Strickland of Burkett, Texas, and Jimmielee and Virginia Payne of Cross Plains. He is the son of Jackie and Julie Strickland of Somerville, Texas and

Melissa and Kenny Baughman of Magnolia, Texas. Katie is the granddaughter of the late Mary Josephine Jackson of Dallas. She is the daughter of Gail and Katie L. Clark of Coleman. The big day will be July 14th at the Burkett Baptist Church in Burkett.

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USDA became aware of the potential exposure of such information on April 13th, when USDA was notified by a recipient of USDA funding that she was able to ascertain identifying information by viewing the website. All of the

private identifying information was embedded in a larger number and therefore not immediately identifiable. The same day, all identification numbers associated with USDA funding were removed from the website.

USDA believes that immediately prior to April 13th, the website in question contained private identification information relating to approximately 47,000 individuals who receive USDA funding from the Farm Service Agency and USDA Rural Development. USDA has identified between 105,000 and 150,000 individuals whose private information has been entered into a federal government database at some time during the past 26 years. USDA is in the process of notifying, via registered mail, all 150,000 people whose information was exposed and offering them the opportunity to register for free credit monitoring for one year.

In an effort to avoid revealing information that could increase the vulnerability of this private data, USDA is not providing additional details about the website at this time, knowing the data has likely been downloaded by non-federal entities. USDA will provide additional details once the USDA funding recipients who are potentially impacted have had an opportunity to register for free credit monitoring.

USDA funding recipients who wish to take advantage of the credit monitoring offer will be provided with instructions for how to register. Any USDA funding recipient with questions may call 1-800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636) or visit USA.gov. The call center operates from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (EDT), Monday-Friday.

Calling All Artists!

Clyde Centennial Art Exhibition Deadline June 16, 2007

In preparation for the upcoming Clyde Centennial Celebration, art is now being accepted for an exhibition that will run throughout the month of July. There is a vast amount of talent in this region and much of it has come directly out of Clyde. We are looking for artists with ties to Clyde, working in all

mediums, in the following categories: Students, Amateurs & Professionals. Work will be accepted through June 16, 2007. The show opens on Friday, July 6th. To submit your work, please send a detailed description with photos of your pieces to: clydearts@hotmail.com

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