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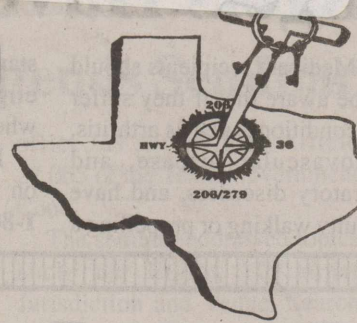
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DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: The following story has a powerful message that should be addressed by each of us. I appreciate the clever mind who created the effective demonstration. Please read this with your heart and your head.
Vanda Anderson

Sand and Stone

Two friends were walking though the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument; and one friend slapped the other one in the face.

The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand: **Today my best friend slapped me in the face.**

They kept on walking, until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him.

After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: **Today my best friend saved my life.**

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now you write on a stone, why?"

The other friend replied, "When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away, but, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."

Learn to write your hurts in the sand and carve you benefits in stone.

They say it takes minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

Send this phrase to the people you'll never forget.

If you don't send it to anyone, it means you're in a hurry and that you've forgotten your friends. Take the time to live!

Do not value the things you have in your life, but value who you have in your life!

"The Circle of Life"

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Life is about "giving" as you will learn from this story. Miss Mildred Woody had dedicated her life to teaching and one of her students was Dennis G. Beeler. In June of 1951 Beeler, at the age of 7 years, wrote the following letter to his second grade teacher at Cross Plains Elementary:

Dear M. Woody,

How are you? I hope you are doing very very fine. I am wondering how is Penny, your little dog doing. Mother, Claudie and I are going to Vacation Bible School. We are going to try to go every day. Did the wind tear up your house Sunday? It washed our peanuts away, 400 dollars worth.

Mother said tell you hello.

Thats all.

Love,

Dennis Beeler

P.S. I found two Indian heads I want to give them to you. Dennis

Fifty-seven years later, Miss Woody, 84 years young, is giving back her memorabilia to those who lovingly bestowed them. Another of her students, Bonnie Kirkham Davis, just happens to be her caregiver three days a week and she helped Miss Woody locate Dennis' address. She mailed the original letter and the two arrowheads back to him recently. He was delighted to hear from her, and since then has been keeping in touch with her by telephone. The reunion has been very uplifting for Miss Woody.

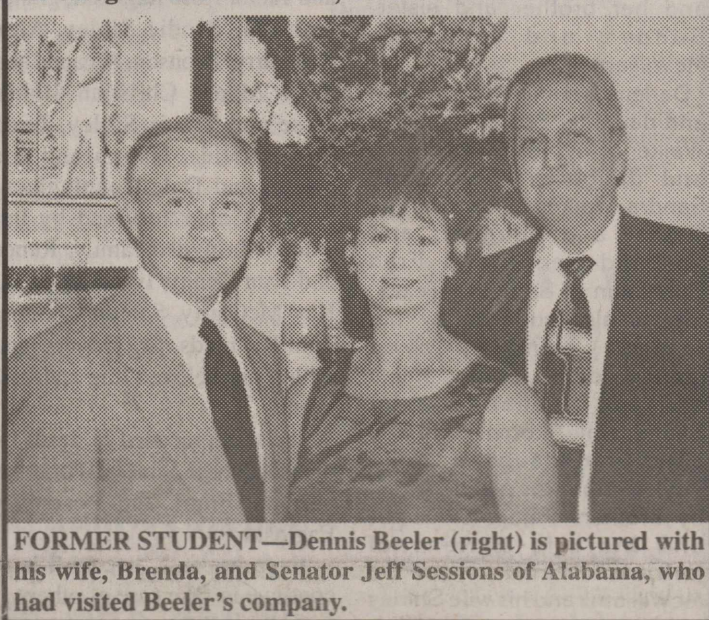
Miss Woody taught 32 years in Travis School in Abilene, where she was a student for 7 years. She taught 1 semester in Wingate, one and one-half years at Carbon and 4 years at Cross Plains (1948-1951).

She graduated from Abilene High School in 1941 and attended one year at ACC, two years at Hardin Simmons, a year at TSCU in Denton and graduated in 1945 majoring in vocational homemaking with a minor in chemistry. She completed a Smith Hughes Degree and earned her Master's Degree in 1954 from Hardin Simmons.

Beeler, a 1961 graduate of



BELOVED TEACHER—Miss Mildred Woody is pictured with her caregiver and ex-student, Bonnie Kirkham Davis.



FORMER STUDENT—Dennis Beeler (right) is pictured with his wife, Brenda, and Senator Jeff Sessions of Alabama, who had visited Beeler's company.

Cross Plains High School, moved to Kermit to work in the oilfield as a roughneck after graduation. He noted that it didn't take him long to decide that wasn't the route he wanted to pursue, so he joined the Army. He intended to stay in the Army for only three years but wound up serving 20. He retired in 1983 while stationed at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama.

"I retired from the Army on a Friday and went to work on Monday (short retirement) at CAS, Inc., which is an aerospace contractor here in Huntsville, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of ITT Corporation." He has been with CAS almost 25 years and serves on the Senior Staff of the Business Unit President.

Dennis and his wife, Brenda, live in Tennessee where they raise and sell Tennessee Walking Horses, Spotted Saddle Horses,

and Giant Schnauzer puppies. He commutes back and forth every day from Ardmore, Tennessee to Huntsville, Alabama. They both showed Spotted Saddle Horses for a few years and between the two of them won eight World Championships and two World Grand Championships.

His brothers, Donald and Kenneth, make their home in Cross Plains.

Dennis stated that the letter Miss Woody wrote him was amazing and he has enjoyed reconnecting to his former teacher.

Bonnie said, "She always tells me that she just wants all the students she taught to know they were never forgotten." Isn't it amazing how the circle of life seemingly starts at one point and circles back to another and our worlds become closer?"

Notice from Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department

The City of Cross Plains requests an inspection of burn property, location, and type of burning before any permits can be obtained!

All burning in the city limits require this inspection and a \$25.00 permit, **GOOD ONLY FOR THE DAY STATED ON THE BURN PERMIT.** If the burn does not take place on the date stated on the burn permit, the permit becomes **VOID** and a **replacement permit and inspection must be obtained.**

Burn permits will not be issued, if the county has ordered a

county-wide burn ban.

NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

This burning also includes open barbecue pits and/or burn barrels. All barbecue pits and meat smokers must be totally enclosed.

All cutting and welding during the burn ban must have the following:

- 1) Adequate water supply on site
- 2) Hand-held water extinguisher
- 3) Minimum of one spotter to watch for fire.

Submitted by
Rickey Carouth
Chief of Cross Plains
Volunteer Fire Department

Local Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Celebrating 30 Years of Sisterhood

Calling all past and present "Sisters in Beta Sigma Phi"... please mark March 8 on your calendars for a very special reunion. We will celebrate 30 years of our Cross Plains Alpha Rho Zeta chapter with an afternoon tea at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. All 102 past and present members are invited for fun, fellowship, and reminiscing. Special invitations will be sent,

and we are attempting to obtain addresses for all past members. Be gathering scrap books, mementos, photos, etc. and get ready for a trip down memory lane. If you know a Sister who has moved from our community, or for more information please contact Dora at 254-725-6489 or Sam at 725-6879. Be watching the Review for more information in the weeks to come.

Submitted by Dora Warlick

Blood Drive in Cross Plains Tuesday, February 12th

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at First Baptist Church on Tuesday, February 12 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The blood collected by Meek Blood Center comes from volunteer donors, which is used for patient care in **15 area hospitals.** A total of **169** of life-saving blood were collected in **Cross Plains in 2007.**

"The blood supply is very low right now," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "I urge all blood donors in Cross Plains to support the blood drive on Tuesday. Blood

must be available to patients whenever and wherever it is needed, because it is the blood on the shelves that saves lives."

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weight a minimum of 110 pounds and be well and healthy at the time of donation. Most prescription and over the counter medications are acceptable. Those who have questions regarding medications, medical conditions and travel outside the U.S. may call Meek Blood Center at **325-670-2798** or visit www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Each donor will receive a long-sleeve T-shirt and a free total cholesterol test.

Immunization Clinic Agenda

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold Immunization Clinics in Callahan County as follows:

Monday, February 11th
Baird Cafetorium
400 West 7th
10 a.m. - 12 noon

Cross Plains Housing Authority
233 North Main
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, February 13th
Clyde First Baptist Church
216 Austin
10 a.m. - 12 noon
1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Please bring your child's immunization records. If your child has Medicaid or CHIP, please bring their card.

For more information call 325-754-4945.



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Joint Venture Benefit Successful for Michael Cowan Family

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Two area towns, Rising Star and Cross Plains, came together for a common cause last Thursday evening as they joined efforts to raise funds for the Michael Cowan family who reside in Cross Plains. Michael is employed by 3D Ag in Rising Star. Over \$18,000 was raised to assist with medical expenses incurred following Michael's recent automobile accident.

Over 300 ate barbecue with all the trimmings at the American Legion Hall in Rising Star. The line waiting to be served was flowing out the door for literally hours.

It was heartwarming to see so many people come out to support the worthy event. Many individuals gave their time, hard work, and donated items for the auction.

A huge "THANK YOU" to all the sponsors and to all who helped with this project was expressed by

Jan Wise, a coordinator for the benefit.

Live music was provided by the band The Class of 57 while everyone enjoyed their meal.

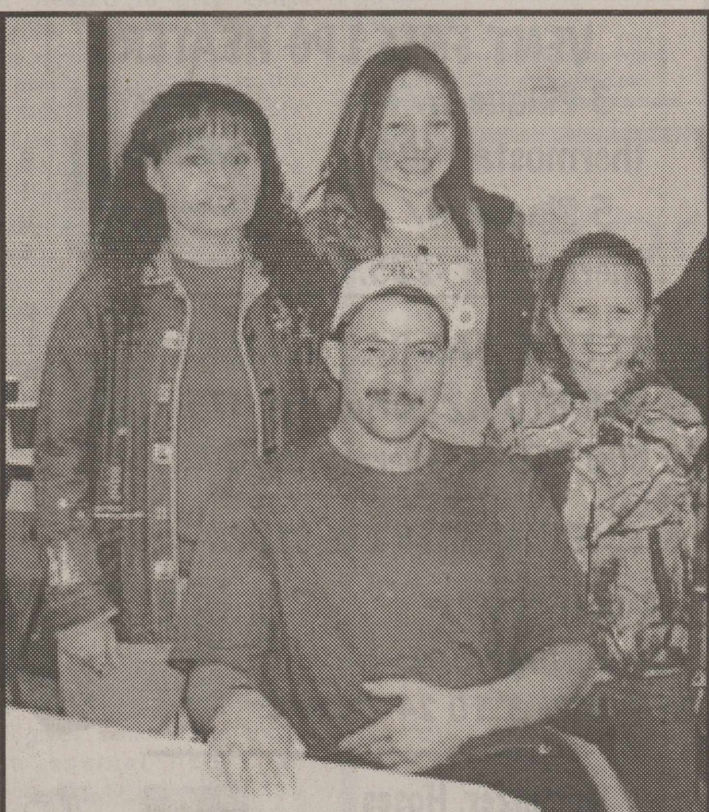
Jim Walker served as a very entertaining auctioneer, starting some pies jokingly off at \$1,000. Some of the top selling desserts sold for \$75 and up.

Many individuals won door prizes according to the numbers on the table setting.

The evening was filled with great fellowship as everyone visited and contributed to the benefit.

Michael and April Cowan and their daughters were extremely appreciative of the generosity demonstrated. Their extended family was on hand to share in the excitement of the evening also. They were overwhelmed by the kindness of both "caring" communities.

See More Michael Cowan Benefit Photos on Page 5.



COWAN FAMILY
Michael, April (from left), Cheyenne and Hannah

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All Medicare recipients should now be aware that if they suffer from conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory disorders, and have difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair, they may be eligible to receive an electric wheelchair paid for by Medicare. For additional information on Medicare eligibility contact 1-800-810-2877.

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Pastor Max Evans

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Michael Ingram, Pastor

OBITUARIES



Darlene Walker

Darlene Walker, loving Mother and Nannie, went to be with the Lord on January 31, 2008 at the age of 77 in Houston, Texas. She was born in Callahan County in the Atwell community on April 3, 1930 to Mindon and Letha McWilliams.

Services were held Saturday, February 2, 2008 at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Barry Fikes officiated. Burial followed in the Ross Cemetery Annex.

Darlene was the Callahan County Clerk for 20 years and a faithful long time member of the First Baptist Church of Baird.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Joe Walker, her mother and father, and her brother and sister, Buddy and Barbara McWilliams.

Darlene is survived by her son and daughter Bob and Martha Walker of Cypress, Texas, son and daughter Wayne and Sandra Walker of La Grange, Texas, and daughter and husband Renee and Fred Buchanan of Saginaw, Texas. She is also survived by her loving and loved grandchildren, Johnny, Raina and her husband Doug, Shane, Dale, Robin, Joni and great-granddaughter Kelli-Taylor. She was also survived by brothers Fain McWilliams and his wife Earlene of Midland, and Norman McWilliams and his wife Shirley of Abilene, and many nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers were Ronnie Casey, Mike McWilliams, Joe McWilliams, Johnny Walker, Shane Walker and Dale Walker. In lieu of flowers the family wishes you to make contributions to a local hospice association or to Alzheimer's research in Darlene's name, such as The Alzheimer's Association, North Central Texas Chapter, 101 Summit Ave., Ste. 300, Fort Worth, TX 76102.

Benjamin (Ben) Wagner GRANBURY—Benjamin (Ben) Wagner, formerly of Cross Plains, and older brother of Dick and John Wagner, passed away Sunday, February 3, 2008. Ben and his wife, Helen, resided in Granbury, Texas. A memorial service will be conducted Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 1:00 p.m., at the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Acton, Texas, just east of Granbury. Also, a graveside service will be held in Vernon, Texas, Friday, February 8, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.

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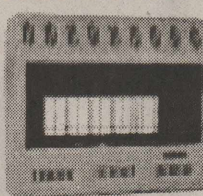
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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Daniel S. Cuellar, possession of marijuana.
 Marc Monson, Ct. I - driving while intoxicated (DWI), Ct. II - possession of marijuana.
 Sharron K. Davis, DWI.
 Christine J. Harris, theft by check.
 Sabrina A. Deos, theft by check.
 David L. Tuggle, theft by check.
 Miranda D. Chaney, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Inez Hernandez, order amending conditions of probation granted.
 Gregory Valdez, order discharging defendant from probation, no deferred adjudication.
 Russell Whitehead, plea of guilty to assault, 1 year probation, \$400 fine, \$260 court costs, \$800 restitution.
 LaVince Swoopes, plea of guilty to DWI, 3 days in jail, \$410 court costs.
 Steven Ramos, order correcting prior judgment granted.
 Andres Aguilera, motion to revoke probation and adjudication granted.

Marriage Licenses

Daniel B. Martin and Ashley L. Dillard, both of Clyde.
 Jason B. Parks and Ashley L. Ramos, both of Clyde.

42ND DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictments

Jerry R. Simons, forgery.

Criminal Minutes

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: William P. Hobbs; Bobby R. Tackett.

Jerry Simons, plea of guilty to forgery, 1 year probation, \$250 fine, \$299 court costs.

Theresa N. Newcomb, plea of guilty to theft, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$295 court costs, \$1724 restitution.

Douglas M. Brady, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 4 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$299 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Franklin B. Gomez, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$700 fine, \$254 court costs, \$700 restitution.

Joanne Holland, notice of compliance with additional terms of probation.

Civil Filings

Brett Allen Black and Mollie Bee Black, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Kenneth Riley League Jr. and Jennifer Marie League, divorce granted.

Fred Childers and Teri Childers, divorce granted.

Shawn Randell McKibben and Becky Ann McKibben, divorce granted.

Citibank (South Dakota) N.A. vs. Susan A. McNeel, agreed final judgment, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$36,847.85 from defendant.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from January 27, 2008 through February 2, 2008 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings—96
 Complaints—69
 DWI—2
 Possession of Marijuana—2
 Unlawfully Carrying Weapon—1
 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—1
 Fugitive Arrest—Theft by Check—1
 Open Container—1
 Vehicle Accidents
 There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.



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Church Office 254-725-7377

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Cottonwood Roundup
Bill Woody came by today. He brought a blank map of Cottonwood and is looking for information about the locations of buildings and other basic information to fill up his map. So let's help Bill out. I can help with some information but do not know it all. So, if you have any information about the location of buildings, special incidents or photos of Cottonwood, say, in the 1920's or 1930's, please call me, contact information is at the bottom of this column.

Bill Woody is a unique guy. He says he never lived in Cottonwood himself, but his family did and he is always interested in Cottonwood and facts about our fair city.

Big Tex And Big Bill
Reading an article in, "Uncle John's Bathroom Reader Plunges into Texas" about "Big Tex," the 52 foot-tall statue of a cowboy that greets all visitors to the Texas State Fair grounds with the words, "Howdy folks." His big

ten-gallon hat, Wrangler Jeans, Blue denim shirt, and cowboy boots dwarfs over all entrants to the State Fair of Texas.

The article reminded me of a bygone day and a former friend of mine we'll call "Big Bill." We usually visited the fair together and the statue of Big Tex held some kind of attraction for Bill who always stopped to walk around "Big Tex" looking up trying to catch "Big Tex's" eye for some type of communication that was a mystery to me.

Then we visited the knife exhibit and stood for several minutes looking at an exhibitor who was demonstrating the finer points of a set of knives, the sharpest knives in the world.

The exhibitor was always dressed in Chef's garb with a ten-gallon white hat that fascinated Bill as much as the knives he was exhibiting. He would grab a tomato, from a never-ending stack of vegetables, slice several slices of the tomato and using the point of his knife, with a deftness

beyond belief, lay the slices out with a mysterious flourish that seemed to say, "don't go home without a set of these knives."

And sure enough, now, I have a drawer full of black handle knives of all shapes and sizes, garnered from several years, visiting the State Fair with my friend, Big Bill, but can never find the one that will produce that mysterious flourish that seemed to say, "I'm the greatest chef in the world because I have the sharpest knives in the world." And I am sure my friend Big Bill, who passed away several years ago, left behind a drawer-full of the same knives. God Bless my friend Big Bill Thompson, of whom, I have great memories.

(For news items or personal items about Cottonwood, please contact, Wallace Bennett, at 254-725-7474, e-mail at csb5@airmail.net, or snail mail at 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Remember, I can't print it if I don't know about it.)

RISEING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

By NIKKI PEREZ

Well we are back with another edition of the Rising Star Nursing Center News. February is here and we have a full activity calendar. We are going to call this February, party month.

We will have three parties this month. A Valentine party, which will be held on Thursday the 14th at 2:00 p.m., then the birthday party will be the following Friday, the 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. also. We will also be having a leap year party on the 29th, which is a Friday, at 2:00 p.m. as well. So everyone get your party hats on

and come celebrate with us.

Monday the residents made Valentine wreaths to hang on their doors. They turned out so pretty. Next Wednesday the residents will make Valentine cookies for the party.

We are glad to have Mr. Alvie Milam and Mr. Tommie Harris back with us after their recent hospital stay.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the friends and family of Lt. Col. Jack Smith, who passed away recently. Jack was a sweet man and he will be greatly

missed.

I would like to thank our secret friend and Tim's Floral for the beautiful Valentine arrangements for the residents. That is so wonderful of you.

We also have a few new employees to announce. Belinda May is here to work on the weekends as a nurse aide, and so is Miranda Collins. Glad to have you all with us.

Well I guess that will do it for this edition. Until next time, take care and God Bless.

Callahan County Nutrition Program Receives Grant to help with day to day Projects

The Callahan County Nutrition Project was approved to receive grant money from the Texans Feeding Texans, home delivered meal grant program. The program grants were announced by the Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples.

Callahan County Project Director, Katie Dunn received the grant this week and reports the sum of \$3,993.11 for the Meals on Wheels Program for the year 2008-2009.

"The season of giving may be over, but the need to give still continues," Commissioner Staples said. "We need to do everything in our power to make sure our seniors and Texans with special needs never go hungry. This funding will help fill the stomachs and hearts of people who aren't looking for a hand out—just a helping hand."

The Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program is a result of House Bill 407, passed during the 80th Legislative Session. The bill was created to give extra funding to home-delivered meal providers for 2008-2009. The grants, based partly on the number of meals eligible applicants served this past year, can only be used to supplement and expand existing services related to the delivery meals.

"This grant program is critical to assuring a better quality of life for some of our most vulnerable citizens. The Texas Department of Agriculture is doing a great job of partnering with providers to fulfill an obligation we have to protect our seniors," Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, co-author of the bill, said.

"The Home-delivered meal program keeps people out of institutional care and in the comfort of their own homes. This saves taxpayers money and gives seniors and those with special needs an opportunity to live where they are secure, happy and healthy," bill co-author Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, said.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I live at 501 N.W. 5th Street in Cross Plains. Across the street and in the city street there is Johnson grass that is tall and dead. Lots of it. Across the fence north there is a Klein grass field.

If this catches on fire, with the high winds we've been having, we could be in another disaster in a short amount of minutes.

This has been reported. So far nothing has been done about it.

Paul Neeb

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Stats
Jan. 28 - Feb. 1, 2008

Patrons	61
Programs	25
LAP	4
LAPsit	4
Books Checked Out	76
LAP	3
LAPsit	15
Copies	5
Reference	4
Internet Users	8
Interlibrary Loans	1

Donations: Richard and Sharon Parr

Volunteers: Arlene Stephenson, Sue Bennett, Azalee Womack, LaVonne Childress, Beverly Ross, Bobby Hinkle, and Ginny Hoskins

Valentine Celebration Dinner Set by Class of 1961

A little bird told me that the Class of 1961 was gathering at Jean's Feed Barn for a Valentine Celebration Dinner on Saturday, February 9th, at 6:30 p.m., so fly on over and join them for the fun.

Please RSVP Pat Albus — patalbus@msn.com (325) 695-0000 or Carol Drenan cjdabi@juno.com (325) 669-1170.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

FEBRUARY 11 - 15
MONDAY - Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy, Cauliflower, Green Beans, Vanilla Pudding w/Cookie, Bread
TUESDAY-Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Italian Blend Veg., Fruited Gelatin, Garlic Toast
WEDNESDAY- Chicken & Dumplings, Peas & Carrots, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit, Bread
THURSDAY- Sausage, Potato Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Pears, Oatmeal Cookie, Bread
FRIDAY-Soft Taco, Lettuce/Tomato/ Cheese Salad, Mexican Corn, Refried Beans, Applesauce
2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

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Local Judge Attends Seminar

Judge Burlie W. Taylor was certified at the recent Stage 2 Forty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held January 27 - February 1, 2008 in Austin, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University — San Marcos, with offices in Austin, Texas.

The seminar is one of three seminars held for newly appointed Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements of eighty (80) hours of training within the first year of taking

office, as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code.

The seminar addressed topics such as Ethics, Criminal Jurisdiction and Venue, Search Warrants, Traffic Law/CDL, Civil Jurisdiction and Venue, Small Claims Court, Justice Court, Contracts, Contempt, Emergency Protective Orders, Family Violence, Peace Bonds, Inquests, Magistrate Duties, Juvenile Law, Legal Research, Landlord — Tenant Issues, Rules of Evidence and Mock Trials.

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In the *Dennis the Menace* comic strip, Dennis tells his parents: "I may not have to go to school anymore. My teacher says I'm a 'know-it-all.'" It's pretty obvious that Dennis didn't realize what the teacher was trying to get over to him — but I'm sure his parents enlightened him!

You know some grown-ups who are "know-it-alls," don't you. Regardless of the subject or topic brought up, they can really educate you to the fullest in regard to it. Even if they do know what they're talking about, it's not very well received because of how they come across. But whether it is in that way, or another area of communication, it is no wonder that James advised, "...let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak..." (James 1:19). In the Proverbs we read, "When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, but he who restrains his lips is wise" (10:19). Let us take care that the "they" of above do not become "we."

Please join us for worship and Bible study as we strive to "sign our lives (including our speech) with the excellence of God."

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The Cross Plains FCCLA is now accepting orders for Valentine Candy Grams. The last day for orders will be Monday, February 11th.

The candy grams are \$1 each and come with a bag of chocolate kisses attached. Orders for teachers and students will be delivered around 3 p.m. on February 14th, all other orders will be delivered between

10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on that day.

Order forms will be sent home with students and can be found on the school website at www.crossplains.esc14.net.

This is the main fund-raiser for the FCCLA that helps with the expenses of competing at S.T.A.R. event contest. Thank you for your continued support of the Cross Plains FCCLA.

Sign Up Now for 3 on 3 Tournament

Get your team together now and sign up for the 3-on-3 basketball tournament hosted by the Cross Plains Junior Class to raise money for prom.

Brackets will be created for these three divisions:

- * 6-8th grade teams
- * 9-12th grade teams
- * Open teams.

All are invited to play Saturday, February 16th at the Cross Plains I.S.D. Gym from 9 a.m. until????

Team entry fees are \$30.00 in advance—due by February 13th. Late registration at the door

will cost an extra \$15.00.

Sign up at CPHS or go online at www.crossplains.ewsc14.net and print your registration form then mail in your entry fee.

For more information contact Amber Green or Jennifer Wootton at (254) 725-6121, email agreen@cplains.esc14.net or stop by the high school office. After hours, call Jennifer Wootton at (325) 201-1141.

Just want to watch??? Admission is \$2.00 per student and \$3.00 per adult.

Concession will be provided.

Nominate Now for G/T Programs at C.P. Elementary

Nominations for student participation in gifted education are now being accepted for students in grade K-6. Parents and community members are invited to nominate any child they believe exhibits intellectual characteristics that exceed those normally seen in children of the same age.

You may nominate a child by coming to the elementary office and completing nomination forms. Any parent is welcome to come by the office and pick up a Parent Handbook on Gifted Education. For information regarding gifted education, you may call Margie Sowell or Pat Stephens, 725-6123.

Cross Plains Public Library Writing Contest Welcomes Home-Schooled Students

For the ninth consecutive year, the Cross Plains Public Library is sponsoring a writing contest for all students in Grades Pre-K through 12 in the Cross Plains schools. All home-schooled students who are eligible to attend the Cross Plains schools are encouraged to enter. (Last year a home-schooled student was a winner in his grade!)

Students may enter any one of the three categories: poetry, essay or short story. Poems may be of any kind: blank, verse, haiku, etc. (Only one entry per student will be accepted.)

If your student(s) would like to enter, you may pick up an entry form and instructions at the Cross Plains Public Library between 1 and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and return the entries there by 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 14, 2008. The library also has lots of book available that can help you with your writing or explain about the many types of poems.

The entries will be "blind" judged, as in previous years, and we will award ribbons for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each grade. Trophies will be awarded for 1, 2nd and 3rd overall, and the three best overall entries will be printed in the *Cross Plains Review*.

For further information, please contact the Library at 254-725-7722.

Submitted by Ginny Hoskins

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

FEBRUARY 11 - 15
BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY - Pancakes, Sausage, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Donut, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY- Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Tater Tots, Mixed Fruit
TUESDAY - Chicken Nuggets w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY - Fiesta Stix w/Cheese Sauce, Salad, Strawberries & Bananas
THURSDAY-Beef-Veg. Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Apple
FRIDAY- Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Baked Fries, Cookie

5th/6th Grade Boys and Girls Basketball Teams Travel to Gorman

The 5th and 6th grade basketball teams hit the court in Gorman this past Saturday.

The day began with the 6th grade girls playing a team from De Leon. The girls were short a few players this week due to the bug that has been going around. The girls played extremely hard with Texas, Megan Pointer, Christa, Ashia pulling down several rebounds. Allanta and Megan hustled to get steals from the other team. This week Alyssa scored the only two points for the Lady Buffs. The final score was Lady Buffs 2, De Leon 16.

The 5th and 6th grade boys played two games on Saturday. The first game against De Leon team 3 was a tough defensive battle. The boys hustled holding the De Leon team to 3 points for the first half of play. Foul trouble let the De Leon team pull away from the Buffs with the final score Cross Plains 4, De Leon 16. Korbin and Bronc each scored a bucket in this game for the Buffs 4 points. The rest of the team worked hard on the boards rebounding. During the boys second game against the De Leon team 1. The boys finally found their rhythm. Cameron was high point with 10 points, Korbin scored 8 points, Josh had 5 points and Tristen rounded out the scoring with 4 points. Bronc, Colton, DJ, and Keifer hustled on defense causing the other team to turn over the ball several times. The final score was Buffs 23, De Leon 9.

To finish the evening the 5th grade Lady Buffs played their first game taking on the Gorman 5th grade girls. This low scoring game was hard fought. Jurnee Thomas and Taryn Estes each scored 2 points for the girls. The final score for the girls was Lady Buffs 4, Gorman 8. Along with Taryn and Jurnee the rest of the team included Cheyenne Bomar, Blake Self, Kelbi Hyles, and Brenna Kleiber.

All the teams did a great job. This Saturday, February 9 the teams will head back to De Leon with the 5th and 6th grade boys playing at 10:30 followed by the 6th grade girls at 12:45 and the 5th grade girls at 1:30. Good Luck teams!

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Buffaloes are now members of District 12-A

Cross Plains High School will become a member of District 12-A along with Albany, Bronte, Baird, Miles and Winters after the University Interscholastic League announced its biennial reclassification announced on Friday, February 1st.

The Buffaloes, formerly of District 12-A, will no longer play De Leon, Gorman, Perrin-Whitt, Ranger, Santo and Tolar in District football, but will pick up District 12-A games with Albany, Baird, Bronte, Miles and Winters. De Leon, Gorman, Perrin-Whitt, Ranger, Santo and Tolar are now members of District 15-A.

District 12-A and District 11-A football playoff teams will face each other in the Class A bi-district rounds for the next two football seasons. District 11-A teams include Hamlin, Haskell, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan and Stamford.

The redistricting reclassification numbers are announced every two years for Texas public high schools. The reclassification enrollment numbers provided by the UIL were released Friday. School enrollment for Class A is now 199 students and below. The Class A enrollment numbers two years ago was 194

District 12-A

Albany
Baird
Bronte
Cross Plains
Miles
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and below. The Class A enrollment cutoff for six-man football teams is 99.9 enrollment and below.

Cross Plains High School reported its "Snapshot Day" enrollment of 115 students back on October 26th.

Class AA enrollment is from 200 to 429, Class AAA enrollment is from 430 to 979, Class AAAA student enrollment stands at 980 to 2,084 and Class AAAAA high schools are 2,085 and up.

When high schools begin basketball season, the Buffaloes will become members of District 12-A, which will include Albany, Baird, Bronte, Eula, Roscoe and Winters.

Local Football Player Named to 2008 FCA All-Star Squad

ABILENE - Joey Westerman of Cross Plains High School has been chosen to participate in the 9th annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrle Greathouse All-Star Football Classic, to be held Saturday, June 7, 2008 in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

Son of Ricky D. Westerman, he was one of 90 area football players selected for the game, which benefits the Big Country Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Representing 49 area schools, the roster for the North and South squads were announced at a Press Conference on Saturday, February 2nd, 2008

at Beltway Park Baptist Church in Abilene, Texas.

The young men were nominated by their head football coaches for the game, which features schools from an approximate 100-mile radius of Abilene covering 36 counties. Players from Class A through 5A make up the two squads.

They will be honored at a Victory Banquet on Sunday, April 6th at 4:00 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center. They will report for two-a-day workouts on Wednesday, June 4, 2008. They will be involved in several activities during All-Star week.

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp Registration Now Open

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp.

The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply.

Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 States and 10 Foreign Countries attended the 2007 Camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-

American Team.

Camp locations include: Commerce, TX; Prescott, AZ; Thousand Oaks, CA; Babson Park, FL; Gainesville, GA; Champaign, IL; Glassboro, NJ; Lebanon, TN; and Blacksburg, VA.

There is also a Summer Camp available for boys and girls ages 6-18 of all skill levels.

For free brochures on these Summer Camps, please call 704-373-0873 anytime. (www.tenstarcamp.com)

Taylor Electric offers free trip to Washington D.C.

Taylor Electric Cooperative invites all area high school students who live within its 10-county service area to participate in the annual GOVERNMENT IN ACTION - Youth Tour essay contest and win a trip to the nation's capital.

The contest is open to any high school student who is currently a sophomore or 16 years of age or older. Essays will be judged by local educators. There

are no fees to enter; however, eligibility is limited to the first 30 students who submit essays and application packets.

This year's essay topic is "What are the biggest energy issues that your generation will face?" Students should write between 1,500 and 2,000 words on the topic.

For more details, contest information is available from local school counselors and entry

forms and details can be downloaded online at www.taylorlectric.com <<http://www.taylorlectric.com>>. Click the "Community Connections" button to learn more about Youth Tour and the Taylor Electric Scholarship program.

Winners will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. leaving June 12th and returning home June 20th. The students will fly and tour with more than 140 other students from across the southwest. Their itinerary will include tours to national monuments, the Smithsonian, the FBI, the Capitol building, the Supreme Court, the National Cathedral, The Ford Theater, time for shopping and socializing, and much more.

The contest deadline is Feb. 29th when submission entries will close at 5 p.m. For more information, call 325-793-8538 e m a i l

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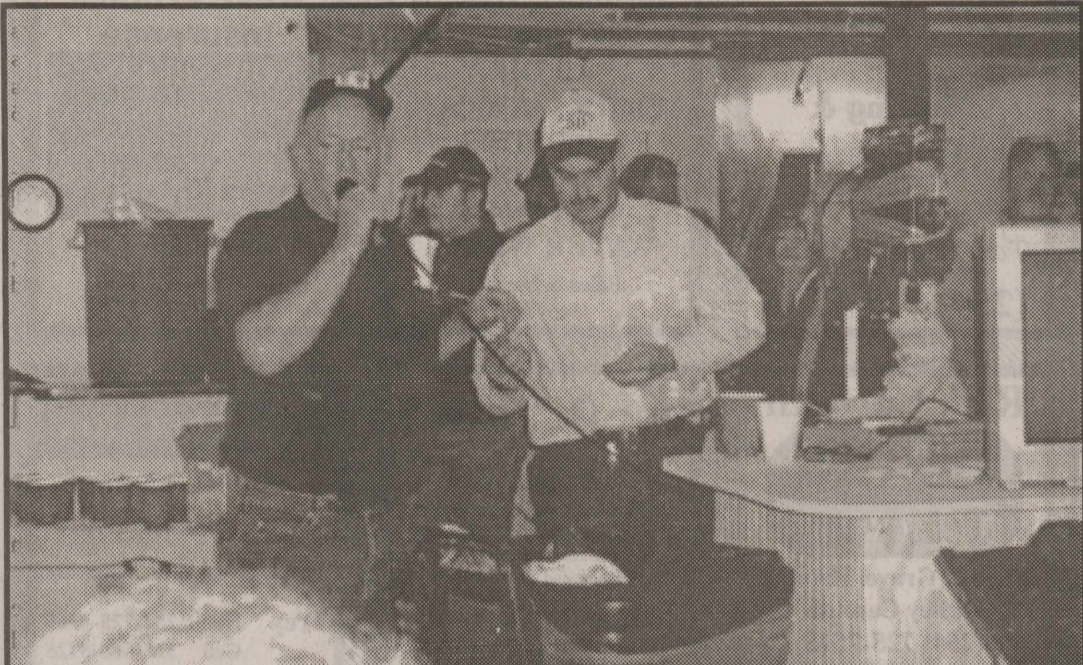
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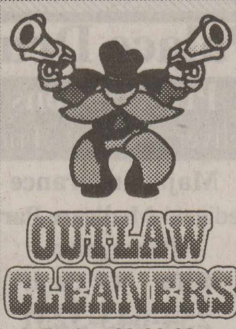
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a.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2008.

Photo by Sherry Pruitt.

Callahan County SWCD now taking order for Grass Seed

The Callahan County SWCD is teaming up with Turner Seed to offer grass seed at an inexpensive price for landowners and operators in Callahan County and surrounding areas. We will be offering a wide variety of seeds, which includes over 89 varieties of Native and Improved Grasses, Forbs and Legumes. We are also offering 15 different varieties of Wild Flowers and 11 kinds of Texas Perennial Wildlife Mixes. We have varieties that are suitable for all soil types in

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For more information on planning, planting, or how to purchase this low cost grass seed contact the Natural Resource Conservation office located at 141 W. 4th Street Baird, Texas or call (325) 854-1349 Ext. 3. Order forms and information may also be obtained at the Albany NRCS office at (325) 762-2552 Ext. 3.

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This Week in Texas History

By: Bartee Haile

Fugitive Ponzi spends a year in Texas jail

FEBRUARY 6- 12, 2008

A Galveston judge ended Charles Ponzi's yearlong stay in Texas on February 10, 1924 by ordering the extradition of the infamous fugitive to Massachusetts, where a prison cell was waiting for him.

Even as a child in his native Italy, the future con artist was as crooked as a dog's hind leg. He thought nothing of stealing from his hard-working parents, distracted merchants or the church poor box. By the age of 16, he was an accomplished card sharp cheating much older players out of pots at the local gambling clubs.

To the relief of his respectable relatives, Ponzi booked passage for America right after the turn of the century. For the first time in his life he lost at cards and walked down the gangplank with exactly two dollars in his pocket.

Jobs were plentiful in New York City, but the newcomer was too proud to work. However, after several weeks of eating out of garbage cans and sleeping on the streets, Ponzi stooped to washing dishes. He quickly advanced to waiting tables, which gave him the opportunity to pad tabs and short-change diners.

As soon as he mastered English, Ponzi moved to Montreal and landed a position with a bank that catered to Italian immigrants. In a few months, the bilingual clerk was caught forging checks on a wealthy widow's account and sent up the river for three years.

Following his release, Ponzi left Canada and settled in Boston. He stayed out of trouble, or more likely avoided detection, for the better part of a decade.

Then Ponzi discovered the international reply coupon, the prepaid postage certificate still used today. Much like a modern-day currency speculator, he figured there was a fortune to be made buying

and selling IRC's in different countries - or at least that was what he told everybody.

Promising "50 percent profit in 45 days and double your money in six months," Ponzi opened for business in December 1919. The response was incredible as thousands of Americans from every state in the Union eagerly invested in the "sure thing."

By the spring of 1920, Ponzi was raking in \$250,000 a week. Young women served coffee and cake to the long line of customers patiently waiting their turn at 16 teller windows. Many mortgaged their homes to raise the necessary capital, while others cashed Liberty Bonds to get in on the action.

Ponzi lived like a Rockefeller on a 20-acre estate bought from a down-on-his-luck millionaire. He spent \$500,000 redecorating the mammoth mansion and a hundred grand stocking the wine cellar. Fifteen servants waited hand-and-foot on the 37 year old tycoon, and uniformed chauffeurs drove his fleet of imported limousines.

Financial experts could not for the life of them make sense of Ponzi's overnight success. His casual comment that he cashed the coupons in the United States provoked an investigation by postal inspectors, who determined less than a million dollars worth of coupons had been redeemed.

"I have just used this postal coupon idea as a blind," Ponzi purred keeping his cool in the face of the disturbing disclosure. "I did not want the Wall Street boys to get a hint of what my real scheme is. And so long as my depositors get back their investment with a profit, I do not have to account to anybody."

Despite his calm assurances, the revelation sparked a run of panic-stricken clients. When Ponzi paid them all off with a smile, most turned right

around and reinvested their refunds. He survived the crisis in style adding five million dollars to his bulging bank account.

Tipped off to his Canadian crimes, federal agents raided Ponzi's office. Confiscated records showed \$15 million in deposits but only \$150,000 on hand. The balance had mysteriously vanished never to be recovered.

Ponzi was tried for the pyramid scheme which bears his name and found guilty under Massachusetts law of being "a common and notorious thief." Slapped with a penitentiary term of two to nine years, he jumped bond and disappeared.

In March 1923, a Harris County deputy sheriff recognized the notorious swindler in New Orleans and returned to Houston with his prize. Ponzi fought extradition for 11 months before running out of legal options. Two Boston cops carried him back to Massachusetts, where he served three and a half years.

Ponzi no sooner made parole than he was indicted for grand larceny. After two hung juries and a mistrial, he was finally convicted and spent seven more years in prison.

During his second stretch behind bars, immigration officials learned he had entered the country illegally more than a quarter century earlier. Upon payment of his debt to American society, he was deported to Italy.

Charles Ponzi hit it off with Benito Mussolini, who appointed his fellow con man manager of the Italian national airline in Rio de Janeiro. The pyramid schemer outlived his dictator benefactor by four years dying blind and broke in Brazil in 1949.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 The City of Cross Plains will be accepting bids on the sale of a tire cutter. For more information on the tire cutter you may contact City Hall. The City reserves the right to accept any or all bids. Bid will be received until 5:00 p.m. on February 12, 2008. 42-6tc

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High School Campus Site Base Meeting
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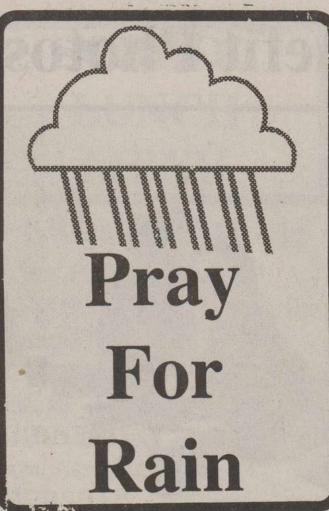
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MAYBE IT'S JUST ME, BUT...

By DEBORAH LOWITZER

In my last visit to Lowe's Home Improvement Center, I noticed a curious sign. It read, "Point to the sentence you can read." Below that invitation I saw sentences in Spanish, French, Chinese and Russian. Suddenly I was wondering, "What international immigration event had occurred, prompting such bending over backwards to understand those who couldn't speak and or read our English language?"

Therefore I asked the clerk, "So...what happens if someone comes in and points to Russian or Chinese? Is there someone here that can translate?" She said that an 800 number is called (with operators standing by) to translate in not 4, but 140 different languages! My goodness! I thought this was just a place to buy a few home improvement items! I never realized we had a spin off of the United Nations here!

I guess my first clue that 'the times they are a-changin'' should have been when I received my last Voter's Card and noticed that interspersed between the instructions in English are 'instrucciones in Espanol'.

Now call me crazy, but according to the government web site on 'Becoming a United States Citizen', (and THEN having the privilege to vote), "Applicants for naturalization must be able to read, write, speak, and understand words in ordinary usage in the English language (INA: ACT 312 Sec. 312) [8 U.S.C. 1423] <http://www.uscis.gov>. How chaotic would it be to have 200 people in the room pledging the 'Oath of Allegiance' in 104 languages?

Which leads me to ask, Why do I have to be the one who is forced to "press 1" when I try to call a utility or credit card company to speak to an operator or check my account? Shouldn't those who don't speak the language of my Country have to do a little extra

to get to the operator instead of me?

And then I'm asked if I'd like my bill sent to me in English or Spanish. Why stop there? How about Portuguese or Farsi (Arabic)? Believe me, if I traveled to Bahrain, the Shi'a and Sunni Muslims wouldn't be breaking their neck to aid in my linguistic comfort!

Some of you realize that some of those in power (on both sides of the aisle) are pushing hard for a North American Union. This merger is also referred to as the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP). Now doesn't that sound like a 'good' thing?

There's even a catchy name for it, "MEX-AMERI-CANADA". Just a 'tiny' little problem though... This union would supercede our Constitution. There would be one controlled currency, "Amero" dollars, (<http://www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=15017>).

At the time of conversion, the exchange rates would be adjusted to redistribute the wealth between the three countries. Those exchange rates could over inflate the value of the Mexican peso and devalue the American dollar as they 'level the playing field'. Monopoly money could end up with more value!

There's already an Inter-connecting Highway between Mexico and Canada under construction right here in Texas. It's called the "Trans-Texas Corridor". It starts in Mexico City, goes up through Austin and Dallas and will end in Churchhill, Canada.

This highway will not be under the control of the United States however, and those who travel it won't have to abide by the laws of our land, even though it runs right through our land! <http://www.thenewamerican.com>.

What will they think of next? Check it out for yourself and have a 'beau jour' (nice day)!

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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Beautiful Days

With the many blessings that we possess, we have much to be thankful for but when times of trial or discouragement come our way, we sometimes forget all the good that is before us and we focus more on the bad that is only temporary in nature. This is in essence backward thinking because we lose sight of all the positives and think more on the negatives that don't come close in comparison. (Psalm 92:1-5) (Deuteronomy 28:12-13) (Psalm 142:4-7)

The Bible tells us to rejoice evermore, to pray without ceasing, to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His Might, and God tells us that He would make us the head and not the tail, the lender and not the borrower, that we'd be above only and not beneath. These are promises that are found in the word of God and are there to reassure us that All Is Well.

I hope this message encourages your heart to see that you are highly favored and have so much to give thanks for.

EVERY DAY IS BEAUTIFUL FOR ME

While recuperating from her second open-heart surgery at Children's Hospital of Western Ontario, my six-year-old daughter, Kelley, was moved from the intensive care unit to the floor with the other children. Because a section of the floor

was closed, Kelley was put in the wing reserved for cancer patients. In the adjacent room, a six-year-old boy named Adam was fighting a battle with leukemia. Adam stayed at the hospital for a portion of each month while receiving chemotherapy treatments.

Every day Adam sauntered into Kelley's room to visit, pushing the pole that held his chemotherapy bag. Despite the discomfort of the treatments, Adam was always smiling and cheerful. He entertained us for hours with his many stories. Adam had a way of finding the positive and the humor in any situation, however, difficult.

One particular day, I was feeling tired and anxious for Kelley's release from the hospital. The gray, gloomy day outside only fueled my poor mood. While I stood at the window looking at the rainy sky, Adam came in for his daily visit. I commented to him on what a depressing day it was. With his ever-present smile, Adam turned to me and cheerily replied, "Every day is beautiful for me."

From that day on I have never had a gloomy day. Even the grayest days bring a feeling of joy as I remember with gratitude the words of cheer spoken by a very brave six-year-old boy named Adam.

By Patti Merritt

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Books 'n BBQ with Elmer Kelton

Your local public library has a great offering for a memorable, but belated, Valentine's date. Plan now to take your "significant other" to the bar-b-que dinner and Elmer Kelton program on Monday, February 18. Just think — you won't have to plan a meal, you won't have to prepare the meal you didn't have to plan and you won't have to clean up the kitchen. There won't even be a tussle over the remote!

All that is required is to make reservations by February 14 for \$15.00 per person; show up at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center at 6:30, find some friends to sit with and enjoy the evening.

Elmer Kelton, well known throughout the literary world for his western stories, will be the program headliner at the fundraiser for the Cross Plains Public Library. Kelton grew up in the ranching environment, but knew early on that he would follow his father's footsteps into any aspect of ranch management. Writing seemed to have a much greater calling to the young man. While the cowboy world didn't lose much with this decision, the writing world gained in ways it hasn't even been able to measure yet.

After graduating from high school in Crane, Texas, Kelton attended the University of Texas at Austin in 1942-44. Patriotism called and he spent two years in Europe with the U.S. Army combat infantry. Returning to the states, he finished his B.A. degree in journalism and went to work as farm and ranch writer-editor for the *San Angelo Standard-Times*. Following that stint, he spent five years as editor of *Sheep and Goat Raiser Magazine* and 22 years as associate editor of

Livestock Weekly, from which he retired in 1990.

In and around all that, he has proven to be an extraordinarily popular and prolific writer of western novels. So many people read his stories and immediately identify with his characters. We've all had a father, uncle or grandfather who is just like the cantankerous, but honor bound, Charlie Flagg in *THE TIME IT NEVER RAINED*. Kelton has lived the whole West Texas scene that he writes about — the problems, the rewards, the changes, the people, the challenges.

Rounding out Kelton's life is his wife, Ann, a native of Austria, two grown sons, a daughter, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. And he still has time to write and to provide programs for communities like ours!

Texas Governor Rick Perry probably said it best when he proclaimed, "Elmer Kelton is truly a Texas legend."

A selection of Kelton's books will be available for sale during the event and the author will be glad to autograph as many copies as folks wish.

Reservations for the dinner and program are due by **Thursday, February 14** and may be made by visiting the library any afternoon, calling 725-7722 or mailing a check to P.O. Box 333, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Sponsors for the evening are Lawrence Farm and Ranch, Tim's Floral, Custom Tile of Cross Plains, Taste of Texas, and Rusty Burke. If you would like to be a sponsor, contact the library at 725-7722.

Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson

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