

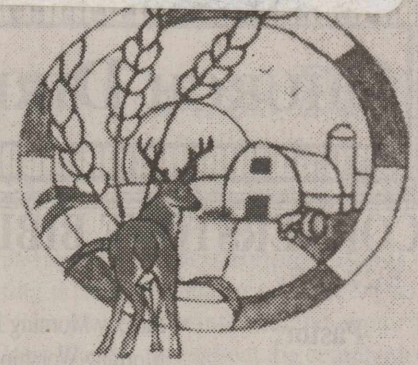
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NUMBER 3

DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: The following story demonstrates how people react to a message according to how it is written. I guess that is why we should be careful about how we say things. Once the words have left your mouth, it is impossible to gather them back. This is why the Bible warns to be quick to listen and slow to speak.

I've truly been tested this the past week, as some difficult circumstances arrived. I kept telling myself not to lose my joy, but at times I did. With the encouraging words below, I plan to hold on tight. I hope this will be helpful to you, too. **Vanda Anderson**

"The Blind Boy"

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way."

What he had written was: "Today is a beautiful day and I cannot see it."

Do you think the first sign and the second sign were saying the same thing?

Of course both signs told people the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people they were so lucky that they were not blind.

Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral of the Story:

Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. Invite the people towards good with wisdom.

Live life with no excuse and love with no regrets. When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile.

Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear.

Don't believe your doubts and doubt your beliefs. Life is a mystery to solve not a problem to resolve.

Life is wonderful if you know how to live. Each day is as special as you want it to be....

MAKE IT GREAT!!!!!!

Cross Plains Review Deadlines

Ads Noon on Tuesday
Articles Noon on Monday

NEW BUSINESS COMES TO CROSS PLAINS



GRAND OPENING—United Country—Heart of Texas Real Estate along with the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open United's new office on Friday, March 28th. There were a large number of visitors during the day welcoming Heart of Texas agents, Mike and Staci Winfrey to the Chamber. Cliff Waddell (Broker), Janna Faith (United Country Division Vice President) and several agents from the Brownwood—Early office were on hand along with friends, family members and clients.

No Action Taken on Bullock's Contract as Athletic Director Sides Resigns

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

More than 30 interested citizens filed into the Called School Board meeting on March 26th. This meeting concerned the proposed non-renewal of Coach Shawn Bullock's term contract and the resignations of the new Athletic Director, Jim Sides and his wife, Barbara who also teaches High School English and Technology Applications.

Coach Bullock was hired by the Cross Plains ISD in 2006 to coach High School Girl's Basketball and teach History. His last coaching job had been as the Head Girl's Basketball Coach at Merkel High School. He also taught in the Merkel alternative education program.

Decisions were made at the last School Board meeting not to renew neither his nor Science teachers Ruth Rios' contracts for another year. Rio's non-renewal has not been contested, but Bullock's has.

Mr. and Mrs. Sides signed on at CPISD just this present school year. Coach Sides was making great strides in revamping the athletic program and inspiring players to *come up*

higher not only in athletics, but also in personal responsibility. Sides initiated the Athletic Code of Conduct.

That Code read in part... "Playing sports at Cross Plains ISD is not a right, but a privilege. Student-athletes should conduct themselves in such a manner that brings credit to themselves, their teammates, their family, their community and to Cross Plains". Random drug testing was also a part of the Code of Conduct.

At the onset of the Open Meeting, Board President Frankie Hyles addressed the large group of onlookers and said, "I know a lot of ya'll want to talk, but we're going to go into Executive Session first"

The ardent crowd talked among themselves as they waited for about 90 minutes for the Board to return. Upon their return, President Hyles confirmed they had accepted the resignation of Coach and Mrs. Sides. It was disclosed that they had accepted jobs back at the Royce City School District.

Regarding Coach Bullock's contract, Hyles stated "No action will be taken tonight." And called for a motion to adjourn. He added,

"Sorry it was all for nothing, (referring to those dozens gathered) but it (the hearing) was just among us."

Parent Susan Holland asked, "When will the school hold another hearing where we can speak?" Hyles replied, "Ya'll will be notified." The next Regular meeting will be held on April 17th. Another Called Meeting may be issued before then.

Those attending this meeting were: Becky Stallings CVCC, Macayla Cook, Amanda Dunaway, Tiffany Walker, Emma Bennett, Zoie Walker, Emily Harris, Krista Phillips, Tonja Walker, Nora Odom, Susan Holland, Patricia Cook, Darcie Walker, Colby Walker, Janice Phillips, Evelyn Harris, Richard Allen, Annette Nickerson, Michael Cowan, Cheyenne Cowan, April Cowan, Scott Byrd, Keeka Byrd, Shera Gary, Lana Gary, Priscilla Hyles, Shana Reed, Karen Lenz, Betty Mathews and Samantha Dickson, Superintendent Jackie Tennison and High School Principal S.D. Loyless. School Board members present were Vicki Dillard, Tommy Ames, Burlie Taylor, Frankie Hyles and Kim Crockett.



AREA HERE WE COME—Delany Ames (back, from left), Thomas Haile, Terrah Augustine, Mandy Rose, Cody Sliger, Candace Rister and Tiffany Bell; Ben Schaefer (middle, from left), Krista Phillips, Joel Hinten, Starla Schaefer, Joe Wyatt, Jake Estes and Director Matt Sowell; Director Rhonda Hinten (front, from left), Lauren Loyless, Austin Dunaway and JJ Callaway. (Article and more photos on page 4)

THE BIGGEST Cookout E V E R! Benefit for 3 Volunteer Fire Departments FRIDAY, APRIL 4th Come show your support

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

A Benefit for the Local Fire Departments is being held this Friday, April 4th, at the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, Cottonwood Fire Control Group, and the Burkett Volunteer Fire Department play a vital role in protecting the homes and property of local and area residents from wildfires and other types of fires. The dedication of the many volunteers who keep these departments functional is greatly appreciated by area residents.

Local citizens, businesses and ranches in the area, along with local civic organizations, are coming together to express their appreciation and support for these volunteer groups.

This Benefit has been organized to assist all three departments. The proceeds will be equally divided among the three departments to help defer their expenses as they have fought so many wildfires and assisted other departments.

Grilled burgers, chips, desserts and drinks will be served from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Generous donations are encouraged to promote this worthy project. Come to the community fellowship for a great evening, or carryouts will be available.

A Bake Sale will also be held in the Fellowship Hall. Desserts are needed for the meal and the Bake Sale. They may be brought to the Family Life Center anytime on Friday.

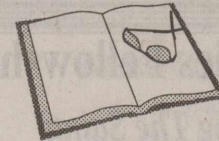
Let's make this benefit another great success! Remember all you can take with you in life is what you GIVE AWAY!!!!!!!

Cross Plains Cemetery Association Board Directors Meeting
Thurs., April 3rd
5:30 p.m.
@ City Hall

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Author of

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Thursday, April 24
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One Week Left to Register: Community Wide Sale

If you want to have a yard/garage sale in the Cross Plains Community Wide Sale Day on April 12, call and register by Monday, April 7. Call Wanda Merryman 254-725-6476 and register your location, so that you will be on the Participant List with map, for all who come to town to find the sales and bargains.

All Community Yard/Garage Sale participants will be eligible for a prize drawing of a gift certificate from a local merchant. The Beta Sigma Phi (BSP) is sponsoring this annual community sale, and advertises in all the neighboring towns. Fees See Community Wide Sale Page 3

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 254-725-7574 Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.
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OBITUARIES

Barbara Ann (Strength) McCormick

Barbara Ann (Strength) McCormick, age 59 years, 5 months and 4 days, of Comanche died Thursday, March 27, 2008 at Comanche County Medical Center in Comanche, County. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 30, 2008 at graveside. Burial followed in the Cross Plains Cemetery in Cross Plains with Comanche Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. She was born on October 23, 1948 in Coleman, Texas to Charles J. "Shorty" Strength and Kathryn (Tomlinson) Fuller Strength. Mrs. McCormick was united in marriage to John S. McCormick on March 24, 2001 in Comanche, Texas. For many years she was employed as a cashier at Allsup's in Comanche. Barbara was a member of Comanche County Law Enforcement Association. Barbara was preceded in death by two sons, Ronnie Pope and Donald Joe Pope; and parents, Charles J. and Kathryn Strength. Survivors include her husband, John S. McCormick of Comanche; son, Walter Williams Pope III of Odessa; five grandchildren; two brothers, Charles Strength and Donald Strength both of Cross Plains; and four sisters, Mary Watley of Borger, Margaret Jordan of Comanche, Vickie Murphy of San Angelo, and Carla Strength of Abilene.

Nancy Kaye Felton



Pickard Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements. Nancy was born July 1, 1939 in Abilene, Texas. She was a resident of Parker County for many years. Nancy was a homemaker and a member of South Main Church of Christ. Nancy was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth W. Felton; a son, Gary Felton; and a brother, Ray Thornton. Survivors include three daughters, Karen Ellis of Poolville, Darlena Johnson of Burlington, Iowa and Cecilia Felton of Fort Benton, Montana; two sons, Ron Felton of Weatherford and Scott Felton of Poolville; three brothers, Don Thornton, Dean Thornton and Bob Thornton; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

J.C. Brooker

J.C. Brooker, 92, of Abilene, J.C. Brooker married Ima Jean died Sunday, March 30, 2008. Conger, formerly of Cross Plains. Services will be held at 10 a.m. She is the sister of Daisy Thursday, April 3, 2008, at Holcomb and a great-aunt of North's Memorial Chapel, 242 Vanda Anderson and Barbara Sowell, all of Cross Plains.

Darlene Hampton

Services for Darlene Hampton, Susie of Gorman; daughter, 60, of Gorman were held at 2 p.m. Michelle Byrd and husband Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at the Randy of Gorman; five brothers, Higginbotham Funeral Home Gary McGinn, Randy McGinn and wife Carol, and Mike Chapel with Mike McGinn officiating. Burial followed at McGinn, all of Rising Star, Sonny Longbranch Cemetery. McGinn and wife Luvonne of She died Sunday, March 30, Brownwood and Ronny McGinn 2008, at Abilene Regional and wife Jeani of Sterling City; Medical Center. two sisters, Lisa McGinn of Darlene was born January 3, Rising Star and Verilyn Willis of 1948, in Amherst, to Vernon Grenada, Mississippi; and seven grandchildren. Edgar McGinn and Francis She was a homemaker and a member She preceded in death by of the Assembly of God church. her father, Vernon Edgar McGinn; Survivors include her mother, brother, Rick McGinn; and Francis McGinn of Rising Star; sisters, Sherri Dawn and Linda son, Michael Hampton and wife, Beth McGinn.

Mexico submits offer on cattle trade after Texas closes down border crossing to Canadian cattle

AUSTIN—Mexico has offered a new trade protocol to the U.S. Department of Agriculture concerning the import of U.S. cattle. The news comes after Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced earlier this week specific Canadian cattle would not cross into Mexico through Texas export facilities due to unfair trade practices. "I have now learned that Mexico has submitted an offer to USDA as of last night (Thursday, March 6th). Although details of this offer have not yet been shared, the fact an offer has been made is proof of progress," Commissioner Staples said. "I want to thank the many people who have stood with me in support of this action. I look forward to learning the details of this new Mexican offer and reviewing its consistency with international standards."

On March 4th, Commissioner Staples issued an order to stop specific Canadian cattle from passing through the state's export facilities into Mexico. Canada and Mexico have signed an agreement allowing the trade of certain dairy and beef cattle less than 30 months of age -

including breeding stock. Currently, Mexico only allows the importation of U.S. dairy heifers under the age of 24 months, despite in-depth international negotiations to broaden this to breeding stock. "Texas livestock and farm organizations and state governments along the U.S./ Mexican border have issued public statements of strong support to my order, proving the strength of unity," Commissioner Staples said. "I reaffirm my original statement, we must set aside political science and make decisions with our trading partners based upon sound science." Texas leads the nation in the number of cattle and calves and Commissioner Staples is committed to making sure political maneuvering does not hurt this critical industry.

"I want to thank Under Secretary Knight and his professional staff at U.S.D.A. for their quick action in this matter. I believe by working together both the United States and Mexico can solve this issue and improve trade between our two nations," Commissioner Staples said.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
 Edward T. Bujanousky, disobey traffic control at accident scene.

Judith M. Waldroff, theft by check.
Misdemeanor Minutes
 Alton Wayne Gober III, motion to withdraw as surety granted.
 Steven M. Stehle, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Marriage Licenses
 Charles E. King and Peggy C. Collie, both of Clyde.
 Patrick G. Hightower and Sabrina G. Corley, both of Tyler.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding
Civil Filings
 Doris Ann Anderson and Jeffrey A. Anderson, divorce.

Civil Minutes
 In Re.: order for foreclosure concerning Gayla Mendez, Ben Mendez and 424 Popular St., Baird, Tx. 79504, order for foreclosure granted.
 AIS Services LLC vs. Sandra

D. Phillips, default judgment plaintiff to recover the sum of \$5,055.37 from defendant.

Cisco Pump, Inc. vs. Mike McConathy dba Petro-Tex Operating Company, order to dismiss granted with prejudice.

Bank of America, N.A. vs. Jennifer G. Parker, order to dismiss granted with prejudice.
 Christopher Dewayne Ralph and Sarah Christine Ralph, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes
 Ian Morris, plea of guilty to theft, 5 year probation, \$750 fine, \$254 court costs, \$7000 restitution.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

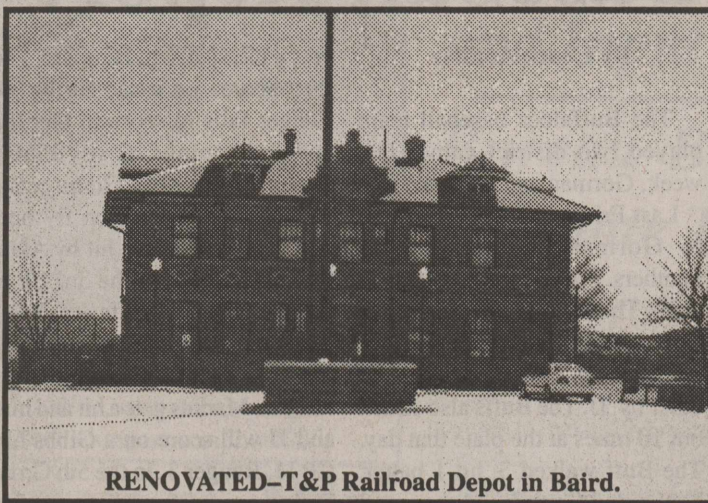
Don't Forget To Support Your Volunteer Fire Control Unit This Coming Friday Night

This Friday night there will be a fund-raiser for three volunteer control units for area communities. The Cottonwood volunteer fire control unit will team with the one at Cross Plains and the one at Burkett to offer Hamburgers and drinks to all comers. This fund-raiser will be held at the Cross Plains First Baptist Church, Family Life Center from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The "fund"-raiser will be in support of the three Volunteer Fire Units and proceeds will help pay for needed repairs on fire trucks and other equipment used to protect the lives and property of all people in these communities.

In addition to the hamburger supper a Cake Sale is also planned. If you can donate a baked item for the sale, please take it to the church by 3:00 p.m. Otherwise, bring it with you when you come to buy hamburgers and plan to buy something as well!

Remember this, the truck you may help repair by your contribution, may be the truck that gets to a fire soon enough to save your house, or property. So! See you at the hamburger feast. Contributions of any size are very welcome.



RENOVATED-T&P Railroad Depot in Baird.

Callahan County Historical Association To Meet At T&P Depot Tuesday Night

Some Cottonwood members of the Callahan County Historical Association will be meeting with other area community members to look at the newly installed renovations of the old T&P Railroad Depot in Baird.

The present Depot was built in 1919 and restored and redecorated recently by the Baird Foundation. In fact, the city itself was named after Mathew Baird, a Philadelphia business man, who had managed the Baldwin Locomotive Company and became the Director of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company.

And the layout of Baird resembles the layout of Philadelphia, its streets are named the same and even the Baird Mountain, as it is called these days, is the longest and highest rise in the T&P Railroad in Texas. The Railroad stationed pusher engines in Baird to help push trains up the steep slope.

And during the depression years, (c) 1932-1935 the trains moved so slowly up the mountain, hoboes "ridding the rails" could jump on and off at will. Many of them did.

(For news items or personal items about Cottonwood, please contact, Wallace Bennett, at 254-725-7474 or 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.)

CPHS Class of 1961 Valentine Dinner well attended, Business Meeting was Conducted

CPHS Class of 1961 met for their annual Valentine Dinner at Jean's Feed Barn in Cross Plains. The event was attended by several ex-students and guests. A Valentine King and Queen was chosen by drawing names from the attendance register. The 2008 Queen was Francis (Davis) Inglet of Brownwood and the King was Homer Parson of Cross Plains. A great time of visiting was enjoyed by all who attended and for those

who were not able to make it you were missed. The group voted to have the annual gathering every year. The 2009 date was not set so as to be able to contact class members and try to find a date that would be less conflicting for everyone.

A short business meeting was conducted with Alvin Hutchins, in the absence of James Payne, in charge. There was discussion about fund-raisers for the class's

upcoming 50th anniversary. Several ideas were discussed. It was decided to have a garage sale during the City Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, April 12th. See the City Wide Garage Sale map for location of this sale.

A committee was put in place to begin working on plans for the reunion and to get back to the class with some ideas to be considered.

Submitted by Pat Albus

LIBRARY NOTES

March 24 - 28, 2008

Patrons	94
Programs	16
LAP	6
LAPsit	3
Books Checked Out	117
LAP	23
LAPsit	8
Copies	48
Reference	6
Internet Users	42
Interlibrary Loans	1

DONATIONS: Jack and Jan Waggoner, Jerry and Chris Biggerstaff, Billy and Tiffany Walker, Wanda Gage, Tommy and Ann Rone

BOOK DONATIONS: Wayne Hefner, Charles and Lou Rodenberger, Helen K. Groves, Ellis Family

MEMORIALS: Leslie and Charlou Cowan In Memory of Doreen Shields; Bobbie Hinkle In Memory of James E. Clark and Glenn Wooten; Kenneth and Ann Beeler In Memory of Jack Webb Lacy; Patsy Parrish Robison In Memory of Homer Robison, Guy and Marie McCowen and George and Esther Parrish

VOLUNTEERS: Azalee Womack, Arlene Stephenson, Michelle Kaiser, Sue Bennett, Lavonne Childress, Beverly Ross, and Bobbie Hinkle

The Children's Resource Center Challenge needs only 169 more donations of \$37.00 to reach its goal of 271. 102 have answered the CHALLENGE.

A Reminder for Mothers' Day Plans

The Beta Sigma Phi (BSP) is planning a special luncheon for the Saturday before Mothers' Day, May 10th, for all those who would like to honor or treat a special mother or grandmother or friend. Special food, special entertainment, fashion show for teens and adults, special door prizes, all for \$10.00 per person. Make your plans now to take that special mother for a treat.

It will be held at First Baptist Church, Family Life Center, at 11:30 a.m. Call Wanda Merryman at 254-725-6476, to make reservations.

Submitted by Carol Bennett

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

APRIL 7 - 11

MONDAY - Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Apricots, Bread

TUESDAY - Lima Beans, Tomatoes & Zucchini, Hominy Casserole, Apple Crisp, Cornbread

WEDNESDAY - Meatloaf, Cabbage, Blackeyed Peas, Banana Pudding w/Cookie, Cornbread

THURSDAY - Salisbury Steak w/Gravy, Augratin Potatoes, Broccoli, German Chocolate Cake, Bread

FRIDAY - Chili w/Beans, Tossed Salad, Pears, Sugar Cookie, Crackers

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

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from March 23, 2008 through March 29, 2008 include:

- Cases Investigated
- Warnings—237
- Complaints—95
- DWI—2
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—2
- Open Container—2
- Vehicle Accidents

There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

Revolutionstrings coming to Cross Plains Saturday, April 19th

The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative will be hosting a fund raising concerts on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at the Cross Plains School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

Revolutionstrings will be the group that will be performing and the cost of tickets is \$5.00 per person. The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative is a non profit organization that assists elderly and lower income families with repairs to their homes. Annually the group sponsors Helping

Hearts/Helping Hands where volunteers take one day a set out to winterize and repair homes throughout the community.

Please make plans to attend this enjoyable evening of music that will include country, classical, bluegrass as well as many other pieces. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at Texas Heritage Bank as well as Lawrence Farm and Ranch. We look forward to seeing you there.

James L. Wages to Present "Sincerely Elvis" April 11

Many local residents are familiar with James L. Wages' "Sincerely Elvis" Show, and he will be back in this area Friday, April 11th.

James will be performing at the Lake Brownwood Lions Club (who are sponsoring the program), 6751 North Highway 279. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Diabetes Association.

The evening will begin with a BBQ sandwich meal from 7 to 8 p.m. and the Elvis Show will be from 8 to 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$10.00 at the door. For more information contact Jean 325-625-4978 or Lee 325-643-4820.

Come out for a great evening of entertainment while benefitting a worthy cause.

Community Wide Sale

of \$3.00 for individual yard sales, and \$5.00 for businesses, are used to help defray the costs of advertising publicity.

The BSP urges you to clean out those closets and garages now and make plans to participate. Call Wanda at 725-6476 to register!

Merchants and business people are also encouraged to call and participate by joining the spirit of the community project and

offering special discounts or having Sidewalk Sales.

BSP will have their Sale at the Robert E. Howard House Pavilion on Highway 36. The Participant List with business ads and maps will be available there and all publicity will direct out of towners there.

Submitted by Carol Bennett

Weather Perfect for Rising Star Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Easter Egg Hunt

What a difference a year makes! Last year's Easter egg hunt was held in forty-two degree weather and a wind chill factor much lower than that! However, the weather did cooperate this year and a good time was had by all participants.

The Easter bunny made an appearance and put on quite a show for everyone. First place winners in the three age groups were Jessica Reyes, Caryn Lawrence and Taylor Bailey. Second place winners were Heather Perrine, Alex Holman and Jayden Ballinger. Third place winners were Taylor

Butcher, Trent Bailey and Treydie Bilbrey.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone who helped make this event such a success: Donations of candy from Palace Drug and Rising Star Nursing Center whose residents also stuffed many of the eggs, Nancy Bostick who solicited donations of the extra prizes, Judy Green for getting the word out, Anna Ezzell for being the official photographer, Blair Stone (Miss Rising Star) for honoring us with her presence and Jim Walker who pulled the Easter bunny out of the hat!

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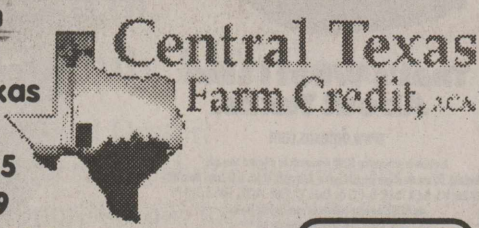
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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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In last week's Breakthru I mentioned the account of David and Goliath. Let me back up to the account of the Israelites asking for a king. The Israelites had been led by Moses, then Joshua, then by various judges for hundreds of years. But Israel said, "We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations" (I Samuel 8:19b-20a). And God allowed it, verse 22a.

In Judge/Prophet Samuel's farewell address to the Israelites, he warned them that if they and the king who reigns over them didn't obey the Lord — if they rebelled against His commands — His hand would be against them (I Samuel 12:15). Then he reminded them of the great wrong they had committed in even asking for a king (verse 17). And the people asked Samuel: "Pray to the Lord your God for our servants so that we will not die, for we have added to all our other sins the evil of asking for a king" (verse 18). Samuel replied, "Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you" (verse 23).

Do we ever sin by refusing to pray for people who ask us to? Please join us for worship and Bible study. And let us join in striving to "sign our lives with the excellence of God."

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PIONEER NEWS

Howdy folks, it has been a while, but we are still working on our quilt tops. Lou Grider's "wedding ring" should come out of the frame this week. We are also working on Laverne's "sun flower".

The Chesshir farm received 3.4 inches of rain last weekend. Jim and Fran had been coming every weekend, but they didn't come this past weekend. Charles and Kathy fixed dinner for Charlene on Sunday. She sure enjoyed it. Monday, Charlene went with some Abilene friends to a funeral in Ft. Worth. The man was the husband of one of Charlene's Hendrick Home friends. They had been so good to come to reunions of the Home.

Yes, all were so glad to get the good rains. It has really made the wheat grow. Just maybe the farmers will have a good harvest this year.

March madness has kept some of us close to the TV for the past few weeks. Not any of our Texas teams will be in the final 4 of the boys, but we have hope for the A&M girls.

The baseball and softball teams are doing a good job. Many things are going on for our school kids.

Not to much news from here, maybe next week!

Oh! Yes, the wild flowers are just peeping their heads out! Should be real pretty soon!

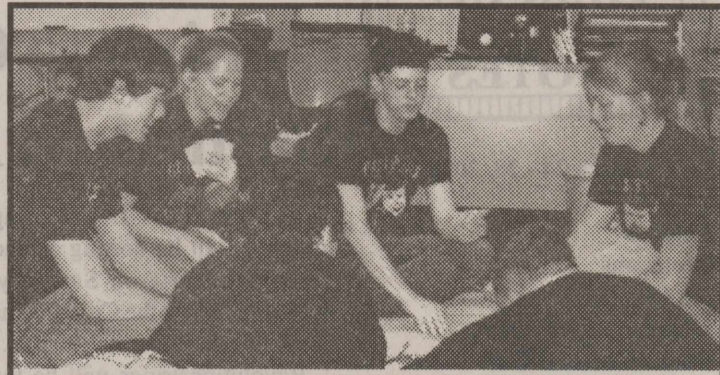
One Act Play Advances to Area Competition

Excitement is flowing throughout the high school campus as the OAP cast and crew prepare for the Area Contest this Saturday, April 5, at Santa Anna High School. Our performance time is 7:00 p.m. If you plan to attend the performance, please arrive early to ensure you get a seat and are not late. It has been a number of years since an OAP group has advanced, so the cast, crew, and directors are ecstatic.

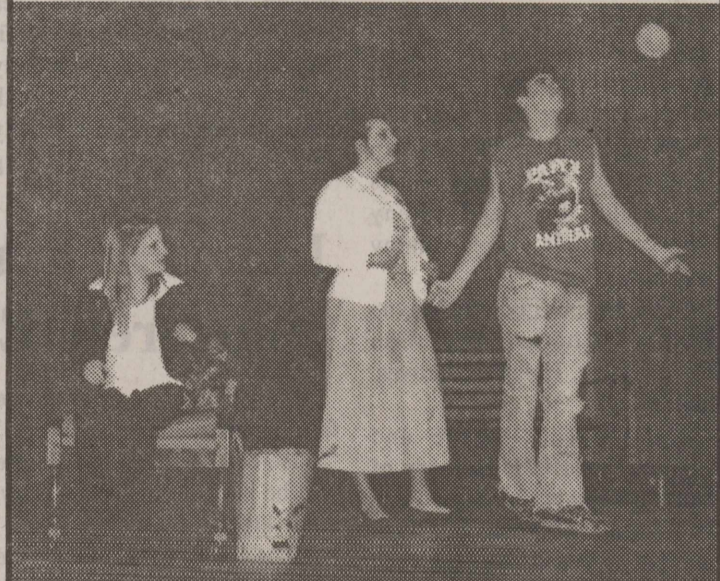
The journey to competition began in early January with casting and rehearsals. Many nights and some Saturday's found the troops in the auditorium practicing to perfect the play.

Zone competition was held Wednesday, March 26, at Winter's High School. Five schools competed, and Cross Plains was one of the two schools that advanced to the District level. Shouts of celebration rattled the auditorium, and a few tears of joy were shed as the Contest Director announced the name of Cross Plains! Several students were recognized for individual achievements. Krista Phillips was recognized on the All-Star Crew for her technology skills with lighting. Receiving Honorable Mention medals were Terrah Augustine and Joe Wyatt. All-Star cast medals were awarded to Lauren Loyless, Jake Estes, and Ben Schaefer.

After a short two days of celebration and practice, the group competed in the District Contest Saturday, March 29, at Radford Auditorium on the campus of McMurry University in Abilene. Once again, these outstanding young people rose to the challenge and were announced as advancing to the Area Competition. Students receiving Honorable Mention recognition were Jake Estes and Ben Schaefer. All-Star cast medals were awarded to Lauren



CHILLING OUT BEFORE ZONE COMPETITION
Jake Estes (from left), Mandy Rose, Joel Hinten, Krista Phillips, Ben Schaefer and Cody Sliger.



PRACTICE DURING DRESS REHEARSAL
Terrah Augustine (from left), Starla Schaefer and Joe Wyatt.

Loyless and Mandy Rose. Krista Phillips received a medal for All-Star Crew. The rest of this talented ensemble includes: Starla Schaefer, Cody Sliger, Austin Dunaway, Candace Rister, Tiffany Bell, Joel Hinten, JJ Callaway, Delany Ames and Thomas Haile. The One Act Play group, several parents, grandparents, and friends celebrated with a much deserved meal at Texas Road House. This week the OAP cast and crew is back at work changing and improving some parts of the play. The dedication and excitement of these young people has been awesome. Matt and I are truly

fortunate and blessed to work with such a fine group of students. We have grown close like a family and continue to support each other. The confidence shown under the pressure situation of performing and adapting to unfamiliar locations has really wowed me as a director. Many times the students are calmer than I am! Please make the drive to Santa Anna this Saturday and support our kiddos. A community performance will be announced at a later date. I promise you will experience a delightful, eerie, and surprising evening.

Submitted by Rhonda Hinten

Buffaloes District Baseball Report



By Coach Atchley

The Buffaloes baseball team played two district games last week, Gorman and Ranger.

Last Friday the Buffs traveled to Gorman to take on the Panthers. Final score Gorman 8, CP 0. The bats did not arrive with them in this game. The Buffs were held to 2 hits. One by Markus, the other by JJ. The Buffs also struck out 10 times at the plate that day. The Buff walked 3, hit 1 batter, committed 6 errors and gave up 8 hits.

The next game was this past Monday in Ranger. In the 1st inning the Buffs scored 4 runs. Yates hit a single, stole 2nd and then scores on a hit ball by Patrick (Pat). JJ gets a hit to drive in Pat. Then Gibbs drives JJ in, Nick is walked and a hit by Alan will drive in Gibbs and Nick. Ranger scored 2 runs on a base on balls, 2 errors and a hit. In the 2nd, Yates

gets a hit, steals 2nd and 3rd, and then scores on a sac fly by JJ. Ranger fails to score in the 2nd and 3rd innings. Cross Plains scores 1 in the 3rd. Gibbs gets a single and advances on fly outs and then scores on a hit by Alan. Score at the end of the 3rd CP 6, Ranger 3. In the Buffs 4th, Yates reaches on an error, Pat gets a hit, JJ gets a hit and drives in Yates and Pat, Markus gets a hit and him and JJ will score on a Gibbs hit. CP 11, Ranger 3. In the 5th Cross Plains scores 5 more runs. Joe Dalton hits a single, Yates drives him in, Pat gets on, JJ walks, Markus gets on, Ford gets on, Reese reaches on an error, Joey reaches on an error and Zack drives in a run, an error by Ranger allows more runs to score. Final CP 16, Ranger 5.

This leaves Cross Plains with a 5-3 district record. They play Albany this Friday at home at 5p.m.

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CP Lady Buff Softball Report

By Coach Atchley

The Cross Plains Lady Buffs played two games last week. They played Gorman last Friday, then traveled to Ranger Monday.

In the Gorman game, the lady Panthers scored 20 runs on 10 hits, 15 walks, and 5 errors.

The Lady Buffs scored 7 runs. In the 1st, Emily gets a hit and scores when Krista drives her in with a hit. In the 3rd Terrah walks, Kodi reaches on an error, 2 errors will allow Terrah to score and then Kodi will score on a hit by Miranda. In the 4th, Terrah walks again, Kodi drives her in with a hit, Emily gets a triple to drive in Kodi, Krista walks and both will score on a Gorman error. Final Gorman 20, CP 7.

The Lady Buffs next game was Monday in Ranger. In the 1st, Terrah walks, Tiffany gets on 1st, then Krista drives in Terrah. In Rangers 1st they used 2 errors and 2 base hits to score 3 runs. Cross Plains fails to score in their 2nd and so does Ranger. In the 3rd, Emily walks, Krista hits a single, Kodi gets a hit to drive in Emily, then Kodi gets a hit to drive in Krista and after 2 outs Krista scores on a hit by Tiffany. Ranger will score 1 run in their 3rd and 4th innings. At the end of 4th Ranger 5, CP 4. Ranger will score a single run in 4th and 5th to take 7 to 4 lead. Cross Plains will fail to score the rest of the game while Ranger will score 5 more runs to make the Final Ranger 12, CP 4.

The Lady Buffs stayed in this game for the most part. Terrah pitched a good game only giving 6 hits in the 1st 5 innings and only walking 5 batters. The girls behind her made plays when they had to and only making 3 errors the whole game. The girls next action is this Friday against Albany at home.

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Is college in your future? Are you seeking a career in a technical trade? Perhaps you are hoping to succeed in the arts? Are you attending school now and are planning on attending next semester?

If you are graduating from Cross Plains High School in 2008 or if you are a graduate of Cross Plains High School and are a returning college student we would like to hear from you! From now until May 12, 2008 we are accepting applications for our scholarship that will be announced on May 19, 2008. The scholarship is in the amount of \$500.

Seniors may pick up an application from the Cross Plains High School counselors office or contact her at 254-725-6121. Other applicants can also stop by the CPHS counselor's office to pick up an application or you may contact Wanda Merryman at 254-725-6476 for an application to be mailed to you. This annual scholarship is made possible through community support of various events sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

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Submitted by Lavonne Childress

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Bobbie Johnston (from left), Joyce McCoy and Margaret McNeel enjoy looking at scrapbooks.

Beta Sigma Phi Reunion a BLAST

The local Beta Sigma Phi Reunion, celebrating 30 years of Sisterhood was truly a BLAST...from the PAST! Sisters who had been active members from the 70's, 80's, 90's, until the present gathered at the First Baptist Church Life Center on the afternoon of March 8th, and enjoyed a celebration in their honor. Laughter, stories,

remembrances, and renewed acquaintances, were all a part of the afternoon, as everyone poured over the scrapbooks, photos, and memorabilia. Thanks goes to all Sisters, past and present, who helped make this a wonderful walk down memory lane, and a true CELEBRATION of SISTERHOOD!

Submitted by Dora Warlick

Farm Bureau Comments Commodity Prices Climb and Input Prices Surge

Bureau Backs Elimination of Estate Taxes

As many commodity prices surge, it would seem that Callahan County farmers and ranchers are in an excellent position to make good money this crop year.

However, high costs for inputs are cutting into their margins in an unprecedented way, according to Sam Snyder, Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau president.

"Sure, we've seen record highs for some commodities such as corn and wheat," Snyder said. "But just like consumers, we've seen a huge surge in oil prices. Oil in some form or fashion is essential to everything we do."

For example, oil makes the diesel which powers farm equipment over the fields. It is the feedstock for fertilizer that grows the crops. It is an essential part of many crop protectants that shield fields from diseases and insects, Snyder said.

Oil isn't the only input that's going up, however. Feed, seeds, equipment, land and other inputs are all approaching record highs. Snyder said the United States Department of Agriculture forecasts production expenses to exceed their 10-year average by 34 percent (\$71 billion) this year.

"Higher commodity prices will push up farmers' gross income," Snyder said. "But with inputs at record highs and climbing, farmers will really be tested this year. One big hail storm or drought could push many over the edge."

Farm Bureau Back

Elimination of Estate Taxes

Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau President Sam Snyder joined thousands of other Farm Bureau leaders across the country in pressing Congress for a permanent repeal of estate taxes, calling it the best option for farmers and ranchers among reform alternatives being considered.

"Farmers and ranchers are particularly sensitive to the estate tax," Snyder said. "Farmers and ranchers must invest significantly more to earn a dollar than most other types of businesses, which means that our sons and daughters are forced to pay higher estate taxes than non-farm businesses. We need eliminate this burden on our families and ensure that those of us who want to continue farming and ranching can do so without having to sell off parts of the business in order to afford the taxes."

The Farm Bureau has long fought for the elimination of estate taxes, but it is also urging Congress to take several immediate actions. Among them: the estate exemption should be increased to \$10 million per person and indexed for inflation; there should be full stepped-up basis for inherited assets; the gift tax exemption should be increased to \$20,000 and indexed for inflation; and special use valuation adjustments for property should be unlimited.



AMERICAN SOLDIER MOWS HIS PLOT OF GRASS GROWN IN AMERICAN SOIL.

American Soldier grows American grass on American soil in Iraq

Above is a picture of an American Army soldier in Iraq with his tiny 'plot' of grass in front of his tent. It's heartwarming!

Here is a soldier stationed in Iraq, in a big sand box. He asked his wife to send him dirt (U.S. soil), fertilizer, and some grass seed so that he can have the sweet aroma, and feel the grass grow beneath his feet. When the men of the squadron have a mission that they are

going on, they take turns walking through the grass and the American soil -- to bring them good luck.

If you notice, he is even cutting the grass with a pair of scissors. Sometimes we are in such a hurry that we don't stop and think about the little things that we take for granted.

We should all say a little prayer for our soldiers that give (and give up) so much, so unselfishly for us.

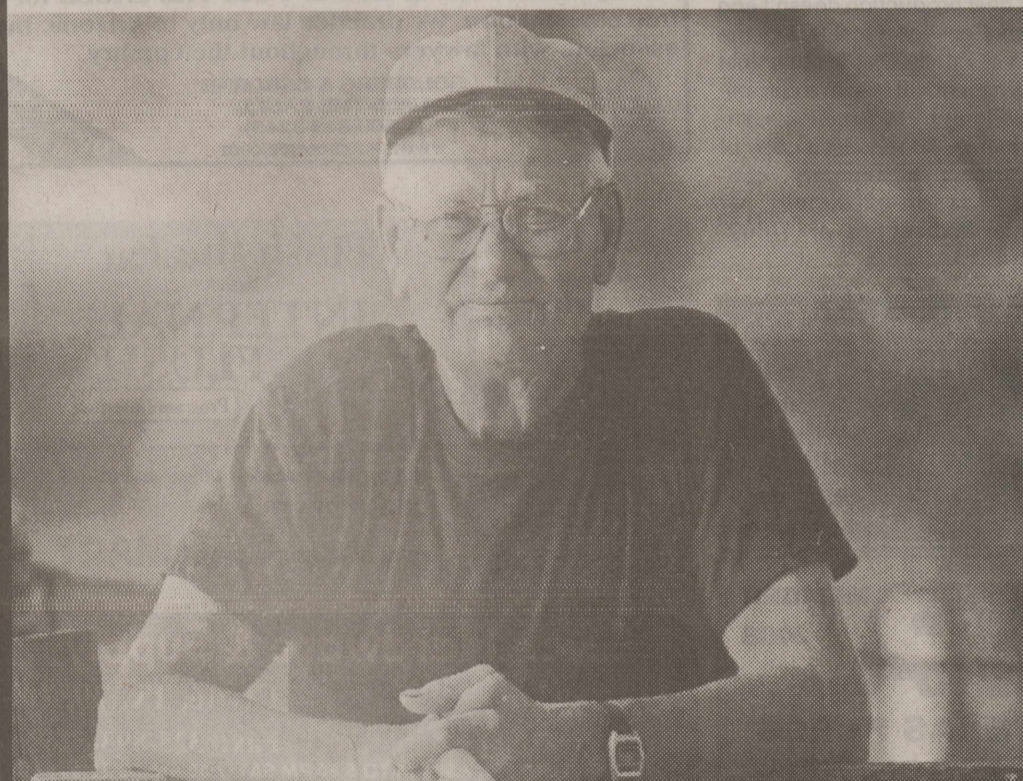
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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Spring Brings The Mountain Laurel

For a long time the Mountain Laurel has been one of my favorite flowers. The little buds remind me of the pink and white star decorations on a birthday cake. They are unbelievably exquisite. The bush is not nearly so pretty. The leaves have blemishes on them and the bush seems to have a lot of dead branches. In addition, the base of the bush loves to grow in dead leaves and trash.

In North Carolina, I had a mountain Laurel bush outside my back door. Each year I waited for it to bloom. I would inspect the tiny buds and fret just a bit because the bush was not prettier.

One year, I had a very traumatic experience involving a breach of my trust. I was mired up in my trouble and wondered if I could ever trust again. As I came out my back door one morning, my eyes were met with the sight of the mountain laurel in full bloom. I did not even know it was ready. I went over to pay tribute to the beauty and a realization hit me full force. If the exquisite little star shaped buds could form on pocked leaves "I COULD GO ON IN SPITE OF THE TRASH THAT HAD COME

INTO MY LIFE." I could appreciate the beauty and ignore the ugly.

SPRING IS COMING !!!!

There will always be that which is not perfect in our lives. There will also be the beautiful and exquisite. The beauty may be hidden and have to be searched for but it will be all the more special when we find it.

I came to the realization that I have been looking too much lately at the trash and not concentrating enough on the beauty. I get impatient with my difficulties. I get really irritated for instance when I drop something and cannot pick it up. I need to refocus and relish the blessings in my life. They are many and beautiful. I can still do many things and appreciate the pleasures which come to me.

We can all think of some blessings in our life that need to be appreciated. And the joy and appreciation will make up for some of the trash that we can decide to ignore in favor of the beauty. In fact, we can do things that will make us a blossom in someone's life.

BHW

Spring is on the Way!

About 6 weeks ago, on a dreary, cold morning, I stood looking out the pane of my kitchen door. My eyes fixed upon the naked, gray peach tree in my back yard. The Lord began to speak, "Spring is on it's way, HOLD ON! There is life in that tree!" He went on, taking me through the miraculous cycles of the Seasons. How this lifeless looking tree will soon bud and bloom into elegant, pink blossoms, which in time, turn into luscious fruit to be enjoyed and shared.

He showed me how our lives are just like that peach tree. In the darkest times, we are dry and barren, maybe even lifeless. However, if we HANG ON and don't lose HOPE, keep our eyes fixed on HIM, we too shall BLOSSOM and BRING FORTH FRUIT.

Have you ever had such a feeling? Are you dry and empty? Are you struggling through a particular difficulty right now? REMEMBER THE PEACH TREE! Your Heavenly Father is right there in the midst of your trials with His boundless love for you saying, "You shall blossom and bring forth fruit. SPRING IS ON THE WAY!"

I pray that each of you will experience a Special Peach Tree Moment as you blossom and bring forth fruit into the Lord's Kingdom.

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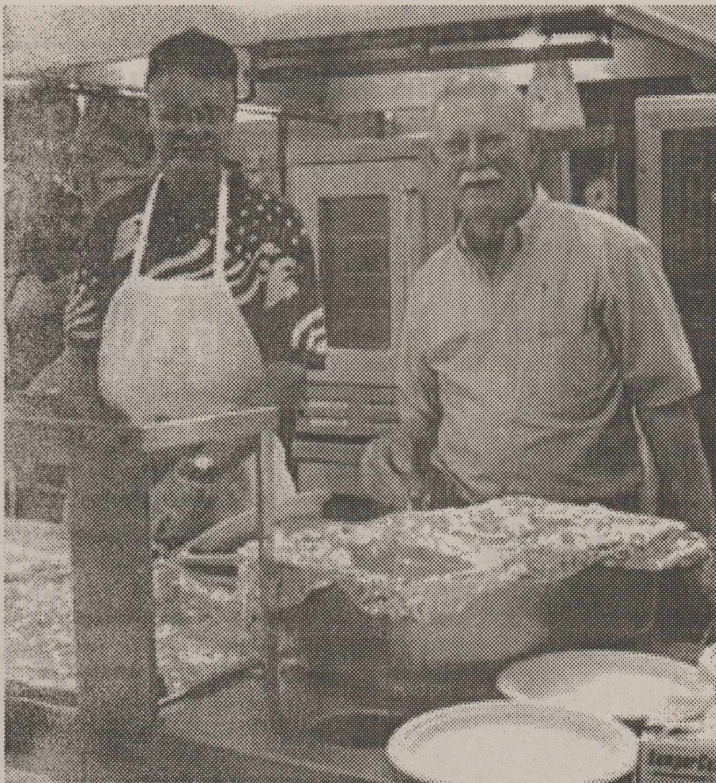


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Get a KickStart on a Healthier Spring and Summer—Start Now

Weight Watchers is opening in Rising Star

With spring and summer around the corner, it's a good time to focus on creating healthy habits and to get started on a healthier lifestyle. Keep in mind it is best to start with small, attainable goals. Losing just 10 percent of your body weight can make a real difference not only in how you look but also how you feel.

It can lower cholesterol and reduce blood pressure—think of how glad you will be when the holiday season is here. To help people get started, Weight Watchers is opening new locations, including our brand new location in Rising Star. Starting now, meetings will be held every Thursday at 5:00 p.m. at Rising Star Elementary School, 113 West Newton.

New members will be provided a KickStart guide, a resource that provides simple steps to members to start adopting a healthy lifestyle within the first 24 hours, when they often need support to get started. The KickStart guide is also a beneficial tool to current members who want to boost their progress in achieving their ultimate healthy weight goal, providing programs information, pocket-sized reference guides for eating out, easy meal plan ideas, delicious recipes, and much more. Linda Griffith will be leading

the meetings at the Rising Star location. She, like all of our leaders, lost weight following the Weight Watchers program. Her weight loss allows her to truly understand the challenges and celebrations members are experiencing. "I like to remind my members that it's progress, not perfection," says Griffith. "There are 21 meals in a week, so if one or two meals don't go as planned, there are still 19 other that can be recouped."

"We are excited to offer Rising Star area residents this new location," explains Sheila Cox, Territory Manager, Weight Watchers. "It is our intention to offer people of this and all communities a convenient place to help people reach their weight-loss goals. Our program continues to evolve and energize members to lose weight and keep it off long term."

Weight Watchers meetings last approximately 35 minutes. We recommend that our members attend one meeting each week to learn about healthy eating, gain motivation and have their confidential weigh-in to track their progress. The public is also welcome to "Be Our Guest" as a participating Weight Watchers meeting with no obligation to join, just see what it is all about. Program materials are not included.

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Beef Audit Results

The first round of results from the 2007 National Market Cow and Bull Beef Quality Audit summarize an industry-wide research effort exploring opportunities and challenges faced by the beef industry. Essentially, the audit is a survey of producer related defects in beef and dairy cattle. The checkoff-funded audit provides a review of where the beef industry has been, a snapshot of where it is today, and a roadmap for where it can go tomorrow. The results provide further insight into the concept that beef production doesn't end when a cow or a bull leaves the farm or ranch, that is really just the first, critical step in a complicated journey to America's dinner plates. To request a copy of the executive summary, contact Jason Bagley at jbagley@txbeef.org or 1-800-846-4113.

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U.S. Dept. of Agriculture invests \$5 million for cattle tick fever

AUSTIN—Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced his support of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's decision to invest more than \$5 million in emergency funding to implement a fever tick eradication program.

"I am pleased to report that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has responded to our state's critical needs," Commissioner Staples said. "The eradication program is essential to maintain a strong cattle industry. Texans are appreciative of this important partnership with the federal government."

Fever ticks are capable of carrying and transmitting a tiny blood parasite that destroys red blood cells in cattle. The disease, known as "cattle tick fever," may kill up to 90 percent of infected cattle, and it's the reason the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) was created in 1893.

Although TAHC has permanently quarantined 852 square miles through eight south Texas counties to contain the pest, Texas is experiencing increased fever tick infestations, prompt-

ing the agency to impose additional temporary quarantines. The latest stretches across five Texas border counties Starr, Zapata, Maverick, Dimmit and Webb - covering roughly 1,100 square miles. Without quarantines the ticks could spread throughout the nation, resulting in losses of \$1 billion a year to the beef industry.

"I congratulate the Texas Animal Health Commission for its diligent work to defend Texas cattlemen against the harm this pest can do to their herds," Commissioner Staples said.

TAHC initially requested \$13.3 million federal funds to stop the incursion of the fever tick in the formerly tick-free areas. Although the actual \$5 million allotment fell short of the requested amount, Commissioner Staples commended USDA for making this issue a priority.

"I personally thank Under Secretary Bruce Knight for his commitment to this issue and for touring the fever tick zone last week to get a first-hand view of the challenges our producers face in treating this pest."

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Lean Beef on a Budget

Over 100 Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Extension Agents participated in the Texas Beef Council's (TBC) "train-the-trainer" beef cooking seminar, Lean Beef on a Budget. This program is designed to educate FCS Agents on beef basics and beef nutrition. Attendees participated in interactive cooking sessions and also learned the important role beef plays in a healthy diet. The beef basics portion of the seminar highlighted lean and economical beef cuts with recipe demonstrations by TBC's Chef Tiffany Collins. Beef basics also offered insight into matching cuts of beef with the most effective cooking method. In addition, participants were provided beef resource materials to utilize in their county programs.

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KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—Rev. Margaret Friend (right) was Kathy Chesshir's (left) guest speaker at Kiwanis on March 25, 2008. She spoke first about digital television and the fact that after February 17, 2009 all full-power TV stations are required to cease analog broadcasts. She provided all with \$40.00 coupons to be used to purchase a T.V. converter box. You can apply online at www.DTV2009.gov. Rev. Friend then handed everyone copies of the floor plan for the United Methodist new building. No specific date for the first service in the building has been set but the public will be informed as soon as this date is scheduled. Kiwanis meet every Tuesday, noon at Jean's Feed Barn. Everyone is welcome.

This Week in Texas History

By: Bartee Haile

Houston goes into exile with Cherokees

APRIL 2 - 8, 2008

During the first week of April 1829, Sam Houston sent his teenaged bride home to mother, decided to resign as governor of Tennessee and made preparations for a self-imposed exile among his boyhood friends, the Cherokees.

Twenty years earlier, the 16 year old had rebelled against his older brothers' plans for his future, which included clerking in a general store, by running away. He found refuge among the neighboring Cherokees, who welcomed the headstrong youth with open arms and named him "The Raven."

Chief Ooleteka, called John Jolly by the whites, filled the painful void created three years before by the death of Houston's father. At Ooleteka's knee the white boy learned the language, customs and values of the Cherokees while developing what one historian would describe as "a deep sympathy for the Indian character."

Attracted to military service by the War of 1812, Houston left his adopted people to enlist in the U.S. Army. Soon after his promotion to first lieutenant in 1817, he eagerly accepted an appointment as subagent to the Cherokees. The dream assignment not only enabled him to enjoy once again the hospitality of his red friends but also to serve as their champion.

In a futile attempt to forestall the forced relocation of the Cherokees, Houston accompanied a tribal delegation to Washington, D.C. Secretary of War John C. Calhoun axed the appeal and spent the rest of the meeting chewing out the officer for appearing in Indian dress. Infuriated by the vicious tongue-lashing as well as the shabby treatment of the Cherokees, Houston resigned his commission.

The Cherokees and The Raven went their separate ways: Chief Ooleteka and his clan to the Arkansas Territory

and Houston to congress and the statehouse as the rising star of Tennessee politics. Over the next decade, the busy politician lost touch with his surrogate father.

Then in April 1829, in the scandalous aftermath of his two-month marriage to a 19 year old debutante, Houston abruptly quit as governor of Tennessee. Turning to the only mortals he trusted, he joined the Cherokees in their Arkansas exile.

Chief Ooleteka used his influence to obtain tribal citizenship for this troubled foster son. Houston ran a trading post, which not coincidentally provided him with an unlimited supply of whiskey, and in the summer of 1830 began living as man and wife with a Cherokee woman named Tiana Rogers.

But the peace of mind Houston so desperately sought in the back-to-nature existence eluded him. As he often did in times of stress and depression, he embraced the private demon that never left his side. For days on end, he rarely drew a sober breath.

Oblivious to the toll the alcohol was taking on his mind, body and reputation, Houston campaigned for a seat on the Cherokee council. Supremely confident of victory in the tribal elections, his humiliating defeat caught him completely by surprise. Rather than accept the blame for his repudiation at the polls, he accused the Cherokees of betrayal.

When Chief Ooleteka tried to explain that his drinking might have had something to do with the embarrassing loss, Houston struck his benefactor. Outraged braves intervened on the old man's behalf and beat the attacker senseless. Although a contrite Houston apologized to the Cherokee council for his misconduct, things were never the same after that.

Not long after Houston came to Texas in December 1832, he was befriended by a

Neugebauer asked to serve on Operation Homefront Advisory Board

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Randy Neugebauer (TX-19) was recently asked to serve on the Operation Homefront Advisory Board. Neugebauer accepted the invitation and appreciated the recognition as a Member of Congress who supports our nation's men and women in uniform.

"I am honored to be given this opportunity to serve on the Operation Homefront Advisory Board," Neugebauer stated. "Standing up for and supporting those whose loved ones have gone to war, as well as serving those warriors when they return home, is not only a privilege but a commitment in which I take tremendous pride. Operation Homefront is a true testimony to the generosity and willingness to help others that make our nation the best country in the world. I am truly

humbled to participate in such a worthy cause to support those who sacrifice so much so that we can enjoy all the liberties and freedoms of a government 'for the people, by the people.'"

Operation Homefront was founded in 2001 by military spouses and has significantly expanded as a nonprofit charity servicing 31 military communities in 34 states. Its objective is to provide emergency support and morale to our troops and their families left behind during deployment and to assist wounded service members when they return home. An additional purpose is to encourage dialogue between Members of Congress and Operation Homefront chapters at both local and national levels.

Regarding Neugebauer's addition to the Operation Homefront Congressional Advisory Board, founder Meredith Levya said, "We are proud to have Congressman Neugebauer join our Congressional Advisory Board. His reputation as a leader and as an advocate for military families will be an asset to our efforts. We are pleased to have such a well liked and well respected Member of the House join our board."

"I look forward to working with fellow Members of Congress and Operation Homefront to provide our soldiers and their families with the best care possible," Neugebauer concluded.

"Hot Dog...I Got a Job!" set for Friday in Abilene

Abilene, Texas In an effort to assist young job seekers in finding summer and part-time employment, Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas, the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, Abilene Area Job Fair Consortium, and Cumulus Broadcasting will host *Hot Dog I Got a Job!* Area Youth Job Fair on Friday, April 4, 2008, from 2:00-6:00 p.m., at the Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N. 6th Street. Job seekers, age 16-21, are invited to meet representatives from businesses and to complete applications for employment. Over 40 businesses are expected to be in attendance, including Chuck E. Cheese, United Supermarkets, Perini Ranch, Abtex Pepsi, Target, Abilene State Park, and Fed X Ground. Applicants will receive assistance from professional staff in completing applications and marketing themselves to potential employers. In preparation for meeting employers and completing applications, job seekers should bring a pen, their social security number, and dress appropriately for an interview.

KBCY and Power 103 will be broadcasting live from the event and giving away door prizes. Job seekers will receive a coupon for a hot dog courtesy of Wienerschnitzl. "This event allows us to assist local employers in obtaining workers, and provides applicants the convenience of applying for a number of jobs in one location. It's a win-win opportunity for employers and applicants," states Mary Ross, Executive Director of the Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas.

For more information about the job fair or other services for job seekers, contact Workforce Solutions at (325) 795-4200 or visit the Workforce Solutions website at www.workforcesystem.org.

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Rolling Oaks Golf News

Tuesday, March 25, was a busy day at Rolling Oaks Golf Club, RSISD Coach Edward Aviles hosted a High School Golf Tournament that morning. We had 40 students, numerous parents and coaches on hand to watch the play. It was a good day for RSISD players, as both RSHS boys and girls won the tournament. There were 3 individual medalists. Kasey Guidry took first in the girl's division and Gary Hollis and Bryan Rivers took first and second in the boys division.

At 6:00 p.m., 13 players teed off in the Tuesday Nine Hole A BCD Scramble. Terry Odom's team of Phil Davis, Kobey Morris and Brad Wilcoxon of Eastland won the scramble with a score of -6 under.

Closest to the pin went to Paula Cole of Brownwood. David Evans, who could not repeat his hole in one of the last scramble, did manage to come in closest to the pin also.

The next Tuesday Scramble will be April 1, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. We

play for 9 hole ABCD Scramble every Tuesday. Cost for this Scramble is \$5.00 and \$2.00 for closest to the pin. Car rental for non-members is \$4.50 and members \$3.75. Green fee for non-members will run \$6.50.

We will also have the District Golf Tournament for high school boys and girls on April 1, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Coach is expecting over 100 students, so lets hope the weather cooperates and the sun is shining.

We will host a Saturday ABCD Scramble on the 2nd Saturday of the month. The next one is April 12 with a tee time of 1:00 p.m. The Scramble will be 18 holes and there will be four closest to the pins awarded each scramble.

The cost will be \$10.00 for the Scramble and \$4.00 for the closest to the pin. Green fees are \$16.00 for non-members and cart rental will be \$9.00. Cart rentals for members will only be \$7.50 and of course member green fees are waived.

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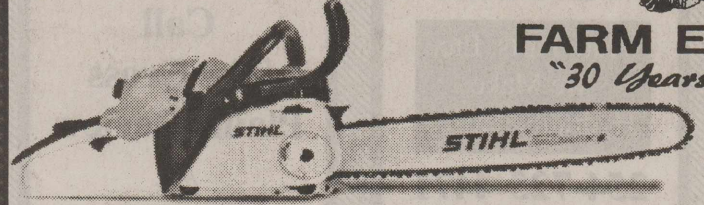


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NEW LISTING--170.93/A High game ranch with exotics, has beautiful 5BD/4B home on top of a hill with scenic 20 mile views. Granite countertops and crown molding throughout the home. High end amenities, pool with jacuzzi, water fall and bar area for entertaining. This is a must see property. **\$1,825,000 Coryell Cnty.**

NEW LISTING--Eastland Lakehouse with beautiful view of the lake! Lake is walking distance from the front door. \$477,000.

RESIDENTIAL:

NEW LISTING--2BD/1B Frame Home 1,104 sq. ft. on 2 lots in Cross Plains. Large yard, great garden area, large trees, metal roof. **UNDER CONTRACT**

NEW LISTING--Cute 3BD/1B 1,362 sq. ft. **FRAME HOME** on the edge of Cross Plains. Metal roof, paved frontage, city water and sewer. Great rental investment. **ONLY \$26,000.**

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6.7 Ac.- Beautiful colonial 3BR-2B with wrap around porch, swimming pool, oak trees	214,900
6.8 Ac.- Large oaks, home needs some TLC, great potential with 75' frontage I-20 access road	40,000
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18.5 Ac.- 3BR-1B quaint farm house on paved road with good underground water	99,500
20.2 Ac.- Cute new home, seasonal creek, beautiful trees, nice pond behind house	107,000
55.6 Ac.- Great hunting, tank, UNDER CONTRACT some TLC, beautiful, secluded	325,000
78 Ac.- Great views, exc. Underground water, old livable 3BR-1B home with utilities	210,000
80.6 Ac.- Beautiful well built home with many amenities, stocked pond, 20x30 metal shop	450,000
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40.249 Ac.- 2 ponds, large oak trees, view of rolling hills, quiet and secluded, good hunting	128,796
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50.5 Ac.- Excellent surface water & good cover make this a good deer hunting property	116,258
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109 Ac.- Rolling with beautiful views, seasonal creek, huge oaks, abundant wildlife, county water	301,735
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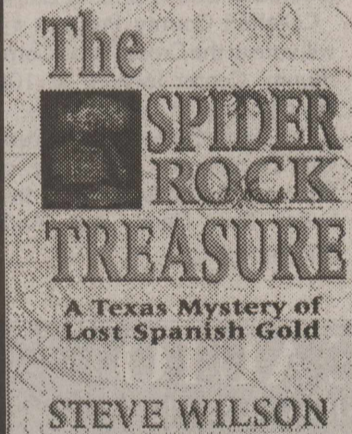
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Commissioners approve Interlocal Agreement with City of Abilene

Callahan County Commissioners voted to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Abilene and Callahan County during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, March 24th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Judge Roger Corn presented to the commissioners' court the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Abilene and Callahan County to be renewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Harold Hicks to renew the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Bryan Farmer. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Judge Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:41 a.m. Present were Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, and County Clerk Donna Bell.

—The commissioners' court

meeting minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and signed.

—There was no public comment received.

—After discussion, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the Texas Department of Transportation Certification on County Maintained Road Mileage. TxDOT's certified mileage for the County Maintained Road Mileage is 494.0 miles. Commissioner Kirkham made a second to the motion and it carried with a 5-0 vote.

—The court discussed the Burn Ban and a motion was made by Commissioner Kirkham to lift the Burn Ban. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay all the approved bills. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—A motion was made by Commissioner Hicks to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

BY TOM IVEY

For more than a decade, scientists have debated whether "Gulf War Syndrome" is real or imaginary. The verdict is now in: The syndrome is real. By reviewing 115 studies on Gulf War Syndrome, University of California researcher Dr. Beatrice Golomb believes she has pinpointed the root cause of the nerve pain, chronic fatigue, mental confusion, and other symptoms reported by more than 200,000 Gulf War Veterans. During the war, these soldiers and marines were exposed to pesticides, Iraqi nerve gas, and anti-nerve gas pills; they are known to have absorbed high doses of a group of chemicals called acetylcholinesterase inhibitors (AChEIs) from these agents. These chemicals work against the enzyme cholinesterase, a protein that helps to break down neurotransmitters that flow in the blood and between nerves. When troops received high doses of AChEIs, their bodies became unable to deactivate nerve signals, leading to a constant state of nerve

overload. A similar form of neurological chaos, Golomb says, has been found in farmworkers exposed to high levels of pesticides, and in victims of the 1995 sarin gas attacks in Japan. Golomb told the *LOS ANGELES TIMES* that the review "thoroughly, conclusively shows that this class of chemicals actually is a cause of illness in Gulf War Veterans." **NOTE FROM YOUR COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE**---Now, V A has to be convinced to accept and act on the findings of Dr. Golomb's study!!!

HISTORY---On March 31, 1933, The U.S. Congress approved and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed, the Emergency Conservation Work Act, which created the Civilian Conservation Corps. The CCC boys were working within 90 days, building roads, parks, dams and many other worthy projects that are still being well used today! In comparison, it is almost three years since Katrina and New Orleans is not cleaned up yet!

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Veterans Reach Out Seminar set for Saturday in Eastland

All veterans, their family members, and friends are invited to attend a 4th Annual Veterans Reach Out Seminar on Saturday, April 5, 2008 sponsored by VFW Post 4136 and Disabled American Veterans, American Veterans Chapter 41 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at VFW Post 4136, FM 918, Hwy 570, Eastland, Texas.

Helpful assistance with your questions and claims will be given by experts from Waco VA Regional Office, Dallas VA Medical Center, Texas Veterans Commission and Texas Land Board, as well as other Veterans service organizations.

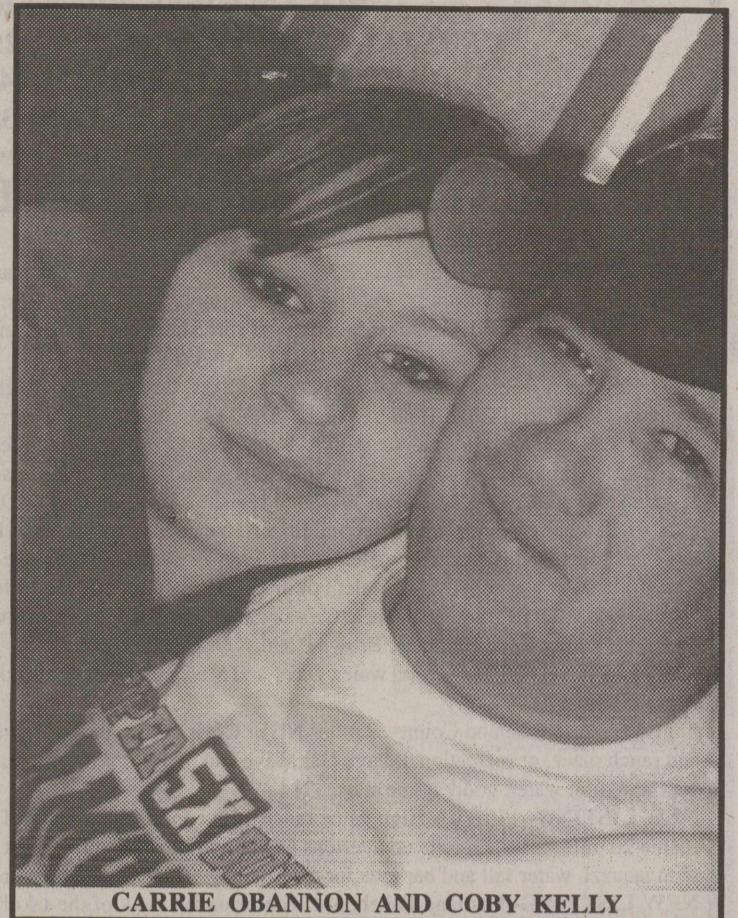
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Obannon-Kelly Engagement and Approaching Wedding Plans Told

Miss. Angela Kerr of Rising Star is happy to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of her daughter, Miss. Carrie Diani Obannon, to Mr. Coby Wayne Kelly of Cottonwood.

Coby is the son of Janice Kelly and Jimmy Kelly of Cross Plains. Carrie is the granddaughter, by love, of Allan and Patty Davis of Rising Star. Coby is the

grandson of Bill and Billie Kelly of Cottonwood and Margaret Clark and Tommy Clark of Cross Plains.

Carrie and Coby are planning a Saturday, May 3 wedding and request that you save the date. The upcoming wedding will be held at Cottonwood Baptist Church. Formal invitations for the wedding and reception will be sent out closer to the date.

Early voting underway for Democratic Run-Off Election

Early Voting for the Democratic Run-Off Election for the office of Railroad Commissioner is underway now through April 4th at the County Clerk's Office at the County Courthouse in Baird only.

Early voting will take place from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 at the County Clerk's Office in Baird only.

The Democratic Run-Off Election will be held Tuesday, April 8th from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at four voting precincts in Callahan County.

Callahan County Precinct #1 and Precinct #6 will vote at the

Clyde Woman's Club building located at 317 South First Street in Clyde.

Precinct #2 and Precinct #7 will vote at the Eula Methodist Church located at 5810 FM 603 in Eula.

Precinct #3 and Precinct #5 will vote at the Baird Light Plant located at 228 Walnut in Baird.

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The Democratic Primary Run-Off Election for the office of Railroad Commissioner is between Dale Henry and Mark Thompson.

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