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DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: The following information suggests what your favorite color says about your personality. This is just for females, sorry guys. Check it out and see if it is true for you. **Vanda Anderson**

"What Your Favorite Color Says About You"

ORANGE is a lively, energetic color—a hybrid of yellow and red. A preference for orange indicates an animated personality. You probably have a full social calendar and your idea of a perfect beauty treat is getting a manicure with your girlfriend—so that you can keep talking, of course!

BLUE symbolizes peace and calm, trust and authority. If you love blue you're probably the voice of reason in your circle of friends. You're especially appreciative of serene environments and long, tranquil baths are probably your greatest beauty indulgence.

PINK is an extremely feminine color, associated with little girls and candy. If you're crazy for pink you probably enjoy your femininity to the fullest and may have a bathroom brimming with beauty products.

BROWN represents stability and mother earth. If you favor brown you are probably considered real and down-to-earth, and attract others with your genuine warmth. Taking scrupulous care of your hair and skin is likely your beauty priority.

YELLOW symbolizes happiness and vitality and is associated with intelligence. If asked to describe why they adore you, your friends would most likely cite your sunny disposition. You're probably the most well informed of your friends about the latest beauty trends.

PURPLE symbolizes nobility and spirituality. Many musicians and poets say purple is their favorite color. If you love purple you may have a touch of the bohemian in you and enjoy expressing your creativity with colorful makeup.

RED is all about passion. It's a strong, stimulating color that most often represents love. If you like red you're probably a bit like the color itself—never boring or lukewarm. You may even color your hair red because you love the attention!

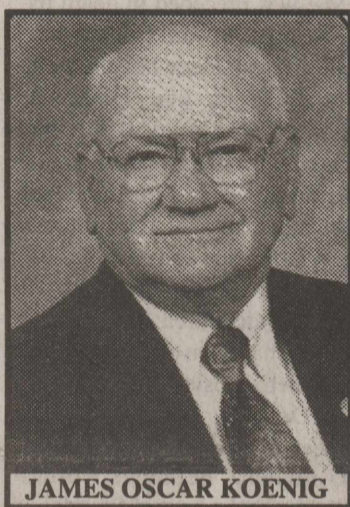
GREEN is symbolic of nature, health and new beginnings. If you favor green you probably have an affinity for the outdoors and have a fresh, natural look. People gravitate toward your optimistic personality.

**Community Shower for
Richard and Victoria Gross
of Cross Cut Who Lost Their Home in Storm
Saturday, May 3rd
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
at the Home of Cliff and Connie Kirkham
Your Generosity is Appreciated!**

**Services to be Held for
James Oscar Koenig
Thursday, May 1st**

James Oscar Koenig, age 71, of Cross Plains, passed away Monday, April 28, 2008, in Abilene. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 2008, at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel, with Bob Pipes officiating, assisted by George Bamard; burial will follow in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

He was born in Coleman, Texas, on July 18, 1936, to Oscar George and Peggy (McMillan) Koenig. After graduating from Cross Plains High School, he married Lucille Bamard on July 17, 1955 in Cross Plains. In 1958, he entered the National Guard and served for 8 years. The couple moved to Bronte in 1966, where he worked for West Texas Utilities before moving back to Cross Plains in 1978. James O., or "J.O." as most folks called him, owned and operated the old Western Auto here in Cross Plains for 22 years. After he closed the store, he then went to work for the U.S. Post Office in Talpa as a rural mail carrier before retiring from there. He was also the "Voice of the Buffaloes" for 27 years, sang with the "Heartland Harmonizers" Barber Shop Group and played the harmonica.



JAMES OSCAR KOENIG

Survivors include his wife, Lucille Koenig of Cross Plains; sons, James Darron Koenig and wife Kim of Gilbert, AZ; Dennis Koenig and wife Julie of Mansfield; Devin Koenig and wife Cindy of Cisco; sister Ann Jennings of College Station; nine grandchildren, Melissa, Daniel, Courtney, Jason, Chelsea, Jayln, Jaryn, Jenna, Avery; and one great-grandchild, Kalan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, twin daughters, and daughter-in-law, Pam (Hutchins) Koenig.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, at Higginbotham Funeral Home.

CROSS PLAINS PLAYOFF GAME

Cross Plains vs. Goldthwaite

WHERE:

Tarleton State University

WHEN:

1st Game - Friday Night 7:00 p.m.

2nd Game - Saturday 10:00 a.m.

3rd Game (If Necessary)

30 minutes after 2nd Game

Admission: \$3.00 Adults, \$2.00 Students

Application Deadline for Leifton Hunter Scholarship is May 2nd

The Leifton Hunter Scholarship Fund was established by Leonard Wilson in memory of Leifton Hunter, a 1998 graduate of Cross Plains High School. A graduating senior will be awarded a \$250.00 scholarship to assist with tuition, books, and/or fees to further his or her education.

Requirements:

1. The scholarship is open to any graduating senior who has enrolled or plans to enroll in a college, university, vocational,

or technical school.

2. Please write a one-page essay about one of the following topics:

1.) Explain how a particular individual has significantly influenced your life.

2.) Fully describe this sentence. "I am a ___ year old male/female growing up in the United States in 2008 and I am most hopeful/pessimistic about...."

3.) Describe a challenge that you have successfully overcome

and how it has affected your life. What challenges do you anticipate facing after graduation?

Selections:

Selection will be based on school and community involvement, financial need, and completion of a brief essay.

Application Deadline:

The application deadline is May 2, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Please return the application with the essay attached to Debbie Edington at Texas Heritage Bank.

**First Baptist
Children's
Choir to
Present
SPRING
MUSICAL**

The Children's Choir of First Baptist Church will present their annual Spring Musical this coming Sunday, May 4th, at 6:30 p.m.

This year's presentation is "Kings, Dreams, and Schemes". The story centers on the life of the Bible character Daniel during his captivity in Babylon. Daniel was a faithful and obedient servant to God regardless of being in some very trying circumstances.

The community is invited to attend the musical and reception following.

**Beta Sigma
Phi
Scholarship
Deadline
Approaching**

Deadline to apply for Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship will be here soon! Seniors may pick up an application from the School Counselor's 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 in the amount of \$500 is made possible through community support of various events sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Don't forget....the deadline to submit your application for this scholarship is May 12, 2008.

Submitted by
Lavonne Childress

**National Day of Prayer
Acknowledged Locally
Thursday, May 1st**

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

If you would like to participate in the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 1, 2008, please come to the Veterans Memorial on Main Street between 12 and 12:30 p.m. and join others to pray corporately for our country.

It was announced on Dr. Dobson's radio program that thousands of individuals incarcerated throughout the United States have committed to pray at this time also.

Prayer in the air will be demonstrated by pilots who own personal aircraft flying during this time period and praying.

There will be profound results if everyone will dedicate this brief 30 minutes to first self-examination, asking for forgiveness and then requesting wisdom and direction for the future of our nation.

Please set aside this time to send up your prayers along with others all over the United States. Prayer is powerful and can change everything!!!!

**Cottonwood Historical
Association Annual
Meeting this Saturday**

Come and share old memories, visit with old friends and meet new ones when the Cottonwood Historical holds its annual meeting this Saturday, May 3. Coffee and visiting begins at 9 a.m., with the annual meeting starting at 10 a.m.

Guest speaker for the meeting is Buster Woody, former Cottonwood resident and author of the song "Cottonwood is My Hometown".

Lunch will be served after the meeting. The Association furnishes barbecue brisket, chicken, and sausage, bread, and iced tea. Bring a covered dish—

vegetable, salad or dessert.

The supplement to the Cottonwood Cookbook will be on sale after lunch. The supplement features new recipes, more family histories and over 200 more photographs of people and places in Cottonwood. Copies of the Cottonwood Cookbook will also be on sale. Cookbooks are \$20 each and the supplements are \$15 each.

Everyone with an interest in Cottonwood—present and past is encouraged to come out and attend the meeting.

Submitted by
Beverly Brown
254-725-7369

**Annual Membership
Meeting of Admiral
Cemetery Association**

The Admiral Cemetery Association will conduct its annual membership meeting and workday at the cemetery on Saturday, May 3rd. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at noon.

Families with loved ones buried in the cemetery are asked to come out and help remove trash, trim trees and bushes, and fill-in graves that have settled.

The business meeting will include a financial report and an election to fill the expiring term on the board of directors currently held by Harold Hass.

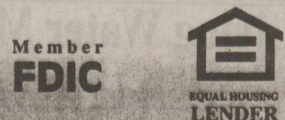
The Admiral Cemetery Association is a non-profit corporation chartered by the State

of Texas for the purpose of improving and maintaining this historic site.

All donations to the Admiral Cemetery Association's Maintenance Fund are greatly appreciated and are accepted at any branch of the First National Bank of Baird or may be mailed to 7257 CR 474, Baird, TX 79504.



"We're Proud of Our Local Heritage"



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 Evening Service.....6:00 PM
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Pioneer Baptist Church
Pastor:
 Rufus Wilson
 254-725-7574
 Sunday School...10:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
 Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.
 Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley 254-643-1977

Living Water Ministries Fellowship
 Restoring And Equipping The Saints
 Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm
 Pastor Max Evans
 For Information Call (254) 725-7418

Rowden Baptist Church
Pastor: Wayne Lenz
 Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods
 Bible Study...10:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
 2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

OBITUARY

Billie "Babe" Maurine Stubblefield


Billie "Babe" Maurine Stubblefield, age 70, of Cross Plains, passed away Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 2, 2008, at the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel, with John Swift officiating; burial will follow in the Cross Plains Cemetery.
 Billie was born on May 31, 1937, in Coleman, Texas to Eugene and Lilly O. (McCormack) Livingston. Babe, as she was known, married Robert Stubblefield in Las Vegas, NV on October 28, 1989. She worked with computers as an advisor. As an ordained minister, she formerly pastored at the Pioneer Pentecostal Church with Sister Ruby McCowen. She also pastored a church in California.
 Survivors include her husband Robert Stubblefield of Cross Plains; three sons, Darrel Chastain and wife Cheryl of Cross Plains, Richard Chastain of Arizona, Donald "Duke" Chastain and wife Marilou of Coleman; daughter Carie Lee Audis and husband Will of Colorado; brother Darrel Gene Livingston of Riverside, California; 12 grandchildren, Phinesia Hyde, Kristina Corbin, Jonathan Rodman, Amanda and Clinton Grubbs, Jerrid Chastain, Raymond, Ross and Sarah Sisuentes and Ciera, Michael and Jeremy Audis, and several great-grandchildren.
 She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Charles "Chuck" Chastain, and a daughter, Laura Chastain.

Joyce Champion Parkinson



Joyce was born March 10, 1931, in Cottonwood, Callahan County, Texas, a daughter of the late Carl T. and Dora Meador Champion. She was raised in Cross Plains where she graduated. She married Hal T. Parkinson on August 25, 1951, in Coleman, and he preceded her in death on July 2, 1987. Joyce had lived in Odessa, San Angelo and Grand Prairie where she worked for the Grand Prairie I.S.D. as a dietary aide for 16 years before moving to Kopperl. She later worked for the Meridian Manor in Meridian for 13 years before retirement. Joyce was a member of Kopperl Church of Christ.
 She was preceded in death by her brother, Edward Champion.
 Survivors include her children, Mona Harris and husband, Richard, of Cleburn, Debbie Leach and husband, Luther, of Rio Vista, Teresa Armstrong and husband, Larry, of Cleburn and Ryan Parkinson and wife, Kris of Cleburn; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Vonita Champion of Cross Plains, Zona Beth Mosley of East Texas, and Dorothy Wagner of Las Cruces, New Mexico; a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.
 Pallbearers were Travis Leach, Travis Leach, Jr., Luke Leach, Jimmy Barrow, Matt Luepke and Larry Armstrong.
 Lawson Funeral Home in Meridian was in charge of arrangements.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

42nd DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
 Sherry A. Floyd, harrasment.
 Daniel R. Podlevski, theft by check.
 Krissy L. Pelton, theft by check.
 Meredith A. Hulsey, theft by check.
 Toby G. Germann, theft by check.
 Leonard A. Clayton, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes
 Derek Lee Casey Sr., request for extension of probation granted.
 Rafael Gomez Jr., plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 18 month probation, \$300 fine, \$256 court costs.
 Chrystal McGinn, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.
 Michael Mendez Jr., order amending conditions of probation granted.
 Michael Mendez Jr., plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 15 month probation, \$700 fine, \$306 court costs.
 William G. Dugan, motion to dismiss to driving while intoxicated (DWI) granted, case was refiled.
 Terra Dawn Trinidad, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Civil Filings
 Michael and Bradina Benson vs. Portfolio Recovery Association LLC, damages.

Civil Minutes
 Billie Jo Fulcher and Gary Don Fulcher, divorce granted.
 Justin F. Davis and Ellari Audrey Davis, divorce granted.
 Brett Allen Black and Mollie Bee Black, divorce granted.
 Jerry Joseph Bales and Barbara Ann Bales, divorce granted.

Criminal Indictments
 Steven E. Earixson, criminal mischief.
 Jimmy Lambert Jr., unauthorized use of a vehicle.
 Clifton B. Lindsey, DWI - 3rd or more.
 Samuel Garcia, DWI - 3rd or more.
 Leslie M. Prickett, DWI with child passenger.
 William George Dugan, DWI - 3rd or more.
 Travis A. Galle, Ct. I - intoxication manslaughter, Ct. II - intoxication assault.
 Shanna H. Burch, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.
 Jeremy W. King, retaliation.

Criminal Minutes
 Steven Earixson, plea of guilty to criminal mischief, 2 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$299 court costs, \$4801.41 restitution.
 Jimmy Lambert, plea of guilty to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$359 court costs.

Marriage Licenses
 Thomas R. Moore and Melinda G. Ledbetter, both of Clyde.
 James R. McKee Jr. and Annette R. Reed, both of Baird.

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 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30AM
 (Thursday Jean's Feed Barn)
Rev. Margaret A. Friend
 Church Office 254-725-7377

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 \$15.00 CHARGE IF YOU DESCRIBE CLOTHING, TABLE/ROOM DECORATIONS, ETC
 Their is **NO** Charge for Announcements Without Descriptions
 Call 254-725-6111 For Details

First Baptist Church
Sunday School
 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6:30 pm
Wednesday
 6:30 pm Prayer/Worship
 Youth Bible Study "The Show" 6:30 pm
Ronnie B. White, Pastor
 (254) 725-7629 3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

In the News, Cottonwood, Texas

Yes, the old hometown is in the news, again! It is time for the Annual Meeting of the membership of the Cottonwood Historical Association, which is set for this coming Saturday, May 3rd. The place is at the Cottonwood Community Center and the time is 9:00 a.m. Bring a covered dish and come early to renew old friendships and make new ones.

Buster Woody, former resident of Cottonwood, will be the principle speaker. Buster is the author of the poem "Cottonwood's My Home" which is featured in the Cottonwood Cookbook's title. The poem is a popular favorite of everyone who ever lived in Cottonwood. It expresses exactly what people think about when the idea of home occurs to them.

Buster was born in Cottonwood and lived here until the beginning of WWII. The poem was written during his sojourn to war duty. The Woody family is very active in the Cottonwood Historical Association and, I am sure, will be out in force for the meeting.

An addendum to the Cottonwood Cookbook is ready and will be sold at the meeting for \$15.00. The addendum, as in the original Cottonwood Cookbook, features old Cottonwood families in pictures, in story and in the printing of favorite family recipes.

The addendum pages are designed to fit into the original cookbook, according to Beverly Brown. The original cookbook will also be on sale at the price of \$20.00. If shipping is desired, an extra charge will be made for shipping costs.

Proceeds of the sale will go to

ward maintenance of the two cemeteries, the old Post Office building, and the old Cottonwood Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The business meeting will also take up such issues as the progress of the painting project, care of the cemeteries and other items of business.

Ann Chesshir, of Cross Plains, has fashioned a cross out of shingles taken from the roof of the old Church and it will be on display for the meeting. In all probability the piece of artwork will be auctioned off during the meeting for continued care of the property owned by the Historical Association.

(For new 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, TX 76443.)

PIONEER COMMUNITY NEWS

The quilting ladies had a great day working on Laverne Hutton's "Sunflower" top and the "Nine Patch" top. Glenda Phillips put in her "Star" top. We have plenty to work on for a while. It is hard to believe that it is already May. Margaret Clark, from Cross Plains, has quilted with us the last few meetings. All the ladies are so glad to see her and hope she will make this a permanent stop on Tuesdays. We are also so glad that Lou Wilson is with us now!

Cowan and Laverne Hutton made a trip to Temple last Thursday. Laverne had an appointment for a check-up at Scott and White. There wasn't as many flowers as usual along the way, but all that were out were very pretty. The Texas Primroses are getting into full bloom both on the road to Temple and here.

The Pioneer Baptist Church is having a Ladies Bible Study on Sunday night at 5:30 p.m. They are having a good number attending. They have had 6 to 11 women every Sunday night. Anyone interested is invited to

join the group. In May, the church is planning a Spring Revival. The dates will be given at a later time.

Howard Phillips and his daughter, Breana, came to Glenda's Saturday night. Breana was riding barrels and poles at the Mullin rodeo. Allen, Janice and family ate lunch with them at Glenda's house Sunday. Blake and his girlfriend, Susan, came a while Saturday evening, then went to his other grandma's at Lometa.

Charlene Chesshir's twin sister's husband, Stewart Cooper, died Tuesday morning in Sear's Nursing Home in Abilene. He broke his hip 6 months ago and has been going down steadily ever since. The funeral was Friday, April 25th. John and Margaret came from Oklahoma and, of course, the rest of

Wanda and Don Nelson, of Early, stopped by the Quilting Club on Tuesday on their way to Lubbock. It is always great to see them. They are such good

supporters and part of the Pioneer community. Wanda informed us that the new part of the cemetery had been marked off. We are very thankful for those who did this. Thank you!

We were blessed with some more rain this past week. We are always thankful for what we get! It has rained in time to keep the wheat alive. We were also blessed not to have very little "bad" weather.

The wild flowers are about hidden from view because of the weeds (guess they are wild flowers in a since).

Have a good week!

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Angel Food May Menu

Bacon Wrapped Beef Filet
Breaded Chicken Breast Filets
Bone-in Pork Steaks
Salisbury Steak Dinner Entree
Beef and Bean Burritos
Popcorn Chicken
Stouffer's Flat Bread Pizza
Cauliflower/Carrot Blend
Corn Niblets
Green Beans
Fresh Onions
Pears

Borden 2% reduced-fat shelf-stable milk
Breakfast Cereal
Corn Muffin Mix
Bean Soup Mix
Dozen Eggs
Dessert Items
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Special #1— 7 lb. Grill Box- \$20.00
Chicken Breast Kabob Kit; 2-10 oz. Rib Eye Steaks; 4-8 oz. Thick Cut Pork Chops; 4-8 oz. Beef Hamburger Steaks

Special #2 — 5 lb. Steak Box \$20.00
2-12 oz. Bone-in NY Strip Steaks; 2-12 oz. Bone-in Rib Eye Steaks; 4-8 oz. Sirloin Strips

Special #3— 12 Chicken Combo Box \$20.00
Whole chicken; breaded chicken tenders; boneless skinless chicken breasts, cooked breaded chicken wings, chicken breast nuggets

WE TAKE FOOD STAMPS

You Must bring a medium size box to pick up your food.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES reserves the right to substitute any item due to availability, cost and

LIBRARY NOTES

April 21-25, 2008

Patrons: 78
Programs: 12
LAP: 5
LAPsit: 3
Books Checked Out: 90
LAP: 24
LAPsit: 8
Copies: 31
Reference: 5
Internet Users: 28

Volunteers:

Helen Parson, Arlene Stephenson, Michelle Kaiser, Sue Bennett, Beverly Ross, Lavonne Childress, Bobbye Hinkle

Book Donations:

Judy Luter, Michelle Kaiser, Hollis and Cherry Shults

Donations:

H.J. and Patricia Hopkins, Curt and Ginny Hoskins, Janet Swanson, Callahan County

Memorials:

Carl and Sylvia King, Donna and Steve Irby In Memory of Jack W. Lacy

Living Tribute:

Margaret Waring - Honoring Charles and Lou Rodenberger

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MAY 5 - 9

MONDAY- Ham Salad Sandwich, Potato Soup, Pears, Peanut Butter Cookie, Crackers
TUESDAY- Chicken Cacciatore, Buttered Rice, Zucchini, Gelatin, Bread
WEDNESDAY- Meatloaf, Steamed Cabbage, Blackeyed Peas, Cheesecake, Cornbread
THURSDAY- Chicken Spaghetti, Buttered Corn, Brussel Sprouts, Pineapple, Bread
FRIDAY- BBQ Brisket on Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw w/Raisins, Butterscotch Pudding
2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.



KIWANIS CLUB NEWS — Meg Davis, who runs the Hendricks Rehab in Abilene; Terry Slavexis, who distributes Hendricks Health Care equipment in Eastland; and Adell Stokes, who runs Hendricks Home Health Care were the guests of Peg Terrell at the Kiwanis Club Meeting. Pictured are Peg Terrell (from left), Meg Davis, Terry Slavexis and Adell Stokes.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To All the CITIZENS OF CROSS PLAINS those who come and visit, those who care, those who participate in the programs at the SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

On behalf of the Senior Citizens of Cross Plains Renovation Committee, we would like to say THANK YOU. Since last summer, you the citizens along with several generous people from all over, have donated \$17,000 to help with renovations. You have amazed us with your generosity in helping the seniors of our community.

Last year the City Council was approached about the problems with the roof on the Senior Citizens Center. Concerned citizens asked them to repair the roof of the building because it had leaked for several years. At this meeting the council encouraged us to raise our own money by applying for different grants. Therefore, a group of us came together and began thinking of various ways to raise money for the roof and for other renovations that were needed.

You may have read that we recently approached the City Council again about helping us with the rest of the cost but they decline and informed us in an address from the Mayor in the paper, that all improvements would have to be approved by the City Council and that if they felt that a new roof was needed that they would do it without help from other resources.

As you may have noticed, the sign over the door in the front of the building has been repainted. We are now awaiting approval from the Economic Development Committee for a financial grant to help put an awning in the front and back of the building.

The awning in the front will allow people coming to the center to get in and out of the cars without getting wet. The awning in the back will allow the Meals on Wheel volunteers to get good in their car without getting wet. We hope this will enhance the look of the building and bring more people to the center to visit and be a part of the activities that are offered there.

We will continue to have the donation jars in various businesses and we welcome any donations that can further our cause of getting a roof that doesn't leak and renovating other things for our senior programs. Any donations you wish to make you can bring them by the Senior Citizens Center or go by the bank and make a donation to "Senior Citizens of C.P. Renovation Fund".

We hope that you will consider coming to the center for lunch or just come visit with friends. You never know who might be stopping by. Come by and play games, bring your favorite game or music and bring your friends. It is open to all and we hope that you will come by when you can.

If you ever need to rent the building for birthdays or reunions, please call Kathy Anderson at 254-725-6521.

Also let Kathy know if there are any activities you would like to see provided. Bring your hobbies and friends. Look to the newspaper for menus and activities that are provided for your enjoyment. Once again, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

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CROSS PLAINS BUFFALO BASEBALL TEAM—Coach Jessie Ellerbe (back, from left), Coach Mitchell Atchley, Pat Border, Mitchell Gibbs, JJ Callaway, Markus Maxwell, Chad Switzer, Joe Wyatt, Taylor Savell, Allan Wheeler, Coach Donnie Dillard, Stryker Dillard; Joe Westerman (front, from left), Reese Allen, Nick Adams, Cody Ford, Ashton Yates and Zach Hedfelt.

Cross Plains Buffaloes in Playoffs

By Coach Atchley

The Buffaloes hosted the Gorman Panthers last Tuesday in Cross Plains.

In Gorman's 1st they, an error after 2 outs, then a double led to 1 run. Cross Plains failed to score in the 1st 3 innings. In the 2nd Gorman used a walk and then 2 stolen bases and a wild throw in a pick-off attempt to score the second run. In the 3rd Gorman hit a single, then a mental error allows another runner to get on, then a double will drive in the 2 runners. In the 4th Gorman fails to score. In Cross Plains's 4th, JJ draws a walk, steals 2nd, goes to 3rd, then scores on a Gibbs ground out. In the 5th Pat walks, gets to 2nd on a passed ball and will score on Yates double. Gorman will score 2 more in



SENIOR BASEBALL PLAYERS—Markus Maxwell (back, from left), Coach Dillard and Joey Westerman; JJ Callaway (front, left) and Mitchell Gibbs

the 5th. A dropped fly ball will allow the 1st batter on a base on balls, a double steal and then a single will drive in the 2 runners.

Cross Plains will score 1 in the

7th on Wheeler's Home Run. **Final Score Gorman 6, Cross Plains 3.**

Despite the loss Cross Plains will finish 3rd in district behind Albany and Gorman.

Bufs Play 2 Practice Games

By Coach Atchley

The Buffs finish 3rd in district and played two practice games against Miles last Friday in Jim Ned.

The Buffs and Miles played two 5 inning games. In the first game, Yates and JJ pitched. In Miles 1st, a base on balls and an error, 1 out batter will allow 1 run to score. Miles will not score again until the 3rd. Two singles will produce another run. Cross Plains will score 1 in the 5th. Yates will reach 1st on a fielders choice and score on Reese's double. **Final Miles 2, CP 1.**

In the second game, Cross Plains will score 5 in their 1st. Yates will walk, Reese gets on a strike out and error on the catcher, JJ hits a single to drive in Yates, Markus hits a double, to drive in Reese, JJ scores on Joey's ground out, Savell hits a deep fly to drive in Markus and Zach will hit a double to drive in Savell.

Miles will fail to score in their 1st 2 innings. The Buffs will fail to score in their 2nd and 3rd inning. Miles will score 2 in the 3rd, 2 walks and a double. In Cross Plains's 4th, Ford hits a single, gets to 2nd and scores on a Yates single. Two errors will allow Yates to reach 3rd and score on Reese's deep fly-out. End of 4th CP 7, Miles 8. Miles scored 6 in their 4th to take the lead. Cross Plains scores 1 in the 5th, Markus is hit by a pitch and gets to 3rd and scores on a pick-off attempt by the pitcher. In the 6th both teams will score 1 each, and the game ends tied 9-9 and is ended because of darkness.

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CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY 2007-2008 "A" HONOR ROLL 5TH SIX WEEKS

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Third Grade: Andy Byerly, Mackenzie Byrd, Hannah Cowan, Grace Goode, Madeline Loyless

Fourth Grade: Rebekah Crockett

Fifth Grade: None

Sixth Grade: Christa Potter, Shelby Thomas

CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY 2007-2008 "AB" HONOR ROLL 5TH SIX WEEKS

First Grade: Ashley Anderson, Ashley Cochran, Mallory McCready, Brian Morales, Kayden Oskins, Sarah Patton, Wayne Snell, Jyles Wootton

Second Grade: Wesley Alexander, Morgan Armer, Ashlyn Kirby, Sydney Revoir, Caleb Townsend

Third Grade: Isaiah Guerrero, Alexis Mauricio, Kylan McGhee, Devin Perez, Joseph Revoir, Piper Winfrey, Jatun Wootton, Kersey Wyatt

Fourth Grade: Darrin Ames, Kelli Bennett, Colton Bradley, Caden Creach

Fifth Grade: Thaddeus Carter, Taryn Estes, Megan France, Kelbi Hyles, Brenna Kleiber, Kaitlyn Koettel, Morgan Manley, Kaylee Potter, Blake Self, Kiefer Steinle, Allanta Wheeler

Sixth Grade: Lindsey Ames, DJ Horito, Megan Pointer, Meagan Roberts, Texas Sanders, Tristen Stephenson

CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL 2007-2008 "A" HONOR ROLL 5TH SIX WEEKS

7th Grade: Cheyenne Cowan, Victoria Creamer, Dania Gonzalez, Katharine Goode, Daniel Higgins, Joe Holland, Blake Hutchins, Riley Lawrence

8th Grade: Lana Gary, Lauren Goode, Rosa Salazar, Katherine Taff, Zoie Walker

9th Grade: Tru Avants, Justin Golson, Shawna Lewis, Savana Wyatt
Sophomore: Emma Bennett, Melissa Black, Emily Foster, Shera Gary, Tiffany Holland, Kayla Lawrence, Cody Sliger, Zachary Snell

Junior: Terrah Augustine, Jacob Estes

Senior: Hailey Biggs, Ricky Daniels, Mitchell Gibbs, Jennie Lewis, Starla Schaefer, Tiffany Walker

CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL 2007-2008 "AB" HONOR ROLL 5TH SIX WEEKS

7th Grade: Chelsea Branch, Ashleigh Dugger, Dakota Gilliam, Preston Posuk, Brandon Skidmore, Shahala Trammell

8th Grade: Rachelle Allen, Jayten Ames, Shelby Ames, Charleen Avants, Samantha Dickson, Ryder Foster, Hunter Moreno, Hayley Phillips, Justin Pope, Cody Self

Freshman: Lauren Loyless, Kodi Roberts, TJ Warren, Madison Wells, Hayden Wyatt

Sophomore: Kimberly Case, Amanda Dunaway, Cody Knight, Cole Luter, Amber Parker, Benjamin Schaefer

Junior: Sheena Apple, Emily Harris, Torin McCauley, Krista Phillips, Mandy Rose

Senior: Cody Baker, Macayla Cook, Brittany Franke, Betty Mathews, Markus Maxwell

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MAY 5 - 9

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MONDAY - Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Assorted Juice
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WEDNESDAY - Muffin & Yogurt, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

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MONDAY- Toasted Ham & Cheese, Carrot Sticks w/Dip, Pinto Beans, Spice Cake
TUESDAY- Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY -Chalupas, Salad, Strawberries & Bananas
THURSDAY-Fish or Hot Pocket, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Coleslaw, Pears
FRIDAY-Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Potato Wedges, Cookie

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES/CALLED MEETING

April 25, 2008

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Tommy Ames, Burlie Taylor, Frankie Hyles, Jim Cook, Scott Childress, and Kim Crockett.

The following administrators and guest were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tennison, High School Principal Stacy Loyless, Annette Nickerson, Tonya Walker, Nora Odom, Mark Ring, Debbie and Billy Whiteley, Susan Holland, and Scott and Keeka Byrd.

The prayer was led by Burlie Taylor.

They went into Executive Session at 5:08 p.m. and came out at 8:23 p.m.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Ames that we adopt all titles for textbooks for 2008-09. For 7 Against 0

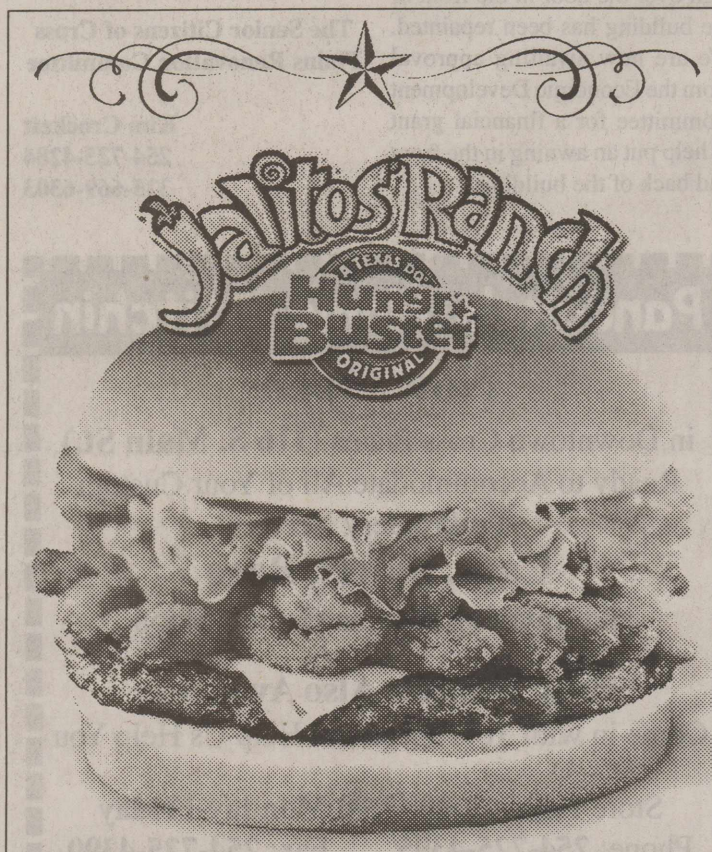
Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Childress that we

A called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on **May 1, 2008**, beginning at **5:00 p.m.** in the high school library. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

Call Meeting to Order
1. Executive Session

- A. Discuss Athletic Director Position
2. Take Action on Athletic Director
3. Adjourn.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on **April 28, 2008**, at 3:30 p.m. by Jackie Tennison, for the Board of Trustees.



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POULTRY TEAM
Kayla Lawrence, Cody Sliger, Hayden Wyatt and Josh Harrison

Cross Plains FFA Poultry Team to State

The Cross Plains FFA Poultry team traveled to Texas A & M University last Friday to compete in the State Poultry Career Development Event on Saturday. These teams have to place in the top five at the Area level contest at Tarleton State University in order to qualify for the State contest. There were 50 teams and approximately 200 individuals at the State Poultry CDE.

The Poultry team also competed in a State Qualifiers contest at Hamilton, Texas, the Tuesday prior to the State CDE's. At the

Hamilton CDE, the Poultry team was 2nd as a team and Josh Harrison was 3rd high individual.

The Poultry Team members are: Kayla Lawrence, Cody Sliger, Hayden Wyatt and Josh Harrison. These four students represented Cross Plains well at all of the CDE's that they participated in around the state. The matching polo shirts were provided for the State CDE Teams by the newly formed Cross Plains Ag Booster Club.

Submitted by
Marc Morgan



STATE—Mandy Rose (from left), Zach Snell, Emma Bennett, Tiffany Holland, Terrah Augustine and Roy Richey (Advisor).

Cross Plains FFA Team Wins 5th at State

The State FFA Career Development Event was held at Tarleton State University on Thursday, April 24. The top 50 teams in the state competed in the contest.

The Cross Plains FFA Dairy Products team consisting of Tiffany Holland, Emma Bennett, Terrah Augustine, and Zach Snell

placed 5th in the contest. Tiffany Holland was the eighth high individual in the contest. These students worked extremely hard and dedicated a lot of their time in preparing for their contest. They had an exceptional year and we are very proud of their performance.

FFA Teams Compete in State Qualifier Contest in Hamilton Recently

On Tuesday, April 22nd, the Cross Plains FFA had two teams participate in the State Qualifier CDE in Hamilton. The contest was held for teams that had qualified for the State contest.

Poultry Judging team consisting of Cody Sliger, Kayla Lawrence, Josh Harrison and Hayden Wyatt placed second in the contest. Josh

was the third high individual in the contest.

The Dairy Products judging team placed first in the contest. Tiffany Holland was the first high individual, Terrah Augustine was the third high individual, Emma Bennett was the sixth high individual, and Zach Snell was the tenth high individual in the contest.

The Dairy Products team will compete in the State FFA contest on Thursday at Tarleton State University and the Poultry team will compete in the State FFA contest on Saturday at Texas A&M University.

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Cross Plains Roping Club to Host Bull Bash May 17th

Get ready! We are making final preparations for the Turkey Creek Cook Off Bull Bash and Dance. We are getting lots of calls for the Cook-off. To enter call Lorna at 325-280-5496. Categories are Brisket, Ribs, Chicken, Beans, Chili and a Jack Pot Cobbler. If you haven't entered now is the time!

To enter mutton bustin', Jr. Steers or Open Bullriding, call Dana at 325-280-0271. Books are open and are filling up fast! We are all excited to hear the Calvin Milburn Band. They will bring some great Texas Country Music. Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones will have unique items for sale at the Bull Bash. Kimmy has also donated several items in the raffle along with the handmade Cross donated by Anna Chesshir. Thanks Anna, you always are so generous every year and everyone wants to win that Cross! Come see these items displayed at Texas Heritage Bank. Tickets are \$1.00 for 1 or 6 for \$5.00 and will be given away during the Bull Bash May 17th, 6 p.m.

We are planning an action packed show this year. And we wish to thank everyone who has

helped us get ready for this event: Roping Club Members, the men working on the pens and arena and special thanks to City employees who have done a great job mowing and fixing our road!

Sponsors as of now are who have made it **ALL** possible are: **United Country Real Estate; Cross Plains Review; Welch Bros. Truck & Trailer; Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones; Cowboy Pump and Supply; Texas Heritage Bank; Blake Fulenwider Dodge; KEAN Radio; Jones Real Estate; Winfrey Grain and Peanut; Park Car Wash; Welch Stone; Johnson's Dry Goods; Higginbotham's; Mexico City Cafe; Taste of Texas; and Jean's Feed Barn.** For more information or to be a sponsor call Dana 325-280-0271.

Thanks to Kenny Callaway and all the ropers for a good turnout Saturday. Everyone had fun and are looking forward to more Roping Events.

All members will meet Monday, May 5th, 7:00 p.m. at Arena.

Submitted by
Dana Hall

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Spy Holds Audience Captive at "Meet the Author" Program

It's the height of the Cold War in Russia. Mystery message arrives at Dad's place of work, "I want to trade KGB secret information for a free ride to America." Written in Russian. "Meet me in the park at 10:00 p.m. —alone and unarmed."

Is it a movie plot? Is the "park" really on the back lot of a Hollywood production company? Can we expect James Bond to surface, loaded with the latest gimmicks and gadgets from the legendary "Q"?

NOT EVEN CLOSE.

The setting was actually the local Community Center last Thursday evening where the Meet the Author James M. Olson, reviewing his career in clandestine service to the USA. Olson's easy going demeanor, soft voice and sense of humor totally belied the fact that he had spent nearly 30 years working in the CIA, ultimately as Chief of Counterintelligence.

As revealed in his book "Fair Play: The Moral Dilemmas of Spying," working undercover was anything but easy, soft or humorous. In spite of extremely cleverly designed disguises, covers, weapons and the latest technologies, Olson's life was constantly in danger. The spellbound crowd found his profession and life style hard enough to believe, but when the author shared that part of his cover was often his real wife and three children, it all became totally unbelievable.

Olson was quick to point out that his beautiful and petite wife, Meredith, was one of the very first women ever admitted to the world of spying for the CIA. Being a mother and homemaker often served as an excellent cover for the extremely capable and dangerous operative. Playground proved to be excellent drop sites for information. He always knew the children would be safe with her. A mad momma defending her young is one thing, but a mad momma with a gun and the CIA at her disposal??? Then, with a soft laugh, he admitted that he never wanted to forget her birthday.

On a more serious note, Olson highlighted the intense training he and his wife underwent at "The Farm" near Langley, VA. Starting with a lot of very physical training, they learned to handle all kinds of weapons. Some weapons had been specially designed and truly looked like some of the devices James Bond would have used. There were lessons in the tools of the trade—using explosives, picking locks, planting and discovering "bugs", self-defense, jumping from air planes, trailing people, etc., etc. Then there were the languages to be learned, grammar and dialects that would help ensure their success and save their lives. French, German, Russian and Spanish were pretty standard

studies for operatives.

Lastly, and perhaps the most intriguing, was the whole issue of developing "covers" to be used in all different countries and situations encountered by the Olson's. His degrees in mathematics, economics and international law from the University of Iowa enabled Olson to be placed in banking positions more than once. And we can assume that his youthful Iowa farm life helped pass him off as a fertilizer salesman. Operatives were always provided with all the necessary paperwork to "prove" their various identities. These documents were kept safe and handy in CIA designed and built furniture that was always secreted into the apartments used by the operatives.

And then there was the technology utilized to alter their physical appearances and to help ensure their safety. Face molds were painstakingly crafted for each individual and would then be used as the basis for a mask of any ethnic or cultural look. The end results sounded just too amazing. Super minuscule communication devices were inserted deep in their ear canals and camouflaged to completely match skin tones. Although the devices were impossible to spot, they enabled the operatives to key in on enemy surveillance teams.

So, obviously the "Dad" in the opening paragraph was Olson and the office was smack dab in the middle of Moscow. The CIA staff reviewed the request from every angle and although they felt certain it was an invitation to captivity or death, they also felt that if the message was for real, the intelligence that could conceivably be gained was worth the risk. Olson's years of training and successful experiences in the face of danger made him the natural choice for the operation. As he told of the intense planning and the hours he spent eluding the

KGB in order to meet the spy who wanted to cross over, the audience sat spell-bound silently thinking, "no, don't go."

The meeting did take place in the park at 10:00 with only the letter writer and Olsen present; the KGB was still trying to relocate Olson. Boxes of surveillance tapes were passed over, promises were made, and the pair parted ways. Olson meandered back towards his apartment, securing the information in a prearranged secret site along the way. Disaster struck as the KGB found him again and beat him literally to a pulp; but because he had NO intelligence on his person, the code dictated that they could not kill him.

The happy ending to the story is that Olson lived to spy again and the defector and his family are now living happily ever after here in the states.

The evening was opened to

questions from the audience of 40 people attending from Eastland, Stephenville and Comanche as well as the faithful local folks. The lifetime secrecy agreement that he had signed kept Olson from responding to some questions, but he did agree that sometimes the intelligence procured is not as total as it might be, but there is also misuse of intelligence. He strongly agreed that we must fight terrorism in Iraq so that we do not have to fight it on our shores. Lessons learned from 9-11 have enabled the CIA to be better prepared for "the next time". When asked about the increasing dangers of cyber network spying that feature China as the major player, Olson shared that his greatest fear is that our kids will go to war against China and will be killed by American technology.

Olson closed by stating how the need for spies is as great during the War on Terrorism as it was during the Cold War, perhaps even more so. "I want to make it absolutely clear where I stand," he said. "I believe that the greatest and most powerful country in the world, ours, must have the very best intelligence in the world to protect its citizens and to defend its vital interest. If that is true, that American needs intelligence, it is also true that America needs spies." Olson praised the young people who are stepping forward to answer the call to serve their country.

It was pretty obvious that Olson's deep sense of faith and patriotism had provided the moral compass that enabled him to live the life of service to our country. He confessed that if he and his wife had it all to do over again, they would not hesitate to put their lives on the line again for the sense of freedom and peace that we all want.

His closing heartfelt, "God Bless American" was met with a standing ovation.

The Cross Plains Public Library feels extremely honored that James Olson would give an evening of this magnitude to our community. Those who missed the evening can be assured that his book is available at the library, either at the circulation desk or through the inter-library loan system. Of course, there may be a waiting list either way. OR folks could try to borrow one of the 40 copies purchased on site and personally autographed by Olson.

Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson

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Trans-Texas Corridor I-69 Doesn't Meet Environmental Standards????

Local farmers and ranchers charge that I-69/Trans-Texas Corridor Tier One Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has failed to meet important environmental standards.

Gaylon Johnson, Callahan-Shackelford Country Farm Bureau board member says these failures are indicative of the problems that exist with the entire Trans-Texas Corridor (TTC).

"Because these environmental standards have not been met, the Texas Department of Transportation should seriously consider alternatives to its current model," Johnson said.

According to Johnson, there are three main reasons that the DEIS is flawed:

*It limits its analysis to alternatives that fit the TTC "vision" of a multimodal transportation corridor, despite the lack of traffic data that suggest a need for such a corridor, and that none of the Congressional enactments make any such suggestions for I-69.

*The DEIS makes no attempt to analyze the potential environmental impacts that an I-69 multimodal corridor as compared to simply upgrading existing rights of way.

*The DEIS has also largely ignored the potential impacts to natural resources including agricultural land, from the construction of a new I-69 corridor.

"We encourage all of our members to let the Texas Department of Transportation know how they feel about this, especially since it has the potential to so negatively impact our industry," Johnson said.

Scranton Musical set for Saturday

The Scranton Musical will be held Saturday, May 3rd at the Scranton Community Center. The kitchen opens at 5:30 p.m. All donations of homemade pies and sandwiches are appreciated.

There is usually a special of the night that is also offered. The music begins at 6:00 p.m. Mark Ray is the emcee.

All area musicians are invited to play. You may call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group.

After School Adventures Program Features Dr. Rodenberger with Facts on Engineering

Have you ever wondered how things are designed and made?

How ideas for inventions are created and achieved? How building projects are completed? How structures and designs for air and spacecrafts are accomplished?

Come to the After School Adventure Program at the Cross Plains Public Library on Wednesday, May 7th, at 4:00 p.m. to get all the answers. Dr. Charles Rodenberger will be presenting some very interesting facts about engineering.

Dr. Rodenberger has engineering degrees from Oklahoma State University, SMU, UT-Austin, and he has practiced the profession as a petroleum engineer where he designed and built an electric power grid and practiced corrosion engineering. He was a civil engineer in the USAF, and a plastics coating engineer. Dr. Rodenberger moved into the aerospace industry designing wing parts for the B-58. He got his MS

degree from SMU while working at General Dynamics and that led to a 22 year stint as a professor at Texas A&M University where he taught aerospace structures and design of air and space crafts.

He worked in the Dean's office where he taught courses in design at the graduate level and helped create the professional Doctor of Engineering program, and consulted for General Dynamics until they became Lockheed for nine years, helping them convert from drafting tables for design to the computer-aided-design environment.

Rodenberger holds two patents; one for a hypervelocity gun to simulate meteoroids, and the other for a ground contact rotational device to correct pigeon-toed children.

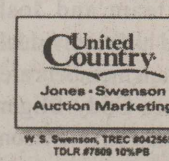
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Submitted by
Linda Burns

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RECIE TATOM

Tatom Celebrates 40 Years of Service in the Local Bank

On Friday, April 25, 2008 Recie Tatom celebrated her 40th anniversary as an employee of Texas Heritage Bank. Recie was treated to breakfast and 40 beautiful red roses from her bank family. She briefly reminisced about her banking career in Cross Plains and all the changes that have occurred in the past 40 years.

She then got up and said "back to work."

There is one thing that hasn't changed in 40 years...and that is Recie's dedication to the bank and her customers.

Please join us in congratulating Recie on this tremendous accomplishment.

Clean Water Restoration Act is overkill, Farm Bureau says

The simple addition of one word, "all," and the deletion of two words—"navigable waters," in the Clean Water Act could carry serious implications for farmers, ranchers and homeowners in Callahan County, according to Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau President Sam Snyder.

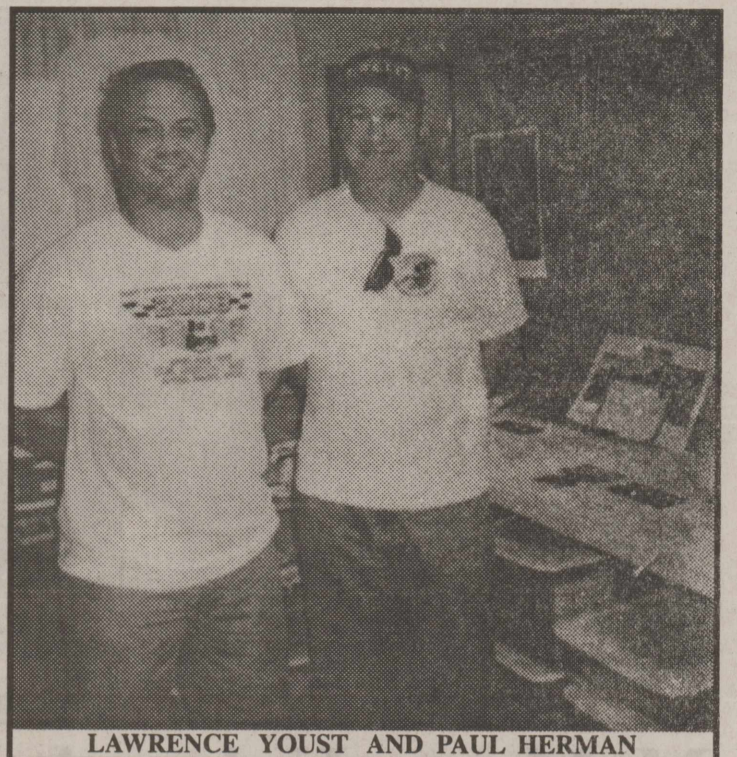
"H.R. 2421, currently under consideration in the U.S. House, would enable federal agencies to dole out permits for routine actions by farmers, ranchers and ordinary homeowners because it would expand federal regulation to 'all' waters," Snyder said. "Just think about that word, 'all,' for a moment. 'All' means absolutely everything."

H.R. 2421, more commonly known as the Clean Water Restoration Act, would also delete "navigable waters" from the existing Clean Water Act, Snyder said.

"All waters and waterways would be subject to federal regulation and oversight, no matter how small or insignificant those waters may appear when looking at them or even stepping over them," Snyder said. "Farmers and ranchers are especially concerned about the combination of these edits to a law that has already proved its effectiveness. With these changes, ordinary roadside ditches, stock tanks and ponds would be subject to extensive regulation and permitting. Even low spots in fields farmed for decades would be subject to extensive reviews."

"55 million acres of dry, productive, prior converted cropland would be affected by this additional, unnecessary regulation," Snyder said. "And there is nothing in H.R. 2421 to protect homeowners from extensive regulations either. H.R. 2421 is overkill."

Sam Snyder said the Clean Water Act is working well as it is. Millions of acres of wetlands are currently protected, and farmers and ranchers are hard at work to ensure natural resources are around for future generations to enjoy. In fact, plans to restore, improve and protect 3 million acres of wetlands by 2009 are well ahead of schedule, with nearly 2.8 million acres of wetlands restored since the initiative was formed in 2004, Snyder said.



LAWRENCE YOUST AND PAUL HERMAN

Metroplex Lawyers Tour Howard Museum

Paul Herman and Lawrence Youst made a swing through town recently to visit the Robert E. Hoard Museum. Although Herman is a frequent visitor to the Museum and the Public Library, Youst was a first timer.

Both men are attorneys from the Dallas area and had been to Ft.

Stockton for the Big Bend open road car races. And, of course, Cross Plains just happens to be on the way from hither to yon, so naturally they stopped to see the Museum and to eat supper in town.

Submitted by Arlene Stephenson

Beef Retail Promotion

As part of the on-going Texas Beef Council (TBC) effort to reach Hispanic consumers with beef information, TBC's Chef Harry Salazar was on-hand at Carnival Super Market in Dallas where he conducted beef recipe demonstrations and shared over 1,000 beef brisket enchilada samples with customers. A bilingual marketing team also distributed Spanish-language beef recipe brochures, nutritional information and "Mejor Provecho" prizes. During the in-store beef promotion, customers signed up to receive TBC's new Hispanic newsletter filled with beef recipes and cooking information.

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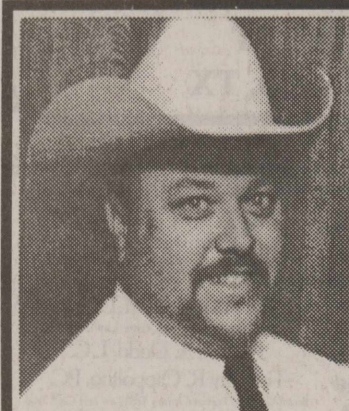
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KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—Cathy Fowlkes (right) was the special guest at a recent Kiwanis meeting. Cathy is an attorney in Abilene with concentrations in Elder Law and Estate Planning. She is planning to come to Cross Plains several times a year to provide legal services. She is pictured with Texas Heritage Bank President, David Estes.

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This Week in Texas History

By: Bartee Haile

Kiowa Chief pays price for promoting peace

APRIL 30 - MAY 6, 2008
Opposed to Kicking Bird's policy of peaceful coexistence with the whites, dissident Kiowas punished their chief with a poisoned cup of coffee on May 4, 1875.

A nineteenth century authority on North American Indians rated the Kiowas "the most predatory and bloodthirsty" of the prairie tribes. His opinion was influenced by the fact that in proportion to their comparatively small size, which never exceeded three thousand, they killed by far the most white trespassers.

The Kiowas made up for their lack of numbers with unmatched ferocity in combat and a delicate touch in the art of diplomacy. Red rivals they could not defeat in battle were cleverly converted into loyal allies.

After 50 years of inconclusive warfare, the Kiowas buried the hatchet with the Comanches in 1790. While the Comanches remained their closest comrades-in-arms, their list of formidable friends also included the Pueblos, Towakanis, Wacos, Wichitas and Crows.

Although a famous Indian fighter condemned them as "deceitful and unreliable and absolutely destitute of most of the chivalrous characteristics which distinguish the Comanche," the Kiowas scrupulously observed the terms of an 1837 armistice with the U.S. government. But the inhabitants of independent Texas were considered fair game and continued to come under attack even after annexation.

In 1867 the void left by the death of Little Bluff, who ruled the Kiowas with an iron hand for 32 years, was filled by a brilliant adopted son. Born a Crow, Kicking Bird had been given to the Kiowas to raise in order to strengthen the long-

standing ties between the two tribes.

Kicking Bird was a pragmatist. He regarded the triumph of the white race as an inevitability the red man was powerless to prevent. The Indian, he believed, had but two choices: adopt or die.

As a result, Kicking Bird agreed to the resettlement of his nomadic people on the aboriginal preserve known as the Indian Territory. However, keeping restless young warriors on the reservation proved to be an impossible task.

More often than not, Kicking Bird succeeded in talking headstrong braves out of raiding the isolated ranches and pioneer settlements south of the Red River. On those occasions that the hotheads ignored his plea for peace, the patient chief cleaned up their mess by arranging for the return of stolen horses and the release of white captives.

Most of the time Kicking Bird even managed to restrain the bellicose Lone Wolf, a persistent proponent of perpetual war. He averted a bloodbath by persuading Lone Wolf to give up an impulsive plan to kidnap the visiting governor of Texas and the reservation schoolteacher.

But nothing could stop Santanta, Santank and Big Tree from leading scores of young Kiowas astray in 1871. When the unrepentant trio was convicted in a Texas court for the Salt Creek Massacre, Kicking Bird pacified their infuriated tribesmen and forestalled retaliation.

Washington rewarded the peacekeeper by officially recognizing him as the head chief of the Kiowas. But there was a catch. He had to finger all the troublemakers.

Kicking Bird complied by giving authorities a list of 75 incorrigibles, who were swiftly rounded up for deportation to

Florida. On the eve of what would be for most a one-way trip, the despised collaborator addressed the sullen prisoners.

"My brothers, the time has come to say goodbye. I am sorry for you. But because of your stubbornness, I have failed to keep you out of trouble. You will have to be punished by the government. Take your medicine. It will not be for long. I love you and will work for your release."

An enraged medicine man shouted, "You remain free, a big man with the whites. But you will not live long. I will see to that!"

The threat unnerved Kicking Bird and caused him to sink into a deep depression. Despite elaborate precautions taken to ensure his safety, he was haunted by a gnawing sense of imminent doom.

The conspirators penetrated his personal staff and bribed a trusted Mexican servant into being the instrument of their revenge. He handed his unsuspecting master a cup of coffee laced with a fast-acting and fatal poison.

The reservation doctor could only shake his head and confirm the patient's own diagnosis. There was no known antidote, and death would come in a matter of minutes.

Kicking Bird did not apologize for the controversial course he had chosen, and his last words were an eerie epitaph. "I am dying. I have taken the white man's road. I am not sorry for it. Tell my people to keep in the good path. I am dying holding fast to the white man's hand."

Bartee Haile welcomes your comments, questions and suggestions at HYPERLINK "mailto:haile@pdq.net" haile@pdq.net or P.O. Box 152, Friendswood, TX 77549. And don't forget to visit www.twith.com!

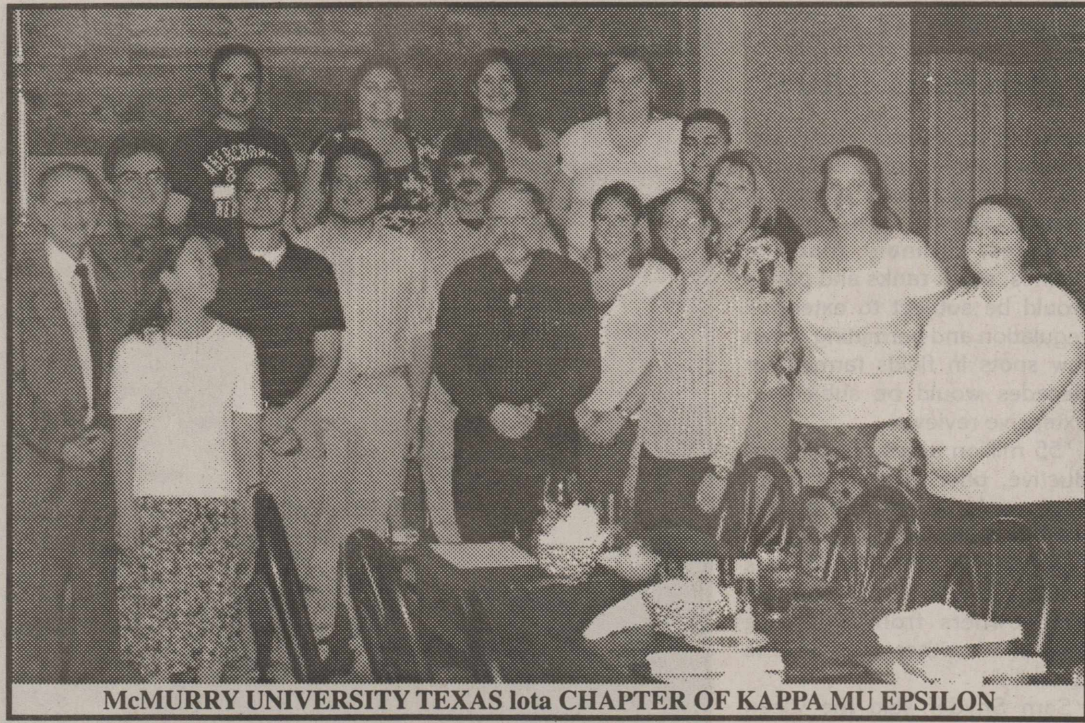
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McMURRY UNIVERSITY TEXAS IOTA CHAPTER OF KAPPA MU EPSILON

McMurry University Texas Iota Chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon

National Mathematics Honor Society held its 2008 Induction Ceremony on April 26th. Patricia Thompson Cook was one of seven initiates receiving this honor.

Kappa Mu Epsilon is a national honor society in Mathematics. KME was founded in 1931 to promote the interest of mathematics among undergraduate students. KME chapters are located in colleges and universities of recognized standing which offer mathematics major. The chapters' members are selected from students of mathematics and other closely related fields who have maintained standards of scholarship, have professional merit, and have attained academic distinction.



INDUCTION CEREMONY— Dr. Kelly McCoun, Dr. Mark Thornburg, Patricia Cook (center), Mr. Mike Swanson, and Dr. Kathryn Flores.

The society has grown steadily since it's founding and today has one hundred thirty-seven active chapters and approximately sixty-one thousand members in thirty-four states.

Area Health Education Center to Offer Summer Camp Opportunities

Big Country Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is offering several summer camp opportunities to high school students in the region who are interested in a future career in the health care industry. The Health Matter Summer Camp will take place in Abilene June 10th through the 13th. Campers will be staying at the ACU dormitories and will tour local hospitals and health clinics including specialized programs at the locations.

We will also tour pre-health programs at local universities and colleges, including a day trip to the Texas Tech Health Science Center in Lubbock. Prospective campers must turn in an application and teachers' recommendation by May 9th. Applications may be obtained online at www.bigcountryahec.org or by contacting Big Country AHEC. The Health Matter Summer Camp is made possible with the support of our friends at the Hodges Foundation and the Junior League of Abilene.

In addition to the Health Matters Summer Camp, Big Country AHEC is partnering with

Texas Tech Health Science Center School of Pharmacy to host the Red Raider Pharmacy Camp, June 16th through the 20th. This particular camp will offer hands-on learning opportunities about pharmacies at the Abilene campus of the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy. Application and teacher's recommendation are due by May 9th and may be obtained online at www.ttuhsce.edu or by contacting Big Country AHEC.

Workforce Solutions and Big Country AHEC are partnering to offer a series of two day Regional Youth Summer Health Camps. Camps will take place in Sweetwater on July 9th and 10th, Brownwood on July 16th and 17th, Breckenridge and Eastland on July 21st, 22nd and 23rd, and Snyder on July 30th and 31st. Area youth are encourage apply to the camp nearest their respective communities. Application deadline for each of these camps is May 30th. An application may be obtained by contacting Big Country Area Health Education Center.

Each of these opportunities is made possible through

partnerships with communities, community health professionals, health professions training schools and the Big Country Area Health Education Center (AHEC). Big Country AHEC's mission is to address the health care provider shortage and improve health care access in the North and West Central Texas through education and development of the health care workforce. Goals include introducing school aged youth to health careers, providing rural clinical training for students in the health professions, supporting existing health care professionals via continuing education and promoting healthy living.

The Big Country AHEC is a service of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health and the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

For summer camp information contact Susan Lingle, Big Country AEC Health Careers Promotion and Coordinator, at slingle@wctcoq.org or at 325-793-8484.

ROLLING OAKS GOLF NEWS

Saturday, April 12th, at 1:00 p.m. 19 players teed off in the ABCD Scramble and out of 4 teams three of them tied with a 7 under par. No one won and there will be a carry over on the next monthly Saturday Scramble.

Korey Morris won closest to the pin on 16. Terry Odom won 2 and 14 and 6 will carryover until May 10th.

Tuesday, April 15th, at 6:00 p.m. 19 players teed off in the Tuesday Nine Hole ABCD Scramble. David Evan's team of Chaz Odom, Bryan Rivers and Paula Cole of Brownwood won the carryover with a new record of 8 under par for 2008. Bruce Rivers won the carryover closest to the pin on 6 and on 2 it went to Chaz Odom.

On Tuesday, April 22, 24 players teed off in the Scramble. The winning team of Korey Morris, Zack Childers, Jeff Brown, Joe Spate and Mike Jaynes came in 7 under par. Bryan Rivers won closest to the pin on 16, and on 14 it went to Brad Wilcoxon of Eastland.

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

There will be a Saturday ABCD Scramble on the 2nd Saturday of the month. The next Saturday Scramble will be on May 10. Tee time will be 1:00 p.m. The Scramble will be eighteen holes and there will be four closest to the pins awarded each scramble. The cost will be \$10.00 and \$4.00 for the closest to the pin. Green fees will be \$16.00 for non-members and cart rentals will be \$9.00. Car rentals for members will only be \$7.50 and of course member green fees are waived.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from April 20, 2008 through April 26, 2008 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—75
Complaints—43
DWI—3

Vehicle Accidents
There were seven vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp Final Applications being Evaluated

Final 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

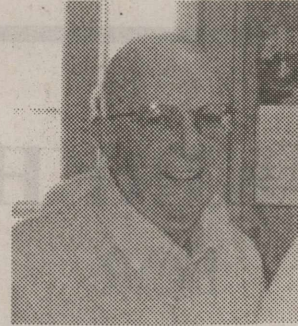
players selected to the All-American Team.

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

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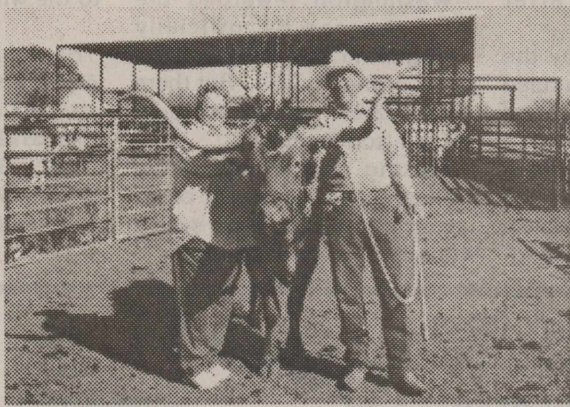
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2008 Tri-County Wheat Tour is May 2nd

The 2008 Tri-County Wheat Tour will be held on May 2nd beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the Result Demonstration Plots located on Highway 351 North in Taylor County.

Speakers at this year's tour include Dr. Gaylon Morgan, Dr. Billy Warrick, Dr. Chris Sansone, Dr. Mark Welch and Jan Hatler.

The group will meet at the Taylor County Result Demonstration Plots located on State Highway 351 North at 8:30 a.m. From there, the group will travel to view the Callahan County test plots. An industry sponsored lunch will be served at the Eula Lions Club Building located on

FM 603. The event is free of charge, but you must call to register. Contact the Callahan County Extension office at 854-5835, the Shackelford County Extension office at 762-2233, or the Taylor County Extension office at 762-6048 to register.

Three CEU's, 1 Laws and Regulations, 1 IPM and 1 General hours will be given for attending the tour.

The 2008 Tri-County Wheat Tour is sponsored by the Callahan County Extension office, the Shackelford County Extension office, and the Taylor County Extension office.

Come Look for Your Grandma Friday, May 2 at the Cross Plains Public Library

Join the Cross Plains Genealogy Society for a discussion on researching our female ancestors on Friday, May 2 at 1:00 p.m. at the library.

Tracing our maternal lines is even more challenging than the male lines. We will be sharing our own experiences and sources. Bring your family group sheets and join the discussion

Submitted by Sylvia King

Callahan County 4-H Photography Contest Results

The Callahan County 4-H Photography Contest was held on April 9th in Baird. This year's annual event included 112 entries from both the Junior ages (8-13) and Senior (ages 14-18) age Divisions. The objectives of the 4-H Photography project are to develop life skills in composition, light, story line, posing, and awareness.

It also encourages 4-H members to use photography as a meaningful communication tool in their lives. The Callahan County contest provides a photography project showcase opportunity for those participating 4-H members.

Callahan County had 15 individuals participate in this year's contests, below are the results:

SENIOR DIVISION

Landon Hart
People/Color-Blue Ribbon, Still Life/Color-Blue Ribbon, Natural Landscapes/Color-Red Ribbon, Natural Landscapes/B&W-Red Ribbon, Plant Flora/Color-Blue Ribbon, Plant Flora/B&W-Red Ribbon, Architectural Elements/Color-Blue Ribbon, and Theme/B&W-Red Ribbon.

Randall Winans
People/Color-Blue Ribbon, Animals/Color-Red Ribbon, Still Life/Color-Blue Ribbon, and Natural Landscapes/Color-Blue Ribbon.

Alysa Isenhower
People/Color-Red Ribbon, Animals/Color-Blue Ribbon, Natural Landscapes/Color-Blue Ribbon, and Plant Flora/Color-Blue Ribbon.

Hannah Capra
People/Color-Blue Ribbon, People/B&W-Red Ribbon, Animals/Color-Red Ribbon, Animals/B&W-Red Ribbon, Still Life/Color-Blue Ribbon, Still Life/B&W-Blue Ribbon, Natural Landscapes/Color-

Blue Ribbon- Best of Show, Natural Landscapes/ B&W-Blue Ribbon, Plant Flora / Color-Blue Ribbon, Plant Flora/B&W-Blue Ribbon, Architectural Elements/Color-Blue Ribbon, Architectural Elements/ B&W-Blue Ribbon, Special Effects/Creative Effects-Blue Ribbon, Theme/Color-Blue Ribbon, and Theme/B&W-Blue Ribbon.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Nicole Carroll
People/Color-Blue Ribbon, People/B&W-Red Ribbon, Animals/Color-Blue Ribbon, Animals/B&W-Blue Ribbon, Still Life/Color-Blue Ribbon, Still Life/B&W-Blue Ribbon, Natural Landscapes/Color-Blue Ribbon, Natural Landscapes/ B&W-Blue Ribbon, Plant Flora /Color-Blue Ribbon, Plant Flora/B&W-Blue Ribbon, Architectural Elements/Color-Blue Ribbon, Architectural Elements/ B&W-Blue Ribbon, Special Effects/Creative Effects-Blue Ribbon, Theme/Color-Red Ribbon, and Theme/B&W-Red Ribbon.

Hayley Ancinec
People/Color-Blue Ribbon, People/B&W-Blue Ribbon, Animals/Color-Red Ribbon, Still Life/Color-Red Ribbon, Natural Landscapes/Color-Blue Ribbon, Plant Flora /Color-Blue Ribbon, Special Effects/Creative Effects-Blue Ribbon, and Theme/Color-Blue Ribbon.

Kailey Hart
People/Color Blue Ribbon-Blue Ribbon, Animals/Color-Blue Ribbon, Animals/B&W-Blue Ribbon, Still Life/Color-Blue Ribbon, Natural Landscapes/Color-Blue Ribbon, Natural Landscapes/B&W-Blue Ribbon, Plant Flora /Color-Blue Ribbon, Plant Flora/B&W-Blue Ribbon, Architectural Elements/Color-Blue Ribbon, and Theme/Color-Blue Ribbon.

Kristina Rose
People/Color-Red Ribbon, People/B&W-Red Ribbon, Animals/Color-Red Ribbon, Animals/B&W-Red Ribbon, Still Life/Color-Blue Ribbon, Still Life/B&W-Blue Ribbon, Natural Landscapes/Color-Red Ribbon, Plant Flora /Color-Red Ribbon, and Special Effects/Creative Effects-Red Ribbon.

Ted Pitzer
Animals/Color-Blue Ribbon, Still Life/Color-Blue Ribbon, Plant Flora /Color-Blue Ribbon, Architectural Elements/Color-Blue Ribbon, and Theme/Color-Blue Ribbon.

Genny Blazauskas
Animals/Color-Blue Ribbon-Best of Show, Still Life/Color-Blue Ribbon, Natural Landscapes/Color-Blue Ribbon, Plant Flora /Color-Red Ribbon, Architectural Elements/Color-Blue Ribbon, and Theme/Color-Red Ribbon.

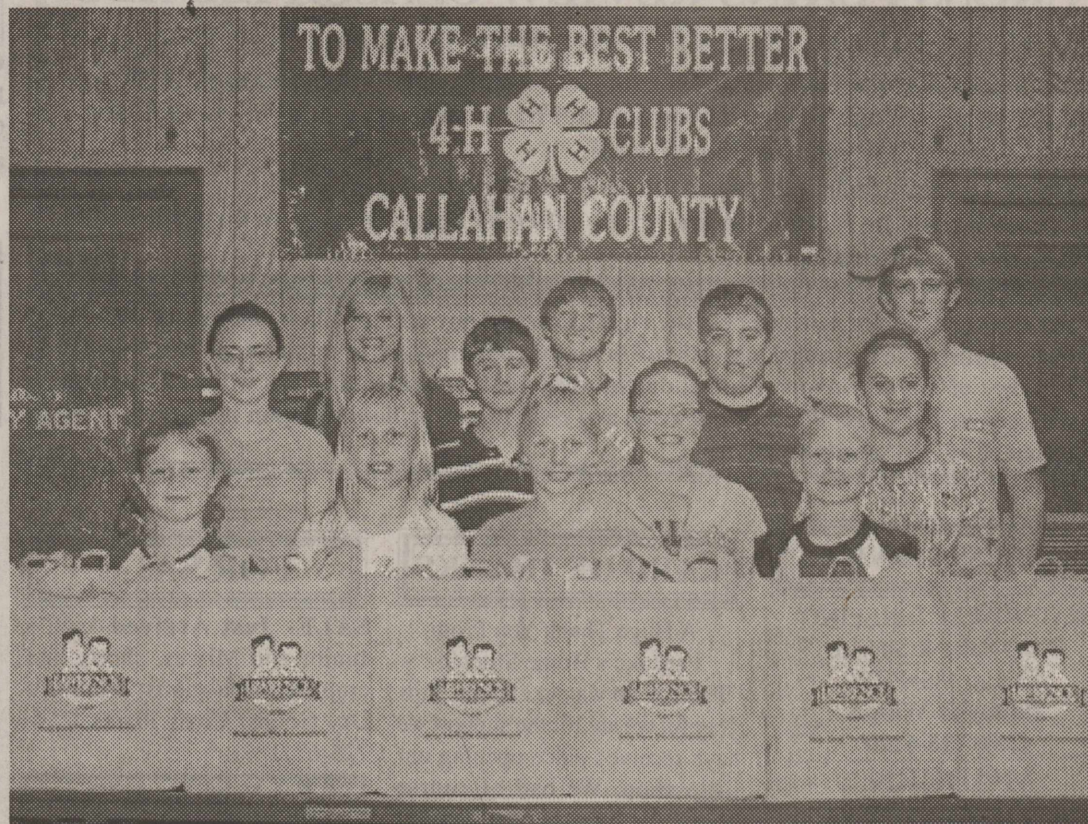
Mary Seay
Animals/B&W-Red Ribbon, Still Life/Color-Blue Ribbon, Natural Landscapes/Color-Red Ribbon, Plant Flora /Color-Red Ribbon, Special Effects/Creative Effects-Red Ribbon, and Theme/Color-Red Ribbon.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE—Pictured above are bottom (l-r) Megan Scott, Alicia Black, Kinnia Black, Hayley Ancinec, Tate Rhoads, and Kailey Hart. Back row (l-r) Katelynn Mitchell, Amber Clark, Barrett Ancinec, Ty Rhoads, Landon Hart and Garrett Scott.

Callahan County 4-H Celebrates 100 Years of Youth Development

For one hundred years, the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program has been instilling life skills in youth of Texas to prepare them for leadership and service. The 4-H motto states, "I pledge my head for clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world." These foundation statements have been leading this organization to do what they do best - service their communities, while becoming better citizens.

Callahan County 4-H is helping celebrate the 100th anniversary of Texas 4-H by

helping those in the community. On April 9th, the 100th day of 2008, 4-H members from the Baird, Clyde and Eula 4-H Clubs gathered nonperishable food items to donate to the Callahan County Nutrition Project which oversees the Meals on Wheels Program. The items collected were divided into 100 reusable bags donated by Lawrence Bros. IGA - Clyde. The bags were given to help those served by the county Meals on Wheels Program. The theme for this project was "100 for 100 on 100"

The 4-H program helps teach life skills through youth's involvement of their head,

heart, hands, and health in hands-on educational activities. Youth learn the principals of public speaking, conflict resolution, character, decision making, record keeping, planning/organizing, and critical thinking to name a few of more than forty life skills. All educational efforts are coordinated by the county Extension agent and a team of volunteers in each county and is open to all youth between the ages of 8, and in the third grade, to 18 years of age.

For more information on how to get involved in 4-H contact your local County Extension office.

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VFW Benefit Fair to be held May 3rd

The Veterans of Foreign Wars-Martin D. Denson Post 6873 will be hosting a Veterans Benefit Fair on Saturday, May 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will have people from the Big Spring VA Medical Center, Veterans Land Board, Veterans Service Officer, as well as others who will provide information to all questions you may have, and what is available to veterans. You are invited to come out, as well as your family to take advantage of this opportunity.

We will also be having air castles, games, hot dogs, hamburgers and fun for the entire family.

Please keep in mind that if we are unable to give you any answers, we will get answers for you. We are here for all veterans and any needs that they have. That is why our motto is "Veterans Serving Veterans."

If you have any questions, you may call 325-692-1111 ext. 1 or ext. 5 at the V.F.W. Martin D. Denson Post 6873.

Submitted by: Post Commander Ralph Rodriguez Jr.

Industry Safety Summit

Texas Beef Council (TBC) staff, along with 160 leaders representing all beef production segments, recently gathered at the fifth annual Beef Industry Safety Summit held in Dallas. Leaders at the summit explored solutions to safety challenges the industry is currently facing. Research results were also presented on preharvest and processing interventions as well as pathogen data which will be used to enhance beef safety systems.

The Rose

The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder.

I turned around to find a wrinkled little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being.

She said "Hi, handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?"

I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze.

"Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I asked.

She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, and have a couple of kids."

"No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age.

"I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!" she told me.

At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor. Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said "I'm sorry I am so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me. I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know."

We laughed as she cleared her throat and began, "We do not stop playing because we are old, we grow old because we stop playing."

There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy and

achieving success. You have to laugh and find humor every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die.

We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it.

There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up.

If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything, I will turn eighty-eight.

Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding opportunity in change. Have no regrets.

The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets."

She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose."

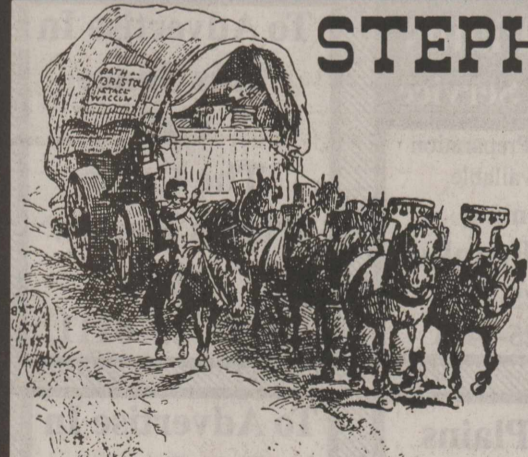
She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives. At the year's end Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago.

One week after graduation, Rose died peacefully in her sleep. Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in a tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you possibly can be.

REMEMBER, GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY. GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL. We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.

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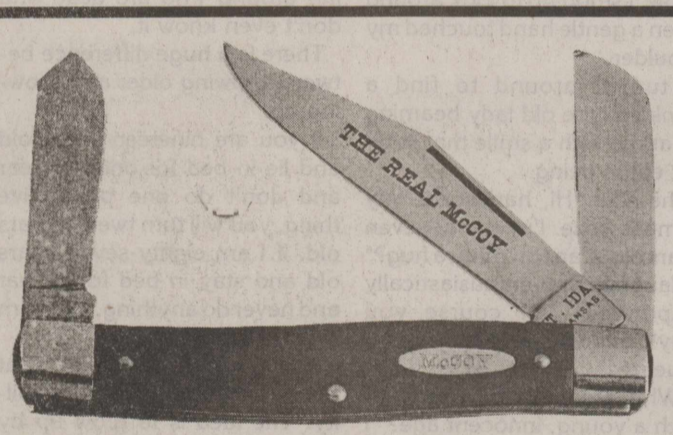
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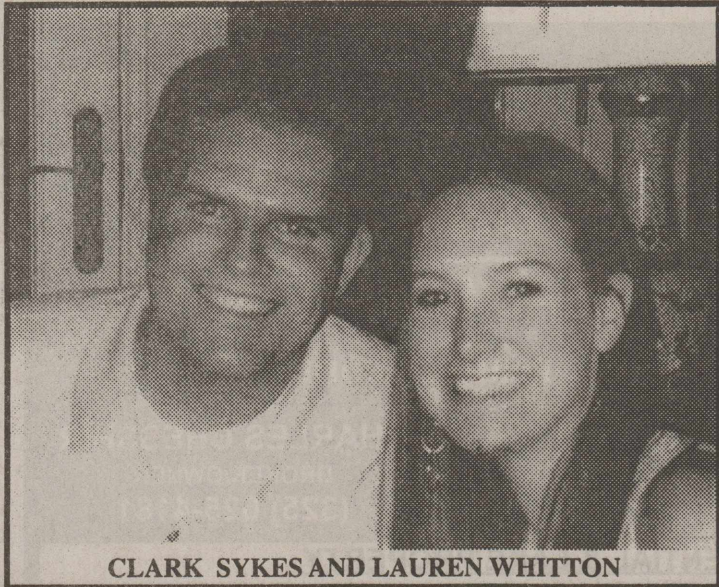
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CLARK SYKES AND LAUREN WHITTON

Whitton-Sykes Wedding Plans Told

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Whitton of Fort Worth proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Katherine, to Clark Sutherland Sykes. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Joanne Sarsgard, the late William R. and Helen Sarsgard, of Fort Worth, and the late Paul L. and Katherine Whitton, formally of Cross Plains. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Sykes of Fort Worth, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Hoch, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Colquitt S. Sykes.

Lauren is a graduate of Paschal High School and the University of Texas at Austin, where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She is currently a fourth grade teacher in the Weatherford Independent School District. Clark is a graduate of Trinity Valley School and the United States Naval Academy. He is currently employed by Linbeck Construction Corporation.

Lauren and Clark will exchange vows on June 28, 2008 at First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth.



SARAH HOLLEY AND JUSTIN SELLERS

King-Sellers Announce Engagement and Approaching Wedding Plans

Brian and Nancy Roger, and Rob and Debra King of Eastland, are happy to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sarah Holley, to Justin Lee Sellers, son of Greg and Linda Sellers of Cisco.

Sarah is a 2003 graduate of Eastland High School and a senior at Tarleton State University. Justin is a 2004 graduate of Cisco High School and attended Tarleton State

University. He is employed by Liberty Services in Fort Worth, Texas.

Sarah is the granddaughter of Charlene Chesshir and the late James Chesshir of Cross Plains, and Merlene King and the late Bob King of Eastland. Justin is the grandson of Delaino Talkington and the late Anna May Talkington, and A.L. (Bud) and Geneva Sellers of Fort Worth.

The couple is planning a June wedding in Eastland.

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BYRON LLOYD McNUTT AND MYLEAH BETH YARBROUGH

Yarbrough-McNutt Engagement

Myleah Beth Yarbrough and Byron Lloyd McNutt plan to marry on Friday, July 11, 2008, at First Baptist Church of Cross Plains with the Rev. Terry Simmons officiating.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Robin Faucett of Abilene, TX and the late Joe Yarbrough. She is a 2007 graduate of Abilene High.

Her fiance' is the son of Jimmy McNutt of Cross Plains, TX and Lurene McNutt of Cross Plains, TX. He is a 2003 graduate of Cross Plains High School. He is employed by Cobra Drilling in Cisco.

The couple plans to reside in Abilene, TX after a wedding trip to Fredericksburg.

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Mother's Day Luncheon Sponsored by Local Sorority is May 10th

Deadline for Reservations May 7th

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The deadline for reservations and purchase of tickets is May 7, at 5:00 p.m. Tickets for \$10 each are available now from BSP members and are available at Kimmy's, Pancake's Home Stitchin, City Hall and Texas Heritage Bank. For reservations (in case you can't get out to purchase a ticket), call Wanda Merryman at 254-725-6476.

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A delightful menu has been planned and special door prizes donated by Kimmy's, Johnson's Dry Goods, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Snippets, Subway and the Holmes Agency, plus others not yet named, will be given.

Submitted by Carol Bennett

CJC Recognizes Outstanding Students at Awards Night

CISCO, Texas - Cisco Junior College students were recently honored at CJC's annual awards night. Students were recognized for their outstanding achievements, including President's List (4.0 GPA), Deans' List (3.5 GPA), Sigma Delta Mu (Spanish language honor society), Phi Theta Kappa (International Honor Society), Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges as well as Blue Jackets, Outstanding Students and Most Valuable Students.

Students from Cross Plains listed as CJC outstanding students are:

Sarah A. Buchanan, Outstanding Student in Accounting
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Kali L. Rogers, Outstanding Student in Medical Assisting
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SHANA HINYARD VOTE FOR CHANGE!

As a candidate for City Council, I seek your support for the election MAY 10th. I am a 1994 CPHS and a 1998 Tarleton State University graduate, with a degree in Hydrology & Water Resources. I am presently an environmental consultant and a real estate agent for Liveoak Land & Real Estate here in Cross Plains. My husband is Dustin Hinyard and he is employed at Strength's Paint & Body. My parents are Ron and Lexia Bagley and Jim and Garnette McKoy, all of Cross Plains.

I am running for City Council because I feel all citizens should get more involved in our city and its government. You should not complain if you are not willing to try to make a difference.

I have been involved with the Senior Citizens Center and feel that the seniors are a very important part of our community and their voices should be heard. I also believe the best interests of the business owners of our prosperous community should be upheld.

In order for Cross Plains to continue to grow and be a caring community, the Council must be forthright with the community and serve the communities' best interests. If elected, I will serve with integrity and the courage to vote my beliefs.

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