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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

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DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: I think my special friend from Austin sent this poem written by "Author Unknown". I loved the way it explains completely about being a Christian. You will enjoy this!

Written on the same page was some wonderful words George Friend said at his and Patsy's wedding anniversary celebration. I jotted them down because they were so cool, as Kyler would say. George has said this to the host of family and friends, "Your friendship is like the gemstones on the brooch of wisdom." I'm not sure if that is his original quote, but it is a beautiful one that I don't want to forget!!! **Vanda Anderson**

"You Ask Why I Follow this Jesus?"

You ask why I follow this Jesus?
Why I love Him the way I do?
When the world's turned away
from His teachings,
And he people who serve Him
are few.

It's not the rewards I'm after,
Or gifts that I hope to receive
It's the Presence that calls
for commitment.
It's the Spirit I trust and
believe.

The Lord doesn't shelter His
faithful,
Or spare them all suffering and
pain,
Like everyone else I have
burdens,
And walk through my share
of rain.

Yet He gives me a plan and
a purpose,
And that joy only Christians
have know,
I never know what comes
tomorrow,
But I do know I'm never alone.

It's the love always there when
you need it;
It's the words that redeem
and inspire,
It's the longing to ever be
with Him,
That burns in my heart like
a fire.

So you ask why I love my
Lord Jesus?
Well, friend, that's so
easy to see,
But the one thing that fills me
with wonder is
Why Jesus loves someone
like me.

Author Unknown

Gospel Singing to be held May 20th at Gospel Mission in Cross Plains

The regular monthly "Singing" will be held Tuesday, May 20th, at 7 p.m. at Gospel Mission, 716 SE 1st Street, Cross Plains.

Come and enjoy some old time gospel hymns and great fellowship.

Local City Council Election Gains 1 New Councilman and 2 Incumbents

The City Council Elections were held Saturday, May 10th, at the Cross Plains Community Center and two council seats (Jerry Cassle and James Nichols) and the position of mayor (Ray Purvis) were filled for two-year terms. With over 1,200 population in the city limits, voter apathy is evident in that only approximately 200 citizens voted in this governmental election.

Bob Kirkham is a new face on the council, while incumbent Jerry Cassle was re-elected. Ray

Purvis was unopposed as mayor. Six candidates were seeking the two positions expiring on the Cross Plains City Council. The election results are as follows:

Gerald Brown	8
Homer Parson	42
Bob Kirkham	90
James Nichols	18
Shana Hinyard	68
Jerry Cassle	82
Ray Purvis for Mayor	128.

Cross Plains Review Editor Vanda Anderson named professional women's group Woman of the Year

The National Association of Professional and Executive Women named Vanda C. Anderson, Editor and Office Manager of the *Cross Plains Review*, "Woman of the Year" in Local Newspaper Printing. Only one woman from each industry is named "Woman of the Year" and each honoree is selected from thousands of women in their field. They are chosen based on outstanding accomplishments, leadership and service, and will nationally represent their industry in the "Women of Excellence" Registry. Vanda has 23 years of experience in the area of local newspaper printing. As editor and office manager of the *Cross Plains Review*, she

is responsible for office management, advertisement sales, payroll, accounts payable and editing. The *Cross Plains Review* is a local newspaper, which is printed weekly, and prints mainly positive stories and has a rich tradition of honest and dependable fact reporting.

Her academic accomplishments include 23 years of industry related training and hands on experience. She attributes her success to printing a positive paper, hard work, perseverance and her faith.

In her spare time she cares for two grandsons, Kyler (6) and Keegan (5), and enjoys flower gardening.

Pioneer Memorial Observance Program Scheduled for Monday, May 26th

The Pioneer Memorial Day Observance Program is set for Monday, May 26th. The program is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be held under the Pioneer Veterans Memorial Pavilion located near the War Memorial and flagpole. The cemetery is located on Highway 36, between Cross Plains and Rising Star. The program is planned to pay respect to all veterans with a more specific homage to WWI and WWII veterans from the Pioneer area who lost their lives.

This year's speaker will be Mr. Wallace Bennett of Cottonwood. As a retired Military Chaplain and former minister, Wallace is still very active in civic and historical projects and serves as the Cottonwood correspondent for

the local newspaper. Several community and area citizens will take part in the program. The community takes pride in our cemetery and appreciation of American Veterans. Refreshments will be served following the program, which should last approximately one hour. Those attending the service will then place flags on the graves of all veterans. We appreciate your attendance and if you cannot attend, please give thanks for your freedom to both our living and fallen heroes.

In addition, a workday has been scheduled for this Saturday, May 17th, starting at 9 a.m. to prepare by cleaning and mowing at the cemetery. Anyone who can attend and participate will be greatly appreciated.

Cook-Off and Bull Bash Saturday at Cross Plains Roping Club Arena

It's going to be a fun-filled weekend starting with the **Cook-Off**. Cookers can come to the Park Friday afternoon to get their campsite and enter the contest.

Judging will be Saturday for Brisket, Ribs, Chicken, Beans and Chili. There will also be a **Jackpot Cobbler**.

People's Choice voting will start after 2 p.m. when all is turned in for judging. It will cost \$2.00 to sample all cookers and vote for your favorite. **Awards** will be presented shortly after. For additional information on the Cook-Off call Lorna at 325-280-5496.

The **Bull Bash** will start at 6:00 p.m. Gates open at 4:00 p.m. and admission is \$6.00. Kids 6 and under are **FREE**. Bring your lawn chairs and expect to stay while because it's going to be a great show! We will have give aways; drawing tickets and lots of entertainment.

Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones will have huge display under the tent w/western jewelry, caps, shirts, picture frames and lots of cool stuff!

Concession stand will be open with all your favorite foods and drinks.

To enter the **Jr. Steer Calf Riding** or **Mutton Bustin**, call

Dana at 325-280-0271. **Books are FULL for bullriding!** So expect a packed house.

The **Dance** will start at 9 p.m. and the charge is \$5.00 per person and \$5.00 cooler charge. The **Calvin Milbourn Band** from Gustine will be performing.

I personally want to thank everyone who has helped us with this event. Without you, we couldn't do it! This includes the guys working the arena, City of Cross Plains, and all the Sponsors.

We've got some **awesome bulls coming** and an **impressive list of bullriders**.

See you there!

Submitted by
Dana Hall

School Powder Puff Championship Slated for this Friday

The time is approaching for the annual powder puff games featuring the athletic talents of the females students. This year sophomore and junior girls, coached by Coach Dillard and Rhonda Hinten, will take on the senior, freshman, and eighth grade girls, coached by Coach Atchley and Taylor Dillard. This year's games seems to be building a rivalry between the coaches as well as players. Referees for the game are Coach Harrison and Coach Ellerbie.

Calling the play by play will be Coach Bullock and Coach Edmonds. Kickoff will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16th.

Prepare to see a hard fought game as well as be entertained by the "lovely" squad of cheerleaders. Leading cheers during the game will be juniors Berit Anderson and Ashton Yates, sophomores Reece Allen, and Josh Harrison, freshman, Thomas Haile and Patrick Border, and eighth graders Ryder Foster and Jayton Ames. A halftime show is planned with the crowning of the

2008 Powder Puff Queen nominees include: senior, Jacob Melton, junior Bobby Simpkins, sophomore Jerrad Eisenbach, and freshman Patrick Border. You may vote for you favorite nominee by dropping money in designated boxes, which are placed at several local businesses. Admission to this evening of fun is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. All the money raised will benefit the sophomore class.

Come out for a fun evening, cheer for your favorite team, and support the sophomore class!

Submitted by
Rhonda Hinten

Deadline to become Sponsor for 10th Annual Barbarian Festival is May 20th

The 10th annual Barbarian Festival is Saturday, June 14th. Sponsorship money goes towards the purchase of awards for the Tractor Show, Car Show and Parade, advertising, t-shirts, etc. Partial proceeds of the festival sponsor the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department Turkey Creek Bicycle Tour and the Terry Jane Wyatt Memorial Scholarship.

The **Barbarian Sponsor**, donations of \$100 or more, includes your name on the back of the t-shirt, name on all advertising and a free t-shirt. T-shirts are given to all Car Show entries and are sold at the festival.

The **Warrior Sponsor**, any donation less than \$100, includes your name on all advertising.

The **deadline to become a sponsor is May 20th.**

2008 Sponsors to date are: **Barbarian:** Reed Construction-Box R; City of Cross Plains; Taste of Texas;

Callahan Furniture; Cross Plains EDC; Higginbotham Funeral Home; AAA Stowaway Storage; Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones; Pancake's Home Stitchin; Texas Heritage Insurance; Childress Farms; Texas Heritage Bank; Jones Real Estate; Cross Plains Review; Big Country Subs; Cross Plains Grain & Peanut; Hutton Construction Cunningham Ranch; United Country Heart of Texas Real Estate; and Bear Branch Ranch.

Warrior: Dana's Famous Brisket & Ribs; Tim's Floral; Johnson's Dry Goods; and Lawrence Farm & Ranch.

If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact Kandy Jones 254-725-4458, Susan McNeel 254-725-6498, or Cindy Payne 254-725-6692 or mail to P.O. Box 741, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

The Festival Committee would like to thank the sponsors for their continued support.

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WE INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH THE
**First United
 Methodist Church**
 and the First United Presbyterian Church
 (200 Ave D & 2nd Street)
 Sunday School 9:30AM
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:45AM
 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30AM
 (Thursday Jean's Feed Barn)
Rev. Margaret A. Friend
 Church Office 254-725-7377

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
 832 Ave. E Cross Plains, TX
Pastor: Sunday Morning Bible Study ...10:00 AM
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 Sunday School9:45 AM
 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Evening Service.....6:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM
Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599
Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching
 Friendly Church

Brushy Creek Cowboy Church
 112 W. Travis in Putnam
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Pastor: LEN SMITH
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 Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.
 16075 CR 459 Cross Plains, Texas
 For Information
 Call 254-725-6446 or 325-518-5514
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Triple Cross Cowboy Church
 Every Sunday at 10:30 am
 Services held at 21272 State Hwy 279, Cross Plains
 (CJS Ranch, on the left just past the 279/206 split)
Al Taylor, Preacher
 Phone: 254-725-7522
 Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

Pioneer Baptist Church
Pastor: Sunday School....10:00 am
Rufus Wilson Sunday Morning Worship....11:00 am
 254-725-7574 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

County Extension Agent Robert Pritz resigns

Callahan County Extension Agent Robert Pritz presented a letter of resignation to the Callahan County Commissioners' Court during the court's regular monthly meeting held Monday, May 12th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn read the letter of resignation from County Extension Agent Pritz. Mr. Pritz's last day as Callahan County Extension Agent will be Friday, May 16th. He has accepted the Extension Agent position with Taylor County.

Judge Corn expressed the court's appreciation of everything Mr. Pritz has done as Callahan County's Extension Agent and wished him the best of luck.

Other items brought before the commissioners' court meeting included:

—Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Present were Judge Corn, Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter, and County Clerk Donna Bell.

—The minutes of the previous commissioners' court meetings were reviewed and signed.

—During time set aside for public comments, no one spoke to the commissioners' court.

—After discussion, Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to amend the Order of Regulations and Guidelines for Installation and Building of New Fences to read, "Any new fencing put in place by landowners located in Callahan County must be at least eight feet (8') from the bottom of the ditch. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Windham and was approved with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to pass a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Relief Fund Application

to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for the Texas Community Block Grant Fund, and Authorizing the County Judge to act as the Executive Office and Authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to the participation in the Texas Community Block Grant Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kirkham and passed with a 5-0 vote. The resolution follows:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - DISASTER RELIEF FUND APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE TEXAS COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT FUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ACT AS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Callahan County desires to develop a viable community, including decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low/moderate income; and

WHEREAS, certain conditions exist which represent a threat to the public health and safety following the occurrence of heavy rainfall and widespread flooding that caused damage to public infrastructure including roads and drainage facilities that are beyond the County's ability to resolve

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas has declared Callahan County to be a disaster area eligible for assistance through the TCDP Disaster Relief Fund, and;

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared Callahan County to be a disaster area for assistance from FEMA and the Office of Rural Community Affairs through the TCDP Disaster Relief Fund;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interests of Callahan County to apply for funding under the 2007 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That a Texas Community Development Block Grant application is hereby authorized to be filed with the Office of Rural Community Affairs for funding consideration under the Community Development-Disaster Relief Fund;

Section 2. That the application be for up to \$350,000 of grant funds to carry out road and drainage activities;

Section 3. That the County Judge is designated as the Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to act in all matters in connection with this application and participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program - Disaster Relief Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE 12th DAY OF MAY, 2008.

(s) Roger Corn
 County Judge

ATTEST:
 (s) Donna Bell
 County Clerk

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay all approved bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Windham and passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting. Judge Corn seconded the motion and it carried with a 5-0 vote.

Cross Timbers to Hold Gospel Singing May 10

Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association is sponsoring a Gospel Singing Saturday, May 17th, at Pioneer Baptist Church from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Pioneer Baptist Church is located between Cross Plains and Rising Star on FM 374.

Frank and Patty Morene of Dublin, the Anderson Family of Brownwood, and Darrell Hurst and Glorify of Gorman will be singing.

Chuck Reynolds of Abilene will be preaching.

Lunch will be served at noon.

Revival services are scheduled at Pioneer Baptist Church for May 21-25. Wednesday through Sunday evening services begin at 7:00 and Sunday morning services commence at 11:00.

Jack Staples will conduct the singing and Robert Chambers will be the evangelist.

Rufus Wilson, pastor of Pioneer Baptist Church, invites everyone to attend the both events.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from May 4, 2008 through May 10, 2008 include:

Cases Investigated
 Warnings—91
 Complaints—60
 Driving While License Invalid—1
 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—1
 Open Container—1
 Fugitive Arrest-Theft—1
 Fugitive Arrest-Assault—1
Vehicle Accidents
 There were four vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Christina A. Parsons, theft by check.
 Michael L. Burks, theft by check.
 Renea L. Trent, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Clay Galle, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Kenneth Dale Post, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.

Devin Underwood, plea of guilty to criminal mischief, 15 month probation, \$200 fine, \$256 court costs, \$734.50 restitution.

Bryan Edward Heatley, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$100 fine, \$229 court costs, \$80 restitution.

Jennifer K. Newman, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Caanan J. White, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Teresa Kay Yearwood, motion and affidavit of surety for

warrant granted.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Mindy Michelle Cook and Clifford Lee Cook, divorce.

In Re: order for foreclosure concerning Charles N. Stephenson, Jr. and Sharon H. Stephenson and 13886 CR 420, Cisco, Tx. 76437.

The State of Texas vs. Yediyah Hawkins, bond reduction.

Leanne Hope Edgar and Matthew Stephen Stubbs, divorce.

Civil Minutes

The State of Texas vs. \$1058.00 US currency, order on state's notice of nonsuit granted.

Criminal Minutes

Carl B. Ancell, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$309 court costs.

Wesley Herman Chaney, judgment revoking probation, sentenced to prison.

Belle Plaine Cemetery Meeting

The Belle Plaine Cemetery Association will hold its annual business meeting on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th.

The Belle Plaine Cemetery is located 8 miles south of Baird. Take Hwy 283 to CR 470 and turn east. Turn north at CR 473 (first dirt road) and then east into the cemetery entrance. Directional signs will be placed to help you find your way.

In order to not interrupt the opening ceremonies, please plan to arrive and be parked by 10:30 a.m. if possible.

The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. with the traditional fly over by the Big Country Squadron of the CAF based at Elmdale Airpark. Veterans attending will be invited to assist in the flag raising ceremonies. Norman West Jr.

will play the National Anthem, Ahsly Rowen and her horse Storm will represent the Riderless Horse.

Lee Abernathy, Belle Plaine Cemetery Association board member and historian, is our guest speaker of the year. His topic is "More about Belle Plaine." We will also ask those in attendance to share Belle Plaine memories and have a Belle Plaine trivia session.

A potluck dinner will follow the business meeting. Everyone should bring a covered dish to compliment the meat and drinks provided by the Association.

Please mark Monday, May 26th on your calendar. The meeting/ceremony is open to the public. We look forward to seeing you!

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

How Mother's Day Began

Julia Ward Howe failed in her attempt to get formal recognition of a Mother's Day for Peace. Her idea was influenced by Anna Jarvis, a young Appalachian homemaker who had attempted, starting in 1858 to improve sanitation through what she called Mothers' Work Days.

Anna Jarvis' daughter, also named Anna Jarvis, would of course know of her mother's work and the work of Julia Ward Howe. Much later, when her mother died, this second Anna Jarvis started her own crusade to found a memorial day for women who helped improve the human condition. In 1914 the President, Woodrow Wilson, declared the first Mother's Day.

By then, the growing consumer culture had successfully redefined women as consumers for their families. Politicians and businessmen eagerly embraced the idea of celebrating the act of motherhood and mothering. As the Florists' Review, the industry's trade journal bluntly put it, "This was a holiday that could be exploited."

The new advertising industry

quickly taught Americans how to honor their mothers-by buying flowers.

Outraged by florists who were selling carnations for the exorbitant price of \$1.00 apiece (\$98.00 in today's money), Anna Jarvis' daughter undertook a campaign against those who "would undermine Mother's Day with their greed."

But she fought a losing battle. Within a few years, the Florist's Review triumphantly announced that it was "Miss Jarvis who was completely squelched."

Mike Jamison

I do not feel that Mother's Day is wholly commercial, although we do honor our mothers with gifts and flowers. It is an opportunity to honor those we love and there can't be too many times to do that.

So, go ahead and enjoy whatever you do for your "Mom" and if you are saddened by a white flower, just remember the happy times. You might even adopt a person who is living and honor her too.

BHW

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Kid's Movie Night

Friday, May 16
 7 - 9 p.m.

"Chronicles of Narnia"

Ronnie B. White, Pastor
 (254) 725-7629 3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

Pay Attention Please

The next Cottonwood Fire Meeting will be on May 27th at the town fire hall at 7:00 p.m., according to Joe Terstegge, Fire Chief of the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Unit.

Joe said, "If you plan to have a controlled burn, please call the Callahan County Sheriff's office at 325-894-1444 and Joe Terstegge at 254-725-7281.

This meeting will teach you some important points about controlling an outside fire. So it is good for every able bodied citizen of the Cottonwood Valley to know the safety features of starting a fire and watching it. So please be there.

Cottonwood Quilting Club Holds Bake Sale

The Quilting Club held a Mother's Day Bake Sale last Saturday in Cross Plains. I ask Sue Bennett if they did well and she explained that they sold out in a little less than 2 hours and made about \$300!

The Club is quilting on the annual quilt to sell tickets on and the drawing will be held July 4th. Anyone who wishes to join the club is welcome and should come out to the club when it meets

every week on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Old Books Are Like Old Friends—Hard to Beat and Hard to Give Up

I have two new acquisitions to my "old book" collection. One is an original publication published in 1882 by the St. Louis, Becktold and Company, and entitled, "Creator and Cosmos", Illustrated. This book is Volume II of a two part work by Robert Shaw. Upon a cursory look, it seems to contain the ABC's of anything you "may" or may not want to know about what was current in religious thought of those days, back before the turn of the last century. I am anxious to dig in to see if they were thinking about anything I haven't thought of yet.

The other is a couple of manuscripts, not original of course, taken from the *National Geographic* magazine. They are works of the WPA, Works Progress Administration, back in 1935 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an Executive Order to put people back to work and start this country on the road to recovery during the "great" depression of the 1929-30's.

The articles are part of a group

of "works" (WPA projects) called the Writers Projects. It had several different objectives designed, among other things, to give writers a salary for going out to interview people and write their views on different topics.

However, the two manuscripts given to me are not original writings, they are copies of articles taken from the *National Geographic* Magazine and bound separately as stand alone publications. The project must have been a "bookbinder's" project. The two articles are distinctive for that reason.

I am a bookkeeper, not a real one, of course. I can figure out a few things, but I keep old books including *National Geographic*, and I probably have copy of the original magazines if I can locate them.

I'm indebted to Tom Stephenson of Cross Plains for locating and giving me these treasures.

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

CROSS PLAINS GARDEN CLUB NEWS

BY JOYCE ODOM

The Cross Plains Garden Club will hold their last meeting of the club year at Mexico City Cafe on Friday, May 23rd, at 1:00 p.m.

Installation of officers will take place and dues will be paid for the upcoming year.

The club wishes to thank those who came by their "Plant Sale" and made it so successful. Also, they wish to express appreciation to Johnson's Dry Goods for allowing us to set up the sale in front of their store.

Dates for the Flower Show will be announced later.

Monroe—Nimrod Homecoming

The annual Monroe-Nimrod Homecoming will be held Sunday, May 18th, at the Nimrod Baptist Church. Church services will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a pot luck lunch served directly after the service.

Visitation and the cemetery association meeting will follow the meal. Come and join friends and members of the Nimrod Baptist Church. We can guarantee that you will receive a blessing.

The Nimrod Baptist Church is located 10 miles southwest of Cisco at the junction of FM 2526 and FM 569. For more information, call Glenda Shawver at 254-725-6561.

Submitted by Bonnie Kanady

Local Meals on Wheels Needs Your HELP

The need for volunteers to deliver meals in Cross Plains has become close to an emergency. We need the public's help in this matter.

We have requested, asked and now I guess it is time to get on our knees and beg for your help in delivering meals to the shut-ins in our towns.

Please call the following number to visit with Kathy Anderson to set up a schedule for delivering meals. 254-725-6521.

You may also call the main office and visit with project director Katie Dunn for information. Phone- 325-854-5858.

RIISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

BY NIKKI PEREZ

Greetings from Rising Star Nursing Center! We have had several special events already this month. Friday, Chef Dancee Clark cooked hamburgers on the grill for the staff and residents in celebration of National Nursing Home Week which began Monday, May 12th.

Ava Dodd and Pauline Regian won prizes for dressing "Most Western".

Thanks to Pat Jones and her dietary staff for helping Dancee with all the trimmings. The strawberry cobbler that Pauline Regian made was just outstanding and there were lots of compliments on the apple cobbler as well.

Congratulations to Brandi Buitron, daughter of our Activity Director Linda Merritt, and granddaughter of Annie Ruth Christian. Brandi was named "Outstanding Student in the Pre-Nursing Program" at Cisco Junior College. She has completed her prerequisites and will be applying for enrollment in the Registered Nurse Program at CJC. Brandi lives in May, is a stay-at-home mom with three children, so she stays busy! Good luck Brandi!

In Memory of Jimmielee Payne, we have planted several tomato plants. We will certainly not match the wonderful tomatoes from Jimmielee's garden last year, but since he has gone to be with the "Master Gardener" we hope they will look on our endeavors with favor.

Activity Director Linda Merritt made corsages for all the ladies here to wear on Mother's Day and employee Jacque Lawson did double duty having everyone looking really nice on their special day Sunday. Thanks to both Linda and Jacque for going



MAY 12 BIRTHDAYS- Lois Miller, Lori Osborn, & Pat Bush



BAND— Jeannie Newcomb (from left), Dad Bloodworth, Lewis Fortune, Bim Goble & Randy Strickland

the extra mile.

Certified Nurse aide Jessica Neito's daughter, Ashley, has taken her first steps! She will be a year old later this month so she will soon be catching up with brother Zachary! Look out mom and Grandmother Ginny!

Assistant Director of Nurses Lori Osborn's daughter, Sarah, has been bringing home ribbons in horsemanship! Congratulations to Sarah!

Mitchell Duttrey, son of Director of Nurses Rachel Riley, made the President's List at Bangs High School. Way to go Mitchell! He will be senior next year and plans to help in the dietary

department here this summer.

We look forward to having him.

Lewis Fortune and his western band group, Dad Blutworth, Jeannie Newcomb, James Goble and Randy Strickland played for our monthly birthday party on Monday. We always enjoy their music. We had three birthdays on Monday, Lori Osborn (ADON) and residents Lois Miller and Patsy Bush. Other residents celebrating birthdays this month are Audrey Dyer and Bessie Pope. Employees include Traci Smith and Robert Lee. Have a good rest of the month, take care and God Bless!

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Workday Set at Pioneer Cemetery Saturday Preparing for Memorial Day

There will be a community workday at the Pioneer Cemetery on Saturday, May 17th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will be getting the cemetery ready for the Memorial Day Service.

We are planning to pickup the faded and tattered silk flowers. If you have such flowers as this on the graves, and do not want them removed, you might want to consider picking them up before

time.

We will try to have the heavy moving done before this workday, but will probably need weed eaters, some lawn mowers, etc.

The benches and chairs under the pavilion will need to be cleaned. Water is now available at the cemetery.

See you the 17th!!!!

Submitted by Jo Veda Watson

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MAY 19-23

MONDAY- Chicken Rice Broccoli Casserole, Sweet Potatoes, Mixed Vegetable, Apricots, Bread
TUESDAY- Baked Ham, Blackeyed Peas, Yellow Squash, Apple Crisp, Cornbread
WEDNESDAY- Pinto Beans, Tomatoes & Okra, Mixed Greens, Peach Cobbler, Cornbread
THURSDAY- Pork Chops w/ Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Carrots, Bread Pudding, Roll
FRIDAY- Chef Salad, Ham-Cheese-Egg, Baked Potato, Tapioca Pudding, Crackers

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Atwell Cemetery Association Meeting Scheduled for Sunday, May 25th at Shelter

Atwell Cemetery Association Meeting will be held Sunday, May 25th, at the Atwell Shelter.

The business meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by the singing of gospel and patriotic songs.

Lunch will follow the meeting.

All who attend are asked to bring a covered dish or dishes of meat, vegetables, salads, or desserts. The bread, tea and ice will be furnished by the Association.

Submitted by Barbara Black Secretary-Treasurer

Cross Plains Couple's Granddaughter Graduates from Texas Tech University

Spring graduation at Texas Tech University included Beth Ann Clark, who received a Bachelor of Science Degree in "Early Childhood Teaching". Her cumulative grade point average for her four years at Tech was 3.777 which entitled her to graduate "Magna Cum Laude".

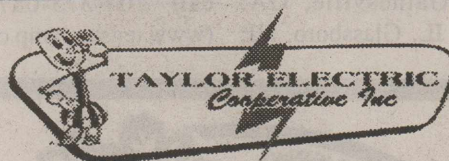
While at Tech, Beth was inducted into Phi Upsilon Omicron (College of Human Sciences Honor Society); recipient of "Who's Who Among

Students in America" and was on the Dean's and President's Honor List for the eight semesters she was an undergraduate.

Upon graduation, Beth was accepted in the Graduate School, seeking a Master of Science Degree in Language/Literacy Education.

Beth is the daughter of Les and Lauri Clark of Dallas and the granddaughter of Donnel and Imogene Clark of Cross Plains.

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Books Checked Out:	152
Copies:	182
Reference:	9
Internet Users:	71
Interlibrary Loans:	3

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FFA Students Win at Big Country District Degree and Awards

The Big Country District FFA held its advanced degree and awards at Cisco Junior College on Monday, May 5, 2008. FFA members competed and interviewed for various awards on the district level. The Big Country District FFA is composed of 18 schools ranging in size from 1A to 5A.

The following is the results:
 Star Greenhand - **Hayden Wyatt 1st**
 Star Chapter Degree - **Tiffany Holland 1st**
 Beef Production Proficiency - **Tiffany Walker 1st**
 Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency - **Emma Bennett 1st**
 Small Animal Care and Production Proficiency - **Shasta Bacon 1st**
 Diversified Agricultural Production Proficiency - **Tiffany Holland 1st**
 Specialty Animal Production Proficiency - **Hayden Wyatt 1st**
 Extemporaneous Speaking - **Cody Sliger 1st**
 Senior Prepared Public Speaking - **Tiffany Holland 3rd**

Cross Plains FFA also had two students who applied for the Lone Star Degree, Emily Harris and Mandy Rose. Both of these students' recordbooks and applications passed the District check and will be sent on to the Area VI Recordbook check.

Tiffany Walker also interviewed for the Texas FFA Scholarship and now will advance to the Area round of interviews. All of these students will advance to the Area IV Recordbook check which will be held at Breckenridge High School on Tuesday, May 13.

The winners of the Area competition will be announced at the Area IV FFA Convention which will be held on Saturday, May 17, at Mineral Wells High School.

District FFA officer elections were also held during the District degree check at Cisco. Tiffany Holland was elected as the Secretary of the Big Country District FFA. Her duties will include serving on the Courtesy Corp at the Area Convention and the State Convention and helping to organize the Big Country District Awards Banquet next fall.

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

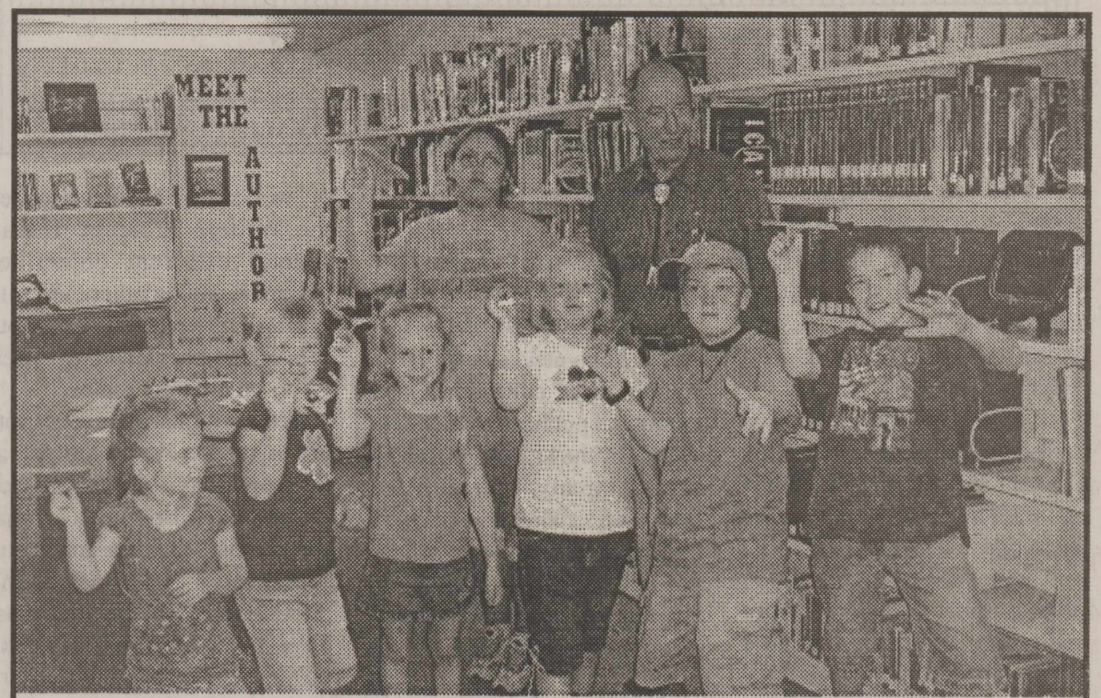
A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on **May 15, 2008**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. The subject to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

1. Swear in newly elected board members
2. Re-establish Cross Plains I.S.D. Board
3. Open Forum
4. Read and approve minutes from previous meetings
5. Discuss and take action on agreement for audit services for 2008-09
6. Discuss and take action on CPISD Agricultural Science Bldg. Construction Project
7. Discuss and take action on parking lot bid/proposals
8. Discuss and take action on football fence bids/proposals
9. Discuss and take action on recording all executive sessions
10. Discuss and take action on having microphones for all board members at board meetings.
11. Discuss and take action on coaches having dual contracts
12. Discuss and take action on changing meetings to later time for people who work.
13. Discuss and take action on contacting attorney policy.
14. Review bills/financial report
15. Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on May 9, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

For the Board of Trustees



Dr. Charles Rodenberger speaks to children during the The After School Adventure Program.

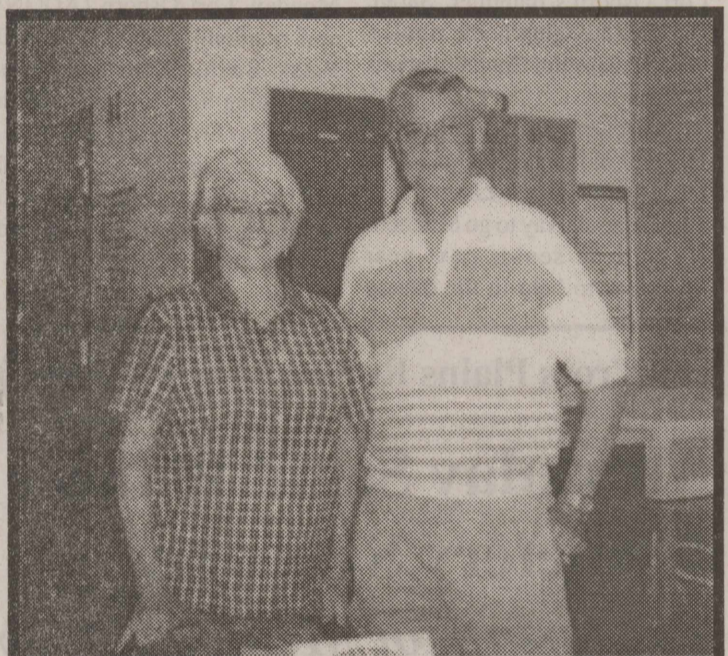
C.P. Library After School Adventure Program (ASAP) Featured Local Engineer Dr. Charles Rodenberger

The After School Adventure Program ended the year with Dr. Charles Rodenberger speaking to the eight children attending about engineering and the main branches of engineering. Aerospace Engineering is the design of aircraft, spacecraft and related topics. Chemical Engineering is the conversion of raw materials into usable produce. Civil Engineering is the design and construction of public and private works, such as bridges and buildings. Electrical Engineering is the design of

electrical systems and Mechanical Engineering is the design of physical or mechanical systems, such as engines, etc. The education of these branches deals with physics and mathematics. Dr. Rodenberger shared his experiences of being a petroleum and civil engineer, and also told the children about the design he had patented. He explained some of his aerospace engineering designs by using a number of airplane models he had brought for the program.

The children had the opportunity to ask questions and several commented they were interested in becoming engineers in the future. Afterwards the children were shown how to fold colorful paper into paper airplanes and then flew them to see they needed tweaked. Dr. Rodenberger helped in they needed fine-tuned to fly better and to improve distance.

Submitted by
Linda Burns



Teacher's Appreciation Week Friday, May 9th

Snacks for Teachers by Cross Plains Kiwanis Expressed Appreciation.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MAY 19-23

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice	MONDAY - Pizza, Salad, Corn, Pudding
TUESDAY - French Toast Sticks, Sausage Links, Assorted Juice	TUESDAY - Chicken Nuggets w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY - Muffin, Yogurt, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY - Soft Tacos, Salad, Refried Beans, Pineapples
THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	THURSDAY - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Cheese, Garlic Sticks, Meadow Blend Vegetables, Pears
FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice	FRIDAY - Submarine Sandwich, Salad, Pickle Spears, Baked Chips, Ice Cream

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DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
May 10	Ranger	Ranger	6:00
May 13	Cisco (Ramirez)	CP	6:00
May 19	Cisco (Allman)	Cisco	8:00
May 22	Cisco (Ramirez)	Cisco	8:00
May 31	De Leon	CP	6:00
June 7	Comanche	Comanche	7:00
June 14	Ranger	CP	6:00
June 17	Rising Star	CP	6:00
June 20	Cisco (Allman)	CP	6:00
June 27	Hamilton	Hamilton	7:00

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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ATTENTION Farms, Ranches Seeking Recognition for over 100 years Ag production Encouraged to Apply NOW!!!

Austin- Commissioner Todd Staples is encouraging families who wish to apply for the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program to get started on their applications now. The Family Land Heritage Program recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural production by the same family for at least 100 years or more.
"Since its inception in 1974, the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program has honored more than 4,300 Texas farms and ranches in 233 counties", Commissioner Staples said. "This is proof Texas has a rich history of agriculture."
Applications, which are due Sept. 15th, will be accepted for farms and ranches established in 1908 or earlier that are still owned and operated by the descendants of the founder, either through blood, marriage or adoption. The land must also fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year, or if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.
The owners must reside in Texas and actively manage that everyday operation of the farm or ranch. If all the land has ever been rented or leased to someone outside of the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased, and as much as 10 acres were retained in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$50 annually, the property will still qualify. There is no cost to apply for the recognition.

For an application or more information, contact Michelle Sneed at 512-463-2631, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. The application can also be downloaded at www.tda.state.tx.us under the Family Land Heritage link.

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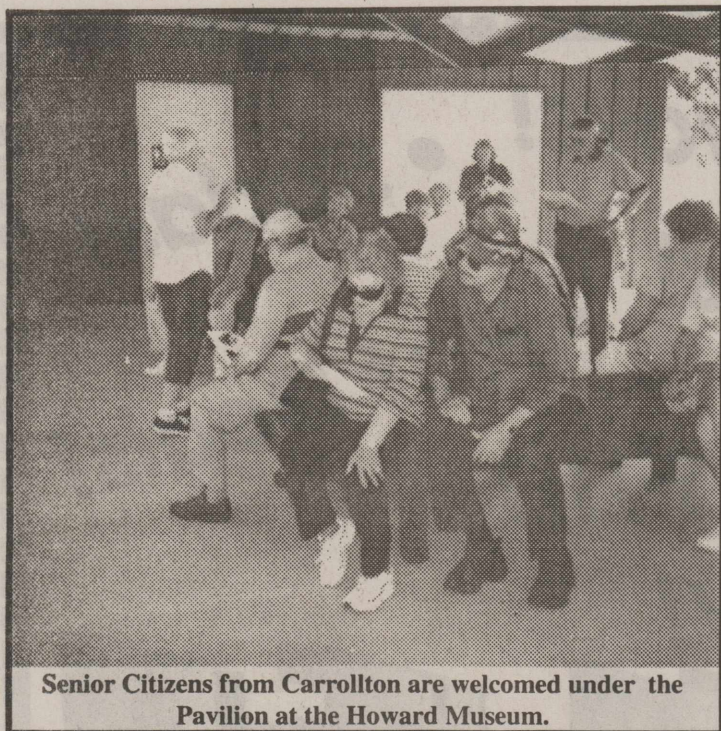
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Senior Citizens from Carrollton are welcomed under the Pavilion at the Howard Museum.

Senior Citizens with Bus Tour Visit Howard Museum Oplin Cemetery Memorial Day Services

A tour bus pulled into the parking lot of the Museum last week and a lively group of twenty Senior Citizens disembarked to see what new and delightful sights awaited them. Cross Plains was one of the last stops on their three-day jaunt around Texas from their home base in Carrollton. Project Pride members were on hand to share the Museum and Robert Howard with the excited group of elderly visitors.

Lori Luckee, Director of the Senior Center in Carrollton, explained that numerous tours are scheduled every year. Some are of the short variety to see just what all is in "their back yard" while other trips take them overseas. A trip to Ireland is in the making for later in the year.

Other stops and attractions the group had enjoyed were the brick-making factory in Thurber, the windmill factory and livestock exchange in San Angelo and the famous Lowake

Steakhouse. Probably the most fascinating stop had been the Brown Ranch Hummer House in Christoval where they got to observe thousands of tiny hummingbirds.

Many of the visitors were familiar with Howard's writings and all were familiar with the style of the home and the period furnishings.

Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson

The Oplin Cemetery will host its annual Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 26th at 9:00 a.m. The guest speaker, our flag ceremony, the 21 gun salute and taps will be presented by retired or active duty military personnel.

The Oplin Cemetery is located on FM 2926, about 1/2 mile east of 604 S. just down from the Oplin Community Center. Refreshments will be served after services at the community center.

So gather the family and come out to show your respect and thanks to all the veterans who are no longer with us, and also to the veterans who are still with us and to all the active-duty personnel that have made our country a better place to live.

Annual Freedom Festival Planned

The Rising Star Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will meet Monday, May 19th, in the Higginbotham Building at 5:00 p.m.

Plans are being made for the 13th annual Freedom Festival on July 4th. Representatives from the Lone Star Barbecue Society will be present to start planning for the cook-off during Octoberfest later in the year.

All persons interested in promoting business opportunities in Rising Star are invited and encouraged to attend.

Curves of Coleman Partners with Avon for Women's Fitness Study

Coleman, Texas (Grassroots Newswire) —With over four million members worldwide, most would like to think the Curves women's fitness franchise has nothing to prove. But the company is going above and beyond and looking for participants in the Coleman area to be a part of the Curves/Avon Fitness Study to ensure that everyone knows the power of the Curves workout program.

Participants will be asked to complete 12 workouts over a 30-day period with a minimum of three workouts per week. In addition, participants will receive a start and finish fitness evaluation, 30 days free on CurvesComplete.com, an online diet and fitness solution, and supervised training from a Curves trainer.

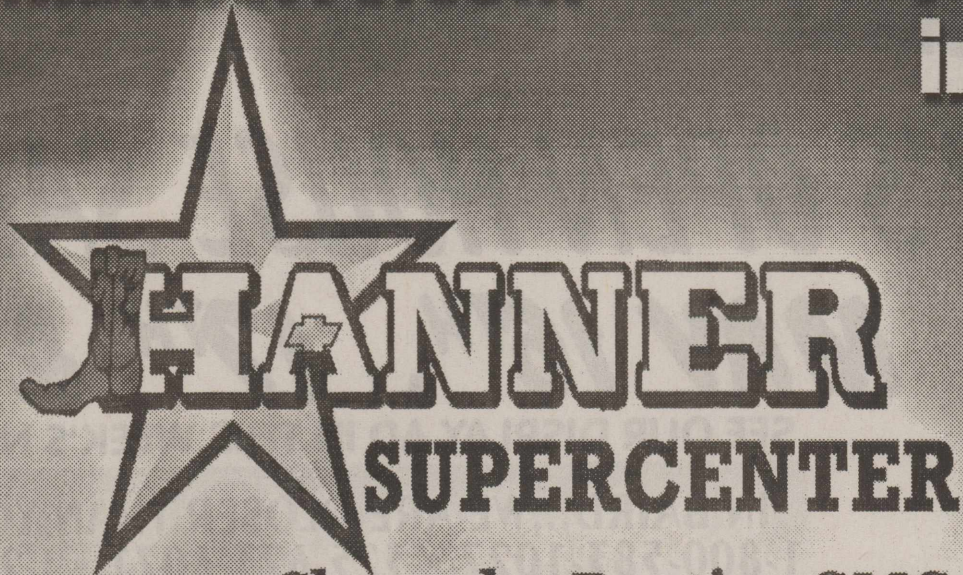
"With so many fitness membership choices, it's imperative that we demonstrate how serious we are about weight loss and an active lifestyle. This study allows us to further differentiate ourselves from competitors," said Linda Hyde, owner of Curves of Coleman. "And Avon, a company that is so compassionate about women, is the perfect partner for this initiative. We encourage Coleman residents to be part of this study. What is there to lose, except a few pounds?"

The Exercise and Sports Nutrition Laboratory at Baylor University will be evaluating the research that is gathered in the fitness clubs and analyzing the results, which will then be published in various journals.

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Cross Plains Community "Spring Clean Up" a Success

Even though the numbers were few, a lot was accomplished the morning of April 26th.

Workers gathered at the Bank to begin picking up trash along city streets and then ended up at the water way next to Dollar General. Students participating in the project were Macayla Cook, Starla Schaefer, Jaden and Brayden Kennedy and Christa and Kaylee Potter. Also helping with the clean up were Charlene Fleming, Susan Schaefer, Terry Lichty, Mark Norris, Dannes Turner, Don Gosnell, Debbie Gosnell, Teresa Kennedy and Councilmen Jerry Cassle and Peg Terrell.

The City would like to thank



ENJOYING LUNCH—Workers gathered for a sandwich after a morning of cleaning.

those who helped and encourage join in keeping Cross Plains the community as a whole to Clean.



CLASS OF 1958 50TH REUNION—Larry Crockett (back, from left), Claud Champion, Joe Gary, Mary Koenig Hutchins, Jane Bonner and Billie Weaver Kelly; Harold Dixon (front, from left), Darwin Breeding, Donna Garlitz Myers, Darvel Hutchins, Bonnie Kirkham Davis and Jeannie Albrecht Foller. Attending but not pictured were Max Rhymes, Bill Spencer, Lou Ellen Watkins Morris and Catherine Green Bruton.

This Week in Texas History

By: Bartee Haile

Civil War Hero comes home to town named for Him

MAY 14 - 20, 2008

Responsible for protecting the Rebel retreat to Atlanta, Granbury's Texas Brigade fought another of many rearguard actions on May 16, 1864.

A key component of the famous Confederate contingent was the Waco Guards. Like fellow secessionists throughout Texas and the South, the fighting men of Waco went off to war in a close-knit company of blood kin, friends and neighbors.

Their founder and leader was 30 year old Hiram Bronson Granbury. Since coming to the Central Texas town ten years earlier, the Mississippian had been admitted to the bar and elected to the local bench. A photograph taken on the eve of the Civil War shows Judge Granbury's two most prominent features: a shock of thick, unruly hair and the piercing eyes of an intense young man.

After a few months of free-lancing, the Waco Guards and other autonomous companies from the former Lone Star State were consolidated into the Seventh Texas Infantry. In the customary election of officers, the rank and file promoted Capt. Granbury to regimental major.

The Texans soon found themselves at Fort Donelson on the Confederate border with Kentucky. The garrison came under siege from a Union force commanded by an obscure brigadier general, who had graduated 21st in his class of 39 at West Point.

Led by the howling Seventh Texas, the southerners broke out of the fort at daybreak on February 15th in a desperate attempt to clear the road to Nashville. They scattered the sleepy Yankee sentries but were forced to retrace their steps after Ulysses S. Grant regrouped his troops for a successful counterattack.

Fort Donelson fell without a shot, and the entire garrison was taken prisoner. But at that point in the war both sides

preferred to swap POW's rather than hold onto them, so the officers and men of the Seventh Texas were back at their posts by the fall of 1862.

Captivity earned a rise in rank for Granbury and his brigade commander, John Gregg of Fairfield. By the time the reconstituted Seventh helped to stop Sherman in his tracks at Vicksburg, Granbury was a colonel and Gregg was a brigadier general.

Following a hard-fought draw with an opponent four times their size, the Seventh was attached to Gen. Braxton Bragg's Army of Tennessee. An uneventful summer proved to be the calm before the deadly storm at Chickamauga.

Major General William Rosecrans spent weeks maneuvering his Army of the Cumberland into just the right position for the three-day battle outside Chattanooga. Combined casualties of 35,000 were evenly split between Union and Confederate, but it was Rosecrans who blinked and withdrew in defeat.

One of 14,000 Rebs wounded at Chickamauga, Granbury refused treatment until the final shot was fired. During his recovery, the Seventh joined forces with nine different home-state units to form the Texas Brigade.

The final battle for hotly contested Chattanooga was fought at Missionary Ridge on November 25, 1863. The Texas Brigade was a rare bright spot on that disastrous day Grant outgeneraled Bragg.

When Sherman attacked the Texans early that morning, Granbury's brigade commander fell with a serious wound. He instantly filled the void, halted the enemy advance and eventually repulsed the Yankees with heavy losses.

On the chaotic retreat to Atlanta, it was the Texas Brigade that protected the Confederate rear. Granbury

and his men delayed the enemy with daily skirmishes and even succeeded in knocking them back on their heels with a masterful counterattack at Ringgold Gap, Georgia.

The Texans fought through the spring and summer in defense of doomed Atlanta. When the city finally was evacuated in September 1864, opening Georgia to Sherman's merciless march, the Texas Brigade returned to Tennessee with Gen. John Bell Hood.

Hood hoped to tempt Sherman into following him but instead ran into a Union army in the hills above Franklin, Tennessee. For three days, he searched for a chink in the enemy's armor. Finding none, Hood ordered a charge across a mile of open ground.

With Granbury leading the way as usual, the Texans routed the northerners' first line of defense. From there it was a footrace to the main barricades manned by several thousand soldiers, who held their fire for fear of hitting their comrades.

When the last of them reached the finish line mere yards ahead of the Rebs, the Union guns unleashed a horrendous volley. Texans dropped like flies, the first of 5,000 to die that afternoon, including Granbury with a bullet in his forehead.

He was buried a day or two later in a private cemetery. Like most battlefield interments, the plot was not meant as his final resting place.

Twenty-nine years later, veterans of the Texas Brigade came back for their fallen hero. They took Hiram Bronson Granbury home to Texas and the town they had named for him - Granbury, Texas.

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!

Class of 1958 Celebrated their 50th Reunion in Style

The Cross Plains High School Class of 1958 held their fiftieth year reunion at the lakeside home of Joe and Linda Gary at Streetman, TX on May 1-4, 2008. Classmates were treated to a golf game at Big Cedar Country Club, fishing at the Gary's boathouse, a 50's party at the country club and, most important, a vast amount of time just sitting around reminiscing about the past. It was impossible to rehash all the experiences of this class while

they were in school, but a gallant attempt was made. Tales went from chickens flying around during a band concert, culling chickens with Professor O.B. Edmonson to rolling marble in Coach Alexander's government class. A major event that the class enjoyed was their visit to a Freestone County fairground. They saw the cattle auction barn that was named after a classmate who passed away in 1998, Don Watkins. Don was very active in the Freestone County 4-H and

FFA livestock production and shows. He gained a tremendous amount of credence from his efforts. The Garys have really enjoyed talking to the people in Freestone County who were familiar with Don's efforts. Friends and classmates being together and sharing memories from the 50's era made for a very enjoyable weekend.

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Terry Jane Wyatt Scholarship

Each year items are donated by local businesses to support the Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Memorial Scholarship. The donated items will be on display at Texas Heritage Bank with drawings to be held at the Barbarian Festival on June 14th. Tickets may be purchased prior to the festival and during the festival. You do not need to be present to win. Certificates will be displayed on each item thanking the donor.

Local businesses make the Scholarship possible each year to a graduating Senior/ Seniors of Cross Plains High School pursuing a college career. Previous recipients of his award include Nathan Joy- Texas A&M, Karen Ross- Texas Tech University, Jesse Norris- Hardin Simmons University, Ryan Payne- Tarleton State University and Russell Thomas- University of Texas. The

2008 recipient will be announced during the upcoming award ceremony at CPISD. The applications are made available to local seniors and are judged by qualified professionals living out of town.

If you would like to donate an item for the Scholarship fund drawing please contact Dannes Turner at Texas Heritage Bank. Donations to the Scholarship fund account are graciously taken through out the year and are greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank everyone who supports this worthy project each year. Terry Jane loved and supported her community and the Cross Plains School System. We are honored each year to award this scholarship in her memory. We would like to thank her family and friends for their support and to everyone who donates merchandise or purchase tickets. THANK YOU!!!

Reservations Being Taken for Project Pride Dinner Get Your Ticket NOW!!!! Deadline is June 5th

Project Pride is now taking reservations for the Friday evening dinner scheduled on June 13 as part of the annual Robert E. Howard Days. The chicken fried steak meal is being catered by Cook's Fish Barn and will be held in the Community Center, starting at 6:30 p.m. June 13. Cost is \$10.00 per plate and reservations may be made at City Hall, the Cross Plains Public Library, and the Texas Heritage Bank or may be mailed to Project Pride, P.O. Box 534, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

Mark Finn of Vernon, Texas will be the featured speaker of the evening. Finn, author of numerous books and articles about Howard, will be focusing on the humorous western theme that Howard perfected in the pulps of the early 1930's. At that time, Howard was enjoying quite a successful run in the pulps with his fantasy, action and boxing stories. Anticipating the need for a broader marketing strategy, he created Breckenridge Elkins series soon became Howard's most reliably saleable character. Success with the short episodes of Breckenridge Elkins of Bear Creek, Nevada; Buckner J. Grimes of Knife River, Texas; and

Pike Bearfield of Wolf Mountain Texas led Howard to write this only full-length book. "The Gent From Bear Creek" was actually published in England shortly after Howard's death in 1936 and today, remains an extremely rare and highly coveted original.

Many people were fortunate to have attended the evening with the Violet Crown Radio Players in 2006 as part of the Howard Days celebration. Finn and his wife, Cathy Day, are the dynamic duo that created and continue to direct the entertaining group that brings the old time radio programs back to life with all the sound effect. The couple has recently purchased and restored an old movie theatre on the town square in Vernon with plans to show the full range of movies from current releases to the popular old classics.

The celebration dinner has become a popular part of the annual festival and Project Pride reminds everybody that reservations are necessary for the June 13 dinner, program and silent auction. Deadline will be June 5, reservations may be made at the businesses listed above.

For more information, please call 254-725-4993 or 254-725-6562.

Oplin Community Center Community-wide Dinner

The Oplin Community Center will be holding its bi-annual Homecoming and Community-Wide dinner on Saturday, June 7th. Everyone that has ever resided or now resides in the Oplin Community is invited. Come out and visit with old friends or come on out and meet your newest neighbors. This is an opportunity to visit with the old-timers and learn a bit of Oplin history. It's also a time to find out what our community can do for you, and what you can do to make our community a better place to live.

Dinner will be served somewhere around noon. The Oplin Community Center will provide the brisket and sausage. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to be enjoyed by all.

So be sure to spread the news and mark your calendar for Saturday, June 7th. Gather the entire family and come on out for an afternoon of old friends, new friends and great food.

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Women's Health Preventing Teen Pregnancy

May is National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month. The focus of this month is to emphasize to teens the benefits of waiting to have children.

The US has the highest teen pregnancy rate of any developed nation, with pregnancy a reality for almost 750,000 teenage girls in the US annually. The physical, emotional, and financial consequences of having a baby too soon have long been an area of concern for health professionals, educators, and families.

Until recently, efforts to educate teens and curb teen pregnancy seemed to be working. More consistent condom use, increased use of hormonal contraceptives by young women, and adolescents practicing abstinence or delaying the start of sexual activity contributed to the drop in teenage pregnancy rates. But in 2006, after years of decline, the rate of pregnancy among American teens rose for the first time in 15 years, suggesting the need for a renewed focus on teen sexuality and pregnancy.

Teens may not readily recognize the long-term costs of early sex and parenthood. According to the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, a majority of sexually experienced teens say they wish they had waited to have sex. And, the younger a girl is when she first has sex, the more likely it is that the experience is unwanted. Girls who have older partners also are more likely to have sex younger, not use contraception, get

pregnant, and have more sexual partners throughout the rest of their teenage years.

One-third of teen pregnancies end in abortion. Of those who decide to carry a pregnancy to term, few teens choose adoption 90% raise the child themselves. Adolescent moms are significantly less likely to receive their high-school diploma than those who wait to have children. They are more likely to live in poverty, receive public assistance, and have long periods of welfare dependency.

When compared to women who delay having children until their early 20s, teen mothers are more likely to remain unmarried and raise their children without a partner. Teen fathers are also less likely to finish high school and are more likely to have lower paying jobs than their peers who have children later.

Children of teen parents are also affected. Pregnant teens often experience pregnancy complications due to lack of prenatal care. Teen moms may not be getting the proper nutrition and may use alcohol, drugs, and other substances that are harmful to a fetus. Nearly 10% of babies born to teen mothers are low birth weight. Later in life, the daughters of teen mothers are at high risk of having children in their adolescent years, and their sons have a higher chance of being incarcerated than the sons of older mothers.

ACOG encourages parents to talk to their teens about sex and its consequences. Find more information on teen sexuality and pregnancy at www.teenpregnancy.org and www.advocatesforyouth.org.

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I would like to thank the voters of Cross Plains for the confidence you have placed in me once again as your councilman. I pledge to represent each of you in a fair and honest manner and I promise to work for the betterment of Cross Plains, looking for ways to increase the quality of life for each of our citizens. Any suggestions or comments you have to work for the progress of the Community are welcomed and encouraged. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you in this capacity.

Jerry Cassle

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