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CELEBRATION DINNER — Rusty Burke (far right), compares notes with Ruth & Jim Keegan, Guests of Honor, prior to the Friday night's Robert E. Howard Days Celebration Dinner.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION — Al Harren (third from left), received special recognition from the Robert E. Howard Foundation. Pictured with Mr. Harren (in no particular order) is his "Mummy", three "Awnties" and a friend from Kansas.



TALENT CONTEST WINNERS — Laci Stewart (from left), Sarah Perry and Kayla Stoudemire.



WINNERS — Cross Plains Barbarian Festival Antique Car and Truck Show winners with their awards.

Legacy of Robert Howard Brings World to Cross Plains

The delightful group of visitors shown above came all the way from Scotland to be present as one of their family members, Al Harren, received special recognition from the Robert E. Howard Foundation for his work on the internet forums, etc. Harren was accompanied by his "Mummy", three "Awnties" and a friend from Kansas. According to Project Pride President Arlene Stephenson, "this annual event is such an exciting, interesting and educational time that is so much fun to plan and facilitate." Although the REHupa group plans all the panel discussions and scholarly activities, the local group makes it happen. "Over the years, this group of 100 or so dedicated scholars has become like being an extended family and taking leave of them at Caddo Peak on Saturday is not unlike the last night at a Scout or church camp."

In addition to the five folks from Scotland and one from Sweden, there were about 250 people taking part in the festivities from 18 states beyond Texas and from 41 different communities within Texas.

Jim and Ruth Keegan from Pittsburgh, PA delighted the full house at the Friday night Celebration Dinner with an analysis of their work with their well-known biographical cartoon strip called "The Adventures of Two-Gun Bob."

People interested in this strip can find it in most of the Dark Horse Comic Books. Copies of some of their strips decorated the dinner tables and it became quite a challenge to retrieve one for a souvenir. Linda Burns was lucky enough to go home with the colored copy of the strip that ran in the Review a few weeks ago based on a story written by her husband's great-grandmother. Such a small world!!

The Keegan's also shared their work with a large crowd at the panel discussion held in the Library's new annex/conference area. Other artists featured in various panels included several illustrators, a writer and photographer who works in the Hollywood film industry and two folks with PhD's who head up Communications Departments at their respective universities in the Philadelphia area.

Several special presentations were made at the Friday night dinner and will be included in a later issue of the Review.

Project Pride members are grateful for the warm reception experienced by our visitors at local and area lodging and eating establishments. Our hospitality is largely responsible for all these folks returning year after year to experience a slice of life in a small town America and to generously boost our local economy.

Barbarian Festival Talent, Tractor and Car Show Winners

Winners were announced in all categories late Saturday afternoon at the Barbarian Festival.

Talent Contest Winners: First place and the winner of \$350 was Laci Stewart. Sarah Perry took home **Second Place** and **\$100**. **Third Place** winner was Kayla Stoudemire who received \$50.

In the **Tractor Competition:** Keith Lawrence of Cross Plains took the "**People's Choice**" award and "**Most Unique**". Jeff Chambers of Brownwood received the "**Best of Show**" award.

The **Top Ten Tractor Awards** went to: Chuck Abbe of Gorman; Sam Simmons of Moran; Cheryl

Goble of Cross Plains; Tyler Jobe of Clyde; David Goble of Cross Plains; Brenda Simmons of Moran; Stacey Jobe of Clyde; Keith Lawrence of Cross Plains; and Jeff Chambers of Brownwood.

In the **Antique and Classic Car Show Competition: "Best of Show"** went to Larry Smith for his 1937 Ford. The "**The People's Choice**" Award went to Ross Honea of Cisco and his 1961 Chevy.

Division Winners: Classic-Original- David Goble, 1956 Thunderbird; **Antique -** Tye McWhirter, Model T; **Convertible -** Keali McClure,

1958 Chevy and Wayne White 1955 T-Bird; **Unfinished -** David Del Mass, 1968 Chevy Pickup and Danny Markey 1979 Corvette; **Truck -** Gary Alexander, 1956 Ford and Felipe Aguero, 1962 GMC;

Coupe 1950-1970 - Ross Honea, 1961 Chevy Belaire; **Pony Car -** Nancy Foster, 1965 Ford Mustang and Judi Campbell 1975 Chevy Camaro; **Muscle Car -** Mike Eppard, 1958 Chevy;

Classic Custom - Kenneth McCoy, 1957 Chevy; **Open - Original-** Harrold Reese, 1994 Chevy Camaro; **Sedan 4 door -** Albert Henry, 1931 Ford and Eric Patterson, 1968 Chevy Camaro.

See Additional Festival Photos Page 9-10

ATTENTION LOCAL

RESIDENTS

Speed Limit Extended on North 206 to 30 MPH

The Cross Plains Police Department would like to make the residents of Cross Plains aware that the speed limit on North 206 has been extended further north to 30 MPH.

Residents in that area have expressed concern for their safety and others.

TXDOT has moved these signs

to help with the control of traffic in this area, and residents are asked to abide by the new speed limits.

A short grace period will be given to help area residents become accustomed to the new speed zones, but will be enforced in the near future.

Love Fund Established recently for Dana Hall

A Love Fund has been established at Texas Heritage Bank to assist Dana Hall, of the Cottonwood Community, with medical expenses related to a progressive liver disease. She may soon require a liver transplant, but at the present she is hospitalized at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Dana is one of many uninsured

Americans who needs assistance. Her daughters, Tami, April, Ashley and Jessica ask that you find it in your heart to help their mother during this very difficult time. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by Dana and her family.

Please lift Dana up in your prayers for healing. Your prayers will mean so much to her.

Changes in Drivers License Rules for 18-24 Year-Olds

Effective March 1, 2010, all persons 18-24 yrs old are required to take a driver educa-

tion course. A driving safety course or drug and alcohol course are not acceptable for the driver education.

The current approved course in Brownwood is Zazoom Driving School located at:

1209 Coggin
Brownwood, Texas
325-643-2279.

There is an online course available at <http://adultdrivedid.drivesafely.com/>.

Any additional information needed about this change can be located on our website at: http://www.tx.dps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/adultdrivedidandsafetycourse.htm.

Texas Heritage Bank

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Obituaries

Bob J. Eppard

Bob J. Eppard, age 81, of Cross Plains, passed away Sunday, June 13, 2010, at his home. Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2010 with Max Evans officiating. Burial followed in the Trails End Cemetery on the family's home place.

He was born on April 24, 1929 to John Harvey and Elta Olivia (Henry) Eppard in Cameron, MO. Mr. Eppard married Sharon Lou on June 2, 1964 in Corpus Christie, TX. He was an electrician.

He is survived by his sons, Larry Allen Eppard of Morgan City, UT, and John Eppard of Cross Plains; a Linda Kay Hoover of Abilene; one brother, Jack Eppard of Clyde; 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Eppard was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Michael Eppard.

Alvin Clarence Parrish

Alvin Clarence Parrish, age 87, of Sweetwater, formerly of Cross Plains, passed away Wednesday, June 9th in Big Spring. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains with Pastor Rodney Bell officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Memorial Cemetery in a local nursing home.

He was born October 28, 1922 to George O. and Ester Estelle (Wilkerson) Parrish in Pear Valley, Texas. He married Edna Carroll on December 18, 1946 in Cottonwood, Texas. He was in the heat of WWII with the U.S. Navy. Alvin and Edna made their home in Sweetwater where he was employed by Price Construction as a welder. He was a Baptist and a member of the VFW.

He is survived by his son, Allen Parrish and wife Pat of Big Spring; daughter, Melissa Sellers and husband Brandon of Abilene; sisters, Velma Jones Lee, Lou Grider and husband Dick; all of Cross Plains, and Patsy Robinson of Grand Prairie; brother, Garmond Parrish and wife Lou of Abilene; and eleven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Edna, daughter, Linda Linebaugh, son, Harold Parrish, and brothers, Willie George Parrish and Raymond Parrish.

Claud Leo Champion

Claud Leo Champion, 70, of Abilene, passed away Thursday, June 10, 2010 in an Abilene hospital. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 14, 2010 at Southern Hills Church of Christ. Pete Knight officiated. Burial followed at Garden of Memories Cemetery. Hamil Family Funeral Home directed the services.

Claud was born in Cottonwood, Texas on October 2, 1939 to Calvin and Alice (Woody) Champion. He graduated from Cross Plains High School. Claud married Beverly Jo Barrett on October 15, 1959 in Abilene, Texas. He owned and operated Barrett Body Shop. Claud was a member of the Automotive Service Association for many years and had held several offices in the ASA Texas. He had been a member of the Optimist Club since 1966 and was also a board member of the Ben Richey Boy's Ranch, the Better Business Bureau and the Interact Business Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Glen Dale Champion, and his wife, Beverly Jo Champion on July 24, 2006.

Survivors include one son, Ricky Champion and his wife Brenda, of Abilene; one daughter, Hayley Underwood and her husband Roy, also of Abilene; one brother, Robert Lee Champion and his wife Ray of Denver City; one sister, Viola Turnbough and her husband David of Lubbock; five grandchildren, Amy Murphy, Tyler Champion, Ryan Champion, Tanner Underwood and Toby Underwood, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. He is also survived by his fiancée, Doris Sneed of Teague, Texas.

Glen Caldwell, Curtis Watson, Ken Walker, Jeff Ayers, Glen "Butch" Chamber, David Summers, Corey Dennis and Terry St. Pierre served as pallbearers. Memorials may be made to the Ben Richey Boy's Ranch, P.O. Box 6839, Abilene, TX 79608; or to the Breakfast Optimist Club for the Boy Scout Hut on Barrow Street, P.O. Box 1082, Abilene, Texas 79604.

When our money is tight, home town shopping is just right.

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90th Annual Pioneer Area Reunion Slated for Saturday, June 26th

The 90th Annual Pioneer Area Reunion will be held Saturday, June 26th at the Cross Plains Community Center.

The Coffee and Visiting will be held at 8:30 a.m. and the Business Meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

A Memorial for individuals lost this year will be honored. The cemetery report will be given.

The menu includes sandwiches, fruit tray, dessert, tea and coffee

for the cost of \$6.00.

The officers would like to ask you to be thinking of new officers, due to some health issues that our families are facing.

Our rent on the Cross Plains Community Center is paid through 2011.

We hope to see you at the 90th Annual Pioneer Area Reunion.

Frances Grider Taylor
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Triple Cross Cowboy Church Moves to New Building

Triple Cross Cowboy Church is proud to announce their new location at 18071 CR 421 Cross Plains (1/2 mile north of Cross Plains City Limits on Highway 206). Just look for the new tan

metal building!

Church services begin at 10:30 a.m. Sunday and everyone is cordially invited to attend. Come and see their new facility and become a member of their church family.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS
Roger Corn, Presiding

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Minutes

Misdemeanor Filings

Monique M. Haynes, possession of marijuana.

Isaac R. Deleon, theft by check.

Staci C. Seals, theft by check.

Terry M. Seals, theft by check.

Caleb A. Chapman, possession of marijuana.

Mandi R. Bowermaster, possession of marijuana.

Bill K. Ortega, display of a fictitious inspection sticker.

Dondrell L. Shockley, possession of marijuana.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Tina L. Tedford, order releasing cash bond granted.

Brandon J. Thompson, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to felony.

Jacquelyn N. French, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Brandon Lee Howard, motion to revoke probation granted.

Billy Joe Moore, motion to revoke probation granted.

Rusty D. McCullough, plea of guilty to theft by check, 120 days in jail, \$310 court costs.

Harry Luttrell, Jr., motion to dismiss to theft granted, insufficient evidence.

Danny Bamber, Jr., motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Tina L. Tedford, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Aaron D. Wilde, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Marriage Licenses

Josiah D. LeBlanc of Hamilton and Emilie L. Porter of Clyde.

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Sunday Evening Worship

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Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm

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Ronnie B. White, Pastor

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

BEVERLY BROWN

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the family of Claud Champion in the loss of their loved one. Claud passed away Thursday, June 10, in Abilene. The funeral was held at the Southern Hills Church of Christ and he was laid to rest at Garden of Memories Cemetery on Highway 277 South. Claud will be greatly missed.

Alvin Parrish passed away Wednesday in Big Spring. Our prayers are with Garmond, Lou and the rest of the Parrish family. The services were held at the funeral home on Saturday.

I hope you were able to attend the Barbarian Festival and see the parade Saturday. There was great music from the "Class of 57." The Barbarian Festival Committee and the Parade Committee did a great job.

The Albrecht Family had a float in the parade with April and the kids and others riding on a trailer. The float was a tribute to the Albrecht Parents—Amy and Edgar, who started the family here in Cottonwood.

Cottonwood had two fire trucks in the parade—the New Fire truck and the Big Yellow Brush Truck.

We watched the parade with Jana Woodruff Hinkle, who we haven't seen in a long time. Hope we didn't embarrass you, Jana, with all of our clapping and hollering.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group was there with a barbecue booth. Among the volunteers were Fire Chief Joe Terstegge, Deana and Kathleen Terstegge, Norma Farmer, Louise and Jim Grindstaff, Diane and Arnie Smith, Sue and Tom Bennett, Fred St. Peter, Bob Childress, Roger Hinkle and a few other helpers.

The Cottonwood Historical Association did well. We sold several cookbooks and supplements at the festival and met lots of folks with connections to Cottonwood.

We found Allen Barnett over at the Mason's Hot Dog Booth.

Other Cottonwood Folks spotted at the festival: Judy Luter, Margie Sowell and Cookie and Bob Robinson. Sorry if we missed seeing some of you.

Teri, Gilbert and I visited with some of the folks at the Senior



FAMILY FLOAT — Albrecht Family Float in the Barbarian Festival Parade - reads "In Loving Memory of our Parents Edgar & Amy Albrecht, who started our family tree..."



BARBARIAN FESTIVAL PARADE ENTRY — "...that became a trailer load of nuts." April Wheeler and kids on the float.



COTTONWOOD'S NEW TRUCK — Fire Chief, Joe Terstegge, driving Cottonwood's shiny new firetruck in this year's parade.

Citizens Center last Wednesday and had our blood pressure checked by Donnie Dillard. Donnie comes to the center to do blood pressure checks twice a month.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will be having the Firehouse Dedication on Saturday, June 26th at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and attend.

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BREAKTHRU

By Charles Chesshir
Cross Plains Church of Christ

Is It All By Chance?

Life on planet earth is a fascinating study even for the casual observer. From the tiniest microscopic organisms to the sophisticated human brain, we find a unique combination of events and basic necessities coming together in an incredible set of circumstances for life to be possible. The planet traveling in orbit and spinning at just the right speed with just the right mixture of elements, (oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen, etc.) to create an environment that could sustain life indicates the design of a Master Planner preparing a place that would sustain life. Then for a blueprint of life that not only reproduces itself, but has programmed functions allowing it to interact with other life with emotional and intellectual information sharing capabilities, is enough to baffle all human understanding.

This brings us all together sharing the benefits of a Supreme Designer who has revealed Himself in Scripture as Love, Provider, and Redeemer. Don't allow your view of the world and God's purpose for life, to be cheapened by Satan inspired philosophies which claim life is just a fluke of nature and there is no accountability to the Designer of earth and life. Submitted for your consideration — Charles Chesshir.

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
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LIBRARY NOTES

June 7-12, 2010

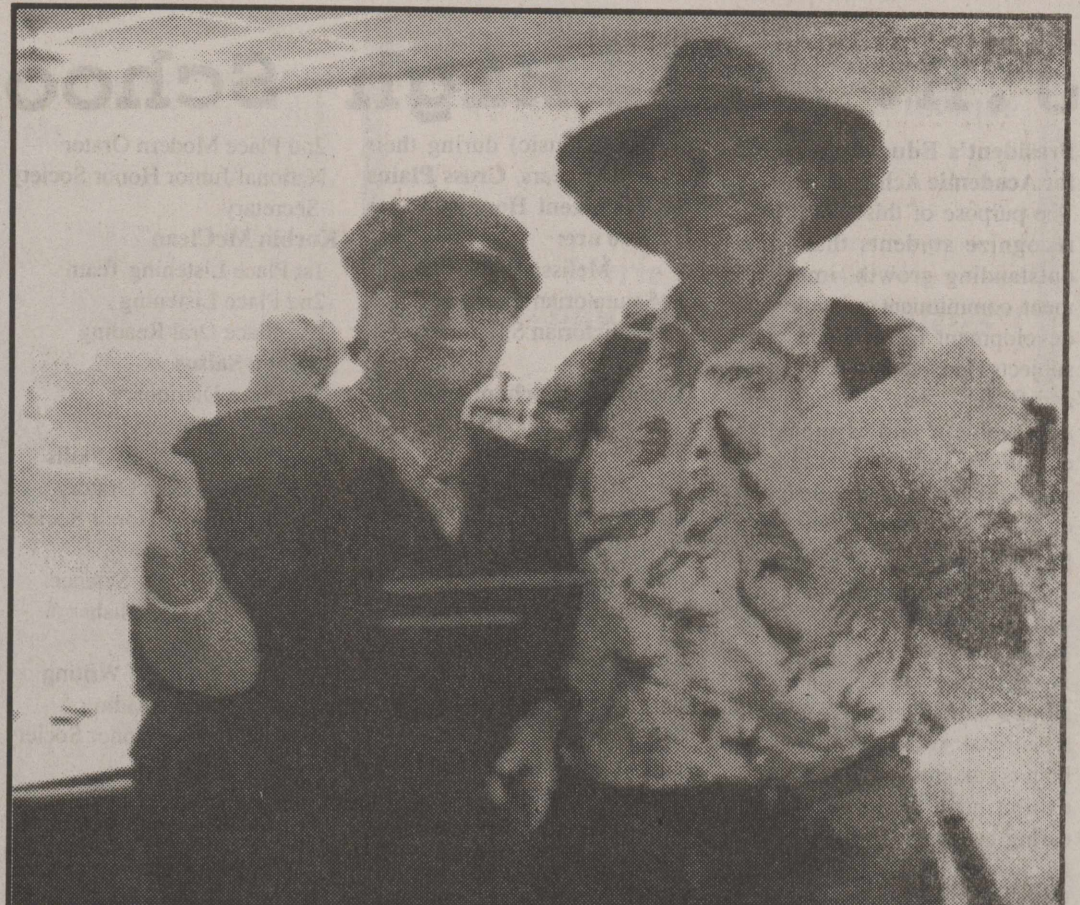
Patrons: 389
Programs: 268
Summer Reading Program 43
Robert E. Howard Days 216
Other 9
Books Checked Out: 186
Copies: 64
Reference: 20
Internet Users: 95

Book Donations:
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Donations:
Janet Swanson
Burlie and Jerri Taylor

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Sue Bennett
Megan France
Sheldon Libey
Michael Ellis
Tiffany McCaghren
Wilma Lawrence
Ginny Hoskins
Judy Luter
Bob Childress
Charles Rodenberger
Ann Beeler
Henry Ring

Cross Plains Area Genealogy Society meets at the Library every first and third Mondays at 1:00 p.m.



42 TOURNAMENT WINNERS — Phyllis Smith of Coleman (from left) and Benny Callaway of Cross Plains were the winning partners at the Cross Plains Senior Citizen Center's 42 Tournament held Saturday during the annual Barbarian Festival. Congratulations! A fun time was had by all!

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JUNE 21-JUNE 25

MONDAY- Chicken Pot Pie, Beets, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

TUESDAY- Soft Tacos, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

WEDNESDAY- Ham, Corn Casserole, Green Beans, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

THURSDAY- Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Mixed Greens, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

FRIDAY- Veg. & Beef Soup, Crackers, Fruit, Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 21st - 10:00am Movie Monday 10am, Cokes and Popcorn.

Tuesday, 22nd - 11am Exercise Class. 10am Mexican Train Dominoes.

Wednesday, 23rd - Blood Pressure Checks by Girling. 10:30am-11:30am.

Thursday, 24th - 11:00am Exercise Class. 10:00am Mexican Train Dominoes.

Friday, 25th - Bring Old Photo's Day!

Senior Center Needs

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- Sliced Brisket..... 4.25
- Deli Meat..... 4.25
- Double Deli Meat..... 4.75

SANDWICH MEALS (Includes Drink & Chips)
- Bar-B-Que Sandwich.... 5.50
- Deli Meat..... 5.00
- Double Deli Meat..... 6.00

BAR-B-QUE PLATES (Includes Beans, Potato Salad, Bread & Drink)
- Single Meat..... 7.50
- Double Meat..... 8.50 (Brisket or Sausage)

SALADS - House Salad..... 3.50
- Chef Salad..... 5.00

BOWL OF BEANS..... 2.00

DRINKS..... 1.25

MEAT BY THE POUND

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Beans or Potato Salad
by the Quart..... 5.00

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J.H. and High School Award Presentation

President's Education Award for Academic Achievement:

The purpose of this award is to recognize students that show outstanding growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in their academic subjects. This award recognizes a different type of academic achievement and is meant to encourage and reward students who work hard and give their best effort in school. This award was presented to:

Tiffany Bell
Toni Moore
Heather Gillespie
Nadine Dijkshoorn.

American Citizenship Award is a National Awards Program that honors students who consistently exhibit positive respectful and caring behavior. The citizenship award recognizes participation on school and community's strength of character, courage to do what is right and those who show a positive attitude toward classmates, school, staff and community. Cross Plains High School bestowed this honor the following students:

Seniors
Emily Foster
Cole Luter
Shasta Bacon
Jerrad Eisenbach
Juniors
Delaney Ames
Hayden Wyatt.

President's Education Awards for Academic Excellence—The purpose of this award is to recognize academic success in the classroom and serves to reinforce the message that education is the key to success in life. Certificates and pins were awarded to the Top Ten Senior Students:

Ben Schaefer
Amber Parker
Emma Bennett
Kayla Lawrence
Cody Sliger
Tiffany Holland
Amanda Carpenter
Melissa Black
Zach Snell
Shera Gary.

UIL Scholar Awards—The University Interscholastic League Scholar Award was created to recognize and honor those students who have shown the ability and demonstrated the discipline necessary to perform academically and yet participate in extracurricular activities. It restates the commitment of the UIL to "Academic Excellence through Competition." The graduating seniors who are in the Top Ten percent of the class and who have also participated in a least one UIL activity (academic,

athletic or music) during their high school years. **Cross Plains Top 10 Percent Honor Grades for 09-10 are:**

Melissa Black
Salutatorian Zach Snell
Valedictorian Shera Gary.

Junior High School Awards May 20, 2010

7th Grade

Natalie Anderson
Most Outstanding - Math Lab
Kristen Bland
3rd Place Science Team
3rd Place Social Studies Team

Ben Branch
Most Improved Computer Appl.
Missy Broeker
Most Improved Computer Appl.

Karey Campbell
Most Improved Science/English
Bronc Dillard
1st Place Listening Team
3rd Place Listening Team

Taryn Estes
1st Place Art Team
3rd Place Social Studies Team
1st Place Art
6th Place Social Studies

National Junior Honor Society
Treasurer
Most Outstanding Advanced 7th Grade Math, Advanced English

Most Improved Computer Applications
Angel Floyd
1st Place Ready Writing
Most Outstanding Comp. Appl.

Megan France
1st Place Art Team, 3rd Place Spelling Team, 2nd Place Art
National Junior Honor Society-Vice-President, Most Improved Advanced Math, Advanced English, Computer Appl.

Kelbi Hyles
3rd Place Dictionary Skills Team
1st Place Modern Oratory

Tucker Isbell
3rd Place Science Team
6th Place Science
Alex Jackson
Most Improved Math Lab

Brenna Kleiber
3rd Place Social Studies Team
6th Place Maps, Graphs, Charts

Kaitlyn Koettell
2nd Place Number Sense Team
6th Place Number Sense
Most Improved Science
Most Outstanding Math/English

Morgan Manley
2nd Place Number Sense Team
3rd Place Spelling Team
6th Place Spelling
National Junior Honor Society
Most Outstanding Science

Bridgette Mayfield
1st Place Listening Team
3rd Place Science Team
5th Place Editorial Writing
1st Place Listening

2nd Place Modern Orator
National Junior Honor Society Secretary

Korbin McClean
1st Place Listening Team
2nd Place Listening
2nd Place Oral Reading

Stephen Saltus
3rd Place Dictionary Skills Team
4th Place Dictionary Skills

1st Place Modern Oratory
National Junior Honor Society Parliamentarian
Most Outstanding Science and Advanced English

Blake Self
3rd Place Editorial Writing
6th Place Oral Reading
National Junior Honor Society

Jurnee Thomas
1st Place Art Team, 3rd Place Dictionary Skills Team, 2nd Place Number Sense Team, 3rd Place Modern Orator
National Junior Honor Society Historian

Allanta Wheeler
3rd Place Spelling Team
2nd Place Spelling

Joshua Branch
3rd Place Maps, Graphs and Charts Team
Most Outstanding Math Lab

Michael Carpenter
3rd Place Number Sense Team, 3rd Place Science Team, 3rd Place Number Sense, 3rd Place Science, Most Outstanding AP Science, Advanced Math, and Algebra I

Ashia Chambers
Most Improve English
Nicole Eisenbach
2nd Place Impromptu Speaking
2nd Place Impromptu Speaking
Most Outstanding Math, English

Colton McWilliams
3rd Place Number Sense Team
3rd Place Science Team
1st Place Dictionary Skills
Most Outstanding Science

Chance Perry
4th Place Impromptu Speaking
Most Improved Science
Christa Potter
3rd Place Spelling Team,
National Junior Honor Society - Reporter

Sarah Rogers
Most Improved Math Lab
Texas Sanders
3rd Place Maps, Graphs and Charts Team

2nd Place Oral Reading
Most Improved Advance Math
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6th Place Spelling
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Alyssa Wheeler
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Most Improved English
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Angus Worcester
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Chelsea Branch
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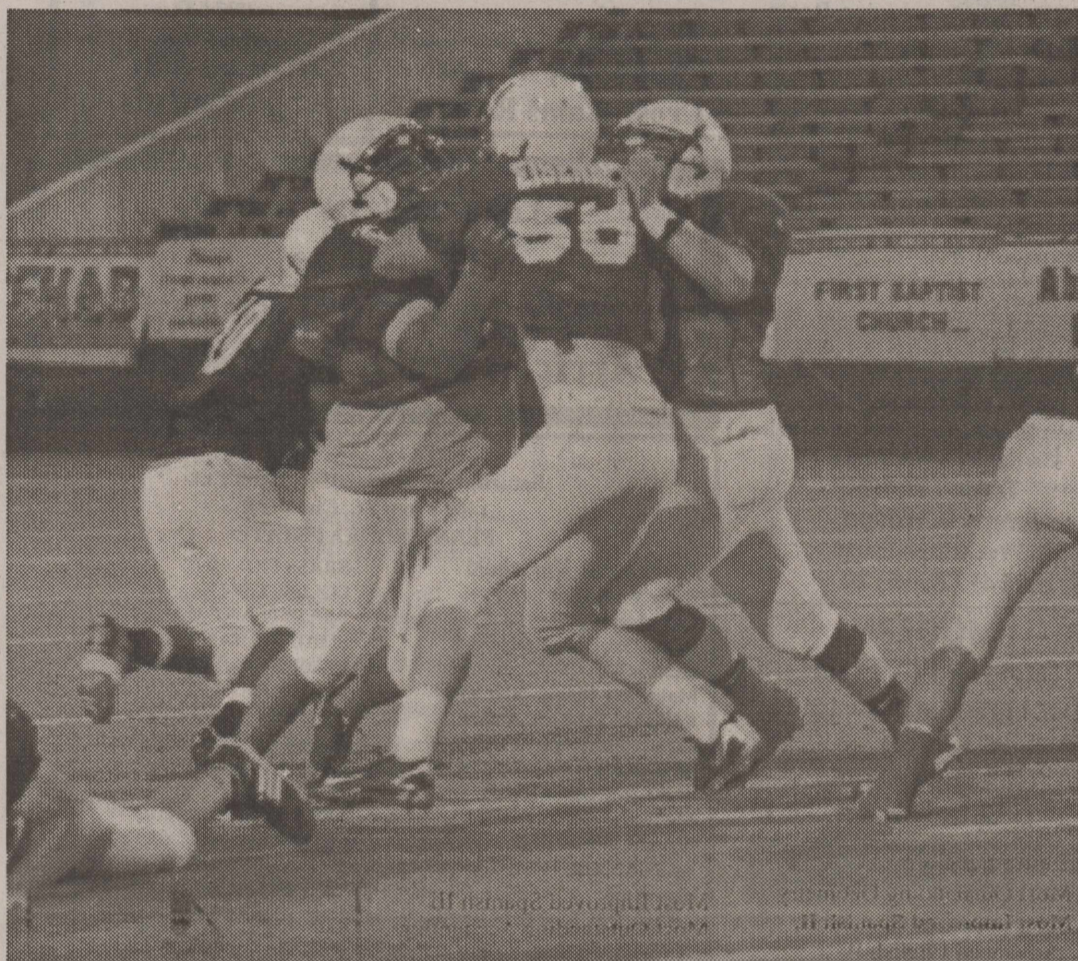
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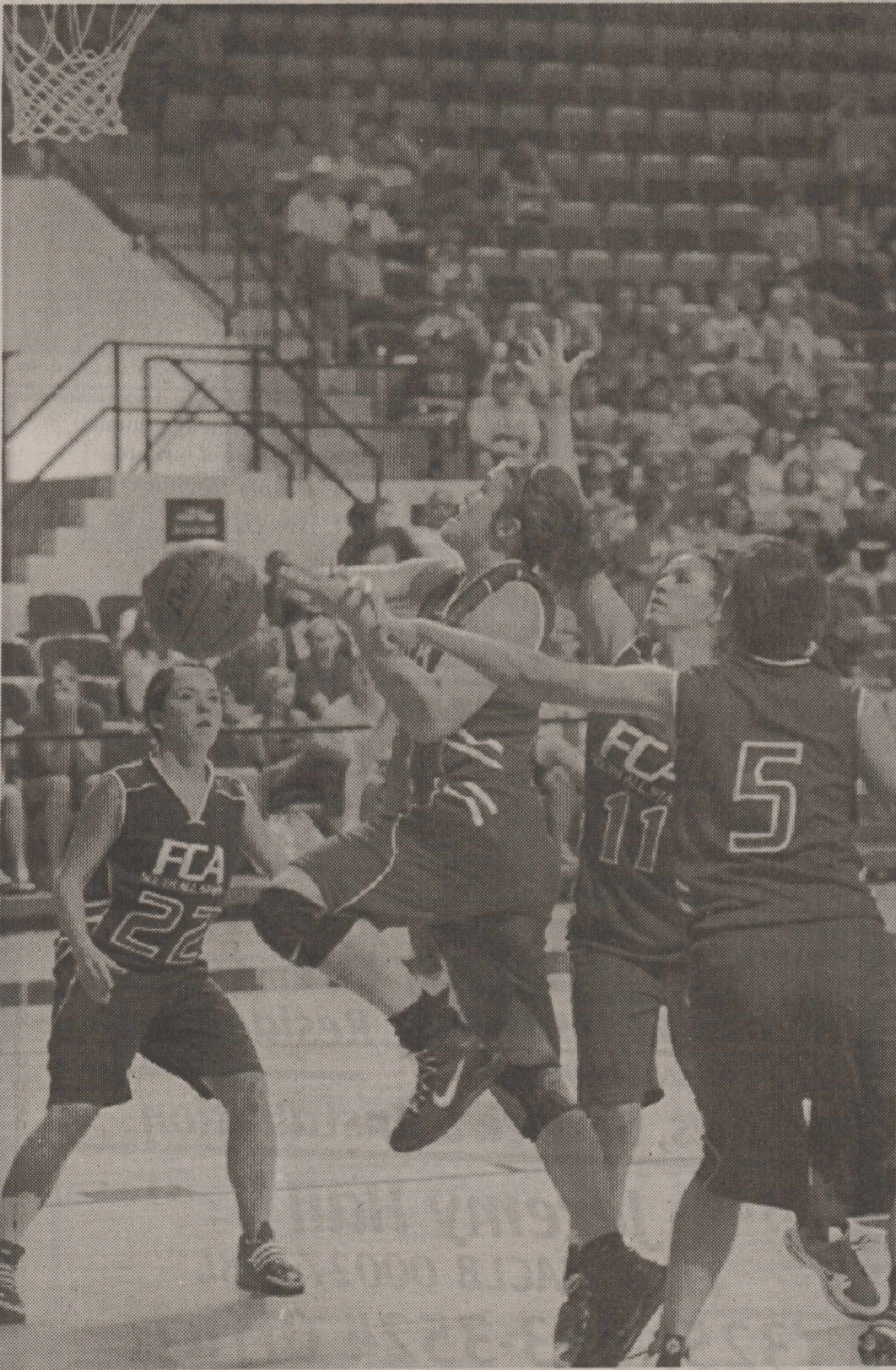
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CROSS PLAINS ALL-STAR—Cross Plains High School FCA South All-Star football player Jerrad Eisenbach, #58 in black, is pictured at halftime with his parents, Neil Eisenbach and Sheila Payne, along with FCA representatives during the Myrle Greathouse Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Classic football game played Saturday, June 12th at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.



GETTING DOUBLE-TEAMED—Cross Plains High School senior Jerrad Eisenbach, #58 in black, is double-teamed while playing defense for the South All-Star football team during the Myrle Greathouse Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Classic football game played Saturday, June 12th at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. The South All-Stars fell to the North All-Stars 16-7.



GETTING HACKED—Cross Plains High School senior Emma Bennett, #3 in black, gets fouled while attempting a shot for the South All-Stars during the Myrle Greathouse Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Classic basketball game played Saturday, June 12th at Moody Coliseum in Abilene. Bennett scored two points as the South All-Stars defeated the North All-Stars 65-43.

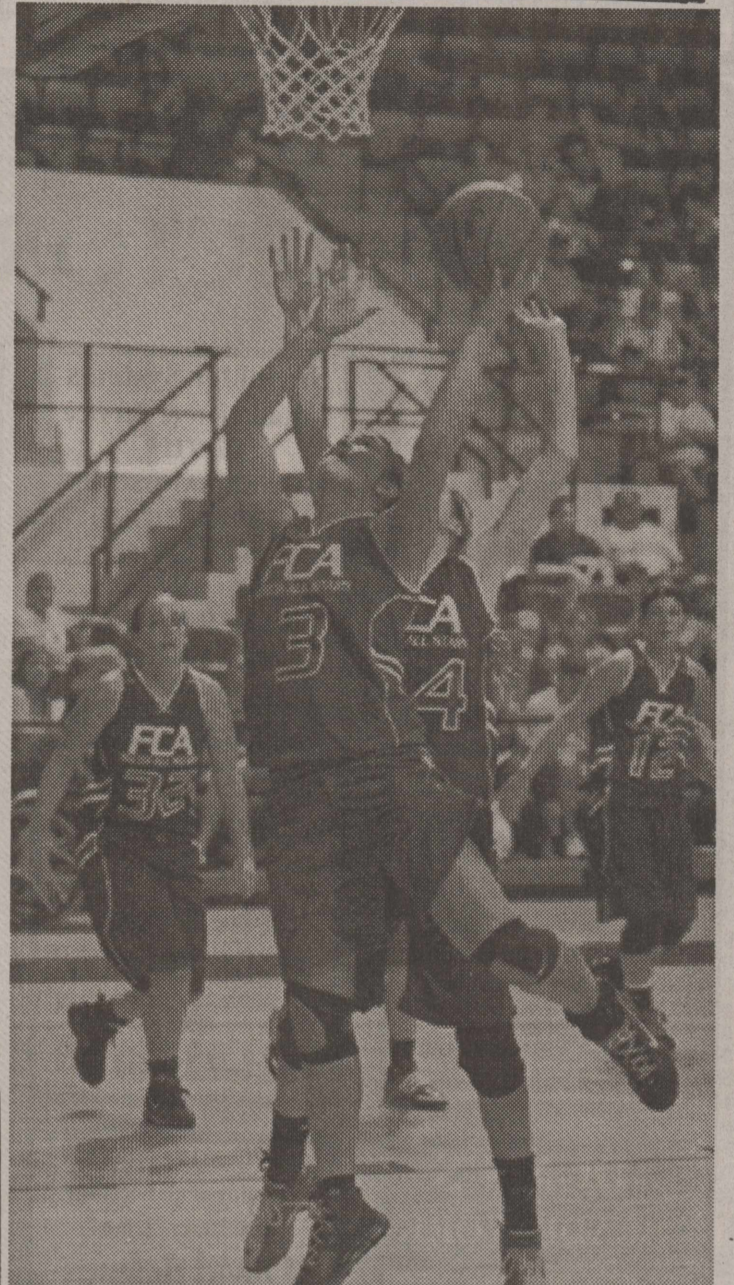
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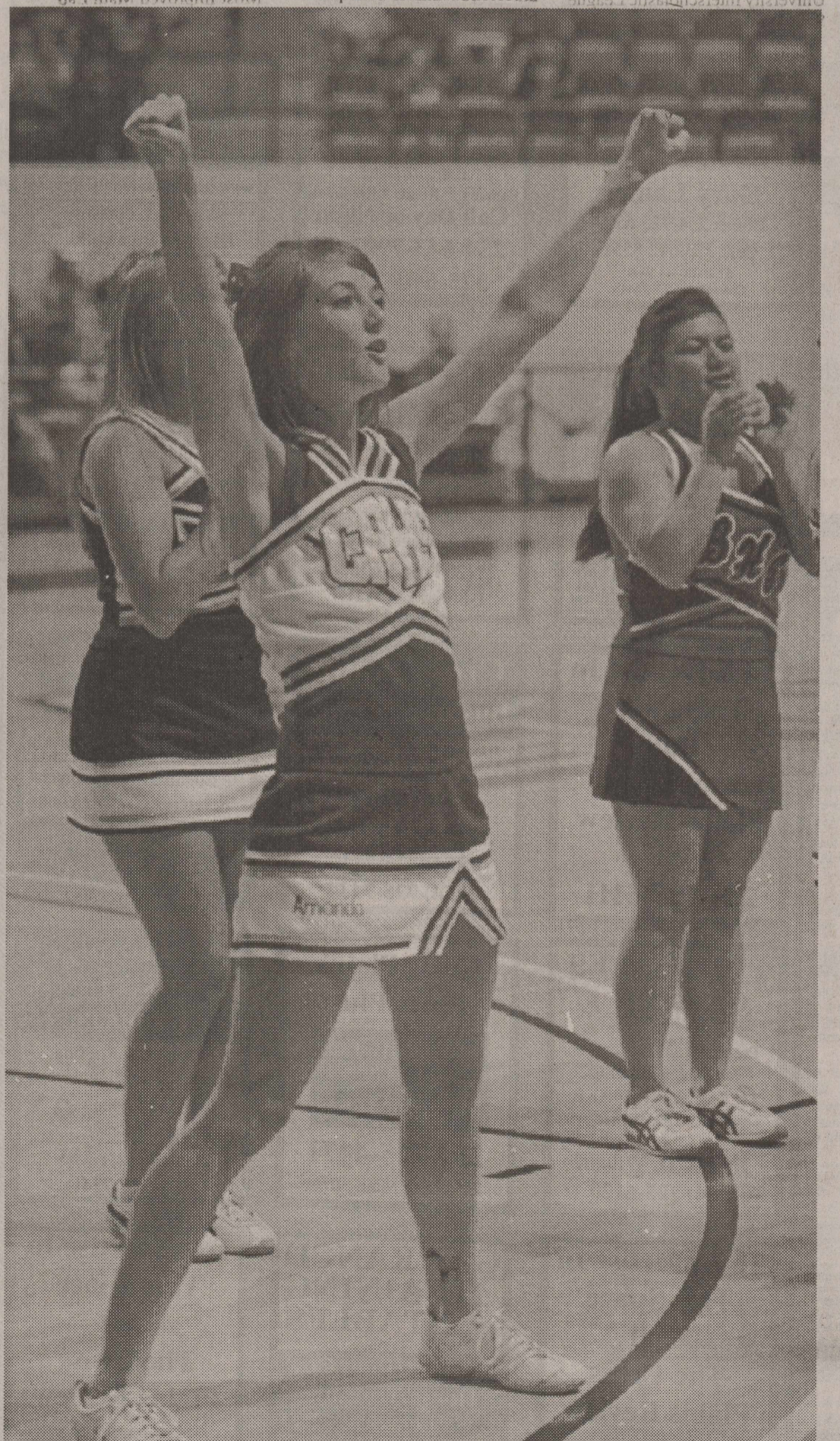


GOING UP FOR A SHOT—Cross Plains High School senior Emma Bennett, #3 in black, attempts a shot under the basket for the South All-Stars during the Myrle Greathouse Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Classic basketball game played Saturday, June 12th at Moody Coliseum in Abilene. The South All-Stars won the All-Star contest 65-43, with Bennett scoring two free throws in the game.

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A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on **June 17, 2010**, beginning at **6:00 p.m.** in the high school. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

Call Meeting to Order:

1. Open Forum
2. New Business
 - A. Approve minutes from previous meeting
 - B. Review Payment of Bills/ Finance Report
 - C. Consider Bids for Student Accident Insurance for 2010-11 School Year
 - D. Consider Taking Bids for

- a Used or New Activity Bus
 - E. Consider Job Descriptions for All Employees
 3. Personnel
 - A. Resignations
 - B. Recommendations for Employment
 4. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Fill out and sign Conflict of Interest Statements
 - B. GPA Calculations for 2010-11 School Year
 - C. Student Cell Phone?
 - D. Golf/Tennis Budget
 5. Adjourn.
- This notice was posted in compliance with the Opening Meetings Act on June 14, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

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counties and local governments have matched this with more than \$147 million. Courthouse restorations have generated more than 7,750 jobs throughout Texas and more than \$17 million in local taxes.

Recently restored courthouses include the Harrison County Courthouse, decorated with bronzed eagles and located in historic downtown Marshall, and the Kendall County Courthouse in the scenic hill country town of Boerne. Another courthouse worth visiting is the Kenedy County Courthouse in Sarita. Although the building was not a recipient of a Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program grant, the community utilized the guidance of the THC and succeeded in rededicating their historic courthouse on May 28th.

For more information on the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program and participating courthouses visit www.thc.state.tx.us or contact the THC's Architecture Division at 512.463.6094.

Commissioners approve use of jail inmate work crews in public areas

The Callahan County Commissioners approved a proposal from County Sheriff John Windham to allow Callahan County Jail inmates to work in public access areas in the county.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, June 14th during the commissioners' court regular meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Sheriff Windham said the proposal was made after one of the county school superintendent noticed a work crew cleaning up the sidewalks around the courthouse and asked if the work crew could do similar work for a school district.

Sheriff Windham said county jail inmates will only be allowed to work in public access areas, such as cemeteries, lakes, parks, schools, and roadway right-of-ways where their work would benefit the taxpayers. They will not be allowed to work on private property.

All inmates allowed to work in public areas will be supervised. Sheriff Windham said he'll be supervising the work crews most of the time. "I'll take them out," Sheriff Windham said.

He said those inmates who are considered "trustee inmates", who are not considered a flight risk, will be used for the work crews. He said those inmates that do the work can have their sentences reduced. Sheriff Windham said he has some trustee inmates who are serving 180 days in county jail and instead of them just sitting around the jail, they'll be out working in the communities.

On a motion by Commissioner Tom Windham and a second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to allow the inmate work crew proposal.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the regular commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Those present included Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter, and Deputy County

Clerk Suzee Odom. Visitors present at the commissioners' court meeting were: Rickey Carouth, Jason Gray, Bill Richardson, Ryan Bartula, Julie Davenport, Terry Smith, David Brummett, Judy Brummett, Sam Goldsmith, Desma Cantine and Sheriff John Windham.

—The minutes of the previous commissioners' court meeting were signed.

—There was no public comment received.

—Desma Cantine with the Callahan County Sheriff's Office introduced Ryan Bartula, President of Crown Correctional Telephone, Inc., who presented information on providing more efficient telephone service for the Callahan County Jail. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to table any action pending a check of references presented by the company. A second was made by Commissioner Kirkham and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Four bids were presented for the Precinct #4 Maintenance Barn. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirkham to accept as presented the bid from Reed Construction of Cross Plains. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioners approved applying for grant assistance under the Rules & Regulations of Rural Utilities Service, a department of the United States Department of Agriculture-Grant Resolution for the purchase of a vehicle for the Callahan County Sheriff's Department. The motion was made for approval by Commissioner Kirkham and seconded by Commissioner Farmer and carried by a 5-0 vote.

—Sheriff Windham presented the monthly Sheriff's Department Report for May. A motion to approve the report was made by Commissioner Kirkham and seconded by Commissioner Windham. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Sam Goldsmith with Goldsmith Solutions presented his Information Technology Report to the commissioners' court. Information concerning projects that have been implemented and those issues that are to be addressed in the future were brought before the court. Judge Corn commended Goldsmith

Solutions on the job it has done for the County.

—After consideration, no action was taken on the Countywide Burn Ban. There is currently no Burn Ban in Callahan County.

—Commissioners considered the reappointment of Callahan County Appointee Trustee Vicky Hicks to the Mental Health/Mental Retardation (MHMR) Board at the Betty Hardwick Center. Motion to approve Ms. Hicks reappointment to a third term was made by Commissioner Farmer and seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the commissioners' court approved a proposal from Little Manufacturers for rehabilitation work on the Callahan County Courthouse parking lot. The proposal was approved with a 5-0 vote.

—Jason Gray appeared before the commissioners' court concerning a proposal to close a portion of a County Road known as Bluebird Drive, which would end county maintenance on such road. After a 20 day posting, a Public Hearing concerning the closing of the county road will be held. A motion to consider the proposal after all the correct procedures have been taken was made by Commissioner Windham and seconded

by Commissioner Hicks with passage by a 5-0 vote.

—Terry Smith and Julie Davenport with Human Resources, presented the commissioners' court with information concerning possible handicapped entrances and parking for the Human Resources office. Judge Corn made a motion to approve the proposal for handicapped entrances and parking, but asked them to consider all options concerning locations and bring that information before the commissioners' court at a later date. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioners considered Amendment No. 2 to Contract 728237 between Callahan County and the Texas Department of Rural Affairs. The amendment would become effective September 21, 2010. The motion to accept the amendment was made by Commissioner Windham and seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—A motion to pay all approved bills was made by Commissioner Windham with a second by Commissioner Farmer. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—A motion was made by Commissioner Windham to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 11:17 a.m. Judge Corn seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Public Hearing held for vehicle grant project

The Callahan County Commissioners held a brief public hearing to discuss a grant project from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the purchase of a vehicle for the County Sheriff's Department on Monday, June 14th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the regular commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Those present included Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, County

Treasurer Dianne Gunter, and Deputy County Clerk Suzee Odom.

The public hearing began at 9:30 a.m. with no questions or comments from the public and the public hearing was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Visitors attending the public hearing included: Rickey Carouth, Jason Gray, Ryan Bartula, Sheriff John Windham, and Desma Cantine.

A motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting was made by Commissioner Farmer and seconded by Commissioner Windham with a 5-0 vote.

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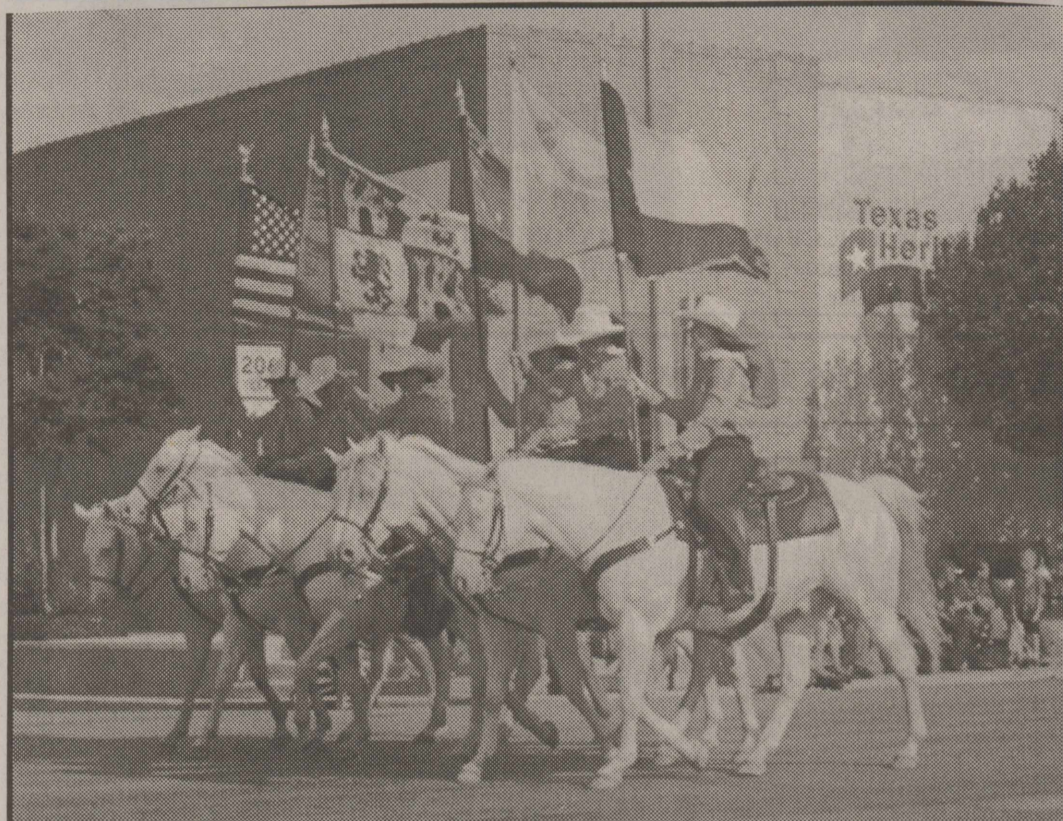
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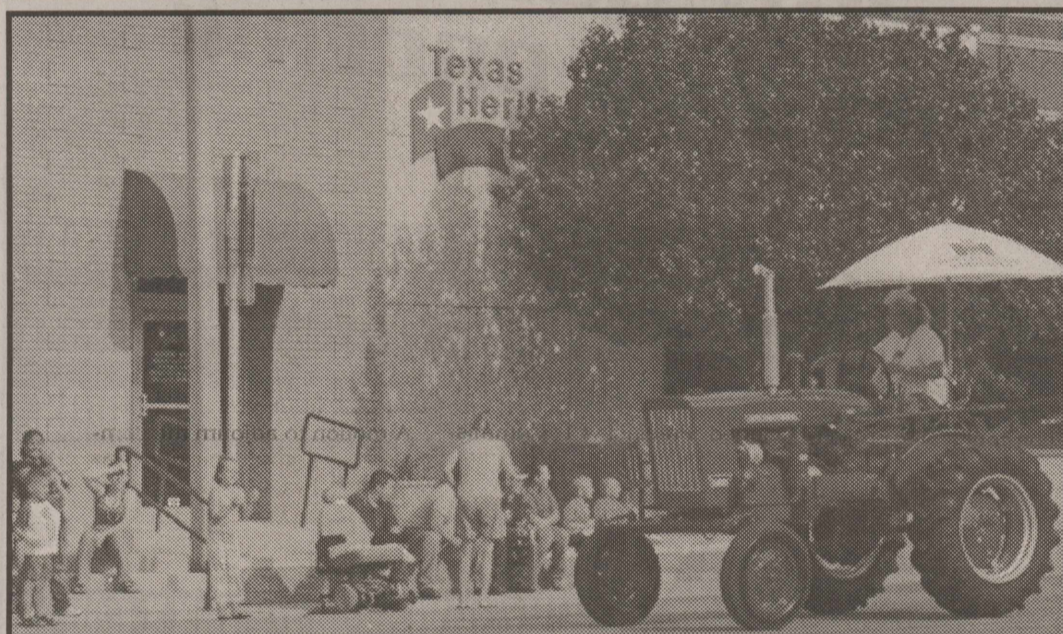
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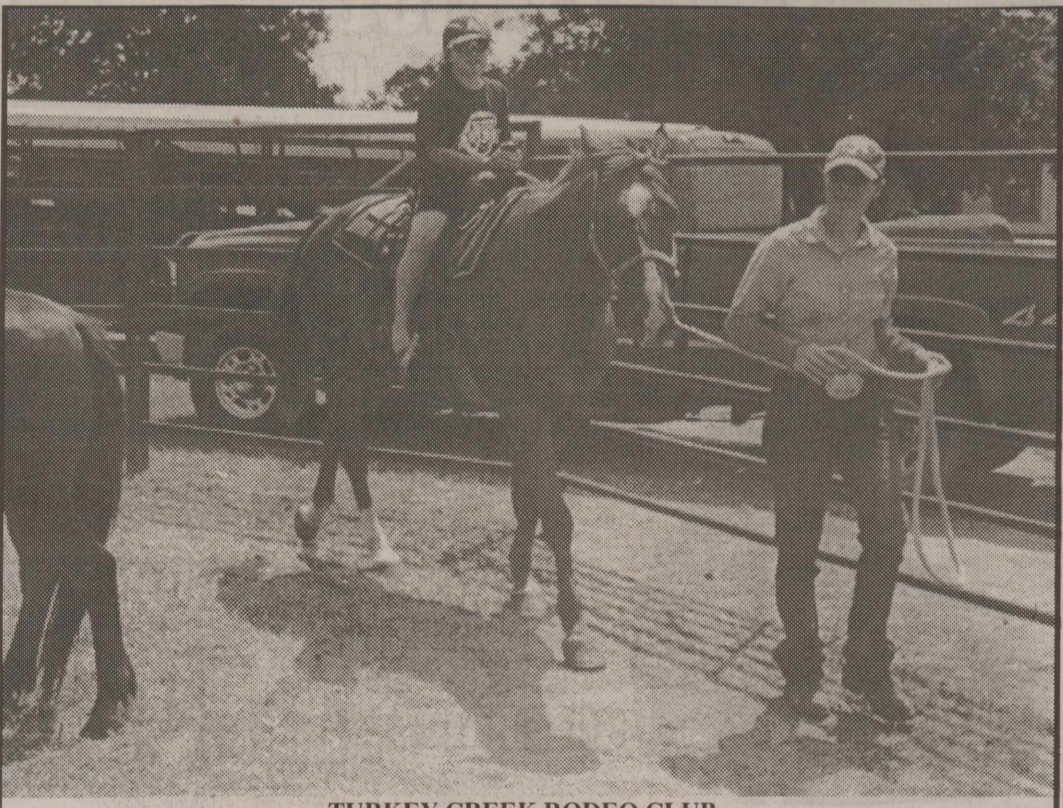
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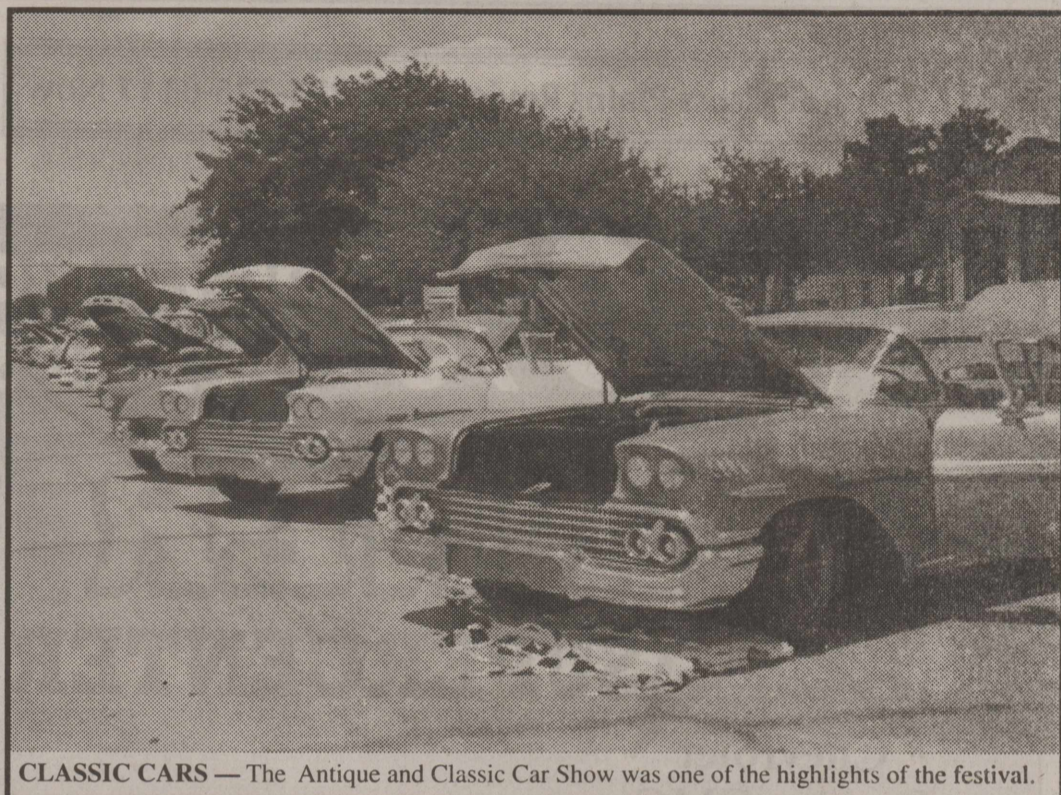
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CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — Sheriff John Whindham (left) and crew in the Callahan County Sheriff's Office booth.



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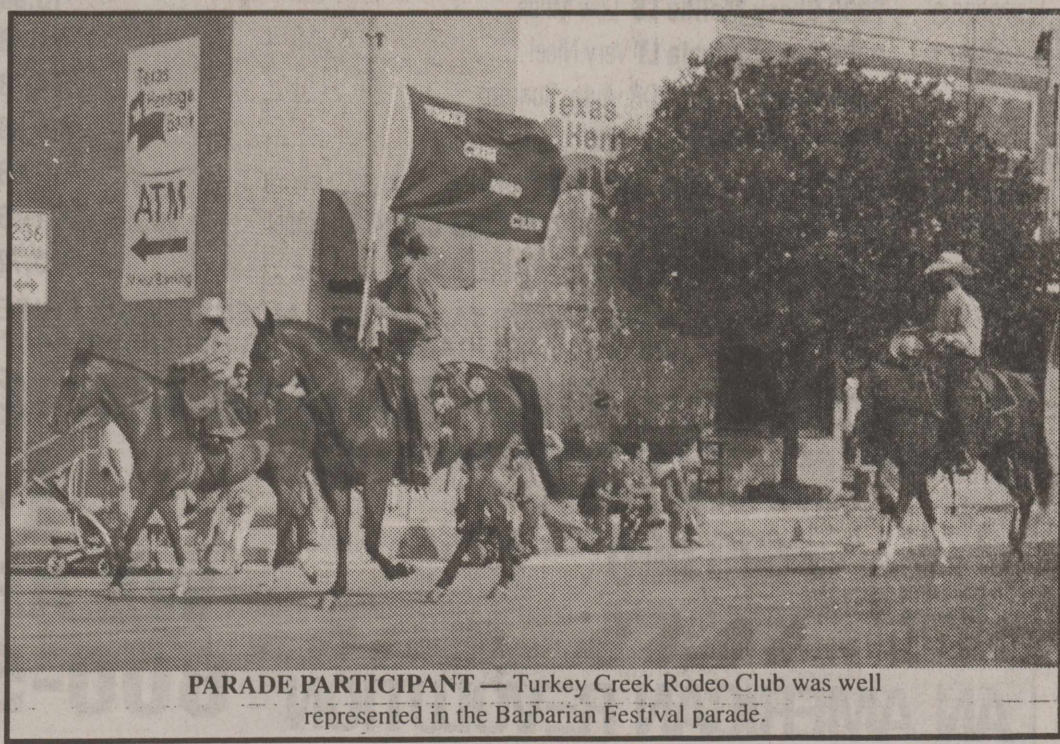
CLASSIC CARS — The Antique and Classic Car Show was one of the highlights of the festival.



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CROSS PLAINS FIRE TRUCK — Robert Simons driving one of the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department trucks. The Cross Plains EMS and firetrucks from Cross Plains, Cottonwood and Eula participated in the parade.



PARADE PARTICIPANT — Turkey Creek Rodeo Club was well represented in the Barbarian Festival parade.



PICKUP SERVICE — Suzi Pillans of the Turkey Creek Rodeo Club provided pickup service for the horses in the parade.



MEMBERS OF THE CROSS PLAINS MASONIC LODGE #627— man a hot dog stand at the Barbarian Festival Saturday. Pictured left to right: Allen Barnett, Phillip Strength, Ron Wooten, Dale Aaron and Stan Painter.

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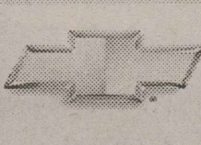
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Smith will have responsibility for AEP's two utilities operating in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), Texas Central Company and Texas North Company. Smith will report to Venita McCollon-Allen, president and chief operating officer of Southwestern Electric Power Co. He will be replacing Pablo Vegas, who was named vice president—Information Technology and chief information officer for AEP May 13.

"Wade has a significant depth of experience in all areas of our business. His demonstrated leadership skills will be key as we continue to manage the impact of a struggling economy and maintain our commitment to providing reliable, reasonably priced service in the evolving Texas marketplace. Wade started his career with our company in Texas, and I know his understanding of the state and unique perspective on our business will serve us well," McCollon-Allen said.

Smith, 45, has been vice

president—Transmission Engineering & Project Services since July 2008. He joined AEP Transmission in February 2008 as managing director—Transmission. Smith served as director, Gas Turbine & Joint Venture—Generation, from 2004 to 2008 with responsibility for AEP's combustion turbine-based generation in the east, the company's wind generation facilities and jointly-owned coal plants not operated by AEP. From 2000 to 2004, Smith was executive director—IPP & Wind and had responsibility for 12 independent power projects. He also directed operations in Florida for CSW Energy and managed the partnerships that owned two cogeneration facilities. Smith began his career with the former Central and South West Corp. In 1989 as an engineer a Fort Phantom Power Station in Abilene, Texas. He worked for several years at Oklaunion Station in Vernon, Texas, and was plant manager at Oak Creek Station in Blackwell, Texas.

Smith earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Texas Tech University in Lubbock and a master's of business administration from Abilene Christian University. He is a graduate of The Executive Program—Darden School of

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

From Kerosene to Cucumbers — I drove into George Hargrove's place on the edge of Crockett the other day to ask directions. While he was telling me how to get to a neighbor's house, I noticed the well-kept trees, lawn and garden on his place. He seemed so friendly and full of life, I asked him if I could interview him. He said sure. I'm always looking for people with a good sense of humor and a gleam in their eye who like to talk. George fits the bill to a "T".

He has all the latest farm equipment on his six acre spread, including two tractors, three lawnmowers and all kinds of trailers, wheelbarrows and tools. George just turned 83 and says he has never had a bad day and can remember every day of his life since the age of three. He says at one time he could name three-fourths of the people in Houston County because he sold them refrigerators, appliances and air conditioners. When he was a boy, his daddy bought a kerosene refrigerator that made ice cubes. "That fascinated me so much I thought I would go into

that business one day and I did. It was a Servel refrigerator. You put kerosene in a two-gallon container in the refrigerator and that builds a fire that heats up ammonia and water and turns it into refrigerant that made the ice cubes. You had to clean it once a week or it wouldn't work. It was my job to clean it. It had a wick just like a kerosene lamp and you had to keep that wick trimmed and keep it clean. Back in those kerosene days, George and his family listened to the Grand Old Opry on radio. "We had the only radio for miles around and it ran on a series of batteries that we had to take to town to get charged. On Saturday night neighbors would come over to listen. Sometimes we'd have twenty-five people crowded around the radio."

George retired twenty years ago and turned the business over to his daughter and son-in-law. He started growing things like he used to do on the farm. "I never wanted to come back to a farm in my lifetime, but after dealing with the public for forty or fifty years, the garden is a

haven." He has a garden that covers an entire acre, growing spinach, potatoes, figs and onions. He has grown lots of tomatoes, which he says is one of the hardest crops to grow. "Last year I put 100 tomato plants in the ground and sold over a ton, ate about 200 pounds and gave about 500 pounds away." When I asked him what was the easiest crop to grow he replied, "nut grass."

He set out 30 pecan trees when they were about two feet tall. They are forty feet tall now. George has twenty peach trees, some of which are called Della Georgia and bring a hefty price. He also has some Elbertas. George says if you open a persimmon seed from last year's crop, it'll tell what the weather will be this year. "That seed has a likeness of a knife, fork or spoon inside it. Each one signifies a wet year, dry year or cold weather."

George says he has a lot of fun growing stuff. "I love to grow a garden."

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"Our hospice volunteers are an essential piece of our team," said Terri Marcus, volunteer coordinator for Hendrick Hospice Care. "Our service area covers a 14-county region, so

we always have a special need for volunteers in surrounding rural areas.

Those living within a 65-mile radius of Abilene are encouraged to attend the training to learn more about volunteer opportunities through Hendrick Hospice Care.

Assistance is needed in many areas, and no previous experience is required.

We hope individuals will consider this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others," said Marcus.

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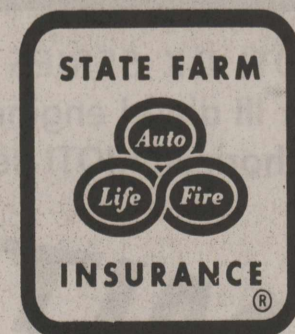
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Miss Sue's Little Readers are enjoying traveling to countries all over the world with stories and crafts, and earning their "Tickets to Read".

Mark Finn, creative author and producer, kicked off the library's special programming by reading favorite selections from several books. Mark made the famous Tom Sawyer's whitewashed fence story so much fun with his dramatization. He also read a chapter from Pecos Bill adventure with a norther and how his poor dog had his barks frozen. Pecos Bill rescued the dog and put the frozen barks in his pocket, where later he put them in the stove where they thawed out and the room filled with barking! The children also were treated to a chapter from Beverly Cleary's *Henry and Beezus* about the adventures of Ribsy, the dog getting a parking ticket!

Tiffany McCaghren had a well-prepared origami demonstration for the Teens and 'Tweens. The group wasn't large but they learned so much. If you weren't there, you don't know how much fun you missed!

Donnel Clark will be presenting next weeks 2:00 p.m. program informing the students about Old Cross Plains and how people in town used to live, and talking about the New Cross Plains and



CROSS PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY — Miss Sue taking her "Little Readers" on the "Reading Express!"; one of many exciting programs the library is offering the children this summer.



LIBRARY'S SPECIAL PROGRAM — Mark Finn, creative author and producer, reading to the children attending the summer reading program at Cross Plains Public Library.

how things have changed. p.m. and Tiffany's Teens and Come Catch the Reading Express!
Miss Sue's Little Riders will meet again Wednesday at 1:00 'Tweens meet at 3:00 p.m.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

LIVING THE GOOD LIFE

I have been doing my best to live the good life lately. I don't mean the television version with its giant mansions, fancy cars, and fat bank accounts either. By the good life I mean the "good" life. For me it is the only type of life worth living. I even have a list of good suggestions that have helped me along the way. Here are just a few of them.

Never pass up an opportunity to hug your kids, pet your dogs, or hold your cats. Take the time to watch the sunrise, the sunset, and to notice the moon smiling down on you. Pray. Hold all the hands you can, pat all the backs you can, and give all the compliments you can. Always say "Please and thank you." Pray some more.

If a kind word comes to your lips speak it, if a kind thought comes to your mind think it, and if a kind deed comes to your heart do it. Take your time. Open doors for others, let cars pull out in front of yours, and let people ahead of you in line. Pray even more. Always listen to that sweet, gentle voice inside of you telling you to do something nice to help another. That is God guiding you. Listen before you speak, forgive before you hate, and help before you hurt.

Give this world all of your talents, your laughter, your energy, your joy, and your light. Be an obedient child, a caring spouse, a devoted parent, a doting grandparent, a cherished friend, a giving neighbor, and a good Samaritan every chance you get.

Most of all, though, always remember that it is Love that makes a good life "good". In the

book "In search of the Beyond," Carlo Correto gave us these words of wisdom. "Let us keep this truth before us. You say you have no faith? Love and faith will come. You say you are sad? Love and joy will come. You say you are alone? Love and you will break out of your solitude. You say you are in Hell? Love and you will find yourself in Heaven. Heaven is love." May you always live the "good" life then full of Heavenly love and oneness with God.

By Joseph J. Mazzella

Chess Pie

1 1/2 cups sugar
1/4 cup sweet milk
dash salt
1/4 pound butter, margarine
3 eggs
(flavoring as desired)

Beat all ingredients except eggs until smooth, then beat the eggs and pour into mixture and mix. Pour into unbaked pie shell and cook at 275° until done.

Sallie Blalock

Chess Pie

2 cups sugar
1 T. vanilla
1/4 t. salt
1 cup butter or margarine
5 eggs

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Commissioners approve order prohibiting the use of fireworks in Callahan County

The Callahan County commissioners' court approved an order prohibiting the use of certain fireworks in unincorporated areas of Callahan County during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, June 14th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Tom Windham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to prohibit the use of certain fireworks for the July 4th holiday period.

On the 14th day of June, 2010, the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County adopted the following order effective immediately:

ORDER PROHIBITING USE OF FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court has determined that during the July 4th fireworks season, the rural acreage in the county not under cultivation for a period of at least twelve months are determined to be extremely hazardous for the danger of fire because of high grass and dry vegetation and allows the Commissioners' Court of a county to prohibit the sale or use of restricted fireworks in specific areas in Callahan County; and

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of June, 2010, the Commission-

ers' Court of Callahan County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County adopts this Order prohibiting the use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County.

A. No persons may detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part 173.100(r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks, and "Missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Callahan County.

B. This Order does not prohibit:

1. Common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives.

2. Large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation (TEX. OCC. CODE, Chapter 2154).

3. The sale of "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins."

C. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order.

An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.

D. If the landowners' permission is obtained prior thereto, persons may detonate, ignite, or use fireworks on private property in unincorporated areas of the county as long as:

1. The person using the fireworks is not intoxicated as defined in Vernon's Act. Civil Statute Article 62011-1 (a) (2).

2. Reasonable precautions are taken concerning proximity to structures and flammable vegetation.

3. Children are adequately supervised by adults.

4. Water is readily available for extinguishing fires.

E. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor. Class C Misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$500.00.

APPROVED THIS THE 14TH DAY OF JUNE, 2010, BY THE CALLAHAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

(s) Roger Corn
County Judge

(s) Harold Hicks
Commissioner Precinct #1

(s) Bryan Farmer
Commissioner Precinct #2

(s) Tom Windham
Commissioner Precinct #3

(s) Cliff Kirkham
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Attest: County Clerk

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Help save the untold story of Japanese Confinement sites in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas—The Friends of the Texas Historical Commission (THC) was recently awarded a grant by the National Park Service (NPS) to help preserve and interpret the historic locations and stories of Japanese Americans who were detained and sequestered during World War II. The grant program is in its second year and aims to teach and inspire future generations about the injustice of the World War II confinement and demonstrate the nation's commitment to equal justice under the law.

The Friends of the THC received a \$20,167 grant to research and preserve the history of the Kenedy Internment Camp in Karnes County, Seagoville Internment Camp in Dallas County, Fort Sam Houston Internment Camp in Bexar County and Fort Bliss Internment Camp in El Paso County. The THC is

actively seeking individuals with knowledge about these sites to conduct oral histories and to preserve artifacts including historic photos and documentation.

The history of Japanese confinement sites in Texas is one of the state's numerous untold stories. The THC is currently accepting marker applications through June 15th to nominate these stories, which help to fill interpretive gaps in the Historical Marker Program.

For more information on the untold stories of Texas history or if you have knowledge on Japanese confinement sites in Texas contact William McWhorter with the THC's History Programs Division at 512.463.5833 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us. To learn more about the NPS visit www.nps.gov.

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Cross Plains' retail sales are slightly higher in 2010

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2010 are running slightly higher than 2009 sales tax payments, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, June 9th.

Cross Plains' 2010 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$95,377.40, which is 1.91 percent higher than the \$93,581.63 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2009.

The payment to the city for June 2010 was \$15,742.39, which is 4.93 percent above the June 2009 check of \$15,001.71.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs today, Wednesday, June 9th, announced that the state collected \$1.78 billion in sales tax revenue in May, a 0.1 percent increase compared to May 2009.

"Total sales tax collections have met or exceeded year ago levels for a second month in a row, following 14 months of decline. This may indicate that a bottom has been reached," Combs said. "May sales tax collections from retail trade, oil and gas, and restaurant activity outpaced those of May 2009. Remittances from other sectors, however, such as construction and manufacturing, fell below last year. While overall economic conditions and sales tax revenues appear to be stabilizing, there remains a risk of further deterioration, before a sustained recovery is underway."

On Friday, Combs sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$437.3 million in June local sales tax allocations, down 0.9 percent compared to last June.

Combs will deliver June sales tax allocations of \$292.6 million to Texas cities, down 1.5 percent compared to June 2009. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are down 4 percent compared to the same time period last year. Texas counties will receive sales tax payments of \$26.7 million, up 1 percent compared to last June. So far this year, sales tax allocations to counties are down 7.9 percent compared to 2009.

In addition, \$18.6 million goes out to 169 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 8.7 percent compared to last June. Ten local transit systems will receive \$99.2 million in sales tax allocations, down 1.2 percent compared to a year ago.

June's sales tax allocations represent sales that occurred in April.

For details of June sales tax

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2009	2010
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$93,581.63	\$95,377.40
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$15,001.71	\$15,742.39

payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

The Comptroller's July sales tax allocation will be made on Monday, July 12th.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2010 started the year 2.82 percent higher than the 2009 payments. The city has received \$52,272.55 in 2010, while the 2009 tax payments to the city totalled \$50,834.67.

Baird's monthly payment for June 2010 was \$6,710.48, which is 3.86 percent lower than the \$6,980.38 check mailed to the city in June 2009.

—The 2010 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 19.92 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2009. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$263,507.17 in 2010. The 2009 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$219,724.62.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for June 2010 was \$32,636.43, which is 0.17 percent higher than the \$32,580.49 check presented to the city in June 2009.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2010 payments to the town totalled \$7,159.11, down 6.75 percent from the 2009 payments to the city in the amount of \$7,677.72.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of June 2010 was \$1,041.14, which is 24.19 percent lower than the \$1,373.46 check mailed to the city in June 2009.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 2010 in Callahan County are up 12.50 percent compared to the 2009 pay-

ments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2010 amounting to \$418,316.23 while the 2009 payments to the county towns totalled \$371,818.64.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of June 2010 were \$56,130.44, which is 0.34 percent higher than the June 2009 sales tax rebates of \$55,936.04.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4% share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to the local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax.

Clyde businesses collect 2.00%, including one percent for the City of Clyde, one-half of one percent for the Clyde Economic Development Corporation and one-half of one percent to reduce property taxes (Proceeds to benefit the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department.)

Cross Plains collects 2.00% in local sales taxes, of which 1.00 percent is allocated to the city and 1.00% is allocated for economic development in the town.

Baird collects 1.50% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the city and 0.50% allocated to the community's economic development corporation.

Putnam collects 1.00% in local sales tax of which all 1.00 percent is allocated to the city.

All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, the Comptroller said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.



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Agriculture Secretary Vilsack and USDA celebrate National Homeownership Month

TEMPLE, TEXAS, June 1, 2010 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today kicked off National Homeownership Month by highlighting USDA's success in providing homeownership opportunities and safe, sanitary housing units to rural Americans.

National Homeownership Month is observed each June to raise awareness about the vital role homeownership plays in improving lives, creating jobs and economic opportunities, and strengthening America's neighborhoods.

"A strong Nation is made up of strong families, and safe, quality housing contributes greatly to rural Americans' quality of life," Vilsack said. "The Obama Administration is committed to bringing the necessary resources to rural America, provide decent, affordable housing to those who need it."

"USDA Rural Development is proud to assist rural Texans in meeting their housing needs, which is critical to the long term sustainability of our communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director. "We urge Texans to seek information about our housing programs and submit applications while this funding is still available."

This year's National Homeownership Month theme is "Protecting the American Dream." Dozens of communities across the nation have planned events and activities throughout June to

highlight their role in expanding homeownership. Local communities and USDA officials will highlight the benefits of homeownership and share information on ways families can remain successful homeowners. The public will also be informed about weatherization and energy efficiency programs available to rural homeowners to increase energy efficiency, reduce health and safety risks, and improve accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

In 2009, USDA Rural Development financed more than \$63.4 million in repairs for more than 5,000 rural homeowners. Also, USDA's housing programs continue to help income-eligible Americans become homeowners. USDA provided homeownership loans to more than 140,000 rural Americans in fiscal year 2009. Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which President Obama signed into law in February 2009, USDA provided \$10.8 billion in loans and loan guarantees to more than 87,000 home buyers. Although all available guarantee funds have been committed to loans this fiscal year, USDA continues to provide home loan funds through its direct home loan program.

In Texas alone, 5,788 Texas households have been helped through funding from the Guaranteed and Direct Loan Program so far this year, and now have a place to call home.

Francisco and Maria Silva of Ferris, TX, are among those who have taken advantage of USDA Rural Development's Housing programs and now own their home. "Rural Development changed our lives. We would not have been able to buy a house without Rural Development's assistance," attributes Silva. As a proud homeowner, Francisco told the USDA Rural Development staff that assisted him, "you all need to come visit; my home is your home." Ferris is a rural community in Ellis County with a population of 2,175 residents.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages more than 40 housing, business and community infrastructure, and facility programs through a network of 6,100 employees located in the nation's capital and 500 state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$134 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

For further information about USDA Rural Development's housing programs in Texas, visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/"](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/) or contact your closest Rural Development office.

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Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from June 6, 2010 through June 12, 2010 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—85
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Driving While Intoxicated—1
Fugitive Arrest-Possession of Marijuana—1
Vehicle Accidents
There were four vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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IT'S A BOY! — Ryan and Ryder Reed of Cross Plains are proud to announce the birth of their little brother, Rylen Whyne Reed. Rylen was born on April 5, 2010 at Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene. He weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Maternal Grandparents are Gaylon and Carolyn Marwitz of Hamilton. Paternal Grandparents are Rusty and Debbie Reed of Cross Plains. Maternal Great-Grandmother is Esta Marwitz of Priddy. Also celebrating his birth were his parents Matt and Krisi Reed, Aunt Kathleen and Uncle Doug, Aunt Kaci and Uncle Rodney, Aunt Shana and Uncle Cody, and cousins Brenna, Brayden and Kutter.

Abilene District to host two TIP public meetings

ABILENE, Texas - Texas Department of Transportation officials have announced the Abilene District will be hosting two public meetings to provide all interested citizens information concerning the rural portion of the 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The TIP is a staged multi-year program of projects proposed for funding by federal and state sources during the next four years.

The first meeting was held Tuesday, June 15, 2010, in the ballroom of the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, Big Spring. The second meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2010, in the Haskell High School auditorium located at 600 N Ave E, Haskell. Registration for both meetings will begin at 6 p.m. with the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. The same information will be presented at each meeting.

The meetings will provide an opportunity for interested individuals and groups to offer their views, concerns and comments on the goals, objectives and impacts of the TIP.

Persons wishing to present testimony at either of the meetings regarding the 2011-2014 Rural Transportation Improvement Program will

need to complete the response cards that will be available at the registration table.

Instead of, or in addition to speaking at the meetings, attendees may choose to provide written statements and/or exhibits. Written comments should be presented either in person or by mail to the TxDOT/Abilene District, Attn: Blair W. Haynie, P.E., 2011-2014 Rural TIP, 4250 N Clack, Abilene, Texas, 79601, no later than Friday, June 28, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting, contact Haynie, Director of Transportation Planning and Development, at 325/676-6810 or Mary Beth Kilgore, District Public Information Officer, at 325/676-6806.

Counties in the Abilene District include Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor.

Persons having special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT's Abilene District Office at (325) 676-6810. Requests should be made at least 72 hours prior to the date of any public meeting they plan to attend. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate those needs.

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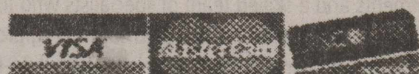
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