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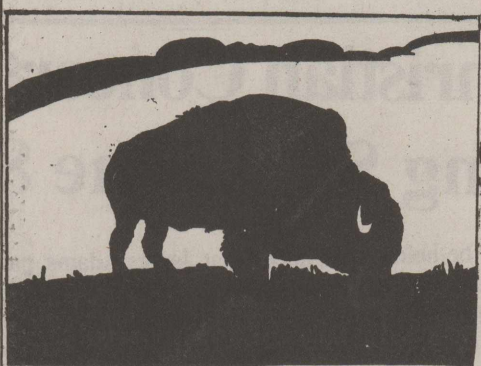
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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

NUMBER 11

Local EMS and VFD Appreciates Every Effort

The Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service and the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department express our appreciation to all who helped our annual "At the Light Fund Raiser" turn out to be a great success again this year. We thank those who helped collect at the light- those who work on the services and especially those who volunteered to help us. We are grateful to Dairy Queen and Subway for providing drinks for those who worked

at the light, and to the Cross Plains Review for helping us publicize it. We also thank Texas Heritage Bank for helping us with the schedule of workers. "Last but not least," thank you to all who donated as you went through the light- some of you, over and over again- and all who donated directly at the bank or by giving it to one of us at other places and/or other times. It seems that we always need more help- more volunteers- so if

you are interested in serving on the EMS or the VFD, please check with some of us on the services and we will give you information about how to qualify and get signed up. "Thank You" again from the Cross Plains VFD and EMS! We shall continue to show our appreciation by continuing to serve Cross Plains and the surrounding communities.

Howard Postal Cancellation and Howard Days June 7-8

Welcome Howard Fans!!!!



ROBERT E. HOWARD
STATION June 8, 2002



CROSS PLAINS, TX 76443

A special Robert E. Howard Station postal cancellation is scheduled at the Cross Plains Post Office on Saturday, June 8th, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. The artwork includes the now famous picture of Howard with his initials and a picture of the Howard house.

Bill Cavalier of Michigan City, Indiana created the artwork. Mr. Cavalier is a former Official Editor for The Robert E. Howard United Press Association (REHUPA). REHUPA is an organization made up of businessmen, teachers, attorneys, counselors, published writers, professional artists and a myriad of other professionals who are Howard fans.

If you plan to participate in this special postal cancellation you will need to bring to the post office your fully addressed envelopes with the proper amount of postage affixed or you may want to consider purchasing the new *Heroes of 2001* semipostal stamp that is scheduled to be issued by the U.S. Postal Service on Friday, June 7th.

The 45-cent, self-adhesive Heroes of 2001 semipostal stamp is valid for postage at the current First-Class Mail, first-ounce letter rate in effect (currently 34 cents) with the differential (less the Postal Service's reasonable costs) going to FEMA to provide assistance to the families of emergency relief personnel killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty in connection with the September 11th terrorist attacks. The 11-cent differential consists of a tax-deductible contribution. This stamp is the second in U.S. history to have its net proceeds above postage (and the Postal Service's reasonable costs) earmarked for specified purposes.



Using this stamp would not only make a very collectible item of the special Howard postal cancellation but at the same time would be helping families who suffered loss or disability from the September 11th terrorist attacks. If you are unable to personally bring in your envelopes, you may enclose them in a larger envelope addressed to the Cross Plains Post Mistress, Cross Plains, Texas 76443 for a period of thirty (30) days following June 8th and they will be cancelled with the Howard cancellation and mailed back to you. Please remember that all envelopes must be addressed and affixed with the proper amount of postage. Also, remember that for the cancelled envelopes to be returned to you, there must be included a larger, properly stamped and addressed envelope.

For those who may be planning to be in Cross Plains on Friday

only, you may take your envelopes by the post office on Friday afternoon before 3:30 p.m. and leave them to be cancelled on Saturday morning.

Project Pride and Howard fans appreciate Post Mistress Amanda Waggoner and her staff for allowing this cancellation on Saturday, which is normally a day the postal window is closed.

Friday Howard Days activities will officially begin including tours, lunch at the Pavilion, a dinner, panel discussion, library viewings, informal visits and more. See the schedule of events in the *Cross Plains Review* for the exact time.

Check out Howard Happenings inside this issue. You will understand why so many people visit Cross Plains every June.

Howard fans are welcomed by Project Pride, Cross Plains Public Library and the community for the festivities honoring Robert E. Howard.



THE WELL-KEPT PIONEER CEMETERY WAS HONORED BY MANY VISITORS AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Pioneer Memorial Day Observance Well Attended

Approximately 89 patriotic citizens attended the annual Memorial Day Observance held at the Pioneer Cemetery on May 27. The early morning sprinkle of rain did not deter their enthusiasm to show respect to our veterans and pride in our country.

Pioneer area veterans of World War II, James Alexander and Thomas A. Flippin, began the program with the flag raising ceremony, followed by the invocation by Rev. Dwaine Clower. Sheila Payne Rhyne of Cross Plains sang a stirring rendition of the National Anthem, followed by Chase Worsham leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading a poem "Freedom Is Not Free".

Alan Fleming introduced the speaker for 2002, Chaplain Dave Fair of Brownwood. Mr. Fair spoke of some observations of

renewed awareness in citizens in both the local area and in New York where he had spent a week at Ground Zero after the World Trade Center Disaster. In his observations, people had become more appreciative of each other, renewed their belief in God, restored their respect for law enforcement, and certainly become more appreciative of freedoms that had been taken for granted.

Melanie Chesshir, a recent graduate of Cross Plains High School, and Jolena Fleming of Texas Tech, followed Chaplain Fair with special readings of "Old Glory" and "Eulogy for a Veteran". Group singing of "America" and "America the Beautiful" was led by Cathy Chesshir, Jean Fore, May Jones and Frankie Smith.

Chaplain Fair and Jolena Fleming made a special tribute to

the fallen heroes of the Pioneer area. Mr. Fair presented flags to the relatives of these men to be placed on their graves or at the war memorial if their body was not interred at the Pioneer Cemetery.

Kandra Poole, also a recent graduate of C.P.H.S., rendered TAPS in honor of the veterans followed by a moment of silence and the benediction by Bobby Jack McCowen. At one point in the early morning program, all veterans in attendance were asked to stand for recognition.

The program was concluded with the placement of flags on the graves and refreshments served by Wanda Nelson and Jo Veda Watson.

American Legion Post No. 433 of Rising Star donated the flags for use in the Memorial Service.

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"Read Aloud Cafe" to Open Soon at Cross Plains Public Library

The "Read Aloud Cafe" will soon be open for the children of our community! "What's that?" you ask? This is a special children's program sponsored by the Cross Plains Public Library emphasizing the many benefits of reading aloud to children. The "Read Aloud Cafe", located in the library, will be open June 17-21 from 12 noon to 1:15 p.m.

"Daily Specials" will be offered which include a free, kid-approved LUNCH (served promptly at noon every day); free BOOKMARKS, drawings for

PRIZES and many favorite BOOKS read aloud for your children's listening pleasure!

Reading records will not be kept but time will be given at the end of each session for children to check out their own books. Students who have just completed K-6th grades are eligible for participation.

We'll have a great time! Call 725-7722 or come by the library for more information and pre-registration beginning this week.

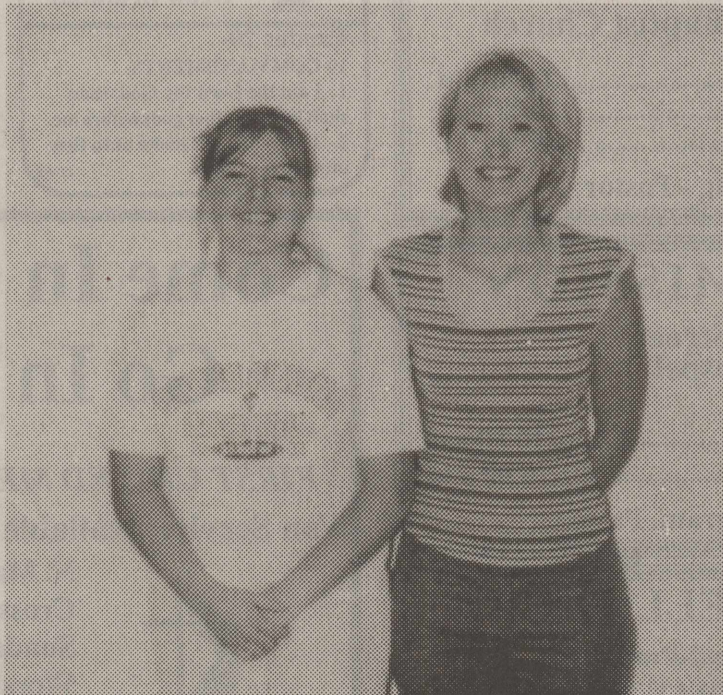
Submitted by
Jacque Childress

Local Students Place at UIL State Solo and Ensemble

On May 27, Erin Stephens and Angela Swift, 2002 Seniors at Cross Plains High School, competed at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Marcos.

Erin earned a First Division gold medal on her soprano solo. Her teacher is Susan Wester of Cisco. Erin is the daughter of Wade and Pat Stephens.

Accompanied by her mother, Angela received a Second Division silver medal on her soprano solo. She is the daughter of John and Connie Swift.



STATE UIL SOLO AND ENSEMBLE WINNERS—Erin Stephens (left) and Angela Swift

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

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Sandi D. Watson, theft of property by check.
Julio Mapula, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Lester C. Howe, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Jeremiah L. Willson, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.
Anthony Lewis Isbell, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.
Michael Hernandez, order extending probation granted.
Julio Mapula, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted, case refiled.

Marriage Licenses

Joseph Bryan Underwood of Clyde and Kristy Lynne Bryant of Baird.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Minutes

Dillard National Bank vs. Gary J. Seals aka Gary James Seals, judgment ordered, plaintiff to recover \$2301.76 from defendant.

Criminal Minutes

Jesse H. Rutherford, Jr., plea of guilty to burglary of a building, 1 year in prison, \$251 court costs.
Fernando Mendoza, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 5 year probation, \$750 fine, \$235.25 court costs, \$140 restitution.
Leopoldo Sanchez, Jr., plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 5 year probation, \$750 fine, \$235.25 court costs, \$140 restitution.
Michael J. Purdum, plea of guilty to possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container, 4 year probation, \$750 fine, \$231 court costs.

OBITUARIES

Etta Shores Griswold Peters

Etta Shores Griswold Peters, 85, of Abilene, passed away Saturday, May 25, 2002, at Mesa Springs Nursing Center.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 28, 2002, at Church of the Heavenly Rest, Episcopal, with the Rev. Steve Birdwell officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory, Abilene.

Etta was born July 11, 1914 in Finley, Oklahoma to Robert Bruce and Lillie Maxey Shores. She attended Modern Beauty College in Tyler graduating in 1938. After graduation, she worked and lived in Kilgore for several years before moving to Abilene where she and her husband owned and operated Griswold Pipe and Equipment for several years.

Mrs. Peters was a self-employed hairdresser, and along with her sister, Lottie, opened and operated a beauty salon in Brookhollow Shopping Center when it first opened in 1953. After 15 years, she retired. She participated in National Beauty Salon Week doing hairstyles for the underprivileged children of Abilene.

She was a member of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, Episcopal in Abilene and a volunteer at Thrift House. Her professional associations included National Hairdresser and Cosmetologists Association, Texas Association of Hairdressers and Cosmetologists, and Abilene Affiliate 12.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, R.S. Griswold and Sam Peters (1984); a son, John M. Griswold (May 6, 2002); a sister, Billie Van Zandt; and a brother, Forest Shores.

Survivors include four grandchildren whom she reared, James Griswold and wife, Deborah of Hawley, formerly of Cross Plains, Ben Griswold and wife, Julie, of Abilene, Cara Mia Griswold Humphrey and husband, Cleve, and Cheryl Ann Griswold Glenn, all of Breckenridge; two brothers, Robert Tom Shores and wife, Betty, of Atoka, Oklahoma, and Victor Eugene Shores and wife, Margaret, of Hamby; two sisters, Lou Ella Usher of Atoka, Oklahoma and Lottie Nealeigh Brown and husband, Earl, of South Fork, Colorado; 12 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; 4 step great-grandchildren; 6 step great-great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials be made to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605, or a favorite charity.

Roberto Marin

Services for Roberto Marin, 70, of May were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 29, 2002, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Msgr. Benedict Zientek officiating. Burial was in the May Cemetery under the direction of the Davis-Morris Funeral Home. Rosary was at Davis-Morris Funeral Home.

Roberto passed away May 22, 2002, at his residence.

He was born June 19, 1931 in Mexico. He was a longtime resident of Brownwood and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He married Julia Trejo.

Survivors include his wife, Julia Marin of May; daughters, Socorro Carrion of Torreon, Mexico, Rose Navarro of Cross Plains, Salud Perez of Belton, Elena Pineda of Liberty Hill, Veronica Robinette of May and Herminia Rodriguez of Rising Star; sons, Roberto Marin, Jr. and Miguel Marin, both of May, and Victor Marin of Brownwood; and 17 grandchildren.

Book Review

(A Service of C.P. Public Library)

If you want to read a great book about Cottonwood get *Restitution* by Richard S. Wheeler. It will soon be in the Cross Plains Library after my wife reads it. Wheeler writes about the kind of folks we all know. His story tells how a stage coach robber becomes a solid citizen rancher with a wife and three children, well respected by the community, including the church he joins, until he decides to make restitution to all the folks who were robbed by his gang. Suddenly, the community looks at him through different eyes.

The sheriff decides he needs to pay for his misdeeds by serving jail time and finds a charge to extradite him to another state. His neighbor sees the chance to get his ranch and cattle at a bargain. Suddenly his bank account is frozen, he can't sell his cattle, and the troubles mount. But there are good folks in town on his side. Even though the church elders want to expel him, his pastor stands up for him.

It was a pleasure to read a book written in 2001 that keeps your interest without the use of profanity, sex or gun play. I couldn't put the book down until I had finished it. I hope you enjoy it as much as I. One thing more, the setting is Cottonwood, Utah, but the people could have been from Callahan county.

Another Wheeler book I really liked was *Buffalo Commons*, the story of modern ranchers and their fight against the introduction of wolves by unsavory characters. It is a good read also. You can send me E-mail at crodenberg@aol.com.

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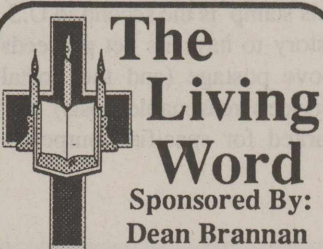
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Exodus 20-

10 COMMANDMENTS.

1. I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from May 26, 2002 through June 1, 2002 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings-47
Complaints-67
DUI-Minor-1
DWI-1

Vehicle Accidents

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8. Dinosaurs - in the Bible?
9. How can we raise Godly children?
10. Fossils & the flood - What's the connection.
11. How can we Evangelize?
12. A secular world - Part 1 & Part 2.

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ULTIMATE YARD SALE-
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day, 8 to ? . 11-1tc.

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Saturday 8:30 - ? . Lots of items.
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thing you did for him during his
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cern for our family at his death.
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fear of missing someone, but if
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paused to think of us during this
time, we thank you.

May God Bless You,

Era Lee Hanke

John and Holly Hanke
Evan and Claire Hanke
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THANK YOU

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Project Graduation Winners

Once again Project Graduation can be proclaimed a great success. We had a fun-filled night. The seniors rented "Suma Wrestling" Game and a Bungee run. Between the two, the spectators stayed in hilarious laughter.

The Ping-Pong players stayed all night and balls did fly. Movies, board games, basketball and volley ball were all enjoyed.

The food, fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all the seniors and their guests.

Prizes and winners are as follows:

2002 Project Graduation Prize List

Jennifer Canales- Anonymous- Top of the Class Pin; Sarah Nixon- Anonymous- Top of the Class Pin; Raynell Jones- Custom Tile- \$20.00; Citanya Scott- Custom Tile- \$20.00; Josh Hopkins- Custom Tile- \$20.00; Candice Bailey- Custom Tile- \$20.00; Tim Butler- Custom Tile- \$20.00; Keali Eppard- Winfrey Feed, Rising Star- \$25.00; Jenny Pancake- Winfrey Feed, Rising Star- \$25.00; James Ross- Flatt Stationers, Mexia- Organizer; Jake Farrow- Flatt Stationers, Mexia- Pen Set; Candice Bailey- Flatt Stationers, Mexia- Pen Set; Keali Eppard- 3-M, Brownwood- \$50.00; Kevin Wilson- Fullen Motor CO., Eastland- \$50.00; Tony Beggs- Cisco Family Chiropractic, Cisco- \$25.00; Angela Swift- Kevin Carlton, D.D. S., Abilene- \$25.00; Greg Black- Abilene Teachers FCU, Abilene- \$50.00; Matt Nickerson- Charlie's Truck & Trailer- \$30.00; Josh Hopkins- City of Cross Plains- \$25.00; Bo James- Cross Plains Frozen Foods- \$10.00; Jake Farrow- Cross Plains Grain & Peanut- \$20.00; Matt Nickerson- Cross Plains Veterinary Clinic- \$25.00; Tim Butler- Higginbothams Funeral Home- \$25.00; Charlie Rogers- Johnson's Dry Goods- 1 pair Wrangler Jeans- G/C; Keali Eppard- KLH Oil & Gas, INC.- \$50.00; Sarah Nixon- Jean's Feed Barn- \$10.00 Gift Certificate; Joseph Dillard- Jean's Feed Barn- \$10.00 Gift Certificate; Jenny Pancake- Lakeway Grocery- \$20.00; Bo James- Lawrence Farm & Ranch- \$25.00; Bo James- Movie Store- One Free Rental; Tami Hall- Movie Star- One Free Rental; Matt Nickerson- Movie Store- One Free Rental; Candice Bailey- Movie Store- One Free Rental; Keali Eppard- Movie Store- One Free Rental; Marc Byrd- Reed Construction- \$20.00; Greg Black- Greenwood Insurance- \$25.00; Shena Thomas- Dal-Mar Energy- \$25.00; Angela Swift- Susan Schaefer- Photo Album; Candice Bailey- T & K Tire- One Regular Oil Change; Jennifer Canales- Turner Landscape- \$50.00; Sarah Nixon- Food Plaza- Dr. Pepper; Marc Byrd- Food Plaza- Dr. Pepper; Shena Thomas- Food Plaza- Pepsi; Joseph Dillard- Food Plaza- Pepsi; Stephanie Parker- KLH Oil & Gas, INC.- Mug; Stephanie Parker- KLH Oil & Gas, INC.- Mug; Greg Black- Cross Plains Review- 1 year subscription; Kevin Wilson- Cross Plains Review- 1 year subscription; James Ross- Cross Plains Review- 1 year subscription- Aaron Norris- Cross Plains Review- 1 year subscription; Charlie Rogers- Cross Plains Review- 1 year subscription; Tim Butler- Texas Dept. of Transportation- T-shirt; Clint Grubb- Texas Dept. of Transportation- T-shirt; Tim Butler- Dale Mitchell Building- \$25.00; Matt Nickerson- United Fund- \$25.00; Candice Bailey- United Fund- \$25.00; Jordan Duran- Student Council- CD/DVD Player; Erin Stephens- Student Council- CD Tower; Jake Farrow- Student Council- Basketball; Judith Mauricio- Student Council- Disposable Camera; Jennifer Canales- Student Council- Disposable Camera; James Ross- Student Council- Gallon Cooler; Jenny Pancake- Student Council- Boom Box; Erin Stephens- Student Council- Igloo Cooler; Jake Farrow- CP Ex-Student Association- \$25.00; Keali Eppard- CP Ex-Student Association- \$25.00; Shena Thomas- Tyson Pharmacy- 6 in 1 Game Set; Melanie Cheshsir- AEP- WTU- \$25.00; Kandra Poole- AEP- WTU- \$25.00; Tony Beggs- AEP- WTU- \$25.00; Kandra Poole- Donnie & Barbara Dillard- SR. T-Shirt; Josh Hopkins- Donnie & Barbara Dillard- SR. T-Shirt; Matt Nickerson- Dairy Queen- Nolan Ryan Baseball; Jordan Duran- Dairy Queen- Nolan Ryan Baseball;

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Character Counts Awards

Kindergarten: Lindsey Ames; Jaden Kennedy; George Lowe; Colton McWilliams; Christa Potter; Cameron Rockett; Tristen Stephenson; Kate Smith; Katie Smith; Aaron Wheeler; Alyssa Wheeler; Justin Willis

1st Grade: Cheyenne Cowan; Joe Holland; Tony Skidmore; Shahala Trammell; Christopher Wheeler; Chelsea Branch; Shayla Cozart; Victoria Creamer; Britton Dukes; Dakota Gilliam; Katharine Goode; Danile Higgins; Riley Lawrence; Shelton Libey; Layton Turner; Maci Whitson

2nd Grade: Shelby Ames; Charleen Avants; Justin Simons; Misty Simons; Kristin Willis; Sammie Tollett; Rachelle Allen; Dakota Bomar; Samantha Dickson; Ryder Foster; Lauren Goode; Hannah Horton; Payton Porter; Rosa Salazar; Kenzie Taff; Austin Thomas; Morgan Thomas

3rd Grade: Delany Ames; Shawna Lewis; Colton Rockett; Chad Switzer; Logan Turner; Hayden Wyatt; Savana Wyatt

4th Grade: Shasta Bacon; Tiffany Holland; Brittany Johnson; Amber Parker; Jaquin Ramirez; Shelby Randolph; Cody Sliger; Nathan Creamer; Tiffany Bell; Emma Bennett; Melissa Black; Kayla Lawrence; Cierra Odum

5th Grade: Brittany Graham; Emily Harris; Kay Jones; Rene Salazar

6th Grade: Hailey Biggs; Macayla Cook; Starla Schaefer; Tiffany Walker

Elementary UIL Awards

Art - 4th Grade - 1st Place Team: Shelby Randolph; Cole Luter; Emily Foster; Tiffany Holland; (Sub) - Amanda Dunaway

Art - 5th Grade - 1st Place Team: Terrah Augustine; Emily Harris; Krista Phillips; Mandy Rose; (Sub) - Ashleigh Galloway

Calculator Applications 6th Grade: 4th Place- Macayla Cook; Hailey Biggs

Creative Writing 2nd Grade: 1st Place- Lauren Goode; 6th Place- Jayton Ames; Morgan Thomas; (Sub) Joy McKenzie

Listening 5th Grade: Katrina Mireles; 6th Grade: Jenny Lewis

Mathematics 6th Grade: 6th Place- Christi Burrhus; J Jay Callaway

Maps, Graphs & Charts 5th Grade: 1st Place- Krista Phillips; 4th Place- Terrah Augustine 6th Grade: Jenny Lewis

Music Memory 3rd Grade: 5th Place Team- Cody Milam; Hayden Wyatt; Ashley Cozart; Tru Avants (Sub) Levi Marsh 4th Grade: 1st Place Team- Shelby Randolph; Cody Sliger; Amber Parker; Jessica Hall (Sub) Emily Foster 5th Grade: 3rd Place Team- Doug Bowden; Charlie Vasquez; Terrah Augustine 6th Grade: 4th Place Team- Jenny Lewis; Betty Mathews

Number Sense 4th Grade: 5th Place- Shelby Randolph; Ben Schaefer; Zach Snell 5th Grade: 5th Place- Fili Vasquez; Krista Phillips; Emily Harris (Sub) Mandy Rose 6th Grade: 6th Place- Tiffany Walker; Starla Schaefer; Markus Maxwell (Sub) Macayla Cook

of C.P. (Cans)- \$5; Tami Hall- Community of C.P. (Cans)- \$5; Candice Bailey- Community of C.P. (Cans)- \$5; Angela Swift- Community of C.P. (Cans)- \$5; Raynell Jones- Community of C.P. (Cans)- \$5; Judith Mauricio- Community of C.P. (Cans)- \$5; Aaron Norris- Community of C.P. (Cans)- \$5; Melanie Cheshsir- Community of C.P. (Cans)- \$5; Jennifer Canales- Community of C.P. (Cans)- \$5; James Ross- Community of C.P. (Cans)- \$5; Nikki Callaway- Community of C.P. (Cans)- \$5; Jordan Duran- Jimmy Joy Farms- \$50; Judith Mauricio- Jimmy Joy Farms- \$50; Marc Byrd- Glen Nickerson- \$10; Judith Mauricio- Glen Nickerson- \$10; Raynell Jones- Glen Nickerson- \$10; Melanie Cheshsir- Glen Nickerson- \$10; Raynell Jones- Connie's Cuts & Curls- Shampoo/Conditioner Set; Sarah Nixon- Connie's Cuts & Curls- Hair Cut Gift Certificate; Stephanie Parker- Connie's Cuts & Curls- Hair Cut Gift Certificate; Erin Stephens- Tx. Sidewinder- Fishing Pole; Shena Thomas- Tx Sidewinder- Fishing Pole; Door Prizes- TXDOT- Key Chains; Community of Cross Plains- Sack For Prizes; 3-M- Mouse Pads; Dairy Queen- Door Prizes; Lurene McNutt- SR. 2002 Cups.

Oral Reading 4th Grade: 2nd Grade- Amanda Dunaway; 3rd Grade- Shasta Bacon; Brittany Johnson (Sub) Emma Bennett 5th Grade: 6th Place- Emily Harris; Brittany Graham; Krista Phillips (Sub) Mandy Rose 6th Grade: 6th Place- Tiffany Walker; Macayla Cook; Hailey Biggs; (Sub) Brice Bowden

Ready Writing 3rd Grade: 2nd Place- Logan Turner; Tru Avants; Dillon Whiteley (Sub) Joel Hinten 4th Grade: 4th Place- Kayla Lawrence; 6th Place- Shelby Randolph; Matthew Irvin (Sub) Colton Galloway 5th Grade: 5th Place- Terrah Augustine; Brittany Graham; Brooklyn Strength 6th Grade: Tiffany Walker; Brittany Stout; Hailey Biggs

Spelling 3rd Grade: 5th Place- Logan Turner; Justin Golsen; Cody Ford 4th Grade: Lili Vasquez; Robert Lewallen 5th Grade: 1st Place- Brittany Graham; Mandy Rose; Krista Phillips 6th Grade: 6th Place- Gina Newsom; Brittany Stout; Christi Burrhus

Storytelling 2nd Grade: 6th Place- Kenzie Taff; Jayton Ames; Austin Thomas (Sub) Rachelle Allen 3rd Grade: 3rd Place- Shawna Lewis; Hayden Wyatt; Joel Hinten (Sub) Justin Golsen

Accelerated Reader- High Point Pre-K- Randolph; Megan France; Cory Cavender Kindergarten- Phillips: Alyssa Wheeler; Justin Willis 1st Grade- Golsen: Jordan

Lowe; Joe Holland; Hunter: Victoria Creamer; Riley Lawrence 2nd Grade- Clausen: Lauren Goode; Payton Porter; Wheeler: Shelby Ames; William Howell Pre-K thru 2nd Grade Highest Point: Lauren Goode; Payton Porter 3rd Grade- Lawrence: Shawna Lewis; Colton Rockett Odum: Savana Wyatt; Jonathan Hollis 4th Grade- Purvis: Kayla Lawrence; Thomas Burrhus Winfrey: Tiffany Holland; Cody Sliger 5th Grade- Hood: Krista Phillips; Douglass Bowden 6th Grade- Morgan: Betty Mathews; Brett Wheeler Walker: Jenny Lewis; Dean Brawley 3rd Grade thru 6th Grade Highest Point: Jenny Lewis; Colton Rockett

Accelerated Reader- Met Personal Goal: Pre-K: Kristen Bland; Ben Branch; Cory Cavender; Caden Creach; Bronc Dillard; Kelbi Hyles; Korbin Mclean; Kaylee Potter; Guadalupe Ramirez; Kristen Savell; Jae Lynn Stout; Allanta Wheeler; Cheyenne Bomar; Megan France; Dalton Gilliam; Brenna Kleiber; Kiefer Steinle; Brock Theford; Jumea Thomas; Chance Thompson; Charles Thompson; Austin Walker; Paige Wilson Kindergarten: Lindsey Ames; Joshua Branch; Caroline Cline; Jaden Kennedy; George Lowe; Jazmin Lowe; Colton McWilliams; Taylor Parker; Christa Potter; Cameron Rockett; Katie Smith; Tristen Stephenson; Brett Webb; Alyssa Wheeler; Charles Wheeler; Justin Willis 1st Grade: Chelsea Branch; Shayla Cozart; Victoria Creamer; Britton Dukes; Dakota Gilliam; Katharine Goode; Daniel Higgins; Riley Lawrence; Sheldon Libey; Rebbekha Murdock; Sara Sifuentes; Layton Turner; Maci Whitson; Cheyenne Cowan; Nicole Eisenbach; Joe Holland; Katie Horton; Blake Hutchins; Alex Juarez; Jordan Lowe; Heather Ontiveros; Chelsea Savell; Tony Skidmore; Shahala Trammell; Christopher Wheeler; 2nd Grade: Shelby Ames; Charleen Avants; Jessica Christiensen; William Howell; Virginia Murdock; Brianne Purcell; Brice Robertson; Rene Robertson; Justin Simons; Misty Simons; Sammie Tollett; Kristin Willis; Rachelle Allen; Jayten Ames; Dakota Bomar; Samantha Dickson; Ryder Foster; Lauren Goode; Hannah Horton; Joy McKenzie; Payton Porter; Rosa Salazar; Kenzie Taff; Austin Thomas; Morgan Thomas

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Buffalo Summer Track Program In Progress at C.P.H.S. Track Facility

Come and join the Buffalo Summer Tack Team. Workouts are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 until 10:30. Open to ages K - 18 years. Cost is \$20 and this covers your

uniform and T.A.A.F. Membership dues. If interested please contact Nancy Randolph at 725-4226. Hope to see all of you at the C.P.H.S. Track.

NOTE: All age divisions are based on the birth dates of the year the athlete was born. That birth date will be used to determine the divisions for the 2002 State Championship at Waco.

Pee-Wee Girls	Born in 1994, 1995, 1996
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Bantam Girls	Born in 1992, 1993
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Midget Girls	Born in 1990, 1991
Midget Boys	Born in 1990, 1991
Junior Girls	Born in 1988, 1989
Junior Boys	Born in 1988, 1989
Intermediate Girls	Born in 1986, 1987
Intermediate Boys	Born in 1986, 1987
Senior Girls	Born in 1984, 1985 (No College Level Competition)
Senior Boys	Born in 1984, 1985 (No College Level Competition)

Events a child may compete in are as follows:

50 meter dash (Pee-Wee only), 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 800 meter run, 1600 meter run (No Pee-Wee), 80 meter Low Hurdles (Midget only), 400 meter relay, 1600 meter relay (No Pee-Wee), 100 meter hurdles (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Girls), 110 meter hurdles (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Girls), 300 meter hurdles (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Girls and Boys), 3200 meter run (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Girls and Boys), Shot Put (No Pee-Wee), Discus (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior only), High Jump, Long Jump, and Pole Vault (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Boys).

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Camp Goodenough Set for June at HSU

ABILENE, TX.—Former Hardin-Simmons and current Oklahoma State women's basketball coach Julie Goodenough will hold her Camp Goodenough's June 17-21 and June 23-29 at the Mabee Complex at Hardin-Simmons.

The day camp will be held June 17-21 and goes from 1-4 p.m. each day. The cost is \$75. A \$25 deposit is due June 12. The day camp is open to all girls entering grades 1-6.

There will be two sessions of overnight camp. June 23-26 will be the camp for girls entering

grades 3-6 and June 26-29 will be for campers entering the 6-12 grades. The cost for both camps is \$215 for residents and \$150 for commuters. A \$100 deposit is due by June 18. Campers must pay the full amount of the camp on the first day.

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For more information, contact Carole Tucker-Kincaid at (915) 670-1435.

McMurry University's Academic Awards Told For Area Students

ABILENE, TX.—McMurry University announced the 2002 Academic Awards at a special ceremony Saturday, April 20.

Area students recognized are as follows:

Servant Leadership Program - Ben Walton, Clyde English Department - Outstanding in Sophomore Literature - Amy Lewis, May Mathematics Department - Paula McCoun Memorial Scholarship and Outstanding Sophomore - Mindy M. Mitchell, Cross Plains

Physics Department - John and Ruth Cole Scholarship and Outstanding Junior - Carlton Allen Thomas, Cross Plains

CJC to Host Basketball Camps for Area Youth

The Cisco Junior College Basketball program will be hosting three different camps this summer. The first two camps will be held June 17-20. The Little Wrangler Camp is designed for girls and boys ages 5-12 and will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day. This camp will include individual instruction in shooting, ball handling and offensive and defensive skills. A camp T-shirt, camp ball, and medical insurance will be provided.

Position Camp will also be held June 17-20. This camp is for boys and girls in 5th grade through 12th grade. Position Camp will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Individual instruction will be given in all phases of the post and guard positions. The camp also includes video instruction, passing skills, scoring moves, and shooting instruction. Insurance

and a camp T-shirt are provided. The final camp is the Lady Wrangler Camp, which is to be held July 14-18 for girls only in grades 5-12. The camp is an overnight camp, but it is also available for girls who want to commute. Campers will be grouped by skill and age levels. This camp includes offensive and defensive fundamentals and league games. Included in the camp are a T-shirt, medical insurance, meals, an air-conditioned dorm room, awards and a camp report card. A group of outstanding coaches conduct this camp each summer. Last summer over 180 junior high and high school girls attended.

For information and a camp application, please contact camp director Ronnie Hearne by calling (254) 442-2567 or (254) 442-4630, or by e-mailing him at rhearne@cisco.cc.tx.us.

Albany Fandangle tickets available

The annual Fort Griffin Fandangle in Albany will take place June 20-22 and June 27-29 at the natural amphitheater just outside the city limits of Albany.

The show will begin at 8:30 p.m. nightly. All seating is reserved and the seats are individual folding chairs with backs. Ticket prices range from \$5-\$15, depending on the seating. The Fort Griffin Fandangle is an outdoor musical drama telling the story of the settlement of Shackelford County and West Central Texas. The story is told with music, song, dance and lots of action—cowboys, horses, Indians, and a herd of Texas longhorns. There is a cast and crew of approximately 400 people—all volunteers, all local talent.

For ticket information contact the Fort Griffin Fandangle at (915) 762-3838 or (915) 762-3125 or visit their website at www.albanytexas.com.

Oplin Community Center Features "Muddy Creek" This Friday

The Grand Ole Oplin invites all you fine folks to come on out to the Oplin Community Center every Friday night for an evening of good music and lots of dancing. On June 7th Muddy Creek will be playing all your favorite tunes, on June 14th we welcome back Roland Smith and the Roadrunners (they'll get you up and dancing), on June 21st CrossCountry will be entertaining us all with the waltzes and two steps you could ask for. Closing out the month on June 28th we'll again welcome Muddy Creek back. So gather the family and friends, put on your dancing boots and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin.

The Grand Ole Oplin is located at F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926 in Oplin. The music and dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10:30 p.m. Admission is still only \$3.00 per person. Alcoholic beverages and smoking are not allowed. We encourage everyone to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band break. See ya'll there!!

Submitted by Pam Rumlford

Rep. Stenholm promotes water legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Charlie Stenholm added his support to legislation intended to help the Nation deal with future water demand and supply. His comments endorsing H.R. 3561, the 21st Century Water Policy Commission Establishment Act, came prior to the bill receiving its first official hearing this week in the House Resources Committee's Subcommittee on Water and Power.

"In our Congressional District, there is virtually nothing of a higher daily concern than the availability of water," Stenholm commented. "While our demand grows, the supply dwindles."

The bill cosponsored by Stenholm and other House members would create a 17-member commission charged with researching and recommending to Congress a comprehensive water policy to meet our 21st Century water needs. This Commission would be composed of representatives of federal, state and local water management agencies, as well as private sector and environmental organizations who deal with water problems.

The commission will study all aspects of water management and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water policy

that ensures an adequate supply of fresh water, does not place increased mandates on state and local governments, eliminates duplication and conflict among governmental agencies, and considers all available technologies for increasing water supply efficiently.

"As a farmer, I must maintain an optimism that eventually the necessary rain for my crops will come. In the meantime, however, I believe it is important that I leave no stone unturned in an effort to address the continuing water emergencies we face," Stenholm remarked prior to the hearing.

Based on the recommendations of the Commission, Congress, states, localities and the President will work together to enact a comprehensive water policy to avoid future water shortages. This policy would coordinate water management efforts on all levels without encroaching on state and local officials' authority.

"We must face future water emergencies proactively. Guaranteeing adequate water for all Americans is not a luxury — it is a matter of sheer survival," Stenholm concluded.

West Texas' Biggest Used Book Sale Set for June 7-9

West Texas' biggest used book sale will be held June 7-9 in the Civic Center exhibit hall at 1100 N. 6th St. in downtown Abilene. Thousands of books, audiotapes, videos and magazine will be offered at unbeatable prices.

The sale for the general public gets underway on Friday, June 7 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The sale continues on Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The \$6 bag sale will be from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday.

A special preview sale for Friends members will be on Thursday, June 6 from 5-8 p.m. Memberships will be available at the door and are available in a variety of membership levels.

Most hard cover books will sell for \$1.50 and paperbacks for 75 cents. A good selection of children's books will be available and are sold a bit differently. These small books are stacked and then sold for \$1.00 per inch.

Also, there will be a special section for a silent auction of rare and collectible books as well as on gently used books, maps and other materials.

The book sale is the annual fund-raiser held by the Friends of Abilene Public Library. "We're going to have a great selection of books again this year," said sale chairman Pete Linch. Funds from the book sale help provide extra materials and equipment for the library.

Last year, the Friends contributed \$25,000 toward support of the library and started a fund for expansion of branch library services in the city.

WCTCOG receives grant for training to prevent youth violence

AUSTIN—Governor Rick Perry today announced a \$29,866 grant to the West Central Texas Council of Governments to provide training for school personnel and criminal justice officials to help prevent youth violence and gang activity.

The grant, funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD), will allow the West Central Texas Law Enforcement Academy to conduct training sessions on school campuses and at other sites throughout the 19-county region. The training will be designed to help school personnel and others prevent and respond to youth violence, with a special emphasis on drug and gang related activity.

The West Central Texas Council of Government, based in Abilene, covers Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton counties.

Each year, CJD provides more than \$130 million in grants to help Texas at the forefront of the fight against crime. CJD funds a variety of programs for juvenile justice, crime prevention and victim services grants - all aimed at making Texas a safer place.

Currently, CJD provides more than \$13 million in crime prevention grants, \$30 million to juvenile justice and prevention projects, \$40 million for victim services and additional funding for a wide variety of other law enforcement projects.

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HOWARD HAPPENINGS

BY LEO GRIN

"The Magic of Cross Plains"

To the hundreds of people who come here each year for the annual Howard Days festival, Cross Plains is a magical place.

Think about it: every June for the last three years I have taken a week's vacation and spent hundreds of dollars, all in order to make a trip to this tiny backwater town in the heart of Texas. Why? Friends and family who spend their vacations on cruises, Las Vegas, or Disneyworld think I'm crazy. They wonder what in tarnation draws me to a small faded oil-town in the middle of the mesquite and plains, a town indistinguishable from hundreds of others on the American map.

I just smile and shrug when people ask these questions. God bless 'em, but they just don't get it.

Cross Plains, you see, is a magical place.

My first time here, I came for one simple reason: Cross Plains was once the home of Robert E. Howard, a man recognized around the world as one of the all-time great adventure writers. And I, like thousands of others, was a huge fan of Howard's stories, letters, and poetry. So I came here cautiously and not knowing what to expect, simply hoping to gain a feel for the time and place in which Howard lived.

I originally guessed that I would find little more than a ghost town, with perhaps a few dusty landmarks and yellowed manuscripts to offer visitors. But what I actually found - much to my surprise - was a living, breathing, wonderful Cross Plains.

I saw Billie Ruth Loving organizing the Project Pride folks and tearing around in her wheelchair like she was pole position in the Indy 500. I watched Clara Nell Spencer tell humorous tales of the old days with a wrinkle in her eye, stories that had people literally laughing to tears. I heard Morris Cavanaugh, God rest his soul, talk movingly of the oil booms

and what they did to the town. I sat amazed as Jack Scott recalled events which had happened seventy years ago, as if it was yesterday. I went on a tour of Cross Plains with Jack Baum, learned the history of the Library from Joan McCowen, and had boisterous and enlightening conversations with the irrepressible Bob Eubanks. And all the while, Joe Houser made sure I was never wanting for Texas hospitality...he fed me sandwiches and punch until I thought I was going to burst!

And it wasn't just the people of Project Pride who touched me. Ordinary people, whose names I never learned were unceasingly friendly as well. The waitresses at Jean's Feed Barn, the ladies working the cash registers at the local grocery store, the helpful and gracious hosts at the 36 West Motel, even the kids working the counter at Dairy Queen. All helped to make the best of impressions on me that first weekend two years ago.

Robert E. Howard was responsible for bringing me here, but it is the wonderful people of Cross Plains who keep me coming back. And I'm not alone. Each June a large group of respected professionals-writers, artists, Hollywood filmmakers, professors - all come to Cross Plains. It is quite amazing that Cross Plains manages to attract such a wide variety of interesting people year after year, something that many small towns could never hope to do. There just isn't any real good reason for it, other than to admit that - in some peculiar, intangible way - Cross Plains is a magical place.

When you get right down to it, Howard Days isn't just about Howard, it is about PEOPLE, both the people attracted to Cross Plains by Howard's memory and the locals who receive these strangers with open arms. Both groups are necessary to make Howard Days a successful each

year. This makes Howard Days a rare opportunity for the residents of Cross Plains to mingle with interesting folks from around the world, and to make friendships that could enrich their lives.

Realizing this, it is a shame that more Cross Plains residents don't take advantage of the opportunity Howard Days presents to them. For example, teens in Cross Plains who want to be writers or artists should come down to the pavilion and get tips and advice from people who are already making a living at those careers. People in Cross Plains who read a lot should be at the Howard House, talking to people who are like-minded and could point them in all kinds of new literary directions. Older folks who enjoy reminiscing should be here with pictures and scrapbooks, sharing stories of the old days with interested people from across the country.

Very few small towns have a festival that provides such opportunities for culture and learning. Cross Plains would be wise not to let this one go to waste, or to die someday from a lack of local support or participation.

So this weekend, if you drive by the Howard House and see a bunch of people talking and eating and laughing and having fun, come on down and join us. Bring your stories about the old days, bring your scrapbooks and pictures, bring your questions and curiosity, or just bring a handshake and a smile. Sit down, have a sandwich, and enjoy the meeting of culture and friendship that Project Pride has created here in Cross Plains.

It's magic, folks. Magic. Enjoy it and be proud of it.

God bless you all, and I hope to see many new local faces as this year's Howard Days.

(Leo Grin is a member of the Robert E. Howard United Press Association. This is the third consecutive Howard Days he has attended in Cross Plains.)

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Robert E Howard Weekend 2002 Schedule

Friday, June 7

- 10 AM to 4 PM** Howard House open for tours. Please enter at the room door and leave through the back door. Howard mementos are available for purchase in the back room.
- 10 AM to 12:30 PM** Walking tour of "Howard's Cross Plains" conducted by Teri (Baum) Rogers. Meet at the Pavilion.
- 11:30 AM to 1 PM** Lunch at the Pavilion \$5.00
- Noon to 3 PM** Trip to Howard's gravesite at Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood. Meet at the Pavilion.
- 1 PM to 3 PM** Cross Plains Public Library will be open for viewing original manuscripts, first editions, and Weird Tales. Howard books are on sale here as well as "One Who Walked Alone" by Novelyn Price.
- 1 PM to 3:30 PM** You may take your addressed and stamped envelopes to the Cross Plains Post Office to leave for Saturday cancellation and mailing.
- 7 PM** Dinner at the Cross Plains Community Center (108 N. Beech). Prior reservation are required. Speaker: Fred Blosser "The Influence of Texas on the Works of Robert E. Howard"

Saturday, June 8

- 10 AM to Noon** Howard House open for tours. (See Friday schedule) The house will close for lunch and reopen at 1 PM for informal visits
- 9 AM to 11 AM** Special Postal Cancellation at Cross Plains Post Office.
- 10 AM to 12:30 PM** Walking tour of "Howard's Cross Plains" with Jack Baum. Meet at the Pavilion.
- 10:30 AM** Panel discussion of "Howard's Use of Texas in Stories" with Fred Blosser and Tim Reasoner leading the discussion. Cross Plains High School Library Room.
- 11:30 AM to 1 PM** Free lunch at the Pavilion. Donations accepted and appreciated.
- 1 PM to 3 PM** Cross Plains Public Library open. (See Friday schedule for more info.)

The Howard House will be open right after lunch for informal visits. Hosts will be available and the Sales room will be open for purchase of Howard mementos.

REST TIME UNTIL-

- 5 PM** Meet at Pavilion and travel to Middleton Caddo Peak Ranch for informal dinner hosted by the Middleton family and sunset with Bob. (No alcoholic beverages please) Wear comfortable shoes and you may want to take bug spray along for the mosquitoes. Special readings are also planned.

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I don't think you can find one manufacturer, fabricator, or builder of any type of storm shelter, who has taken "one" to Lubbock and had it tested. Yet, how many of them say that they build a unit tested and approved by FEMA?

FEMA, working with schools like Texas Tech, Texas A&M and other highly respected universities around the country, does publish and disperse suggested plans and designs for shelters that may be built by individuals or by contractors for them. If you give a set of plans to 10 different people, you are probably going to get 10 different "end results!" As I said, can you find just "one" who built a unit by FEMA picked it up and shipped it to Lubbock, put it through the test program, got a rating, brought it back and installed it and got paid for a truly FEMA approved unit?

The second thing I wish to address is "Safe" rooms! A "Safe" room is TWO things. It is a "Safe" the size of a room; AND, it is a "Saferoom" to go to when you are in danger from intruders, vandals, rapists, robbers, druggies, kooks, terrorists, storms, hurricanes, typhoons, familial abuse and just plain stress! It gives home-alone wives, kids, parents and grandparents confidence, knowing that they have a safe place to go. Shelter from the storms of life, nature, war, or whatever gives one peace of mind, a feeling of safety, self-confidence, security!

The third thing I want to address is security vaults. If you are a business person and have employees you depend on to run your business, what are they worth? How important are all your records, software, hardware and backup systems, in determining your ability to be quickly up and running to serve your customers and community in the event of a major disaster of any kind?

If your people are truly a resource, shouldn't you protect them during working hours? If your business systems are actually in a security vault at all times, wouldn't you be way ahead of the curve?

Last, but not least, I want to address the most famous statement we hear, "Let me think about it!" Give me a break! What's to think about? Powder coated, white goes with everything!

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First Place Overall Winner of the Library Writing Contest

The 1st Place Overall Winner of the Cross Plains Public Library Writing Contest is published as follows:

"Everything Will Be OK" By Sarah Nixon

I will never forget that day as long as I live. The waiting room was cold and still. I sat by a window staring at the sky. My family was sitting all around me with the same question in their mind. "What is taking so long?" The day went by so slow, it was at the time the longest day of my life. Finally my mom appeared in the doorway and said, "He came out of surgery fine. They are bringing him up to his room." As the elevator door opened, I held my breath. The nurses pushed my dad out into the hall and into his room. I looked into his eyes and smiled. My smile quickly faded as for the first time in my life I saw pain in my father's eyes.

As we were waiting for the doctor I tried to imagine what exactly was wrong with my dad. I didn't even come close to the reality. From the moment the doctor came in, I knew the news wasn't good. He sat down and started talking but the only words that I heard were, "You have Pancreatic Cancer". I had a million questions going through my head. Would he lose his hair? Would he lose a lot of weight? Would he die? No one knew the answers to these questions, not even the doctor. I was lost and confused, not knowing what to do.

Later, as I was sitting there watching dad sleep, a good feeling came over me. That's when I knew that everything was going to be OK.

The next two months dad slowly got better from the surgery. It was summer so I spent everyday with him and my family at the hospital.

Most of my friends were gone on vacation, but that didn't bother me. I got to see his smile slowly return, but there was something missing. I could tell that part of his spirit had been damaged by the news.

The night before we brought him home from the hospital my mom, brother and I were trying to get everything ready at home. As the night went on, mom got on the Internet to find out more about this cancer. I could hear her gasp all the way in my room. I ran in her room to what was wrong but she didn't have to tell me. My heart sank as I read the screen of the computer. It said, "Pancreatic Cancer has a 99 percent death rate." I read that sentence over and over again wondering what it was inside of my that told me everything was going to be OK. Especially with the facts saying that things weren't going to be OK. That night I laid in my bed staring at the ceiling. I knew from that night on my life would never be the same again. I got it in my head that I was not going to let this get me, my family, and especially my dad down.

The next ten months we spent going back and forth to the hospital. The doctors tried all kinds of different treatments. My dad lost a little over one hundred pounds from chemotherapy. Over those months his spirit came and I knew that dad was going to make it and be in that 1 percent. Little did we know the treatments weren't working.

At the end of the ten months, the doctor told us that the treatments didn't work. He told us about some experimental treatments in San Antonio. We loaded up the car that summer and went. Again, we spent a summer in hospital rooms and doctors' offices. I truly thought that the treatment would work. We came home and we all felt good about the trip. Our spir-

its were high and I got that same good feeling that everything was going to be OK.

The next two months dad got to be at home. He wasn't taking any treatments because they wanted him to recoup from his last one. I got this feeling inside of me that I needed to spend as much time as possible with dad. I sat and talked to him for hours. We talked about everything. It felt so good.

Dad had an appointment with his doctor to see if the experimental treatment worked. They checked dad in and put him in his hospital room. He was laughing and joking around with the nurses until they came and got him to run the test. I sat there and prayed to God for everything to be all right. He was so tired after they brought him back that he went out like a light. I sat beside him and watched him sleep. That's when I noticed that the big strong man that used to carry me around when I was little or hold me in his arms when I was hurt wasn't who I was looking at. He had had so much chemo that people could mistake him for my grandpa. I kept wondering about the amount of pain he had been in the past year and a half, and had never told us about it, trying not to worry us.

Later that evening the doctor came in and sat down on the bed by dad. He looked at us, then at dad, and with tears in his eyes he told us the treatment didn't work. The cancer had spread throughout his body. As tears rolled down his face, he looked at dad and said, "There is nothing else we can do." With those couple of sentences my whole world came crashing down around me. This wasn't supposed to happen. Everything was supposed to be all right. He had to be at my graduation. He had to walk me down the aisle at my wedding. He had to hold my kids in his arms and spoil them rotten. I wondered what

could be going through my dad's mind. I looked up, tears rolling down my face, and saw my dad lying there. I looked into his eyes and they were peaceful, they weren't the same hurting eyes I had been looking at. He held his hand out and shook the doctor's hand. He smiled and told the doctor "Thank you for everything you have done." With that, the doctor left the room. I didn't know what to say or do. I just sat there wondering why this was happening to us.

With the passing of every day dad grew weaker and weaker. My brother and I were sitting beside him one day. We all started talking and dad told us he was very proud of us. I will never forget the conversation as long as I live. That was the last words my dad said to us. He kept growing weaker. I knew it wouldn't be long before dad would take his last breath. My brother and I each held one of dad's hands and mom was standing behind me with her hands on my shoulders. We watched him as each breath got shallower and shallower. Finally, with one last breath his pulse machine went blank and my mom knelt down, with tears in her eyes, and said, "That's it."

All of the tears that I had been holding back the past year and half came rushing out. I couldn't hold them back any longer, and I didn't want to. I knew I no longer had to be there for dad. Now I had to be there for mom. As we were leaving his room for the last time, mom turned around and gasped. I turned to see what was wrong. That is when I looked at dad and he had the biggest smile I had ever seen on his lifeless face. My mom leaned to me and my brother and said, "That shows us that everything will be OK."

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Local Lady's Granddaughter Proves to Be a Good Writer

Kosta Phillips recently won 1st place with her essay in the Patriotic Pilot Club Contest. She is the nine-year-old daughter of Glen Dale and Sonya Phillips of Alpine, and the granddaughter of Glenda and the late Vernon Phillips of Cross Plains and the late Robert and Barbara Causey, formerly of Alpine.

Her essay is as follows:

"Being Free Begins With Me"

By Kosta Phillips

How much freedom do you have and how much do you want? Being free is very important. Freedom is a very good thing to have. Anybody who doesn't have freedom probably wants it and anybody who has it probably wants to keep it. I am going to tell you how I would keep and earn my freedom.

Everybody has personal and national freedom. I am going to talk about personal freedom first. Personal freedom is freedom you earn at home or anywhere else. Your parents decide how much personal freedom you get. For example, they get to decide if you get to go to your friend's house or how long you get to watch television, play on the

computer, or play outside. Everyone has to earn that freedom. To earn my personal freedom, I usually do what my parents order me to do and do it the best I can. Sometimes, I go fast so I can finish it faster. I usually don't get as much freedom.

National freedom is freedom your nation gives you. Everybody likes our national freedom. Everyone wants to be as free as a free, flying, feathered eagle. People want to decide who they would like to marry or what church they would like to go to. If someone else makes that decision for you, you might not have a happy marriage or might not like the church they go to. I go to the Church of Christ because it is the church I want to go to. My nation didn't decide for me. That is why everyone likes national freedom.

That is what I have to say about freedom. How would you earn your personal freedom and how are you willing to defend your national freedom? In everything you do, think of how much you are doing to defend or earn your freedom and be proud of what you are doing. Listen for a flapping United States flag saying: "Let freedom ring!"

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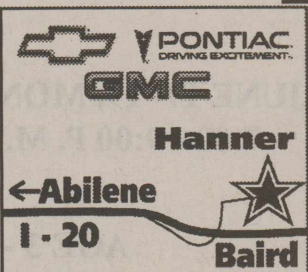


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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

June Nuptials Set for Cottonwood Couple

Rev. Matthew McGowen, pastor of the Cottonwood Baptist Church, and Sonda Leininger of Monmouth, Oregon, have set June 15, 2002 for their wedding date. The ceremony will be performed at 1 p.m. at Union Presbyterian Church in Brownwood.

The couple met while attending Howard Payne University in Brownwood. Matt graduated this past April and Sonda will graduate in December, 2002. They will make their home in Cottonwood. Congratulations Matt and Sonda and welcome to Cottonwood.

"June Is Busting Out All Over" Mark Your Calendar

In addition to the great event mentioned above, June really is a month of activity and excitement. So please mark your calendar for these important events:

June 6: The Cottonwood Quilting Club meets weekly at the Cottonwood Community Center. The Club will finish a quilt for Jean Draper in a couple of weeks and will then begin quilting its annual Rehab Quilt.

June 7-8: Robert E. Howard Days in Cross Plains

June 13 and 18: Quilting Club
June 18: Volunteer Fire Control unit meets at Cottonwood Fire Station 7 p.m.

June 21: Cottonwood Musical
June 27: Quilting Club

July 4: Independence Day Celebration, Cottonwood Community Center 10 a.m.

Volunteers Needed and Wanted for Fire Control Unit

I am always amazed at the things volunteers accomplish in this community.

Think of it. Who keeps the

Community Center looking great and repaired and ready for use by the citizens of Cottonwood the their guests and visitors? The ladies of the Cottonwood Quilting Club, volunteers, all!

Who keeps the cemeteries from looking like the depths of Sheol? Who keeps the books, pays for mowing and registers the graves and notices what else needs to be done? The Cottonwood Historical Association (formerly the Cottonwood Cemetery Association). Volunteers, all!

Think of the people who belong to and attend our church congregations; teach Sunday School, pay their tithes and keep the Christian spirit alive in our community. We all benefit from that. They are all volunteers.

Who is the first on the scene of a fire emergency or other disaster? Volunteers, of the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control unit. I'm sure glad we've got'em.

But the pool of volunteers is dwindling fast and your help and support is needed, now. Some of us are getting older and we need to turn the tough jobs of emergency response over to the younger and more energetic set. But we all can and need to be a volunteer, and make sure our support is known throughout the community.

It's critical folks. This is an important volunteer effort. So if you are of the "younger set" or new to the community of Cottonwood, and have not yet paid your respects to the Fire Control Volunteers, please mark your calendar and show up at the June meeting, June 18, at the fire station in Cottonwood at 7 p.m.

PIONEER NEWS

Wow! We nearly missed quilting on Tuesday. We had about 1 1/2 inches of rain early that morning. It was so nice! All are thankful for it. By 11:00 a.m. most of our quilters arrived.

Lessie's quilt was finished and out of the frame. We also worked on Sandy's "Fan" and Lou's "Texas Star". Olena will put her June hostess quilt in the next meeting.

At the Pioneer Cemetery we had a beautiful and meaningful memorial service. There were about 80 present. Thanks to the Fleming family for making this service possible. Thanks to all who were part of the program. You all did a wonderful job! Thanks to Jessie Reddick for the work she did on getting the register ready and the information about our "Fallen Heroes" into a book.

Everyone who has attended Pioneer and surrounding community schools be at the Cross Plains Community Center on Saturday, June 8. See you there!

Dick and Lou Grider enjoyed her grandson, Richard Bright, his wife, Lori, and "greats", Ricky 10 and Bailey 5, from Austin for Memorial Weekend. They all enjoyed eating, visiting and playing games. Dick fried fish Saturday night. Yum! Yum!

Keith and Dorothy Kratzer of Austin spent Thursday with her aunt, Lessie Fae Baum.

Glenda's son and granddaughter, Glen Dale and Kosta Phillips, of Alpine, came in Friday after a load of hay. They had to leave Sunday morning so they missed out on seeing the good rain. Glen Dale said he would love to see the rain like we have had. Everyone enjoyed their visit. Glenda attended the Memorial Service at the Pioneer Cemetery. The service was real meaningful.

Earlene Burge attended the Memorial Service at Pioneer Cemetery. Her daughter, Jessica Stultz of Brownwood came for the service and spent most of the day with her mother. Everyone did a great job at the service. We would like for them to know how much they are appreciated!

Friday night, Gynnalyn Ezzell graduated from Iowa Park High School. Gynna's parents are Bryan and Lisa Ezzell. Her grandmother, Olena, and aunt, Anna Ezzell, attended the exercise. Gynna finished with a high point average gaining her a schol-

arship and she will attend Tarleton University in August. Tige Ezzell came in from Randolph Air Force Marine Base. We all enjoyed seeing him again. He will finish navigation training in August.

Linda Worley, her daughter and granddaughter visited Olena and Anna Memorial Day. They live in Hewitt and Temple. Olena enjoyed seeing great-granddaughter, 2-year-old Meagan.

Over the Memorial Day weekend James and Jean Alexander had Jim, Marla, Will and Ashley Alexander of Richardson visit with them. Also, Andrea Appleton of Richardson came down. Jackson Alexander of Abilene spent part of the holiday with them. All of them spent Saturday in Abilene. They also attended the Memorial Service at Pioneer Cemetery.

Sunday, Cowan and Laverne Hutton went to worship with the church at Lone Camp. They have worked with the church there in the past. It was nice seeing old friends again. Cowan led the singing. Their friends, Pat and Dudley Cash from Portales, New Mexico, were there also. After worship everyone went to the restaurant on Lake Palo Pinto and ate together and ate together. At 3 p.m. they attended the funeral of their friend, Otis O'Kelly. Otis had relations who are buried at Pioneer.

Monday afternoon Leon and Jerry Shedd visited Cowan and Laverne. The Huttons had 2 inches of rain Tuesday morning for which they are very thankful!

Charlene Chesshir's car has been down for two weeks. She should get it out of the shop this week. She has been eating fresh green beans for a week and now has squash.

Nancy Rogers, Christy and Doug Dallas and Jodi Dallas and Charlene all had supper at Charles and Kathy's Friday night before the Cross Plains High School graduation. John and Summer Chesshir of Little Rock, Arkansas came in time for graduation. We are all so proud of our Melanie, who was in the top 10 graduates!

We are all so proud of the rain also!

Words of Wisdom: No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave. Calvin Coolidge

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: Hasn't the rain been nice lately, just wish we could have the rain minus the tornado clouds. But then what would we do for excitement?

"Laughing, It Takes Practice"

As I bumble around day by day; I sometimes run across little tidbits, little sayings; little ditties if you will. Some are sad, some are beautiful, others are romantic, but the ones I like best are the "FUNNY", hilarious ones.

I sent my sister a copy of this one: "I'm smiling because you are my sister; I'm laughing because there is nothing you can do about it." Don't you like that one? I do! I was always a kind of a rogue sibling. The sister who wouldn't conform, the rebellious one, you know, kind of out of step, a rebel without a cause---that was me. You know kind of a black sheep in a herd (family) of clean, pristine sheep.

I ran across another one last week which I had not heard before. Before you read this one, all you ladies hold up your right hand and arm like the strong man of the

Arm & Hammer brand. This one reads: "They are NOT hot flashes. They are POWER SURGES." Right on!

While I was researching for this column, I ran across a coffee mug the other day with this inscription: "You will always be my best friend, you know too much!" Right again.

How about this one seen on a T-shirt: "Be kind to your kids---remember they pick your nursing home." Recently I spotted a toddlers' T-shirt, "99% Mischief, 1% Angel". I think I've met some of those back when I was young.

This one broke me up; I spotted this on a T-shirt. "Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder, and your hand over my mouth." Ring any bells for you? I could have used that as a prayer several times in my life.

Here's one for ya! I saw this on the back of ladies' T-shirt. It was printed upside down and it said, "If you can read this, please put me back on my horse." This one gave me a laugh. "My husband and I have religious differences--he thinks he's God and I don't."

LIBRARY NOTES

May 27-31

I told you things were happening at the public library. Come by! You'll see how beautifully the park is developing and you'll see things happening in the building between the park the library.

The library has a matching grant with a private foundation for a new roof (both buildings), and the floor is almost out in preparation for a new floor. The concrete and plumbing work are in process now. That building will house a

Children's Resource Center with a conference area in the back. Be proud. Your library board has in mind the "best little library in Texas" right here in our town. Please come see us. Don't bring your cat and I'll show you around.

Statistics

Books	97
Audios	2
Interlibrary Loan	1
Total	100

Memorials

Drucilla Oakes for Joe E. Hanke, Jr.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

June 10 - June 14

MONDAY-- Spagetti, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Fruit, Garlic Toast, Milk
TUESDAY-- Ham & Lima Beans, Hominy, Greens, Cheese-cake, Cornbread, Milk
WEDNESDAY-- Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Jellyed Vegetable, Salad, Cookie,

Bread, Milk
THURSDAY--Hamburger, Lettuce/Tomatoes,Pickles/Onions, Pork n Beans, Fruit, Milk
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Families planning to attend the luncheon are asked to bring a basket lunch. Tea, coffee and bread

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All graduates, former students, teachers, school employees, trustees and residents of the surrounding area are invited to attend. If you know someone who is one of the above, please invited them. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Submitted by
Billie Williams

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- NEW LISTING--** 101/A with 3bd/1 bath frame home. 85/A coastal, rural waterline, waterwell, fenced, 2 miles from Cross Plains, on pavement. \$130,000
- NEW LISTING--** 10/A, 3 bd/2 bath home, lots of trees, stockpond, metal shop building, storage building, 2 water wells, on pavement. \$75,000
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 - *3bd/2 bath, garage, hot tub, on large lot. Great yard with water well. **REDUCED** \$30,000, in Rising Star city limits. Call Pauline.
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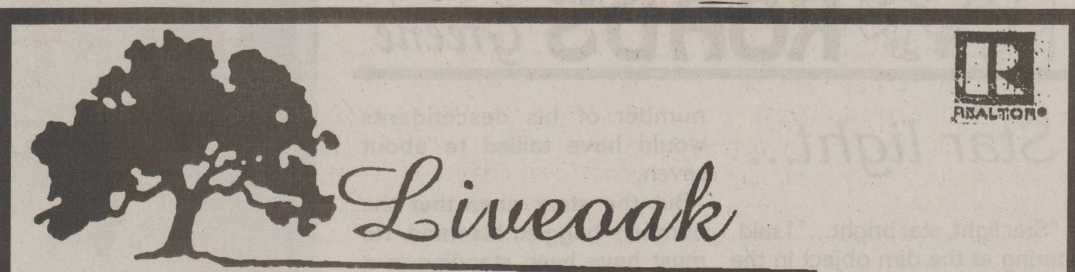
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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Star light...

"Star light, star bright..." I said, staring at the dim object in the western sky. I figure it might be Jupiter or Venus, one, but I don't know for sure what floats up there so high above us. For awhile I stand in the silence while it gathers the evening dusk. More and more stars arrive to light up the night.

There is nothing anywhere like the Texas sky. It's the Texas sky that makes me realize my homeland Pacific Northwest is losing its grip on me. I still do miss the blue waters and tall, tall trees, the ranges of jagged mountains, and ferry boats. But there is nothing to compare with stepping out the door to see the Big Dipper hanging just above the northern horizon, its handle tangled in the treetops.

My first glimpse of a planet close up is still vivid in my mind. A bunch of us kids were playing in the cool of a summer evening when a neighborhood stargazer set up his telescope in our front yard. All of our games and noise ceased while we each vied for a chance to view the texture and shadows of Mars.

The neighbor told us about asteroid belts and the mid-August shower of shooting stars. He pointed to planets and constellations, and told us mythical stories about The Bear and the guardian Orion. Our young minds wrangled with the concept of swirling nebulae and struggled to picture a tiny twinkling orb as an entire galaxy. I tried to follow his pointing finger, but I'm not sure I ever really located the Little Dipper or the North Star.

While we grew up, the Emerald City was growing up. Its night lights overshadowed the lights of the heavens. I used to think about Abraham standing out in the night too near a city. It would have been easy to count all the stars above him, and all the

number of his descendants would have tallied to about seven.

But the story goes that the numbers boggled his mind. He must have been standing in a place like Texas, where a million stars glitter and the Milky Way flings its tentacles across the sky.

There is nothing as big as the Texas sky. It took me awhile to realize just how big. It took dozens of moonless nights before I began to comprehend the vastness of infinity. It took sweeping storms settling low overhead, and a scrapbook full of sunrises coloring a multitude of cloud settings. I had to see full moons so bright you could walk about as in daytime before I really understood how big is the Texas sky.

This evening, I'm mesmerized by the approach of night. I'm watching the kaleidoscope of color, listening to earth's creatures prepare for bed, hearing the first howls of the night crew. The passion of oranges and reds fades to a peaceful purple time. The first faint lights of the night pop out. There it is, I thought, the first star of twilight.

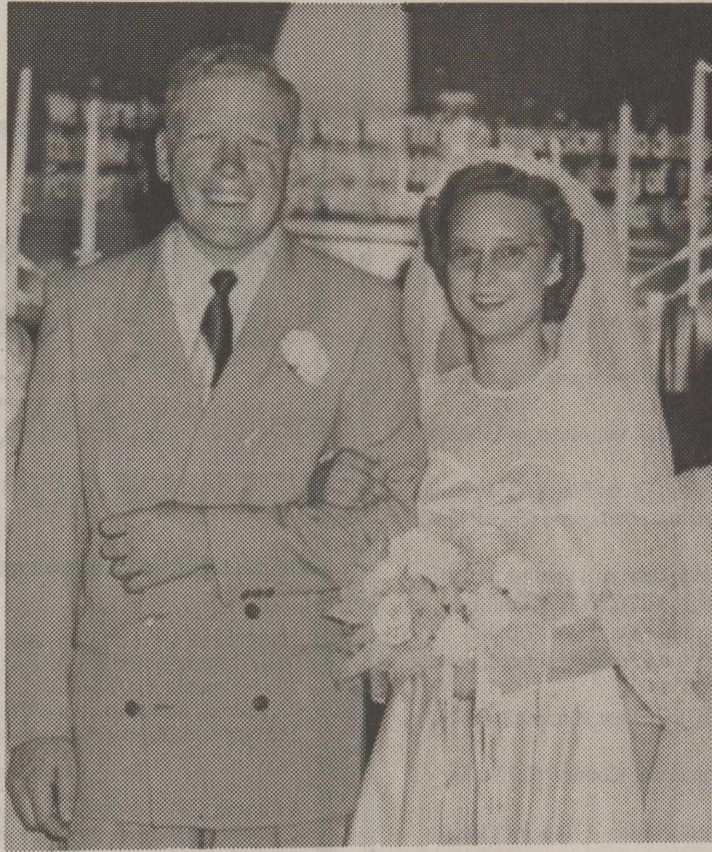
And so I began the elementary rhyme, "Star light, star bright, first star I've seen tonight..." No one was around, so I continued, "...Wish I may, Wish I might, have the wish I wish tonight." I thought about a wish, and wished it. I let out a sigh that seemed to echo the sigh in the warm summer dusk.

I stood still, watching the star that hovered in the western sky. It twinkled red. Hmmm. I don't remember a star that red at twilight.

As I stared, it seemed to loom larger. Then I heard a hum. It became a rumble, and then a roar.

Oh, oh. My evening star? It was an airplane.

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Dr. and Mrs. Billy Carpenter to Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary This Saturday

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Happy Birthday!

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Ruby Cassle Retires After Many Years of Service at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home

The family of Ruby Cassle would like to announce her retirement. Ruby has been employed at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home for the past 15 years, where she was the food service supervisor.

She has worked from a very young age on various jobs throughout her life. None has she loved more than helping with the elderly. She would like to continue to assist the elderly as the

Lord would call her to do.

Ruby has always been dedicated to God, her family, and to her job. She has been inspiration to all who knew her.

We would like everyone to know how proud we are of her. For she has touched many lives through her dedication and hard work.

We love you!

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Texas Forts Trail Region Board names new Regional Coordinator

AUSTIN—The Texas Forts Trail Region board recently named Tim Yandell to the position of regional coordinator. The Texas Forts Trail Region is a part of the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Heritage Trails Program: A Regional Tourism Initiative. This program provides technical and financial assistance and promotes west Texas as a heritage tourism destination.

Yandell will assist in the development and promotion of the 29 counties in the Texas Forts Trail Region. These counties include Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Haskell, Irion, Jack, Jones, McCulloch, Mason, Menard, Mills, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Tom Green, Throckmorton and Young. His office is located in Abilene and he will be the local contact for the implementation of the program.

"Heritage tourism is a vital asset to the economic structure of many towns in the Texas Forts Trail Region. I am excited to assist in the promotion of tourism as well as the preservation of Texas history," said Tim

Yandell. Yandell has previously worked as a contracted business consultant and as director of development and public relations for Abilene Intercollegiate School of Nursing. He has 16 years of marketing, public relations and fund raising experience in both the private and public sectors.

Yandell will immediately begin traveling the region as a public speaker, educating communities about the benefits of heritage tourism to the area. Yandell will also seek out and recruit volunteers who are interested in strengthening tourism and historic preservation for the Texas Forts Trail Region.

For more information about the Texas Heritage Trails Program or the Texas Forts Trail Region, contact Janie Headrick, director of the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program, at 512/463-5754; or contact Tim Yandell, Texas Forts Trail regional coordinator, at 915/676-1762.

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