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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following poem was written by Dwayne Lee for his father, the late Lawrence Lee of Pioneer. The poem will be appropriate for all dads on Father's Day Sunday, June 16. Vanda Anderson Creech

"My Hero"

By Dwayne Lee

Lord know you could have taken easier roads, like a lot of people do,

But instead of choosin' to go those ways, your heart always stayed true,

Although you didn't always walk the Lord's path, you never sacrificed right for wrong,

You always said, with a good days work for honest pay, a man never goes wrong,

You have always been my hero, the one I've always looked up to,

Although I never cam right out and said it, those words couldn't be more true,

In my mind, you were one of a kind,

You have always been my hero, and always will be.

One usually thinks of a hero as bein' someone that's big and bad, But far too many times as children, our heroes are no one other than our dads,

We watch'em as we grow, hopin' to one day be just like them,

But even though a bud will one day be a flower, it will always rely on the stem,

You have always been my hero, the one I've always looked up to,

Although I never came right out and said it, those words couldn't be more true,

Time and time again, you were so much more than just my ol' man,

You have always been my hero, and always will be.

There will never be author, I will ever look up to, The way that I, looked up to you.

Dad, you have always been my hero, the one I've always looked up to,

Although I never came right out and said it, those words couldn't be more true,

In my mind, you will always be one of a kind,

You have always been my hero, and always will be,

Dad, you have always been my hero, and always, always will be.

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FATHERS
DAY

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SWIFT WEARS GOLD U.S. Naval Academy Graduate

By Dick Brown

On a beautiful sunny May Maryland day, from the upper deck, Section 126, Row 4, Seat 14, Navy-Marine Corps Stadium, the graduation of the US Naval Academy Class of 2002 was observed. It was in response to a commitment that was made four years ago. The commitment was by a former Science Teacher (Cynthia Hickman Brown) to Nathaniel Swift, Cross Plains High School, Class of 1998, on the night he graduated high school and officially received his appointment to the US Naval Academy. A gift of a set of gold bars for a Navy Ensign was given to him and a promise that she and her husband would be there when he graduated in 2002. Unfortunately the Science Teacher, now teaching in Tennessee, had a high

school graduation to attend and a final to give, so she sent me to represent her.

The circumstances of getting into the stadium were time consuming, but they would be worth the waiting. This place usually has someone very high in the US Government deliver the commencement address. Last year it was President George W. Bush. However, this week he was in Russia signing a nuclear missile treaty and Vice President Dick Cheney was asked to speak.

I arrived at the stadium at a few minutes before 8 a.m. The ticket indicated the need to be seated by 9 a.m. There were eight designated entrances to accommodate the more than ten thousand who would be there to watch sons and daughters, nieces and nephews, grandsons and granddaughters, See Swift Page 10

Howard Fans Delight in Trip to Cross Plains

Howard Days festivities began Friday morning with everyone gathering at the Howard House and the Pavilion.

All the Howard fans, scholars, and writers, are always glad to see each other and renew old friendships or make new ones. The walking tour got off to a late start, and they opted to drive due to the humid weather. Terry Baum Rogers kept them entertained with her adorable southern drawl and unique personality.

Tours of the Howard House and Cross Plains Public Library are always of interest to the out-of-town guests.

Lunch was served Friday under the Pavilion and featured barbecue sandwiches from Dana's.

The Howard Days banquet was a highlight of the evening. Ophelia Merrill and staff provided a delicious brisket meal with all the trimmings.

Jack Baum, representing the Howard Estate, served as emcee and kept the program moving. He introduced Fred Blosser as the featured speaker. Blosser was well prepared in his presentation and offered information on Howard's writings that some of us were not familiar with.

The Howard Estate sponsored a writing contest for local senior students and the winners were announced at the banquet. Sarah Nixon and Keali Eppard were both chosen to receive a \$500 scholarship for their efforts. Sa-

rah was present at the banquet, but Keali was unable to attend. Their photos and additional details will appear in next week's edition of the *Cross Plains Review*.

Saturday allowed for more visiting and touring Howard's hometown. The panel discussion featuring Fred Blosser and James Reasoner was well attended. Dr. Charles Rodenberger covered this event. Be sure to read his interpretation. Lunch at the Pavilion consisted of ham sandwiches from Cross Plains Frozen Foods.

Response to the postal cancellation was good. Collectors and others interested are reminded that the cancellation may be obtained for another month.

Janet Swanson of Middleton Caddo Peak Ranch was the winner of the book "The Last King" written by Bran Mak Morn. The Howard Estate and Wondering Star, a publishing company in England, donated the book to Project Pride to be raffled off as a fund-raiser. Project Pride expressed their appreciation for their generosity in providing the exquisite gift.

The two-day event concluded with a trip to the Middleton Caddo Peak Ranch for an informal meal and to view a beautiful Texas sunset so admired by Howard.

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Fred Blosser Speaks About Texas' Influence on Robert E. Howard's Writing

Fred Blosser has written for four generations of Howard journals in the past thirty years, and was a regular contributor to SAVAGE TALES, THE SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN, and other Howard-oriented comic magazines in the 1970s, early '80s and early '90s.

When asked, Fred Blosser doesn't admit to being as knowledgeable about Robert E. Howard's writings as he is. "I'm just a fan," he says, modestly. But that he is a Howard scholar of first magnitude was clearly evident at the Howard Days banquet, where he was the featured speaker last Friday.

Mr. Blosser states flatly that Howard was a great writer. At the banquet, with visitors from Arkansas, California, Washington, D.C., Illinois, Louisiana and Virginia, it seemed he is not the only one who holds that opinion. (One registrant from the United Kingdom did not appear.) To say Howard was not a great writer because he mostly wrote fantasy fiction may be like saying Shakespeare was not a great writer because he mostly wrote plays.

The talk at the banquet centered around the influence of Texas, Cross Plains and the surrounding area, on Howard's writings. Mr. Blosser sketched out for the audience a timeline of Howard's writing career, and showed a number of interesting slides for illustration. As Howard's career blossomed, his use of various aspects of the place where he lived also increased. And as he became more sure of his success, it seemed he was less hesitant about writing about his home stomping grounds, although it would not always have been obvious that he was doing so.

According to Blosser, Howard's interest in his own cultural roots began to be expressed in stories after a correspondence was begun with H.P. Lovecraft, a very successful and respected author of



HOWARD BANQUET— Jack Baum (from left) served as the emcee, Margaret McNeel is President of Project Pride and Fred Blosser was the guest speaker.

Howard's day. When Lovecraft wrote of Rhode Island, Howard wrote back about his native Texas. Although Howard was reclusive, and held the opinion that he was not accepted by the people of Cross Plains in the 1930's, he was fiercely proud of where he lived. Blosser quotes Howard as having written to Lovecraft, "I had rather been a Texican than the king of Europe." As he wrote to Lovecraft and began to correspond with other writers, he expressed the cultural wealth and richness of spirit and detail that West Texas has. And from that point on, starting around 1930, Howard began to immortalize Cross Plains in fantasy fiction, even though few would realize it until decades later.

Blosser stated that there seems to be a relationship between Howard's correspondence and his stories. Howard would write about some aspect of Texas or the Cross Plains area, for example, first in a letter. Then, the next stories he produced would have

elements of the same details. Blosser said he believes that Howard's letter writing was, for Howard, a "psychological" drilling for oil. But the black gold Howard found would be in the forms of his next yarns.

Howard didn't use real place names in his fiction, but neither was all of his writing geographical in nature. Besides terrain, Howard used the weather, the savage history of the Comanche and pioneer days, and the independent and enterprising spirit of the people who populated his world. And, although he didn't claim to fit into the social life of the town where he did most of his writing, he talked to real people for much of the history he used in weaving his stories.

Blosser pointed out the connections that can easily be made between Howard and the Cross Plains area by anyone who knows them both well. Place names in some of Howard's stories were thinly disguised in his early writ-

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Howard Panel Discussion A Wealth of Information

By Dr. Charles Rodenberger

Cross Plains was urged to record the oral history of all the citizens who lived during Robert E. Howard's life in this city as the final statement in the panel presentation during Robert E. Howard days celebration Saturday, June 8 at the Cross Plains High School Library. More than forty Howard fans came to hear James Reasoner, an award winning author of more than 140 western novels from Azle, Texas, and Fred Blosser, a public relations representative for the Center for Disease Control offices in Washington, D.C., discuss the use of Texas in Howard's stories.

Reasoner, who has been published by Forge Books and nominated twice for the Spur Award by the Western Writers of America, and a member of the Robert E. Howard United Press Association, REHUPA, told how Howard's westerns were written past the midpoint of his writing career, when he tapped the pulp magazine market for what are

termed "comic" westerns. These are not Pecos Bill type stories, but more of the humor found in Bret Harte and Mark Twain's stories of life on the western frontier. Reasoner argued that while the stories were not set in Texas, the hero was always a larger than life Texan who fought his battles in other states, lawless Kansas towns, at the end of the cattle drive being a favorite location for Howard's novels. He mentions John Wesley Hardin and other well-known gun fighters of the era as he churned out a book every month. At the payment rate of a penny per word, Howard pushed to increase his income. Reasoner argued that if Howard had lived he would have written the classic novels about the Texas Revolution, Texas oilfields and cattle drives, equal to McMurtry or Kelton.

Blosser followed up his presentation at the dinner Friday night by illustrating how Howard, even though his mythological writing offended Cross Plains citizens, was using the pioneer spirit of the

independence generated by the Texas frontier myths. He created the mythological characters, Conan, being one of the better

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Sue Valentine, theft of property by check.
Michele R. Eldred, theft of property by check.
Sherry A. Floyd, theft of property by check.
April L. Anderson, theft of property by check.
Jorge D. Ituarte, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Matthew Whitehead, theft of property by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Grady Groves, order extending probation granted.

Michael Hernandez, order discharging defendant from misdemeanor probation granted.
Mary Elizabeth Closs-Dugan, order revoking probation granted.
James O. Perry, order releasing cash bond granted.
Raymond E. Clay, plea of guilty to DWI, 3 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.
David Worley, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$350 fine, \$243 court costs.
Kevin Humstrom, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$268 court costs, \$63.88 restitution.

James O. Perry, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$60.50 restitution.
Denise Ford, order for discharge of fine and costs granted.
Daniel Fry, plea of guilty to evading arrest, 6 month probation, \$200 fine, \$293 court costs.

Paul Tidwell, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 2 year probation, \$100 fine, \$292.25 court costs, \$1506.22 restitution.
Calvin Woody, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, \$50 fine, \$292.25 court costs, \$63.06 restitution.
Kenneth Bates, Jr., plea of guilty to criminal mischief, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Dennis James Chambers, Jr. and Miranda Dawn Chambers, divorce.
Marty Ross vs. Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Co., appeal decisions and orders of Texas Worker's Compensation Commission.
The Recover Group, LLC. vs. Three Green Pasturs, LLC. t/a Ham's Show Supply, foreign judgment.

Civil Minutes

Bank of America, na, vs. Curtis Hines and Dena Hines, order of dismissal without prejudice granted.

Criminal Indictment

Judy B. Stuard, forgery.

Criminal Information & Complaint

Matthew A. Stanton, unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Criminal Minutes

Crystal L. Baize, motion to dismiss to DWI granted.
Timothy I. Maloney, motion to amend conditions of probation granted.

Aaron M. Williams, plea of guilty to possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$236 court costs.
Jose L. Dorado, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 8 year in prison, \$246 court costs.

James O. Perry, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Tarrant Co. granted.
Paul Tidwell, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Brazoria Co. granted.

David Worley, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Travis Co. granted.
Kevin Humstrom, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Rannels Co. granted.

Patty Castillo, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.
Joey A. Morris, motion to dismiss to driving while license suspended granted, 3 days in jail, \$300 fine, \$211 court costs.

Barbara Hayden, motion to reinstate bond granted.
Curtis S. Dugan, motion to withdraw as counsel granted.

Lucio Dominguez, motion to revoke probation granted.
John Sadler, motion to revoke probation granted.

Stephanie VanCleef, motion to revoke probation granted.
Jackie D. Bridges, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, case dismissed for plea to other case, restitution added to case.

Jackie D. Bridges, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$100 fine, \$293 court costs, \$277.31 restitution.

Jackie D. Bridges, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Eastland Co. granted.

Denise Ford, order revoking probation granted.
Jeremiah L. Willson, order revoking probation granted.

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Mark Cole, Kenneth Engle, Arthur Huddleston, Rebecca Mantooh, Cyle Mitchell, Amy Noe, Jerry Olinger, Luis Ramos, Carlton Thigpen, Samantha Thomas, Christopher Weaver.

Marriage Licenses

Gregory Allan Olson and Sandra Kay Bradley, both of Oberlin, Kansas.

OBITUARIES

Lois J. Spoon

Lois J. Spoon, 51, of Springdale, Arkansas passed away May 13, 2002, at her home. She was born December 10, 1950, in Gladewater, Texas, to Homer and Bobbie Perry Hilton. She was a published author with articles in many magazines nationwide, founder of the Northwest Arkansas Christian Writers Group, author of "Running as Fast as I Can" (a survivors' guide against breast cancer), a member Northwest Arkansas Writers Association, the Ozark Writers League, the Oklahoma Writers Federation and was a speaker for Stonecroft Ministries and for cancer support groups. She was an accomplished pianist as part of the praise and worship team at Christian Life Cathedral, where she was a member.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Spoon; one son, Robert Luke Spoon of Fayetteville, Arkansas; her father of Longview, Texas; two brothers, Danny and Albert Hilton, both of Longview; three sisters, Marie Thornton of El Reno, Oklahoma, Marie Waters of West Fork, Arkansas and Kathy Wright of Westmoreland, Michigan; her foster mother, Colleen Anderson of Cross Plains.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 16, at Christian Life Cathedral in Fayetteville, Arkansas with Steve and Red Dixon officiating.

Burial was in Bluff Cemetery in Springdale, Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lois Spoon Memorial Fund, c/o Christian Life Cathedral, 1285 Millsap Road, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703.

Betty Jean LeMay Evans Vaughn

Betty Jean LeMay Evans Vaughn, 72, of Cross Plains, passed away Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene following complications of surgery and a lengthy battle against scleroderma and pancreatic cancer. Jean graciously donated her body to the Genesis Research Project in Memphis, Tennessee for further study on scleroderma. A wake celebrating her life will be held later, at a time to be announced.

Born December 7, 1930 in Borger, Texas to Lucille and William D. LeMay, she grew up in Fort Worth. Jean graduated from Diamond High School. She married Lawrence E. Evans in 1949 and from this union her three children were born. Jean was a former Certified Public Accountant. At one time she was employed by the Red Cross where she utilized her caring attitude for those in need. She was a founding member of Cowtown Motorcycle Club and volunteered at Scottish-Rite Hospital in Dallas.

In 1972 she married Jack Vaughn, a musician/oilfield driller. The couple lived all over western U.S.A. Upon Jack's death in 1985, she moved to Cross Plains.

Jean was a compassionate person who strived for justice for all. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Lawrie and Mark Hoffman, and a son, Lawrence E. (Larry) Evans, Jr., all of Fort Worth, and a son and daughter-in-law, Guy Paul and Naomi Evans, of Sweetwater; four grandchildren, David W. Morrow and wife, Yolanda, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Jeremy Evans, Kristen Evans and Michael Evans, all of Fort Worth; three step-grandchildren, Jamie Guerra King and husband, Kye, of Cross Plains, Jeremy Guerra and Shanna Guerra, both of Sweetwater; one great-grandson, Christopher Morrow, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and two step-great-grandsons, Kyler King and Keegan King, both of Cross Plains.

Discussion

known, who acted much as the strong hero battling against the lawless raw frontier. He argued that Conan, in the role of a frontier scout placed in the middle ages, fought the Picts who were modeled after the Comanches, well known in this part of Texas. From his correspondence with Lovecraft, Howard had argued that the frontier approached the savagery attributed to early civilizations.

During the question and answer period when asked about Howard's relationship to the townspeople, Reasoner stated that the Sonora Kid character in some of Howard's cowboy novels reflected Howard's position that the whole town was against him. Blosser explained why Howard didn't write more Texas westerns. His first attempt didn't sell and Howard wanted to be published. He could sell the shocking story, and it pleased him to shock the citizens of Cross Plains.

Reasoner said Howard wrote "I lit the flame of literature here" seeing himself as a pioneer in his writing career. Although the mothers in Cross Plains would tell their children to come inside when Howard came out of his house, and Zora Mae Bryant told how she moved to the other side of the street when Howard in his big sombrero and cape was acting out a role, Novalyne Price told how he would stop the car to visit with an old man sitting on a front porch to ask him to tell about his frontier experiences.

Barbara Baum summed up how we should judge Howard in Cross Plains. "You are known by the company you keep." And Howard's best friends in Cross Plains were Dave Lee and Lindsey Tyson, two of the most well-liked citizens of the town.

The audience especially asked for the oral histories of Lois Garrett and Troy Crockett. The Cross Plains Public Library has a project, led by Wallace Bennett, to collect the oral histories to fulfill the request by Blosser and the attendees.

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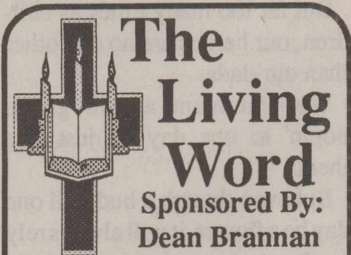
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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Independence Day Celebration Set

A public reading of the United States Declaration of Independence and other presentations will be held for the second year in a row on July 4th.

Little did we know last July 4th when we held the first of our current string of Cottonwood Independence Day Celebrations, that September 11, 2001, would bring another "day of infamy" and another band of international cutthroats, terrorists and enemies would rise up to threaten the world's greatest champion of personal freedom and independence, the United States of America.

So please mark your calendar for 10 a.m. July 4, 2002 as Cottonwood's second Independence Day Celebration to be held at the Cottonwood Community Center.

Mary Ella Weaver will serve as Master of Ceremonies for this year's celebration as she introduces various members of the Cottonwood community who will present anthems, hymns, poetry and other readings of the foundation documents and other literature of our richest national treasure, the spirit of freedom. There will be children's presentations, music and a great July 4th celebration.

Children and parents are encouraged to volunteer for various

parts on the program. So, please contact Mary Ella Weaver at (254) 725-6544 or myself, (254) 725-7474, if you would like to participate. Our effort is to welcome every member of the Cottonwood Community to the celebration of July 4, 2002.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control

Don't forget to attend the next meeting of the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control unit, next Tuesday, June 18, at 7 p.m. We all benefit from fire control, community safety, emergency response and this volunteer effort. So let's all get out there and show our support.

Callahan County Organized in 1877

Did you know that on July 30, 1877 the first Commissioner's Court of Callahan County met and the oath of office was administered to the first set of county officials and their bonds of servitude were approved. Callahan County was carved out of the bounds of then Eastland County and the first Commissioner's Court met in a wooden building at Callahan City, a few miles north of Admiral. (See "I Remember Callahan, 1986, Page 7.)

(Please report any personal, family and community news and events to Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474. I can't print it if I don't know it.)

PIONEER NEWS

Tommie will be in the hospital. Our prayers are with you.

Recent visitors with Jean Fore were Jessie Dale and Jerry Starks of Ardmore, Oklahoma and Grasson and Myrtle Harlow of Atlanta, Texas, all nieces and nephews of Vi Harlow and Jean Fore. Frankie Smith also visited during the week. What a good time they all had!

Frankie traveled to Ranger to visit Mrs. Dorothy Rogers. Saturday Jean and Frankie attended the Sipe Spring musical. Frankie has her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nance, visited for a few days. Bob has done some repair work on Frankie's house.

Last Saturday Charlene Chesshir attended the wedding shower for Jodi Dallas and Paul Alexander in Eastland. Paul's mother, was there and the family and friends enjoyed meeting her. Charlene's sister, Christene Cooper of Abilene, was also there. It was held at the beautiful home of Patty and Bill Dolan. Kathy, Melanie and Charlene went to Eastland together. They are looking forward to the wedding June 8th!

Glenda Phillips was really happy for Allen, Janice and family to be back from vacation. Sure is lonesome when they are gone. Glen Dale and little daughter, Kosta, came by with four other people on Wednesday. He was helping a friend move to Texarkana, pulling a load of horses. They left a horse and then departed after lunch with Glenda and Howard. Glen Dale and

Kosta came back by Thursday and spent the night before going on home to Alpine. Glenda enjoyed them being there even if it was a short time.

I visited West Bound Water system in Cisco last week. They are still working very hard to bring water to our community. The paperwork has been submitted to the office in Temple. The engineers have approved their part and now, the papers are waiting for the environmental approval.

The quilting ladies had a very good day quilting on Tuesday. We did have a little excitement in that Gladys and Deniece's sister had some chest pains and had to be taken to the emergency room in Brownwood. After examinations and tests everything turned out okay. They were all able to come back. We had our first Tuesday "pot luck". We had lots of fresh garden vegetables. We quilted on Sandy's "Fan", Lou's "Texas Star" and Olena put in her beautiful "Patriotic" top. These should keep us busy for the next three weeks.

Everyone, as you travel down Highway 36, you will see that Jim and Charlene's fruit and vegetable stand is now open.

Game night will be Thursday, so come on out. The group will miss Tommie and Phyllis. Everyone hang in there and think positive. We will have water!!!!

Words of Wisdom: The man who removes a mountain begins by carrying away small stones. Chinese Proverb

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: The Flowers for the month of June are: Roses and Honeysuckle.

"Coincidence"

My sister, Ann and her husband Sonny (aka E. Albert Bounds) took a trip to Hawaii the latter part of November and the first part of December. Another couple, the Hunts; friends with them since the late 50's (and they both have ties to Callahan County), accompanied them, J.W., born and raised in Baird was my classmate in the Baird Schools from 5th grade through our Senior graduation. His wife, Newelene, is the daughter of the late Newell O'Dell, who was once School Superintendent here in Cross Plains some time in the 50's.

My sister was telling me some coincidences noted on their trip which I found quite interesting. Hence I got her to write them down. Following is the story in her own words.

On the Arizona Memorial, I saw a couple that I thought might be a couple that we had seen at the Don Ho Show at the Wakiki Beachcomber the night before. (Editing note: the memorial was for W.W.II veterans). It had been rather dark except on stage and a couple stood up when newly marrieds were asked to do so, but failed to say where in Texas they were from. So when I saw the couple on the Memorial, even though I am usually very shy about approaching people that I don't know. I decided to ask them if they were the couple at the Don Ho performance. The lady said that they were not at the Don Ho show, but were from Texas. Currently, they said, they lived in Hurst on a certain street. They lived only a few blocks from the friends that we were traveling with. Then they said that they had lived in Abilene, where all four of us had previously lived. They then continued that they had lived many years in Lubbock only a short distance from where Sonny and I lived in Lubbock for many, many years. We had a warm and friendly conversation and all of us left with thoughts of what a small world it really is.

Then on the island of Maui after seven days of watching for an antique shop to visit, we saw a small shop in a small town and made tracks to look around. The owner, a lady probably in her early 70's asked us where we were from. When we told her two of us

were from Canyon Lake, she said she too was from Texas originally and had just hung up the phone from talking to her son in New Braunfels, which is 17 miles from our house, and where we do most of our shopping and business and also where our daughter and family live. What a coincidence!

One of the reasons for our trip in December was to coincide with the time of the 60th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. A we were leaving the airport, many of the survivors of Pearl Harbor were also leaving. The airport was so crowded that in the airport restaurant or eating area, we had to sit apart from our friends. Our friend returned shortly to tell us that a man with our last name, Bounds, who was a survivor of the Oklahoma, was sitting close to them and they wondered if there could be any connection. By coincidence, or luck or guiding hand of God, he was a distant relative. His grandfather and my husband, Sonny's great-grandfather were brothers. My husband carries the family name of Albert which we are now almost sure is named after our newly found relatives grandfather, Albert Bounds. The family connection is being kept up by letters and phone calls between the two men; one from Canyon Lake, Texas and one from San Diego, California.

I sometimes wonder how people hide from the law, there were so many coincidences on their trip of running into people with connections. I'm going to add this story to the ones which Ann wrote above. After they (Ann and Sonny) returned home; one early morning as Ann was driving to work, (about 30 Miles), she had her radio on and was as usual, listening to it as she drove. It was a man conducting interviews which had been taped and was now being broadcast. The tape had been done in Florida. She said she tuned in just before the man said, "Here's some people over here, where are you from?" The people answered from Texas. The man said "where", in Texas? The answer was; Cross Plains. It was Ophelia Merrill, and family.

I think those are really unusual coincidences and to have all happened in a 2 to 3 week period. Coincidences? A twist of fate? E.S.P.?.....Magic? Your guess is as good as mine.

Now they've gone to Branson, Missouri, can't wait to see what happens there?

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LIBRARY NOTES

June 3 - 7

Hey there! You should have been at the library Friday and Saturday. We had folks from all over! That Robert Howard gets people here - even the young ones. The ones we can always count on are the REH upans. That's Robert E. Howard United Press Association. Howard is their vocation. They have jobs to reap studying Howard. You should have been on West Caddo Peak Saturday evening. The group went up at 5:30 and stayed for sunset. The wonderful folks, the Middleton's- who own it, invited the Project Pride group and guests for a hot dog dinner. From

the mountain the sunsets are unbelievable. Even bookworms look in awe. Everybody is grateful for the beautiful evening.

Statistics
Books 87
Audios 03
 90

Memorials: For Joe Hanke - A.C. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. Womack, Steven and Sandra Mack

For Dr. Joe Stamey - Charles and Lou Rodenberger
 For Helen and Hub Freeman-Mickey V. Bush, MD.

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Coleman Musical This Friday at Skateworld

A Musical will be held at the Skateworld, 401 East College, in Coleman this Friday, June 14. The doors will open at 5 p.m. and musical entertainment begins at 6 p.m. A snack bar will be available.

Musicians may call Gene Christian at (915) 625-4901 for a spot on the program.

Bring your own lawn chairs, if

**T.W. Anderson
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T.W. Anderson is in Coronado Nursing Home in Abilene, Grape and 15th St. He says "hello" to all his friends in Cross Plains and he would love for those who can to drop by and visit him.

His room number is 114, or you can find him running around on his bright red scooter. His telephone number is (915) 672-4399.

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possible. There is only seating for approximately 75 people. Call Dub Meador (254) 725-7720 for additional information.

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY 2001-2002 PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL 5th SIX WEEKS

First Grade- Makayle C. Cowan, Victoria Creamer, Britton Dukes, Katharine Goode, Joe Holland, Rielly Hutchins, Riley Lawrence, Sheldon Libey
Second Grade- Rebecca Allen, Lauren Goode, Rosa Salazar
Third Grade- Logan Turner
Fourth Grade- Tiffany Holland, Brittany Johnson
Fifth Grade- Brittany Graham

CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY 2001-2002 "A" HONOR ROLL 6th SIX WEEKS

First Grade- Makayla C. Cowan, Shayla C. Cozart, Victoria L. Creamer, Britton P. Dukes, Dakota R. Gilliam, Katharine B. Goode, Joe V. Holland, Rielly B. Hutchins, Riley P. Lawrence, Sheldon T. Libey, Jordan M. Lowe, Heather L. Ontiveros, Brandon A. Skidmore, Shahala J. Trammell
Second Grade- Rebecca R. Allen, Jayten M. Ames, Shelby B. Ames, Lauren E. Goode, Payton G. Porter, Rosa A. Salazar, Katherine M. Taff, Austin D. Thomas, Morgan M. Thomas
Third Grade- Delany D. Ames, Joel Hinten, Shawna D. Lewis, Samuel C. Rockett, Logan T. Turner, Dillon D. Whiteley, Miranda M. Williams
Fourth Grade- Emma G. Bennett, Melissa S. Black, Amanda K. Dunaway, Tiffany P. Holland, Brittany A. Johnson, Kayla D. Lawrence, Amber B. Parker, Shelby J. Randolph, Zachary T. Snell
Fifth Grade- Terrah Augustine, Brittany Graham, Emily Harris, Krista Phillips
Sixth Grade- Brett Wheeler

CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY 2001-2002 "AB" HONOR ROLL 6th SIX WEEKS

First Grade- Chelsea M. Branch, Nicole C. Eisenbach, Daniel L. Higgins, Kathleen E. Horton, Alejandro D. Juarez, Chance B. Markham, Rebbekha C. Murdock, Sara R. Sifuentes, Layton C. Turner, Christopher M. Wheeler, Maci J. Whitson
Second Grade- Charleen M. Avants, Dakota S. Bomar, Jessica D. Christensen, Samantha C. Dickson, Ryder H. Foster, Hannah J. Horton, John W. Howell, Angel C. Markham, Viola J. McKenzie, Brienne L. Purcell, Kristin N. Willis
Third Grade- Tyler T. Avants, Patrick R. Border, Cody E. Ford, Justin C. Golson, Jonathan R. Hollis, Jasmine N. Juarez, Jacob L. Marsh, Chad Z. Switzer, Robert A. Wheeler, Hayden C. Wyatt, Savana R. Wyatt
Fourth Grade- Shasta B. Bacon, Tiffany L. Bell, Nathan L. Creamer, Jerrad T. Eisenbach, Emily C. Foster, Robert A. Lewallen, Cole S. Luter, Courtney M. Nicholson, Cierra T. Odom, Cameron B. Phillips, Jauquin Ramirez, Benjamin E. Schaefer, Cody J. Slinger, Kaleb J. Thoeny, Liliana Vasquez
Fifth Grade- Doug Bowden, Ashleigh Gallaway, Katrina Mireles, Mandy Rose, Brooklyn Strength, Fili Vasquez
Sixth Grade- Tiffany Aiken, Hailey Biggs, J.J. Callaway, Patrick Cline, Macayla Cook, Ricky Daniels, Nick Garrett, Jenny Lewis, Markus Maxwell, Gina Newsom, Bryan Rivers, Starla Schaefer, Brittany Stout, Tiffany Walker

CROSS PLAINS High School 2001-2002 PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL 6th SIX WEEKS

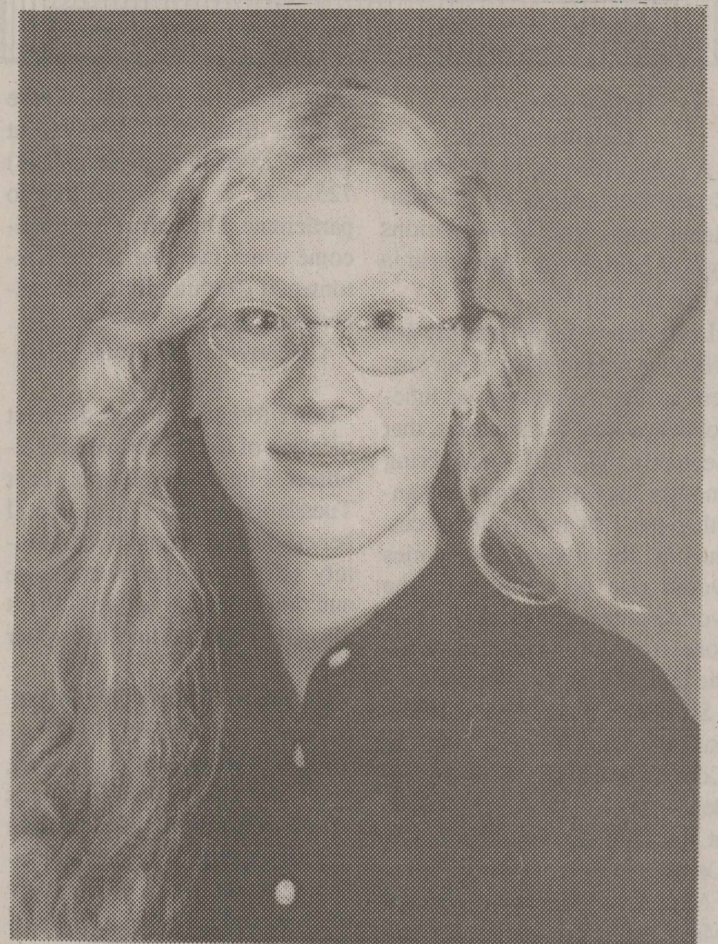
7th Grade- Colton Manley, Tracey Randolph, Karen Scott, Russell Thomas
8th Grade- Jeremiah Snell
Sophomore- Jose Mauricio, Jennifer Young
Junior- Andrew Carouth, Judith Hartman
Senior- Gregory Black, Melanie Chesshir, Keali Eppard, Joshua Hopkins, Judith Mauricio, James Ross, Erin Stephens, Angela Swift, Shena Thomas

"A" HONOR ROLL 6TH SIX WEEKS

7th Grade- La'Voy R. Byars, Travis U. Crockett, Mykea S. Douglass, Brittani N. Libey, Colton N. Manley, Kassie C. Milam, Michael J. Navarro, Cato L. Platt, Tracey K. Randolph, Ashley L. Rose, Karen M. Scott, Russell B. Thomas
8th Grade- Rainey B. Bacon, Travis E. Golson, Jesse M. Norris, Ryan G. Payne, Jeremiah J. Snell
Freshman- Christopher W. Beaty, Thomas A. Dimitri, Lori J. Hail, Brandon W. Horton
Sophomore- Daley K. Anderson, Brittany R. Apple, Phillip A. Bennett, Sammy G. Gardner, Priscilla C. Hyles, Shana T. Hyles, Jose A. Mauricio, Katherine E. Wooten, Jennifer A. Young
Junior- Andrew J. Carouth, Christopher H. Harris, Judith R. Hartman, Nathaniel A. Joy, Cole D. Koenig, Byron L. McNutt, Remington T. O'Dell, Danielle J. Rivard, Carrie E. Rogers, Kevin M. Scott, Chris D. Slinger, George M. Taff, Emily J. Winfrey
Senior- Candice S. Bailey, Tony T. Beggs, Gregory C. Black, Melanie S. Chesshir, Joseph A. Dillard, Keali D. Eppard, Tami L. Hall, Joshua W. Hopkins, Judith Mauricio, Sarah K. Nixon, Stephanie C. Parker, Kandra R. Poole, Charles T. Rogers, James N. Ross, Erin Stephens, Angela D. Swift, Shena J. Thomas, Violeta Vasquez, Kevin D. Wilson

"AB" HONOR ROLL 6TH SIX WEEKS

7th Grade- Lance D. Allison, Christina L. (Ward) Avants, Jamie L. Campbell, Dalton S. Carpenter, Brock W. Cooper, Justin C. Dickson, Steve N. Garrett, Natosha A. Hagrell, Tianay J. Hollis, Clay L. Koenig, Christopher M. McBride, David M. Peters, William A. Poole, Jose S. Reyes, Sean C. Williams
8th Grade- Brittani N. Adams, Vecy R. Carpenter, Forrest L. Creamer, River P. Dillard, Jarrah P. Hutchins, Samantha J. Hutton, Naomi R. Isbell, Rebecca A. Isbell, Claudia M. Ramirez Raymond J. Sifuentes, Clayton L. Thomas, Megan D. Thomas, Maria D. Vasquez, Chance E. Watkins, Levi G. Wooten
Freshman- Dayna L. Bennett, Mitchell L. Byrd, Jimmie D. Cook, Stephanie K. Edington, Jason W. Goains, Michael R. Gregory, Micheal J. Hogrell, Larry G. Ivie, Brenton C. McNutt, Laci R. Powell (Jessup), Kelsey D. Richards, Karen E. Ross, Natasha C. Wolford
Sophomore- Dusty D. Dickson, Laska B. Dillard, Jessica C. James, Kimberly L. Mosier, Casey D. Pack, Brandon W. Phillips, Cesar J. Ramirez, Janielle A. Rivard, Jared C. Wooten
Junior- Falon N. Bass, Amanda N. Beard, Sheila M. Bell, Ashley D. Cook, Tiffany S. Goains, Joshua C. Kitcheris, Marian P. Reed, Evan T. Thornton, Sunny D. Westerman,
Senior- Timothy R. Butler, Marcus L. Byrd, Bridget N. Callaway, Jennifer H. Canales, Jordan R. Duran, Jacob G. Farrow, Clinton A. Grubb, Jonathan B. James, Christy R. Jones, Dustin M. Nickerson, Aaron M. Norris, Jenny L. Pancake, Citanya M. Scott, Tonya N. Spelbring.



LORI J. HAIL

C.P.H.S. Student National Award Winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Lori J. Hail of Cross Plains has been named a United States National Award Winner in Band.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

She will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Lori, who attends Cross Plains High School, was nominated by Michelle Carter, the band director at the school.

Miss Hail was also named All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recog-

ognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher grade point average.

Lori will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history.

Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

Lori is the daughter of Dianne J. Hail of Cross Plains and David Hail of Rowlett, and the granddaughter of Noah and Bobbie Johnson of Cross Plains and Cecil and Nadine Hail of Abilene.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

May 30, 2002

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Bryan Bennett, Jim Cook, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt. (Donnie Dillard was absent)

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tennison, High School Principal Leonard Wilson, Elementary Principal Margie Sowell, and guests, Netha Carouth, Nora Odom, Chris Lewis, Chris Bearden, Steve Hale, Michael Nordquist and Jimmy Randolph.

No action. Band Boosters check further into uniforms and get more information for another meeting with the board.

Executive session at 7:35 p.m.

Out of session at 12:08 a.m.

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by V. Dillard that we accept resignation of Aaron Hood. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Cook that we accept resignation of Maranda Hood. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Cook that we

and seconded by Bennett that we offer a contract to Chris Lewis and Girls Head Basketball Coach in a 10 month probationary contract at base plus \$5,000 stipend. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bennett that we offer a contract to Chris Bearden as Head Boys Basketball Coach in a 10 month probationary contract at base plus \$5,000 stipend. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Cook that we accept resignation and retirement of Margie Sowell, with regrets. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cook that Jackie Tennison enter into contract with JR3 Education Associates LIC for temporary employment of personnel. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Wyatt that we purchase two 50 passenger coaches from ABC Companies for a total of \$39,000 and one 1997 Bluebird 48 passenger from NBS National Bus for \$33,300. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cook that we adjourn. For 6/Against 0

Read Aloud Cafe to Open Monday, June 17

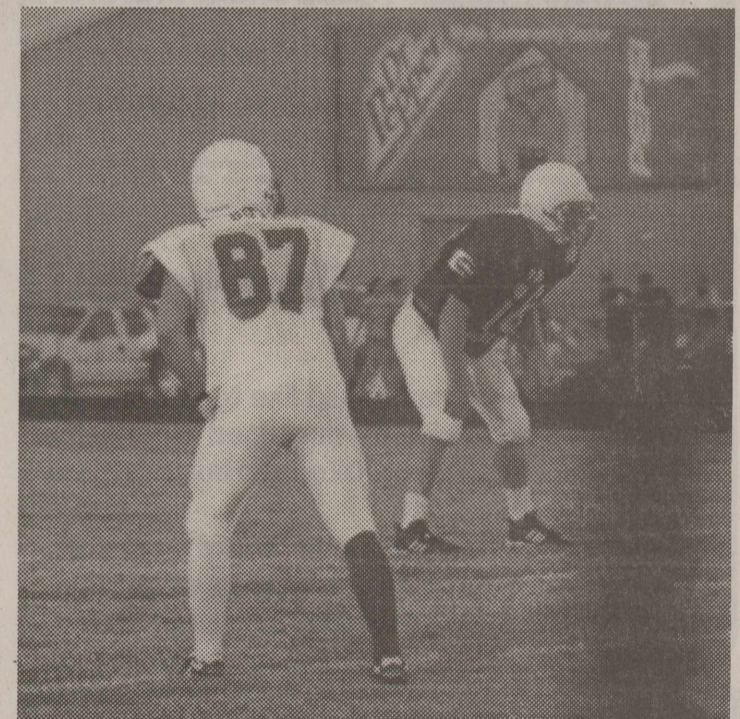
Monday, June 17th, the "READ ALOUD CAFE" will have its grand opening! This is a special children's program sponsored by the Cross Plains Public Library emphasizing the many benefits of reading aloud to children. The "Cafe", located in the library, will be open for one week only, June 17-21 from 12 noon to 1:15 p.m.

"Daily Specials" will be offered that include a free kid's LUNCH (served promptly at noon), free BOOKMARKS, drawings for PRIZES, and many favorite BOOKS read aloud for your children's listening pleasure!

While they are eating, the storytelling begins! We are big advocates of reading aloud to children of all ages. Books for this event have been carefully chosen and are proven to be favorites. Hopefully, it will rekindle their love of stories already heard or it will introduce them to some of the vast literature specifically designed for reading aloud. Whatever the case, everyone loves a good story, and we will have plenty of them presented in a variety of ways!

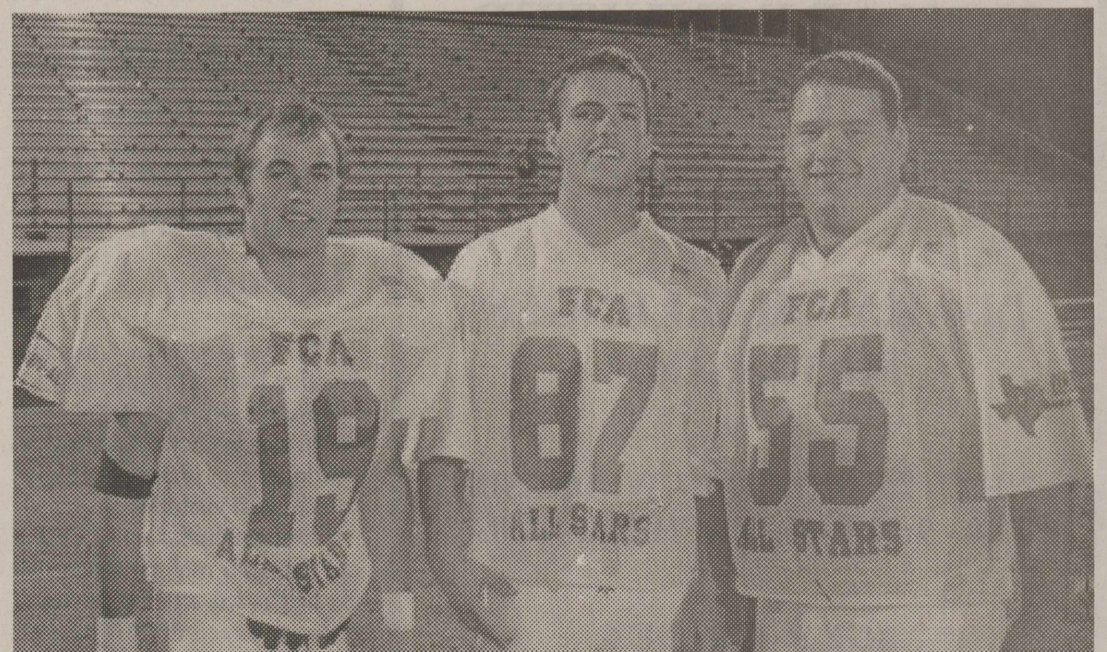
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Reading records will not be kept, but time will be given during the last portion of each session for participants to check out their own books. Parents are welcome to come at this time to help their child with selections. Students who have just completed K-6th grades are eligible for participation. Pre-registration is recommended--simply come by the library or call (254) 725-7722.



CROSS PLAINS ALL-STAR—Tim Butler, #87 in white, sets up in the flanker position during the Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Classic football game played Saturday, June 8 in Wylie Bulldog Stadium in Abilene.

Butler, a member of the South All-Stars, was nominated to play in the game by his high school coach at Cross Plains. The South All-Stars fell to the North All-Stars 28-21.



COUNTY ALL-STARS—Three Callahan County football players competed in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Classic held at Abilene Wylie Bulldog Stadium Saturday, June

8, 2002. Pictured from left to right are: Todd Vestal of Baird, Tim Butler of Cross Plains and Austin Wright of Clyde. The three All-Stars were nominated to play

in the football game by their head coaches. All three played for the South All-Stars. The North All-Stars won the game 28-21.

COPIES MADE AT THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

2nd Overall Winner in the Library Writing Contest

Deputy Michael Sheriff
By Emily Harris, 5th Grade

A policeman known as Deputy Michael Sheriff is very good at his job. Infact he could stop someone in their car a mile away without moving at all except for his mouth. This seems impossible but not for Deputy Michael.

"We got to hurry!" yelled the sheriff of Zodiac, Kansas police station. "She might be eaten if we don't hurry!" yelled a deputy.

"Wonder what kind of dog would eat a skinny old lady?" asked Michael.

"A pretty big un if you ask me," said Harper Trophy another deputy of the police station. "How are we going to get that dog out of the house?"

"I have an idea!" said Michael.

"Stop at that Stop and Go."

Michael ran in as fast as a bullet and came out with a fishing pole and a bag full of something. Behind him was a man pushing a cart with a trap on it. On top of the huge trap was a tranquilizer gun.

"What is that for?" asked Harper.

"Don't ask questions," said Michael, "Lets go!"

When they finally got to Sue Spaniel's house Michael went to work. First, he put the trap above the door.

"How are you going to yank that down without a rope?" asked Harper.

"He probably couldn't yank it down in time, because after all it does weigh 150 pounds," said Sheriff which was the sheriff's name.

"Oh, you'll see," said Michael.

He put a huge piece of pork on the end of the fishing string which was attached to the fishing pole.

Then he got ready, took hold of the fishing pole and yelled, "Here doggie, doggie, doggie."

A few seconds later they heard a dog barking and heard the dog coming towards them.

"He's comin'," whispered Sheriff.

"Hide," whispered Harper.

A minute later the dog was out of the house. He was the biggest, meanest, and ugliest dog they had ever seen. The dog saw the meat and went toward it, but before he could get there Michael spit up at the trap. Boom! The trap landed on top of the dog. Everybody "Awwwed" at what they had just seen Michael Sheriff just do. "Wow!" yelled Harper. "How did you do that?"

"I spit," said Michael very calmly.

"But you just knocked down a 150 pound trap with your spit," said Sheriff.

"Yah, so," said Michael rather annoyed.

"O.K. Fine that's it," said the other deputy.

The old lady walked up but before she could say anything the deputy cut in.

"Mam," "Yes," she answered.

"Do you want that tree right there in your yard?"

"Well no of course not it's always in the way," said Sue.

"O.K. Michael knock that tree down."

"O.K. whatever you say," and with that Michael spit almost as hard as he could. "Timber!" yelled Harper.

The tree fell to the ground.

The next thing they knew, Sue Spaniel was on the ground.

When she awoke she asked the policeman why they were at her house and why her dog was in a

cage.

"What!" yelled Harper.

"I thought you called about a dog attacking you," said Michael.

"No," she answered.

"But isn't your name Sue Spaniel?" asked Harper.

"No, it's Susie Spaniel. Sue Spaniel lives in that house next door," she answered.

"Is Sue your sister?" asked the other deputy.

"Yes, my twin sister at that," she answered.

"Come on boys we got a dog to stop and a life to save," yelled the sheriff.

They hurried and gathered up the stuff they were going to use. When they got next door Michael rigged everything back up. Once again he yelled, "Here doggie, doggie, doggie."

They heard a tiny bark and out came the cutest, tiniest, and most playful puppy they had ever seen. He started barking and trying to jump up and get the meat.

Sue rushed out of the house yelling, "There was a dog in my house, call the police!" "It's okay mam we're here."

She looked down and screamed, "Catch that mut!"

They all started laughing except for Sue.

"He's just a harmless puppy playing with you."

"Oh," she said, "but still get it away." With that she went inside and locked the door.

Everybody fell to the ground laughing even the puppy rolled on his back and started barking.

Deputy Michael Sheriff is still saving lives in Zodiac, Kansas and still doing it in a very unusual way, by spitting.

Blosser

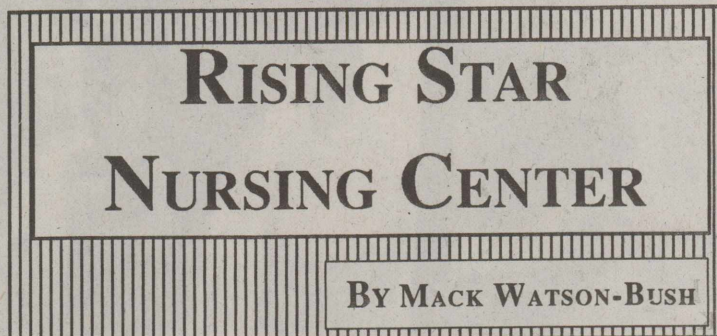
ings, and became less recognizable as his writing matured. An example of this was the fictitious name "Caleron County" that really described Callahan County. But even the less obvious names can be seen to refer to Cross Plains, Brownwood, and Brownwood Lake. Howard's later writings included horror stories set in West Texas, proving that you don't have to have a castle and a thunderstorm to craft a scary tale, "long before Stephen King," said Blosser.

Howard also wrote stories with pioneer and western themes, and though his viewpoint differed from John Steinbeck's, he wrote just as movingly of Depression-era problems, with a West Texas setting and West Texas personalities.

Blosser said that Howard predicted to his editor that in the decades to follow the 1930's, the Southwest of the United States would see a literary boom, just as it had gone through the oil boom. As it turned out, he was right, as popular novels and movies about the area appeared in the 1940's, and Larry McMurtry's first novels were published in the 1960's.

Howard himself had expressed the wish to write a great Southwestern epic, said Blosser, and believes there is a good chance he would have done so. "But death intervened, and so we are deprived of Howard's version of *Lonesome Dove* or *All the Pretty Horses*..."

Mr. Blosser concluded by reminding us that the year 2006 will be the centennial of Robert E. Howard's birth. "I propose that we all think of ways in which we can use that occasion to memorialize Howard's contributions to the literature of Texas," he said. He believes that Texas and the world should be reminded that Howard was, besides being a great writer, a great Texas writer.



Vacation. A lovely spot on the beach with coral green water encompassing and soothing my tired bones. Warm tropical breezes that waft above and upon this writer leave him content, satisfied, and wanting nothing more. he he he

No, this writer is not there in a Caribbean utopia but he can dream, can't he?

Thanks to Ruth Stroebel for the gift of the vegetables. They are greatly appreciated and put to good use. Also, more thanks to Von McMahon for another offering of delightful goodies.

Mary Wheeler spent the entire weekend, last week, out of the facility and visiting with her relatives. She related that she had a grand time.

Julene Franke visited her mother this week, Rozell Gary, and we are always happy to see her. Also present with Julene was her friend and ours, April. April is so cute that the word itself doesn't do her justice. She brings huge grins to all that see her and when engaged, she is nothing less than gracious. A butterball, soft and cuddly, and exceptionally precious is she. All the attention she draws and the residents beam with delight as she passes. Yes, she is a dog but don't let that fool you. She is one to know. Woof! Woof!

Ellie Elliott and Zeldia Milam have returned from their short stays in the hospital and we are very happy to have them home. There have been reports that Myrtle Hoggett is soon to return home as well. We are eagerly awaiting her return. Hallie

Hartley spent a few days in the hospital also but is home now.

Lucky Robason has transferred to another facility, located in Brownwood, for closer access to her family. Lucky Taylor transferred to an assisted living facility there too. We were sad to see them go but wish them both well. Both were feted with a going away party. Refreshments were served and both ladies were given a going away gift. We will miss them both.

Exercise classes continue as do various crafts. The residents have much fun participating in chair basketball. They also created stained glass pictures in art class, in preparation for the upcoming art show in September. No details on that, at this time, but will report them as they become available. The effervescent Linda Merrit continues her hard work and she, along with Debra Alexander (who, incidentally, is doing a great job), groomed and then painted all of the ladies' fingernails. Linda then gave the ladies a mini make-over. I am not sure exactly what a mini make-over entails but the residents surely enjoyed it.

Very, very sad to hear of the passing of Lenell Henry. Ms. Henry was a fine lady and she will be missed. As a nursing student, this nurse had the privilege of assisting with the care of her spouse Glen. They were both very kind and appreciative and will always hold a special place in this heart. So glad to have known them both.

Have a grand week.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from June 2, 2002 through June 8, 2002 include:

Cases Investigated

- Warnings-61
- Complaints-84
- Fugitive-Theft by Check-1
- Open Container-1
- Minor in Possession-1
- Vehicle Accidents

There were seven vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants

There were 16 outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$5,245.00 collected.

Independence Day plans being made at Clyde Lake on July 4

Plans are being finalized for the Clyde Lions Club Fourth of July celebration to be held at Clyde Lake on Thursday, July 4, 2002.

The Independence Day activities at Clyde Lake will begin at 4:00 p.m. on July 4. Children games are now being finalized by the Clyde Boy Scouts and Clyde Girl Scouts. Adult games will include a 42 tournament and horseshoes tournament.

There is no charge to attend this year's Independence Day celebration, however Clyde Lions Club members will be manning the front entrance to Clyde Lake accepting donations for the Lions Club charities.

Clyde Lions Club members are also planning to man a soft drink booth and selling barbeque sandwiches and sausage on a stick during the evening.

Clyde High School Choir Director Cara Naizer is bringing together several groups and individuals from the community for a Celebrate America patriotic musical tribute to make this year's celebration even more special. Groups are scheduled to sing starting at 8:00 p.m. until the fireworks display at dark.

Local musician Si Tucker is also lining up bands to perform under the Lake pavilion beginning in the evening.

This year's Independence Day celebration will conclude with a big fireworks display sponsored by Peoples State Bank in Clyde.

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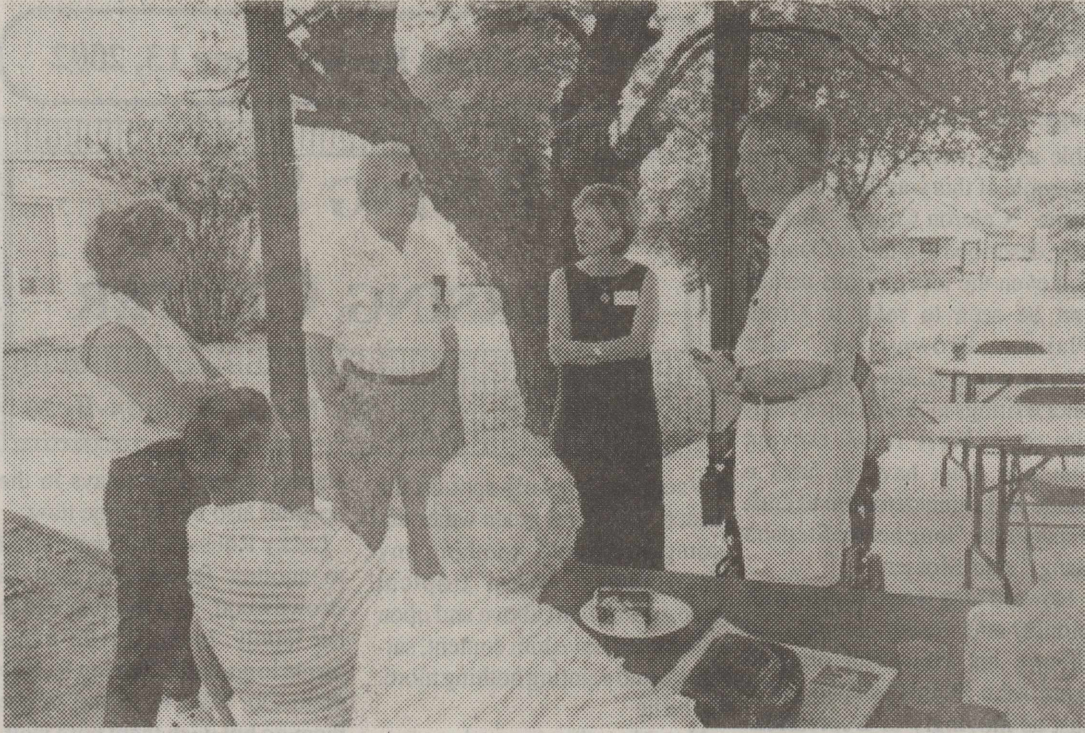
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DEEP IN DISCUSSION— Terry Baum Rogers (from left) , Don Johnson, Barbara Baum and Fred Blosser talk under the Pavilion.



TOURING THE HOWARD HOUSE— Gary Romeo (left) and Ed Waterman.



ENJOYING LUNCH— Howard fans and Cross Plains residents visit while they eat.



ANOTHER VIEW OF HOWARD FANS AT THE PAVILION



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HOWARD FANS POSE AT MIDDLETON CADDO PEAK RANCH PICNIC



WAITING FOR THE SUNSET— Margaret McNeel (from left), Dorothy Petty, Zora Mae Bryant, Charles Gatlin and Billie Ruth Loving.



LOCALS VISIT AT CADDO PEAK RANCH— Era Lee Hanke (from left), Susan McNeel, Margaret McNeel, Dorothy Petty, Zora Mae Bryant and Billie Ruth Loving.



EVERYONE IS HAVING FUN AT THE MIDDLETON CADDO PEAK RANCH



SORRY LOIS GARRETT— Zora Mae Bryant got to sit on Leo Grin's knee since you didn't make the picnic.

35 MPH speed limit signs posted on County Road 288

Callahan County Commissioners approved installing speed limit signs on County Road 288 during the Commissioners' Court regular meeting held Monday, June 10 at the Commissioners' Courtroom at the County Courthouse in Baird.

David Blackburn requested Commissioners place speed limit signs along County Road 288. County Road 288 is located in Commissioner Bryan Farmer's Precinct #2. On a motion by Commissioners Farmer, County Commissioners voted unanimously to post 35 Mile-Per-Hour speed limit signs on County Road 288.

Other agenda items brought before Commissioners' Court included:

—Commissioners voted to adopt the order prohibiting the use of fireworks in unincorporated areas of Callahan County. The order rules state:

A person commits an offense if he or she intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly detonates, ignites, or in any way uses fireworks on a County Road or in the right-of-way of a County Road.

If the landowners' permission is obtained prior thereto, persons may detonate, ignited 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.

An offense under this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by fine up to \$500.00

The Order was approved the 10th day of June 2002, by the Callahan County Commissioners' Court.

—Commissioners voted to approve the minutes of the previous Commissioners' Court meeting.

—Commissioners received no public comment from individuals wishing to address the Commissioners' Court.

—Commissioners voted to accept the independent financial audit for Callahan County from Stovall-Grandy-Whatley.

—Commissioners voted to approve the County Retirement Plan for 2003 from the Texas Association of Counties.

—Commissioners voted to table a resolution on a sales tax on fuel for the County Road Maintenance Fund. County Judge Roger Corn said a group of rural County Judges are in the process of lobbying the State Legislature to increase the sales tax on fuel for the County Road Maintenance Fund. Judge Corn said the fund has not been increased in Texas since 1972.

—Commissioners voted to approve the Child Welfare Board contract.

—Commissioners voted to table considering action from a discussion with Sheriff Eddie Curtis concerning a radio tower in the County. Sheriff Curtis was unable to attend the meeting.

—Commissioners voted to pay all approved bills and to adjourn the Commissioners' Court meeting.

VETERANS NEWS

By TOM IVEY

Memorial Day 2002----The Clyde Schools presented a splendid Memorial Day program with the entire student and instructor populations in attendance. A large number of citizens from outside the schools were also on hand for the ceremony. Congressman Charles Stenholm and Veteran Jeff Goodin presented good messages following fine music from the Clyde High Band. Members of the Clyde Fire Dept., Clyde Police Dept., and the Callahan Citizens EMS were recognized for their devotion to duty along with recognition of the twenty five Clyde area servicemen lost during wars of the 20th Century. A very special thanks to Ms. Pat Howe for her hard work in putting such a wonderful program together.

Prescriptions Aid----More information has been received regarding payment help for citizens on Medicare. The participating firms and the medicines covered are too numerous to list here. You are invited to call 915 854-1520 (Mon & Tues only) for this information and an application form. If preferred, you may call 1-800-865-7211 between 9 am and 8 pm Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

Electrical Cost Aid----By calling toll free at 1-866-674-6327 low income families and/or single citizens needing help to pay high summer cooling bills can contact the National Energy Assistance Referral for information and guidance in applying for aid. There are several other agencies offering help but they are all on the internet and there are too many wwws and coms and dots to list here. Call 915 854-1520 if you are interested.

State Veteran's Cemeteries----Seven proposals have been submitted to the Texas

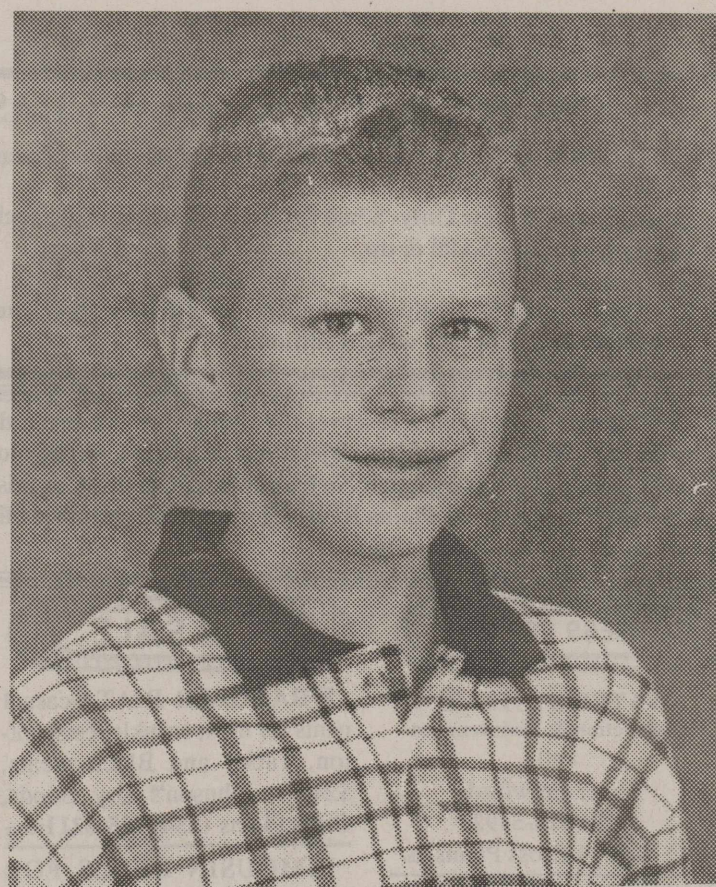
Veteran's Land Board for consideration as a site for the first State Veteran's Cemetery. These submissions came from the City of Killeen, Hidalgo County, the City of Lamesa, Tyler County, Duval County, Lamar County, and the City of Winters. Nueces County and the Cities of Amarillo and Wichita Falls expressed interest, but did not submit proposals on the first selection process. Water cooler scuttlebutt says that Killeen will be picked for the first cemetery site.

Disability Compensation vs Retirement Pay----A letter has been received from Congressman Charles Stenholm regarding proposed changes in this hot potato. The changes will only help those with 60% or more service-connected ratings at the beginning. Please call if you would like to have a copy of Cong. Stenholm's letter.

THANKS!!----Thanks to everyone for your patience on June 3 and 4 when the office was closed. Two days were spent in Baylor Hospital-Dallas following back surgery and June 3 & 4 were spent in bed at home! Getting around now is much easier without the constant pain prior to the surgery. Thank you for the two days off.

TAPS----Three Callahan County Veterans have answered the last call recently. Stepping forth were Billy Mac Copping, May 24, Joe E. Hanke Jr, May 24 and Kenneth McPherson, May 26. Veteran David Gerald Havens was born in Baird on February 8, 1947 and died in Abilene June 8, 2002. Please extend your sympathy to the families of these men who served when their country needed them.

Submitted By Tom Ivey



HEATH MAYO

Heath Mayo Recipient of Scholarship

Heath Mayo, son of Keith and Staci(Weiss) Mayo of Whitehouse, a 5th grader, recently was chosen as the recipient of a scholarship from Region 7 ESC in Kilgore, Texas, to attend the YAP Law School Camp at Texas A&M University. His name was submitted to the service center by his school counselor at Holloway Middle School in Whitehouse, Texas.

Heath has had many achievements this year. He published a book in the fall. This past spring, Heath placed 3rd in the 6th grade math contest at his school. The team's scores were submitted to the state of Texas. Their school scores placed first in the state, and

Heath's paper was 4th in his region. This is quite an achievement since he is just a 5th grader. His school recognized him at the awards ceremony at the end of school. Other awards he received were: Top student in his 5th grade class of 300 with an average of 99.8 for the year and the Most Miles Run for the 5th grade in PE.

On the baseball field, Heath had another achievement. He pitched a perfect game on Tuesday, May 28, 2002. He pitched to 12 batters and struck out all 12. This was Heath's first perfect game. His team, the Red Sox beat the Rockies 11-0. Heath is the grandson of Wilburn and Glenda Weiss.

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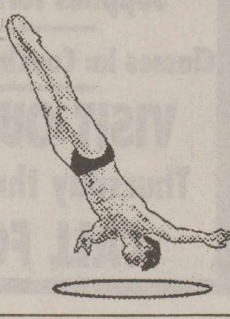
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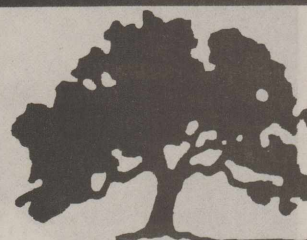
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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Counting chickens...

It all sounds so simple. Chickens lay eggs, set on them for 21 days, and out pop fuzzy baby chicks. It's a masterful design, and it works well by itself, uninterrupted.

The hitch comes when I try to help.

Flock behavior is the subject of many books on raising farm critters. If only the book was required reading for chickens.

One of our hens was so thrilled with her first born she left the nest to parade it around. She introduced it to the other hens, and beamed proudly while it learned all the rudiments of chicken behavior. She showed it how to catch bugs, search out seeds and grain, jump off high places. Tutoring it at the water trough, she dipped her beak into the water and tipped her head straight up to let the water trickle down her gullet. Baby chick caught on right away.

Back at the nest were all the deserted unborn, so I stepped in to fix things. I reminded her she had other responsibilities waiting. All she did was flap her wings and tell me to mind my own business. Nothing I did enticed her to continue setting. I even tried removing the chick. I stuck it in a bird cage in the garage and took care of it myself. I hoped Mama Hen would forget about it and set her clutch.

After a couple of days it became obvious this wasn't going to work, so I caved in and brought the chick back to her, squawking and flapping in outrage.

For its own safety, I placed it in a wire cage in their midst so the flock could accept it back gradually. Mama Hen might remem-

ber her chick, but the rest of the flock would surely have written it off as lost.

I turned to leave, but peeked back around the corner of the coop when I heard a soft "crruck, crruck, crruck." It was the sound Mama Hen makes to her babies. It was a welcome back song.

I watched while Mama Hen circled the cage, talking all the while. She picked up bits of hay in her beak and poked them into the chick's mouth.

I debated whether this meant it would be safe to let it back in with the flock. The other hens approached, and they looked like they wanted to feed it from their beaks, too. But, no. Their deception ended in wicked pecks, a gruesome reality of chicken life. They would have killed the chick but for the protective cage. The chick drew back into safety, huddled and mourning.

Within a few days it was accepted back into the flock, but that experience broke the bond between hen and chick. There was no further attempt by the hen to nurture, nor did the chick trust any of the hens.

For some reason, the lone survivor grew up to be the biggest hen on the place, and a good producer. But what a life!

I watched for Mama Hen to set again soon, but she let me know she didn't need any coaching from me. The choice was hers, and she wanted it to be her own idea.

From that point on, I left chicken logic to the chickens. It works much better that way.

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SHELLEY HORAN AND MARCUS MENDEZ

Horan-Mendez to Wed August 23rd

Shelley Paige Horan and Marcus Steven Mendez are happy to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

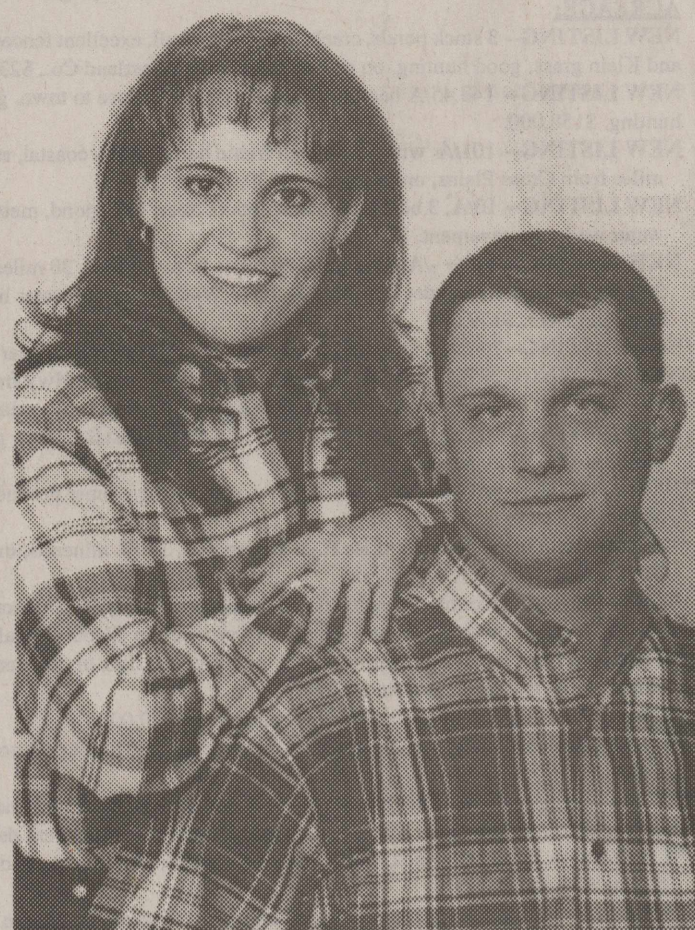
Shelley is the daughter of Ken and Leslie Horan of Cross Plains and Kay Horan of Rowlett. She is a 1987 graduate of Cross Plains High School and a 1992 graduate of Tarleton State University. She is currently employed with the Imaging Bureau in Fort Worth as a sales rep.

Marcus is the son of Sam

Mendez of Euless and Belen Valdez of Dallas. He is employed with Williamson Printing Company as a supervisor and is father to Macy Mendez, 7 and Dillon Mendez, 5 of Keller.

The couple plan to marry on Friday, August 23rd at 7:30 in the evening at the Desdemona Baptist Church. All friends and family are welcome to attend.

The couple will reside in Fort Worth.



BONNIE AMES AND JUSTIN KING

Ames-King Announce Upcoming Marriage

Jayten and Lindsey Ames and Cameron King would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their parents, Bonnie Ames and Justin King. This celebration of love will be on the 22nd day of

June, 2002, at 2:00 in the afternoon at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains with Brother Ronnie White officiating. All friends of the couple are cordially invited to attend in this joyous occasion.

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or just friends, receive their diplomas and take the oath of commission. Basically the same rules for traveling by air were the rules that were applicable to those seeking entrance, passing through metal detectors and having bags checked. There were also items that could not be taken into the stadium.

It was just before nine when I located a seat designated as General Admission. Looking around I could see the state flags on standards around the high walls at the top of the stadium. At the south end was the US Flag, as well as the US Navy flag and that of the US Marine Corps. Also on the walls of the stadium, much like the Dallas Cowboy Ring of Honor, are the places of great Navy and Marine Corps battles, like Midway, Coral Sea, Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima. I was located just above Kwajalein. On this great day, there was a nice breeze blowing from the west.

The stadium was nearly full, with relatives and friends occupying two-thirds of the lower decks and virtually all of the upper decks, and representatives of the Class of 2002, 2004, and 2005 in the remaining portion of the lower decks. At roughly 9 a.m. the procession of nearly one thousand men and women, dressed in white, began entering the stadium. They came from both the east and west sides and moved to the seating area designated for them in front of the stage at the south end. While the processional was still in motion, two helicop-

ters, similar to those used by the President, flew by the stadium. My best guess was one of them was carrying the Vice President. After nearly forty minutes the cadets were at their seats; then came the faculty, seated to the right of the soon to be graduates.

At 10 a.m. the ceremony began. Centered on the stage, like I had seen on television and other ceremonies with government dignitaries, was a podium with a round device on it that I knew to be the "Seal of the Vice President of the United States". From a distance one can distinguish the President's from the Vice President's, because the one for the Vice President has a white background. The arrivals of the Chief of Naval Operations and the Commandant of the Marine Corps were announced. The music, "Ruffles and Flourishes", began playing announcing the arrival of the Vice President. That was followed by a lengthy cannon salute, also a recognition of the Vice President. From the south came the Navy's Blue Angels. In a close formation, the aircraft made a low pass over the stadium. Awesome! That was followed by the National Anthem. Hearing ten thousand sing is great, but there was a lady directly behind me that had a beautiful voice and made it absolutely wonderful.

Over the course of the next two hours, the Vice President would speak about terrorism and the role these young men and women would play as the newest mem-

bers of the Navy and Marine Corps; the nearly one thousand would go on the stage, shake the hand of the Vice President and then receive their diplomas, including Nathaniel John Swift. With all that handshaking, the Vice President was probably remembering the campaign days of 2000. As names were called, family and friends cheered the accomplishment of each individual graduating student. It was no different for Nathaniel. I was sitting next to a family with a grandson graduating and told them how I came to be there and they cheered for Nathaniel, too. Just prior to Nathaniel's name being called, I called Cross Plains and talked to someone dear to me and told her what was taking place. She got to hear Nathaniel's name called, as well as my shout for joy and those of my friends seated next to me. It was wonderful. Isn't cell phone technology marvelous?

With diplomas in hand, the next process was administering the oath of commission. It is the oath that distinguishes this ceremony from most college or university graduations. The oath is a commitment to "support and defend the Constitution" and to "faithfully discharge the duties" of a commissioned officer. With graduates going to either the Navy or the Marine Corps, the oath was done separately for each group. Just under 200 cadets were administered the oath by the Commandant of the Marine Corps and over 700 were administered the oath by the Chief of Naval Operations.

The final activity, an attention getter and one that signaled the conclusion of the ceremony, was the hat toss. As the nearly one thousand hats went airborne, hundreds of small children rushed the field to retrieve a hat. Not all were successful. The toss marks the culmination of academic accomplishment, four years of perseverance, meeting new friends, and saying good-bye as the former cadets, now commissioned officer, embark on new journeys.

But, it's not over yet! After the departure of the Vice President and other dignitaries, family and friends gathered on the field to "pin-on the gold bars of Second Lieutenant" for those designated

for the Marine Corps and changed the white uniform blouse to a more formal dress blue; for the new Naval officers, it was replacing those cadet shoulder boards with the black shoulder boards and the wide single gold bar of a Navy Ensign.

It takes time to move from the upper deck to the field. In this mass of humanity, I was unable to find Ensign Swift. Over the loudspeaker I heard people making announcements of where to meet family and friends, as well as congratulations to individual graduates. Deciding that this was my most probable course of action, I went to the microphone and said, "Nathaniel Swift, just wanted you to know that Dick Brown did make it to the ceremony and if you are still around, I will meet you on the field near the Kwajalein marker". Shortly after moving to the place I indicated, Ensign Swift arrived. He looked good! I learned that his Dad and two aunts had been present for the ceremony. After a brief exchange, Ensign Swift, the new Naval officer, soon to be a veteran of the "War on Terrorism" and me, the old retired Army officer, departed the stadium field together.

It was a great experience for me. There is real significance to the gold bars for a newly commissioned officer. Many times the gold bars are shared within families and passed from generation to generation. Often family acquaintances with a military background have given their gold bars to a newly commissioned officer. The gold bars given to that high school student in 1998 had little meaning at the time they were presented to him. However, September 11, 2001 made those "gold bars" unique to our new Naval Aviator. Four years ago, when they were purchased at the Pentagon Clothing Sales Store, it was located in the section of the Pentagon that was damaged on September 11, 2001. While those bars were not part of the May 24, 2002 ceremony, I know when Ensign Swift wears his working "browns", at some point in time that set of gold bars will be on his collar. He will not know how the significance of those gold bars changed from 1998 to 2002 until

he reads this.

Editor's Note: Nathaniel is the son of John and Connie Swift, and the brother of Rhonda and Angela Swift, all of Cross Plains. Congratulations Nathaniel. Cross Plains is honored to have a graduate of such distinction. Vanda Anderson Creech

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Young Golfer Still Excelling at His Game

Landon Westerman of Rising Star made a hole-in-one Thursday, June 6. He used an 8 iron on the 141 yard Par 3 hole #16 at Rolling Oaks Golf Club. Witnesses were Tim Evans, Terry Simmons and Bruce and Brian Rivers.

Landon will be a junior at Rising Star High School and is a member of the golf team. He is well known locally, as the son of Gary and Betty Westerman.

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