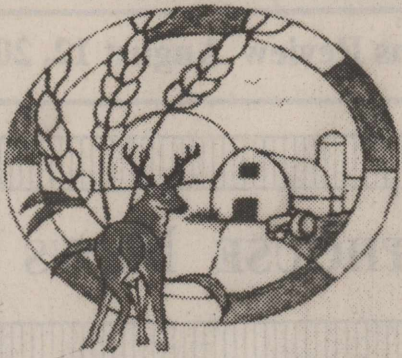


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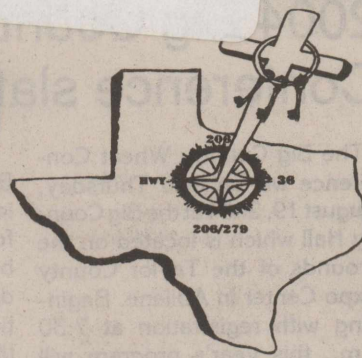
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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Linda Slaymaker called and asked if I already had something for my column this week, and guess what? I was frantically searching for just the right information. But God came to my rescue again!

Linda's son, Adrian, is now a police officer and she remarked that the following "Author Unknown" story pulled at her heart strings. She noted that all of us should be more appreciative of officers who protect and assist us.

I agree. Let this be a tribute to all the men and women who have dedicated their lives to the service of others. **Vanda Anderson**

"Police Officer"

I am your local Police Officer, and I get paid to enforce the law.

Yet, you don't like it very much when you get a ticket for the infraction I just saw.

I respond to crashes where people get hurt and sometimes they even die.

Yet, you question my reason for stopping you and with this question—I just sigh.

I could tell you about the red light you ran and the people you could have killed.

But you will only get angry with me because you can, and you probably will.

I could tell you about the many, many times you've gotten away with breaking the law.

But you'll only look at me with those angry eyes and say, "That's not what you saw."

You'll tell me I should be out solving real crimes—

Chasing rapists, murders and thieves.

Yet, you won't understand the fatality notice I just gave to a mother and how she was so very grieved.

My job is a very lonely one and not much support from the community is given.

But, if I mess up just once in my job, in the press, I'm never forgiven.

There is quite a double standard for those of us dressed in uniform with green or blue.

We're held to a higher standard and required to make quick decisions like so very few.

We are required to respond to situations that most people would never choose to do.

We are the ones called into the battle at home. We're the officers in green and blue.

The next time you're near a uniform, I hope you'll remember the words I've spoken.

Say a few kind words of thanksgiving and help heal a heart of one that may be broken.

Most don't understand that enforcing the law is what we are paid to do.

Yet, people don't like to be told anything by the officers in green and blue.

If there was no more law enforcement in this land—the home of the brave and the free,

You may end up with something unwanted in this nation—like total anarchy.

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Local Man Returned from African Mission

Bay Kirkham, a 1998 graduate of Cross Plains High School, just returned from a 5 week mission trip to Swaziland, Africa. He is a student at Christ for the Nations, an international Bible College in Dallas.

Kirkham was privileged to go with a mission group organized by Bruce Wilkinson, author of "Prayer of Jabez". Wilkinson has a vision for Africa to be evangelized and to help with the "AIDS Epidemic" which claims 60 percent of all college age students. The life expectancy in that country is 35 years.

Swaziland is in the southern most part of Africa. Bay and other team members were allowed to go in to the schools (junior high age) and show an educational film "Beat the Drum" that reveals the problems and misconceptions of AIDS, and that the only solution is abstinence.

As well as going into the schools, the teams were involved in individual ministry and worked in the "never ending garden" for orphans. These gardens are a continued garden plowed, planted and harvested for the orphans. Each mission group that goes there helps with this project so there is something growing for food at all times.

The first several weeks were spent in training and ministering in the schools leading to a giant assembly at the end of July. The Queen Mother of Swaziland

heard of the work of the teams and decreed it mandatory for every student in the nation to attend.

The teams were blessed as transportation, food for the students and audio equipment were donated. The real victory was when thousands of Swaziland teen-agers, educated about the disease, pledged themselves to abstinence until marriage. Over 1,000 college age Americans, South Africans and Swazis helped minister to over 10,000 students attending the rally. The mission was titled "Dream for Africa". This dream is to help the people of Africa to be educated and live.

Bay's heart was touched by the people, poverty and needs of the nation overall. Many received Christ and made commitments to live for Him. Bay was privileged to speak to a group of 500 young people the first week of the trip. He considered himself blessed to be used of the Lord. The trip was a blessing to the Swazis but as much so for the students who went. The young people will forever be changed and blessed for what the Lord has done!

Bay also enjoyed a safari photo shoot and a wonderful adventure seeing Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It was all very enjoyable and fulfilling.

He would like to say "Thanks" to all who supported him, especially with your prayers.

Fire Department Fish Fry Planned for Friday

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department is proud of its newest addition. A grant was received for the purchase of the new truck, but local funds were also required.

Therefore, a fish fry has been planned for August 13th at the Cross Plains Community Center located at 108 North Beech Street from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cost for the plates will be \$7.00 for adults

and \$3.50 for children under 12. The menu will include fish or chicken, cole slaw, hush puppies, condiments and peach cobbler.

Proceeds from the fish fry will help to replenish the local funds.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the department may do so at this time or mail a donation to P.O. Box 297, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Cross Plains Roping Club News A GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL!!

This past Saturday, the Roping Club had their first playday in a long time. We started out with the kids riding stick horses around the barrels and poles. They all did a great job! They learned the patterns, and had fun doing it. The kids also did the sack race, and the water balloon toss, which turned into a thorough soaking of all involved. We only wish we would have had more kids to join in the fun! The Club even saw some teens and adults tossing water balloons.

We had a great time with the horses, too. There were a couple of new games that we played, like the Scuda race and the balloon race. In the balloon race, contestants are given a balloon. They can't blow it up until they pass the starting line. They ride their horses down the arena to a bucket, blow up their balloon, dismount and sit on the balloon on the bucket until it pops. They then get back on their horses and run to the finish line. The event had us all laughing; it was hilarious. It's not as easy to pop that balloon as you might think.

Even the contestants were laughing as they tried to get back on their horses.

After the playday, the members of the club discussed having playdays more often. It was a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

We would like to thank those people who came to watch and those who participated in the fun. We raised some money that will help us get started on the painting and repairing of the facilities.

This would not have been possible without the donations we received from merchants from this town and others in the area. We would really like to thank Johnson's Dry Goods, Bryan's Variety Store, The Movie Store, Lawrence's Farm & Ranch, Higginbotham's, Tractor Supply in Abilene, Bugbuster's, and David Hinkle for the use of the griddle and David Clark for the use of the Snow Cone Machine. Thank you all so much for your generosity.

Submitted by
Dru Eppard

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Roy Richey-AG. Science
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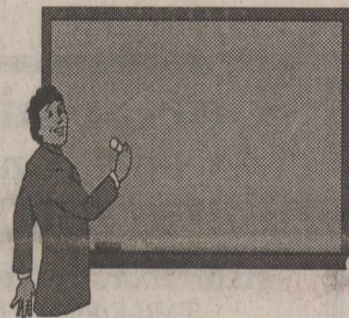
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Janice Phillips-Kindergarten
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Tammy Carty-1st Grade
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Billie Clausen-2nd Grade
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Connie Ricci-4th Grade
Leslie Lawrence-4th Grade
Kathy Purvis-5th Grade
Paula Winfrey-5th Grade
Vickie Walker-6th Grade
Cam Morgan-6th Grade
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Tonja Walker-Aide
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Robert Gilpin-Custodian
Gaynelle Callaway-Custodian



School to Begin Monday, August 16th, at Cross Plains I.S.D. Campus

Cross Plains I.S.D. will begin classes Monday, August 16, at 8:00 a.m. Classes will dismiss at 3:38 p.m. and buses will run at 3:50 p.m. The school population is expected to remain stable again this year.

Teachers and homeroom

information will be posted in the front hall of the elementary building Monday morning.

The parking spaces in front of the elementary building will be available for parent's convenience.

The newly paved parking lot

behind the school will be closed to thru traffic at 5 p.m. daily, unless there is a school activity scheduled.

Everyone is encouraged to observe all safety laws in the school zone and watch for the students.

Open House at School Set for Friday, Aug. 13 Attention Seniors 2004

The Cross Plains P.T.O. is sponsoring an Open House at all three buildings on campus Friday, August 13, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Parents and students are encouraged to come and meet the teachers and get acquainted with their classrooms, etc.

Pre-K through 6th grades may bring their school supplies at this time and get organized prior to

the first day of school.

The Cross Plains P.T.O. will be offering memberships during the Open House and welcome all interested parents to join them in their efforts to promote good parent/school relationships. The cost is \$2.00 for individuals, \$5.00 per family and teachers \$1.00 each.

Cross Plains P.T.O. welcomes you to a new school year!!!

Senior video's will be ready for pick-up at the drive-thru at City Hall on August 17, 2004.

If you have **not** placed an order or paid for your video you will need to do so by August 14th.

Only those that have paid for a video will receive a video. For more information call Robbie Allen at 254-725-6690.

Cross Plains Cemetery Discussing Upgrades

The Cross Plains Cemetery Association directors met August 5th with six of seven members present and a great gallery of public support. The meeting was opened with prayer and then the audience was thanked for their interest. The program covered updates on projects that have been completed, and others that are still ongoing. These included things such as fire-ant control, pavement sealing and fence repairs, along with normal operation items.

Of particular interest was recommendation to beautify the cemetery entrance, grounds and permanent additions. With many

suggestions and ideas presented, it was decided that the public would be invited to give ideas for improvements, preferably as drawings or schematics. These are primarily concerning the main gate entrance at the NE side of the cemetery.

Please forward all suggestions or illustrations to the City Hall by August 20th for consideration by the board. Decisions and recommendations will be presented at the August 26th meeting at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Anyone who would like to attend is encouraged to be at the meeting. See you there.

Submitted by
James O. Koenig



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2004 Big Country Wheat Conference slated August 19

The Big Country Wheat Conference will be held Thursday, August 19, 2004 at the Big Country Hall which is located on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. Beginning with registration at 7:30 a.m., this year's program will focus on topics which will affect the 2004-2005 wheat crop.

Dr. Travis Miller will discuss plant growth and development impacted by planting date. Dr. Chris Sansone and Dr. Gaylon Morgan will present scouting techniques, wheat insect management and wheat disease management.

Dr. Dirk Hays of Texas A&M University will speak on the impact of heat on wheat/grain development. Small grain opportunities/alternatives/genetics will be discussed by Dr. Gaylon Morgan. Dr. Dariusz Malinowski, Texas A&M research station in Vernon, will present a report on integrated forage systems. Just prior to lunch, Dr. David Worrall of Agri-Pro Wheat will present a program on quality seed systems and marketing.

Following the lunch break, Stan Bevers will discuss the mechanics of marketing. This will be followed by a panel discussion by area producers of the producer perspective and production cost. Dr. Billy Warrick will then present a session titled "Is it Herbicide Resistance or Timing & Coverage?" Gary Bomar will be speaking on the field bindweed research data. The conference will conclude with a producer panel discussing conservation tillage.

The cost of the conference is free if registration is received by August 13. After this date and at the door, the cost will be \$15.00 per person. To register, call the Taylor County Extension office at 325672-6048.

Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aid or accommodation are asked to contact the Taylor County Extension office one week in advance of the program. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Community Bible Study to Begin

Community Bible Study is an interdenominational study with classes throughout the United States and in many foreign countries to provide a caring, in-depth Bible study for all who want to attend. Classes consist of small study groups followed by a lecture. Communities currently represented in the Eastland County class include Albany, Breckenridge, Carbon, Cisco, DeLeon, Eastland, Gorman, Olden, Ranger, Strawn and Woodson, with members coming from many different churches and denominations.

The CBS women's day class meets on Wednesday mornings from 10:15 - 12:00 noon in The First Baptist Church in Eastland, and has both nursery and preschool classes. There is also a class for working women that meets at 12:00 noon til 1:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Eastland.

This year's 30-week study is entitled, "The Wisdom of Solomon and Pastoral Letters" will include the Books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, 2&3 John and Jude. Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 1, 2004. Registration is now being held. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to be a part of this study, contact Linda Ferguson at 254-629-3143 to Leslie Keffer at 254-629-8002 to pre-register, or come on the morning of September 1st at 10:15 a.m. to the sanctuary of Eastland's First Baptist Church and register then.

OBITUARY

Bonnie Lou Arnold

Bonnie Lou Arnold, 75, passed away August 5, 2004 at her home in Early. She was born February 2, 1929 in Brownwood to Charles and Lillian Cones. On February 2, 1948 she married G.G. Arnold. Bonnie worked for MD Anderson Oil Company for forty years. For the last seven years she was employed by Lone Star Printing. She was a member of the Pioneer Baptist Church and was a lifelong resident of Cross Plains, where she was raised.

Survivors include a son, Garland Gale Arnold and his wife Beth of Waco; two daughters, Claudia Lou Clappart and her husband Steve of Houston and Becky Storch and her husband Dale of Early, who loved and cared for not only her mother, but her best friend; a sister, Betty Hayes of Coleman; four grandchildren, Justin, John, Deana and Teri; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband G.G. Arnold; parents, Charles and Lillian Cones; two brothers, J.C. Cones and Eugene Franklin Cones; and a sister, Margaret Mae Cones.

A special thanks to John Storch, who cared for his grandmother as she cared for him.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 8th at the Heartland Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Lynn Turnbow officiating. Burial followed at the Jenkins Springs Cemetery. Heartland Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

An Internet memorial has been created for Bonnie at www.mem.com.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Raemy Marcee, assault.
James F. Purcell, assault.
Rodney Y. Kuba, driving while license invalid (DWLI).
Shannon Tollett, theft by check.
Wendy L. Henry, theft by check.
Rebecca M. Pacheco, open container.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Jerrod Shea Bonds, plea of guilty to theft by check, 180 days in jail, \$278 court costs.
Shanna Watts, plea of guilty to theft by check, 180 days in jail, \$278 court costs.
John Franklin Vanhooose II, motion to dismiss to possession of drug paraphernalia granted, case dismissed for plea to other charge.
Michael Ray Johnson, motion to withdraw as surety granted.
David Huffman, order extending probation granted.
Raemy Marcee, plea of guilty to assault, 6 month probation, \$200 fine, \$228 court costs.
James F. Purcell, plea of guilty to assault, 30 days in jail, \$193 court costs.
Alfredo Cortez, Jr., motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

Tamunobelem Uzoma Onumodu and Ann Shera Sturdivant, both of Abilene.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Sabrina Ann Barry and Thurman Lee Barry, divorce.
Bonnie Joann King and Justin Wayne King, divorce.
Barr Fabrication, LLC vs. Beard Industries, Inc., default on account.

Civil Minutes

The State of Texas vs. Jerl



Teeters, et ux, et al, judgment of court in absence of objection, damages of \$47,500.00 to awarded to defendant from the State of Texas.

The State of Texas vs. David Self, et ux, et al, judgment of court in absence of objection, damages of \$70,000.00 to awarded to defendant from the State of Texas.

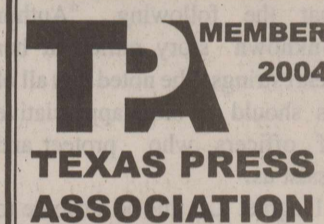
Carla Annette Rampersad and Ronald Curtis Rampersad, divorce granted.

Criminal Information & Complaints

Victor De Leon, Jr., driving while intoxicated (DWI).

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RISING STAR NURSING NEWS

BY LINDA MERRITT



HAPPY BIRTHDAY—Annie South (from left), Jessie Casey and Jack Smith celebrate their birthdays.

We had a big turnout at the birthday party last week. Annie South had a special recognition from her daughter, Teri, along with balloons, gifts and several family and friends present made this an extra special day for her. Two others that were recognized for having birthdays this month were: Jessie Casey and Jack Smith.

Johnnie Elliott, Angie Williams, Donna Moore, Lori Osborn and I enjoyed a fine meal and fellowship at the Senior Citizens in Rising Star. Lori Osborn (Assistant Director of Nurses) did blood pressure checks for those who wanted checked.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Coy

Rankin. Thoughts and prayers for a fast recovery for Christine King who is in the hospital.

Appreciation to Ann Madison for the beautiful roses and to Carol Nelson for the nail dryer.

Friday we will recognize Kool-Aid Days by having Kool-Aid and cookies. Kool-Aid Days is a festival held in Hastings, Nebraska, the town where Kool-Aid was invented.

A Big Thank You to Sammie Tollett, granddaughter of Ray and Ava Dodd for her great help with bingo and other activities have in the Center.

Learn to give acceptance and example to those who aren't much of an example and who are hard to accept!

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

Clara McInnis Returns Home From Visit To The Gulf Coast

Clara McInnis of Cottonwood has returned from a fun-filled trip to the Gulf Coast. She spent two weeks with her daughter Janice, Her son-in-law, David, her granddaughters Janie and Kathy, and Kathy's husband, Mike.

Also joining her were five of her great-grandchildren, Kristen, Jacob, Matthew, Mark and Laura.

While there, Clara enjoyed a trip to the Texas State Aquarium, The USS Lexington, and dinner at Landry's in Corpus Christi. A 50th birthday celebration for her grandson-in-law, Mike, was enjoyed by all at the Big Fisherman Restaurant in Rockport. She also visited Port Aransas and was part of a "Girls Day Out" while the men went deep sea fishing. They brought back 33 fish!

The girls went shopping and took a Nature Watch Boat trip. While on the boat ride, Clara watched several dolphins, and got a close up view of crabs and even a mother stingray that had two babies right on the deck of the boat!

The family stayed at a beach house on Padre Island. Clara relaxed on the beach and walked in the ocean for the very first time. This trip will be remembered by Clara for a long time. Where will she go next? Who knows!

Dinner And Musical Set For Next Week

The night of Friday, August 20, 2004 will be a special night for over 20,000 people of the Texas Big Country. That's the night the Cottonwood Quilting Club has

planned a Musical and Dinner for the West Texas Rehab Centers. All proceeds of the evening will go to benefit the West Texas Rehab Centers.

The Centers offer a varied and unique set of services to people of the area regardless of their circumstances. They include Physical Therapy, Speech and Language Pathology, Orthotic and Prosthetic services, Pediatric services, Occupational Therapy, Diagnostic Clinics, Audiology and Hearing Aid services, Industrial Rehabilitation, Home Medical Equipment, Case Management, and Hospice Care.

These services are unique in that they are offered by professional staff members who have appropriate licensing and/or certifications. Additionally WTRC is itself accredited by the internationally known Rehab Accreditation Commission. WTRC is an approved agency of the Texas Rehabilitation Commission and a certified Medicare/Medicaid facility.

The Quilting Club will also quilt a quilt for the Rehab Center's annual fund-raising auction scheduled for early January.

So come out on August 20, 2004 and listen to the bands, eat a good meal and enjoy an evening with your neighbors. Help the quilting club with this good deed for the West Texas Rehab Centers. (Please contact Wallace Bennett about news or personal items for this column 254-725-7474. Email csb5@airmail.net. Snail mail, 11093 County Road 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443)

PIONEER NEWS

There are a lot of our community kids starting off to college in the next few days. We want them to do their best for this is the beginning of the rest of their lives. God Bless!

The game night a Pioneer was attended by Tommy and Phyllis Harris, Jean Fore, Frankie Smith, H.A. and Billie Freeman, and Earlene Burge. They had a great time as usual. They hope to see a good group out at the next meeting on August 19th.

Our community missed the big rain of the week. There was about .05 inches. We are thankful for that. Maybe our time will be this week. We have to be very thankful that we haven't had those 100 degree days.

Earlene Burge's nephew, Tommy Brown, and his friend, Ted Farlie from Albuquerque,

NM, came by a visited a while recently. Rudolph Brown, Earlene's brother, and three of his teenage grandchildren were here for a visit. Earlene always enjoys having visitors.

It will not be long until the quilters will be meeting again. Probably our meeting will be the second Tuesday in September. Will have more about that later in the Month. We will be having our Quilt Show and Bake sale the first week in November. We are beginning to think about that.

Glenda Phillips had surgery on her wrist this summer. Everyone hopes she is doing fine. We miss hearing about her little grandson!

Word of Wisdom: Be careful, how you live-----not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity. Ephesians 5:15,16.

GARDEN TIPS

BY JAMES NICHOLS

There has been a lot of people asking about Balsam Gourd, "I bervillea Lindheimeri". A slender sparingly branched perennial vine from a turnip-like root, climbing by means of unbranched tendrils 6 to 10 ft. long. Balsam Gourd is found in thick, open woods, fences, very locally,

from Cooke, Palo Pinto and Tyler counties south to Edwards, Bexar and Fayette counties. The flowers are born in May and June.

Fruit a globose berry 2/3 to 1 3/4 inches in diameter, matures red and smooth. It is found in Central and South Texas.

Ventura Monrreal III a Recent Tarleton Graduate

Ventura Monrreal III graduated from Tarleton State University on August 7, 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Industries.

Due to a prior commitment to be in a friend's wedding, he was

unable to participate in the commencement exercise.

He is also an honor graduate of Cross Plains High School. Ventura is the son of Ventura II and Esmeralda Monrreal.

BURKETT NEWS

BY LOVERA STRICKLAND

Linda Brady, secretary of the Burkett-Adams Cemeteries reports more donations were received as follows: Debra Boch \$30.00; Helena Strickland \$10.00; Bob and Bonnie Illingsworth \$50.00; Vernon and Hazel Trent \$25.00; Zelma Strickland \$25.00; Alice Edgington \$25.00; Clifford and Patsy Hill \$25.00; R.T. Watson Estate \$100.00; Egley Cox \$25.00; Wilda McDonald \$25.00; Selestia Sullivan \$25.00; Chris and Cynthia Connelly \$25.00; Neal and Tedra Ulmer \$100.00; William and Brenda Cason Brown \$10.00; Le Roy and Billie Williams \$25.00; Wilhemina McBee (Billie Porter) \$25.00; Dorothy and Hollis Adams \$50.00; Mr. and Mrs. Tony

Golson \$100.00; Jean McAnally, N/M McAnally \$50.00; Oletta Coleman \$25.00; J.T. Watson \$100.00; Era Lee Hanke \$25.00; Charlene Burkett \$25.00; Beulah Ann Tabor Williamson \$40.00; W.O. Russell \$50.00.

The Board of Directors wishes to extend their thanks for all the generous donations. The donations go for the upkeep of the cemeteries.

Lanette Burns is spending a few days with Billy and Lafaye Pace and their family in San Antonio this week.

Lovera Strickland's grandsons, Jacob Strickland and Jeremy Cooper spent the weekend with her. They camped out on the Pecan Bayou while they were here.

LIBRARY NEWS



BEHIND THE BOOKS

I ventured over to the Flea Market last Saturday to check out the activities. Heard a lot of laughter and visiting as folks shopped for bargains. Somebody found a book of poetry published in 1938, somebody found an antique cup and saucer to add to her collection and a teenager left wearing a newly purchased jaunty red beret. Several folks were driving through town, saw the action and stopped to check us out! Met a young fella' who had driven down from Springfield, MO just to see all the Robert Howard stuff. And some folks say there's nothing to do in Cross Plains!!!! Come, join the fun on August 21.

CU - BW

Stats: 8-2-04 thru 8-6-04

Books: 61
ILL 2

Internet Users

33
Memorials: Donald and Karen Vavricka in memory of Billie Loving
Honorariums: Charles and Lou Rodenberger in honor of Jean McWilliams Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Womack in honor of Roy and Marie Stambaugh
Donations: R.C. and Wanda Merryman Estelle Wilson
Donations-Books: Jacquie Childress Tami Anderson

Library Activity Report August 2-6

Patrons: 89
AM 37
PM 52

Programs: 9
Copies: 6
Reference: 12
Check In/Out Books: 25
Calls In: 9
Internet Users: 33

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

AUGUST 16 - 20

MONDAY - Taco Bowl Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Mexican Corn, Butterscotch Pudding, Milk
TUESDAY - Pork Chops w/ Gravy, Au gratin Potatoes, Beets w/Orange Sauce, Baked Apples, Bread, Milk
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Cacciatore, Buttered Noodles, Bread, Milk
THURSDAY - Ham, Cabbage, Blackeyed Peas, Plum Cobbler, Cornbread, Milk
FRIDAY - Chicken & Dumplings, Green Bean Casserole, Tossed Salad, 1/2 Banana, Bread, Milk
2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

Texas Historical Commission supports national designation of Texas' oldest trail

AUSTIN—Texas Historical Commission (THC) Chairman John L. Nau, III today praised the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for its unanimous passage of S.B.2052 designating El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail.

El Camino Real de los Tejas, or The Royal Road of historic Texas, is a combination of historic routes totaling more than 2,500 miles from the Rio Grande River near Laredo to the Louisiana border. It is a trail through Texas history used for exploration, colonization, trading, ranching and battle. It is not one route, but a road system that served as a corridor during the War of Independence and the Texas Revolution.

"Not only does this legislation draw attention to an area steeped in American and Texas history, it also allows the state of Texas to participate in the protection

of this region while ensuring private property along the trail remains undisturbed," said Nau.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, is the bill's sponsor. Nothing in the bill authorizes anyone to enter private property without the owner's consent. It also requires the Secretary of the Interior to consult with state agencies, such as the THC, in the planning, development and maintenance of the El Camino Real de los Tejas Trail.

The measure now goes to the full Senate for approval. Nau was one of several individuals who testified in support of the bill before the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in April.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

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BREAKTHRU
By Bob Pipes
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I know this might shock some readers but our congregation is looking among ourselves for more pastors. No, the preacher is not leaving (unless you know something I don't) — but then this preacher is not a pastor either.

Pastors (shepherds), elders and overseers are all interchangeable words (synonyms) from a biblical standpoint, Acts 20:17, 28. The ones addressed in this text, not the preacher, were to sub-shepherd the church (under the "Chief Shepherd," I Peter 5:4). "Pastor" is not really a translation, rather an "Anglicization," (making a foreign word sound like an English term). The actual translation is "shepherd," a word that can be used in either noun or verb form (just like "pastor").

So, as I said, our congregation is looking among ourselves for more shepherds to sub-lead us. (They may be looking for a new preacher, too. If you find that out before I do, please let me know. HA!)

I encourage you to share with us in all the times of Bible study and worship as we meet together. We really do care about you! This Sunday morning's sermon is: "What Does a Shepherd Look Like?"

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

Cross Plains Buffaloes 2004 Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8/14	*Rotan/Roby	Home	11:00 a.m.
8/20	*Tolar	Away	6:00 p.m.
8/27	Bronte	Away	7:30 p.m.
9/3	Winters	Home	7:30 p.m.
9/10	Santo	Home	7:30 p.m.
9/17	Eden	Away	7:30 p.m.
9/24	Christoval	Home	7:30 p.m.
10/1	Open		
10/8	**Goldthwaite	Away	7:30 p.m.
10/15	**Gorman	Home	7:30 p.m.
10/22	**Evant	Away	7:30 p.m.
10/29	**Baird	Away	7:30 p.m.
11/5	**Ranger	Home	7:30 p.m.

Head Coach /AD- David Hagler
Superintendent - Jackie Tennison
Principal - Jimmie Cearley

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2004 JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

8/14	Rotan	HOME	11:00 A.M.
8/20	Tolar	AWAY	6:00 P.M.
8/26	Early 9th	HOME	6:00 P.M.
9/2	Winters	AWAY	6:30 P.M.
9/9	Santo	AWAY	6:30 P.M.
9/16	Eden	HOME	6:30 P.M.
9/23	Christoval	AWAY	6:30 P.M.
9/30	Open		
10/7	Goldthwaite	HOME	6:30 P.M.
10/14	Open		
10/21	Evant	HOME	6:30 P.M.
10/28	Baird	HOME	6:30 P.M.
11/4	Ranger	AWAY	6:30 P.M.

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL 2004

9/2	Winters	Away	5:00 p.m.
9/9	Santo	Away	5:00 p.m.
9/16	Eden	Home	5:00 p.m.
9/23	Christoval	Away	5:00 p.m.
9/30	Open		
10/7	Goldthwaite	Home	5:00 p.m.
10/14	Gorman	Away	5:00 p.m.
10/21	Evant	Home	5:00 p.m.
10/28	Baird	Home	5:00 p.m.
11/4	Ranger	Away	5:00 p.m.

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Locals to Compete in 2004 KJRA Finals

Rainey Bacon and River Dillard will compete Friday, August 13th and Saturday, August 14th in Stephenville at the 2004 KJRA Rodeo Finals.

Rainey and River started in May competing in rodeos on Friday and Saturday nights in Bangs, Santa Anna, Rising Star, Stephenville, San Saba, Ranger, Coleman and Cisco.

They had to compete in eight performances to be eligible for

points to make the top ten. Rainey and River collected enough points and have made the top ten. Rainey collected hers in Breakaway and Barrells and River collected his in Ribbon Roping, TR-Header and TR-Heeler.

Rainey Bacon is the daughter of Jeff and Debbie Bacon. River Dillard is the son of Bud and Becky Dillard. Rainey and River will both be Juniors at Cross Plains High School.

Cheerleaders and Mascot do well at NCA Cheer Camp

The Cross Plains High School and Junior High 2004-2005 cheerleaders and mascot recently returned from a National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) summer camp. The camp was held at San Angelo University July 30-August 2 and attracted several schools from across the state.

The NCA selects award winners at each of the over 1,100 camps it administers around the world each summer. The National Spirit Group, one of the largest privately held cheer and dance organizations in America, holds events for over 150,000 cheerleaders and dancers around the world. The NCA, founded in 1948 by L.R. Herkimer, has been conducting camps for over 55 years.

The CPHS/JH cheerleaders and mascot received the following awards at the NCA 4-day summer camp they attended.

*Evaluation ribbons each day were Superior
*Spirit Stick Winners - HS & JH & Mascot

*Top Team Finalist - JH
*All-American Nominees: Karen Scott, Mykea Douglass, Naomi Isbell, Hailey Biggs, Dayna Bennett and Stephanie Edington (HS); Megan Thomas - Mascot; Terrah Augustine and Emily Harris (JH).

Terrah and Emily are the only girls that participated in the tryout for the All-American Team. These two girls performed as individuals some tumbling, three advanced stamina jumps and the 2004 NCA Camp Cheer, which is taught the first day of camp.

Emily Harris was selected for the All-American Team. She is eligible for various special events that NCA conducts during the year.

Megan Thomas was selected for the All-American Mascot Team.

I would like to say a special thanks to Janice Phillips for helping me with the cheerleaders at Camp.

Submitted by
Becky Dillard

Mini Cheer Camp

**Saturday
August 21, 2004**

**Pre-K Thru
6th Grade**

Information will be sent home with your child from school. Please return forms and money to Elementary office before Thursday, August 19th

Athletic Booster Club Meeting

**Thursday
August 12, 2004
7:00 p.m. in Gym Foyer**

Electing New Officers & Discussing The Meet The Buffaloes Ice Cream Supper That Is Set For August 19th

SCHOOL MENU

AUGUST 16 - 20

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	MONDAY - Corn Dogs, Mixed Vegies, Cheesy Potatoes, Cake
TUESDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	TUESDAY - Chicken Nuggets w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY - Pancake, Sausage, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY - Fiesta Salad (Chili Beans, Corn Chips, Cheese), Rice, Salad, Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY - Cereal, Graham Crackers, Assorted Juice	THURSDAY - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Broccoli, TX Toast, Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice	FRIDAY - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The CROSS PLAINS I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 30, 2004 in CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL BOARD ROOM, 700 N. MAIN STREET CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operatins	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.21915	\$0.07525	\$1.29440	\$2,056	\$4,869
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.23482	\$0.08043	\$1.31524	\$2,054	\$4,876
Proposed Rate	\$1.21900	\$0.07500	\$1.29400	\$2,160	\$4,863

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$28,600	\$28,600
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$13,600	\$13,600
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.29440	\$1.29400
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$176.04	\$175.98
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$0.06

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.38078. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.38078.

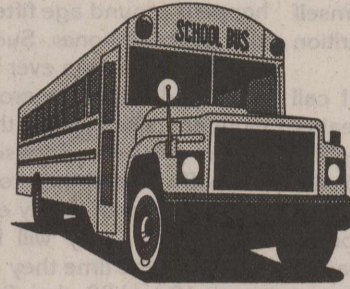
Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$100,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

BACK TO SCHOOL

2004-2005 CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST



PRE-KINDERGARTEN

- 1 School Glue 4 oz.
- 1 Pr. Scissors - 5" Blunt
- 1 Plastic School Box
- 2 Boxes Tissue (160 ct.)
- 2 Boxes Crayola 8 ct. (small)
- 1 Pkg. Thick Washable Markers
- 2 Folders - Blue Pocket Only
- 2 12" X 18" Asst. Construction Paper (50 ct.)
- 1 Pkg. 12" X 18" Manila Paper (50 ct.)
- 1 Four Color Pack Playdough
- 1 Bags - Reclosable Quart Size (25 ct.)
- 50 9" Paper Plates

KINDERGARTEN

- 1 Glue-All 1.25 oz.
- 1 Pr. Scissors - 5" Blunt
- 1 Plastic School Box
- 2 Tissue - 160 ct.
- 1 Box Crayon - 24 ct.
- 1 Box Crayon - Small 8 ct.
- 1 Markers - Thick Classic 10 ct.
- 1 Markers - Thin Classic Washable
- 5 Folders - Purple Pocket Only
- 1 Folder - Red Pocket and Brad
- 19" X 12" Asst. Construction Paper (50 ct.)
- 1 12" X 18" Asst. Construction Paper (50 ct.)
- 2 9" X 12" Manila Paper (50 ct.)
- 1 Can Play Dough
- 4 #2 Pencils
- 1 Watercolors - 8 Washable
- 1 White Board Marker - Green Fine Tip
- 1 Dry Erase White Board - 12" X 9"
- 1 Ream 3/4" Ruled Writing Paper 10 1/2" X 8"
- 1 Vinyl Binder - 1" Hardback

FIRST GRADE

- 2 School Glue - 4 oz.
- 3 Glue Sticks
- 1 Scissors - 5" Sharp
- 1 Plastic School box
- 2 Tissue - 160 ct.
- 2 Crayons - 24 ct.
- 1 Markers - 8 ct. Classic Wedge Tip
- 2 Folders - Blue Pocket Only
- 19" X 12" Asst. Construction Paper (50 ct.)
- 1 12" X 18" Asst. Construction Paper (50 ct.)
- 1 12" X 18" Manila Paper (50 ct.)
- 2 9" X 12" Manila Paper (50 ct.)
- 12 #2 Pencils
- 1 Watercolors - 8 Color Washable
- 1 Pink Bevel Eraser
- 1 1st Grade 9 X 12 3/4" Writing Tablet

SECOND GRADE

- 3 Large Glue Sticks
- 1 Scissors - 5" Sharp
- 1 Zippered Bag - 8.5 X 11
- 1 Tissue - 100 ct.
- 2 Crayons - 24 ct.
- 1 Folder - Blue Plastic w/Pocket
- 1 Folder - Red Plastic w/Pocket
- 1 Folder - Yellow Plastic w/Pocket
- 19" X 12" Asst. Construction Paper (50ct.)
- 19" X 12" Manila Paper (50 ct.)
- 12 #2 Pencils
- 1 Watercolors - 8 ct.
- 1 Pink Bevel Eraser
- 4 Red Check Pencil w/Eraser
- 2 Paper - 200 ct. Wide Rule

THIRD GRADE

- 1 School Glue - 7 5/8 oz.
- 1 Scissors - 5" Sharp
- 2 Tissue - 160 ct.
- 1 Crayons - 48 ct.
- 1 Folder - Orange Pocket and Brad
- 1 Folder - Green Pocket and Brad
- 1 Folder - Yellow Pocket and Brad
- 1 Folder - Red Plastic Pocket
- 19" X 12" Asst. Construction Paper (50 ct.)
- 12 #2 Pencils
- 2 Pink Bevel Erasers
- 2 Paper - 200 ct. Wide Rule
- 4 Pens - Red Medium
- 1 Ruler - 1/16" Wood w/Standard and Metric
- 1 Pencils - 7" Colored 8 ct.
- 1 Spiral Comp. Book - 100 ct. Wide Rule
- 1 Dividers - 5 Tabs w/Pockets
- 1 Poly Binder - 1" Blue Flexible

FOURTH GRADE

- 1 School Glue - 4 oz.
- 1 Scissors - 5" Blunt
- 1 Crayons - 24 ct.
- 1 Folder - Yellow Pocket Only
- 1 Folder - Blue Pocket Only
- 1 Folder - Green Pocket Only
- 1 Folder - Red Plastic Pocket
- 1 Folder - Blue Plastic Pocket
- 1 Pencil Case - 10.5 X 5.5
- 12 #2 Pencils
- 2 Pink Bevel Erasers
- 3 Paper - 200 ct. Wide Rule
- 8 Pens - Red Medium
- 1 Ruler 1/16" Plastic 12" w/Standard and Metric
- 1 Pencils - 7" Colored (12 ct.)
- 1 Spiral Comp. Book - 120 ct. 3 Subject Wide Rule
- 1 Spiral Comp. Book - 100 ct. Wide Rule
- 1 Dividers - 5 Tab w/ Pockets
- 1 Poly Binder - 1" Yellow Flexible
- 1 Poly Binder - 1" Blue Flexible
- 1 Poly Binder - 1" Heavy Red

FIFTH GRADE

- 1 School Glue - 7 5/8 oz.
- 1 Scissors - 5" Sharp
- 1 Plastic School Box
- 1 Tissue - 160 ct.
- 1 Crayons - 24 ct.
- 1 Pencil Case - 10.5 X 5.5
- 1 Pencil Sharpener - w/Receptacle
- 6 #2 Pencils
- 1 Pink Bevel Eraser
- 3 Paper - 200 ct. Wide Rule
- 4 Red Check Pencil w/Eraser
- 1 Ruler - 1/16" Wood w/Standard and Metric
- 1 Pencils - 7" Colored (12 ct.)
- 1 Spiral Comp. Book - 100 ct. Wide Rule
- 1 Spiral Comp. Book - 120 ct. 3 Subject Wide Rule
- 2 Dividers - 5 Tab Index
- 1 Poly Binder - 1" Red Flexible
- 1 Poly Binder - 1" Blue Flexible
- 1 Poly Binder - 1" Green Flexible
- 1 Poly Binder - 1" Yellow Flexible

SIXTH GRADE

- 1 School Glue - 7 5/8 oz.
- 1 Scissors - 5" Sharp
- 1 Crayons - 24 ct.
- 1 Pencil Case - 10.5 X 5.5
- 1 Pencil Sharpener - w/Receptacle
- 4 #2 Pencils
- 1 Pink Bevel Eraser
- 2 Paper - 200 ct. Wide Rule
- 2 Red Pen - Clear barrel
- 1 Ruler - 1/16" Wood w/Standard and Metric
- 1 Pencils - 4" Colored (12 ct.)
- 2 Spiral Comp. Book - 100 ct. Wide Rule
- 1 Dividers - 5 Tab/ 5 Pockets
- 1 Poly Binder - 1" Red Flexible
- 1 Poly Binder - 1" Yellow Flexible
- 1 Poly Binder - 1" Blue Flexible

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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Laughter Therapy Or God's Medicine

Laughter does good like a medicine according to the Bible. I personally had much rather laugh than take medicine.

There are tremendous things which laughter does for the human body. One is that when we laugh deeply, endorphins are released which combat pain. Laughter is a great sleep aid. It also does great things for our attitudes and frame of mind.

The classic case for laughter in physical healing is chronicled in a book by Norman Cousins called "Anatomy of An Illness". Cousins was given up as incurable by the medical profession, so he set about to treat himself with laughter and good nutrition and was cured.

I have developed what I call laughter therapy. I am a speaker and I explain ways that laughter benefits the body. Then I invite my audience to try an experiment. I tell a series of humorous anecdotes from my own laugh bank and then see if we do not feel better. I invite you to let go and really laugh and see if you feel better too.

These are some of my family stories. You will have your own.

My sister Paula liked to teach her daughter Brianne to speak well. One day Paula bumped into Brianne and said, "I apolo-

gize." Later, Brianne bumped her mom and said "I Breeagize."

Another Bree story: Brianne loved the story of the wolf and little pigs. One time after a telling where the old wolf came down the chimney and fell into a pot of hot water. Brianne told Paula, "that old wolf would have saved himself trouble if he had gone to the pizza place."

I liked to give my children new pajamas on Christmas Eve so that they would look cute for pictures the next morning. When my daughter D'Ann was about ten she came to me and said, "When you get our pajamas please don't get the flannel kind. I want LINGER-EE."

My children went through what I call the "age of the owls." It happens around age fifteen but can happen sooner. Suddenly, they are wiser than ever before. They had rather fly around at night and sleep during the day. If Mom gives wise counsel, they will puff up, curl their toes and glare at her with beady eyes. If she persists, they will HOOT. But about the time they are between 18 and 30, they fly off to build their own nest and Mom gets wise again. I hope I will be wise soon.

Build your own laugh bank and laugh loud, long, and often. See if laughter does make you feel better.

BHW



UNITED HOUSE CALLS OF TEXAS SHOWS THEIR PATRIOTIC SIDE— United House Calls of Texas waves their American flag with pride.

United House Calls Participates in Brownwood Rodeo Parade

On Saturday, July 31, 2004, the annual Brownwood rodeo parade kicked off at 10:00 a.m. from the coliseum. There were over 500 entries that included floats, riding clubs, tractors, antique cars and bicycles.

United House Calls of Texas, a local home health agency, entered a patriotic float displaying a 5' puffed heart decorated to look like the American flag. The float also had blue skirting and silver stars. Riding the float were young members of the United House Calls family ranging in age from 3-10 who waved American flags, blew bubbles and gave candy to spectators. They were Taylor and Colton Beal of Damon, Texas; Christopher, Isaac and Alysa Martin of Comanche; Rabekah

Gill, Garrett Woods, Kaeden Chasteen, Skylar Chasteen and Jordan Chasteen of Early; Jenny and Michael Cox of Brownwood. Chad Switzer of Cross Plains and Trey McGlothlin of Early helped give out candy and Keisha and Lacy Cox proudly carried the "United House Calls of Texas" banner.

A special thank you to the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce, Mike and Shelly Woods of Brownwood who used their blue Chevy pickup to pull the float and design consultant, Russell Botts of Rising Star, who solved technical problems.

United House Calls of Texas has seven branches providing a wide range of medical services.

Submitted by Brenda Switzer

9/11 Freedom Street Dance on the Comanche Square

Get your boots on and join the fun at the 9/11 FREEDOM STREET DANCE, hosted by the Amvets Ladies Post 43 and the Comanche Volunteer Fire Dept. Entertainment will begin at 7 p.m. on the square in Comanche, with the band Branded Heart to follow at 8 p.m. This will be a night for the whole family. Proceeds from the dance will go towards Memorial Flags for the

graves of our beloved veterans and the completion of a new brush truck for Comanche Volunteer Fire Dept.

Reserve tables are available or bring your chairs for the general admission price of \$5.00 per person. For more information and how to become a sponsor, call 356-352 or 356-5083. Come join us Saturday, September 11th for a night of remembrance.

2004 Harris-Brown Reunion Report Told

The 2004 reunion of the Harris and Brown families met June 26th at the Cross Plains Community Center in Cross Plains, with 56 people attending.

Those honored were: Oldest member present - Opal Gray, age 90. Youngest member present - Ethan Cade Maxwell, age 3 months. Longest married - Raymond and Helen Hounshell, 61 years. Newest married - James and Tenia Idell, 4 years. Traveled farthest - Kyle Kelly from California.

New officers elected were Ronald Gray - president, Linda Gray - vice-president and Judy Porter - secretary/treasurer.

The next reunion will be held June 25, 2005 at the Cross Plains Community Center.

Those attending the reunion were from: Victoria - Tammy, Greg and Dylan Edgerton. Proctor - J.O. and Peggy Bradford. Cisco - Raymond and Helen Hounshell. Keller - Steve, Mar-

tha, Craig and Rachel Terry. Cross Cut - Elmer Hounshell. Iowa Park - Bob and Bonnie Illingsworth, Vickie Gilmore. San Antonio - Ronald and Linda Gray, Opal Gray. Ranger - Lowell Brown. McCamey - James and Tenia Idell, Allen Harris, A.B. Harris. Odessa - W.B. Porter. Bangs - Alex and John Paul Paschall, Homer Purcell, Charles, Jeannie, Amelia and Austin Hubbard. Abilene - Solitaire Harris, Ethan Cade Maxwell. Hurst - Don and Colleen Gray, David and Darlene Gray. Coleman - Lorene Gray, Grady and Frances Harris. Clarendon - Jonathan Davis, Erma Tomlinson. Lometa - Wane Brown. Snyder - Chris Porter. Kermit - Gawayne and Reta Wills. Austin - Bill and Jerry Simpson. Cottonwood - Deana and Kathleen Terstegge. Cross Plains - Johnnie Bland, Bill and Judy Porter, Lynn Porter, Betty Baxter. Artesia, NM - Mary Johnson. Redding, CA - Kyle Kelly

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Applications taken for Fall Master Gardener training class

Applications for the Fall Master Gardener training class are now being accepted. The 14 week horticultural training class begins Tuesday, September 7, 2004, 9:00 AM. Classes will be held at the Taylor County Extension office, which is located on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center. The cost for the class is \$75.00, with limited scholarship assistance available.

Master Gardeners are members of the local community who

take an active interest in their lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers and gardens. In exchange for their training, individuals are required to contribute 50 hours of volunteer service back to the community.

For additional information, contact the Taylor County Extension office at 325-672-6048.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Carey Family Reunion Set for August 14th

Activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. and pot luck lunch will be served at 12 noon.

Following the lunch there will be entertainment and a "White Elephant Auction".

All relatives and friends are invited.

Descendants of the George Washington Carey and Sarah Bell Burton families will have their 63rd family reunion Saturday, August 14, at the Fellowship Hall of Christ Chapel Church, 2101 Coggin Avenue, Brownwood.

Schizophrenics Anonymous meets every Thursday in Abilene

Schizophrenics Anonymous, a self-help group, and Significant Others of Schizophrenics support group meets every Thursday evening at Crescent Heights Baptist Church in Abilene.

The meetings take place at 7:00 p.m. every Thursday at the church located at 1902 North Mockingbird in Room #1.

Schizophrenics Anonymous is a confidential self-help group for persons with schizophrenia and schizophrenia related symptoms. There is no cost for membership in the organization.

For more information contact Anna Chancellor at (325) 691-2860.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from August 1, 2004 through August 7, 2004 include:

- Cases Investigated**
- Warnings—90
 - Complaints—160
 - DWI—4
 - Resisting Arrest—1
 - Terroristic Threat—1
 - Possession of Controlled Substance—Meth—1
 - Possession of Marijuana, < 5 pounds more than 4 oz.—1
 - Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle—1
 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—1
 - Public Intoxication—1
 - Minor in Consumption of Alcoholic Beverage—1
 - Driving Under the Influence of Drugs—1
- Vehicle Accidents**
- There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The CALLAHAN COUNTY will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.78853 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted. The public hearing will be held on August 23, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at Callahan County Commissioner's Court Room, 100 West 4th St., Baird, Texas.

FOR the proposal: Harold Hicks Bryan Farmer
Tommy Holland Roger Corn

AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Charlie Grider

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$25,000	\$25,000
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Average taxable value	\$20,000	\$20,000
Tax Rate (per \$100)	0.44462	0.42653
Tax	\$88.92	\$85.31

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would decrease by \$3.61 or 4.06 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would decrease by \$0.01810 per \$100 of taxable value or 4.07 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Happy Birthday!

- AUGUST 14**
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Carl Morgan
Jessie Ruth McAdams
Paul Wright
Ronny Haackonsen
Kamii (Hargrove) Hickman
Kati Wooten
Junior Brown
Naomi Isbell
Nici Higginbottom
Jim Greeman
Debbie Tyler Reed
Clayton Lee Thomas
Billy Don Bell
Robert McCorkle
Jimmy Hill
Melody Walker
Clay Duncan

- AUGUST 17**
Paula Kelley
Nelda Tennison
Angela (Newton) Barraclough
Scott Hutton
Tiffany Paige Holland
Frank O'Banion
Renee Hogrell

- AUGUST 18**
Tommy Hornsby
Harry Watson
Paul Edward Walker
Chestor Brown
Don Turner, Jr.
Mrs. J.T. Walker
Debbie (Fletcher) Foster
Sheila (Bright) Jackson

- AUGUST 15**
Barbara Duncan
Pat Albus
Steve Petty
Isla Stroud
Cristy LeeAnn Whiteley
Carie (Renfro) Wheeler
Elvin Burk
Maxine Dimitri

- AUGUST 19**
Inez Reed
Janie Thomas
Rex Mayes
Johnny Ray Wilson
Jerry Wayne Perry
Mrs. Ronald Miller
Romara Rene Atwood
Connie (Steele) Grelle
Darcie Walker

- AUGUST 16**
Floyd Havens
Brett Jennings
Kelli (Hargrove) Hyles
Von Dell Bailey
Stephen Fortenberry
Connie Ricci
Alice Roby

- AUGUST 20**
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
We've heard a lot in recent weeks about the promise of embryonic stem-cell research to cure diseases such as Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis and Alzheimer's. But it is all based on speculation and wishful thinking.

The truth is, not one human being has been treated with embryonic stem-cells. Not for the lack of funding, but because such cells used in lab animals have been known to create malignant tumors.

But there is a kind of stem-cell research that could prove revolutionary -- a kind that John Kerry and Ron Reagan and the media haven't even bothered to tell us about. It involves adult stem-cells, those harvested from such sources as umbilical cord blood, bone marrow and placentas. That has shown great promise in the treatment of more than 70 diseases and conditions.

What's more, the Christian Medical Association (CMA) has sent a letter to Congress pointing out that adult stem-cell research is the quickest and most economical path to real cures. Over 2,000 doctors signed the letter.

Dr. David Prentice, a former science advisor for the Family Research Council said, "Adult

stem-cells, not embryonic stem-cells are the ones showing real success."

So why is this "science" that would require the use of embryo stem-cells being pushed so aggressively? Because the researchers who champion it want to get their hands on federal money, and the media have taken their advocacy at face value. That's why you haven't heard much about adult stem-cell research.

Embryonic research advocates stand to make millions from patients. And then there's the abortion industry. They fear if you say you should not destroy embryos, it would obviously put their particular bent on human life in question.

So, are we willing to use taxpayers money to kill human embryos in the name of questionable science? Shouldn't we be committed to the type of stem-cell research most likely to yield the results millions hope for?

I'm not saying quench medical breakthroughs, but simply commit to pursuing the most promising and moral course of action in this brave new world of stem-cell research. One that would not involve killing tiny human beings.
Rita Caffey

Military Family Day in Abilene August 21

ABILENE—Downtown Abilene organizations and businesses have created an unprecedented partnership with one thing in mind: thanking Abilene-area military personnel and families for their service to the country!

Military Family Day will be held August 21, 2004 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Downtown Abilene with twenty organizations or businesses participating. The day will include free admission to venues, family activities, a downtown-wide scavenger hunt and entertainment. Active duty, Reserve and National Guard personnel and their family members are invited to attend with a valid military ID.

"Military Family Day is our way of thanking all area military personnel," said Judy Godfrey, President and Chief Executive Officer for The Grace Museum. "We also hope to give families of deployed individuals an opportunity to have some lighthearted fun for a few hours, as well as let them know how they are appreciated for the sacrifices they are making."

Participants in Military Family Day include the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum, Abilene Philharmonic, Abilene Preservation League and CityLink, Abilene Public Library, Bogie's Deli, Bowtech for Health, Inc., Center for Contemporary Arts, Cypress Street Station, Frontier Texas!, The Grace Museum, The Leaf, McKay's Bakery, National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature (NCCIL), Paramount Theatre, Spano's Trattoria, St. Vincent Ballet Folklorico Dancers, Texas Star Trading Co., Texas Tech University at Abilene, and the United Way.

For more information about Military Family Day, please contact Heather Kuhn at (325) 673-4587 or hkuhn@thegracemuseum.org.

USDA Farm Service Agency announces CRP sign-up

August 6, 2004— In full support of President George W. Bush's recent directive to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to sustain the environmental benefits of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced a General CRP Sign-up 29 to begin August 30, 2004.

Robert Frost, County Executive Director for Callahan County FSA explains that CRP Sign-up 29 is offered for those acres currently enrolled in CRP and set to expire September 30, 2004 or September 30, 2005. According to Frost, eligible cropland never before enrolled in CRP will also be considered for enrollment under General CRP Sign-up 29.

"As further expansion to the CRP program, President Bush has announced a couple of new initiatives including a Bobwhite quail initiative and an expanded wetland program designed to enhance wetlands and play lake areas," said Frost. "Provisions and eligibility guidelines for these and other new CRP components will be forthcoming as USDA works through the development process."

In light of the projected 16 million acres of CRP set to expire in 2007 and an additional six million acres to expire in 2008,

President Bush addressed his vision for the future of the CRP program - the nation's largest, voluntary conservation program offered for private lands. In a continued effort to "restore, enhance and protect" environmentally sensitive land, build on producer stewardship and enhance wetland and wildlife acres, the President expressed his commitment to re-enrolling as many CRP acres as possible up to a maximum of 39.2 million acres nationwide.

"Producers and landowners need to understand that CRP Sign-up 29 is completely separate from potential 're-enrollment' of acres expiring in 2007 and 2008," said Frost. "No provisions for these acres will be made until the 120-day public comment period has ended."

Individuals interested in making public comment pertaining to managing the large number of acres set to expire in 3-4 years, managing future CRP sign-ups, evaluating the program's environmental effectiveness or other related topics of concern can weigh-in on FSA's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. Comments on the issues must be received within 120 days after the date published in the Federal Register. Written comments should be mailed to Director, Conservation and

Environmental Programs Division (CEPD), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Room 4714-S, Stop 0513, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20250-0513.

For more information regarding CRP Sign-up 29 or public comment on the future of CRP, contact the Callahan County FSA office at (325) 854-1049 ext 2 or visit the USDA Web sites at <http://www.usda.gov>.

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Elementary School Flag Camp Set in Abilene

The Abilene High School Golden Image Color Guard will present the second annual Elementary School Flag Camp. The kids will get to perform with the Golden Image Color Guard on September 3 at the Abilene High School football halftime show.

The flag camp will be held at the Abilene High School Cafeteria on Saturday, August 28th from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Cost of the camp is \$40.00, preregistration by August 21 is \$35.00. The cost of the camp includes instruction, a flag, a

pair of flag shorts, a pizza party before the September 3 game and performance at the football game.

Come enjoy the fun and learn to spin a flag. Please call Paula Findley, Color Guard Director at 675-5899 or 671-4239.

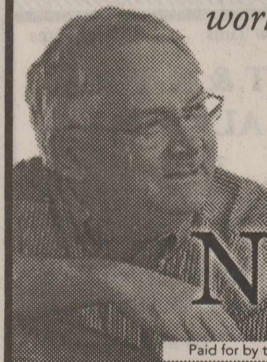
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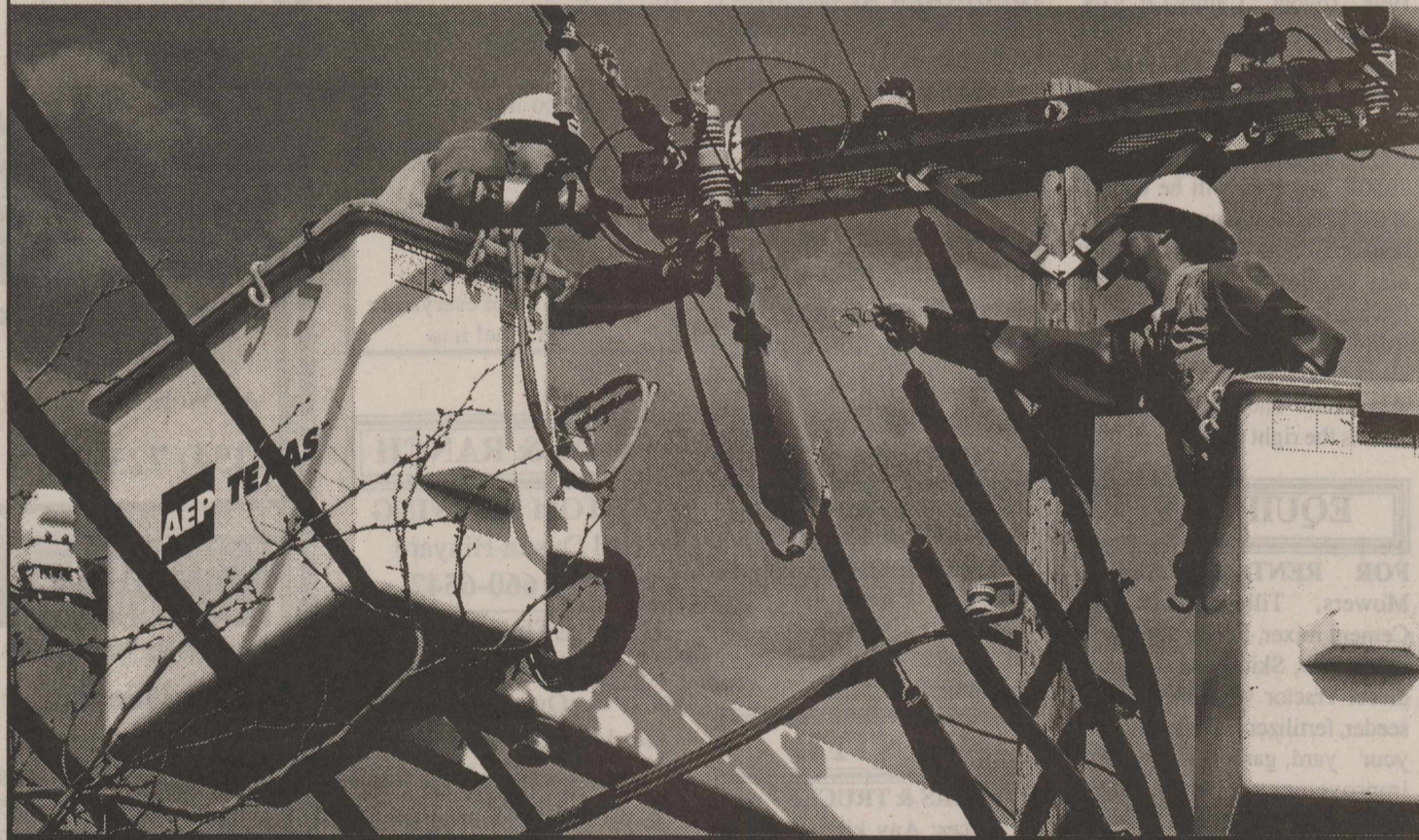
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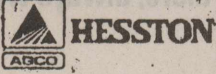
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The benefits of Medicine and Medicare

By Tom Kowalski

Americans are living longer than ever, thanks in part to remarkable new prescription drugs. An American born in 1920 had a life expectancy of just 54 years. By 1965, life expectancy had jumped to 70; by 1995, to 76. Every five years, life expectancy increases by another year or so. We are in a golden age of longevity.

Increasing life expectancy is in large part attributable to the development and use of sophisticated medication. But until recently, the rising cost of prescription medications put drug therapy beyond the reach of many middle- and lower-income Americans.

Last fall, however, Congress took a big step toward making medicine more affordable by passing Medicare reform to the benefit of some 40 million Medicare beneficiaries, including about 2.4 million in Texas. The reform measure includes a new prescription drug benefit that will cut prescription drug costs in half when it takes full effect in January 2006. Significantly, 592,000 Texas Medicare beneficiaries who have no prescription drug coverage will have coverage under the new benefit.

Low-income Texans, in particular, will enjoy the new benefit, which will cap drug costs at \$5 for each prescription and \$2 for each generic drug. That's an impressive cost reduction for those who earn less than \$12,123 and married couples who earn less than \$16,862. A number of low-income residents may also qualify for a variety of other cost-cutting measures, including a waiver of the \$35

monthly premium, lower deductibles and reduced coinsurance—all with no gaps in coverage.

The nonpartisan group Citizen Outreach estimates that seniors will spend, on average, \$3,160 on prescription drugs in 2006. Since prescription drugs will be obtained in bulk quantities under the plan, the price of brand-name medications will dive 18 to 27 percent less even before the program discount is triggered, according to a study performed by the United States General Accounting Office.

But Medicare beneficiaries need not wait until 2006. Last month, 19 months before the full benefit takes effect, eligible Medicare beneficiaries started signing up for drug discount cards that slash their prescription drug bills by 10-25 percent. Low-income beneficiaries who obtain a drug-discount card will also qualify for a \$600 direct credit toward prescription costs in 2004 and again in 2005. In Texas, about 323,000 low-income Medicare beneficiaries are expected to participate in this additional assistance, saving the state some \$388 million in expenditures. Nationally, five million low-income Americans on Medicare will save about \$5 billion.

So by creating the prescription drug benefit and drug discount card, Congress has gone a long way toward eliminating cost as an issue for purchasing prescription drugs. Now, Medicare participants can use drug therapy to head off more expensive surgery or other invasive measures.

Clearly, drug therapies are enhancing and saving lives - and saving money. For example:

- Estrogen-replacement therapy is an effective way to prevent osteoporosis and debilitating hip fractures in older women. Fifteen years of estrogen-replacement therapy costs about \$3,000, while surgery to repair a hip fracture runs about \$41,000.

- Two drugs costing about \$140 can stamp out the bacteria that cause most ulcers. Ulcer surgery, on the other hand, costs about \$28,000.

- What is more, it is estimated that pharmaceutical research will save more than \$750 billion in treatment costs for significant diseases like Alzheimer's, AIDS, heart disease, arthritis and cancer.

The list goes on. Sadly, however, some eligible beneficiaries haven't gotten the word, in spite of publicity campaigns by groups like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Other anecdotal reports suggest that the new benefit has confused some beneficiaries - in Texas alone, for example, there are 46 Medicare-approved drug discount cards.

That's a shame. Drug therapy is quite simply the most efficient way to stave off financially ruinous surgery and illness in the long term, with the happy side effect of prolonging life expectancy. In the short term, Congress has recognized the potent benefit of drug therapy and created a compelling financial incentive to take advantage of it. Medicare participants should take Congress up on its offer and sign up for the benefit today.

Tom Kowalski is president of the Austin-based Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute.

Governor Perry Announces State Homeland Security-Citizen Corps Funding

AUSTIN—Gov. Rick Perry today announced that 57 local governments and regional organizations will receive approximately \$1.4 million in federal 2004 Citizens Corps funds to prepare Texans for homeland security duties.

"Homeland security is not a priority only for law enforcement and government agencies," Perry said. "Homeland security efforts must include input and direction from local communities and the residents who best know how to prepare and respond in their area. Our goal is to increase awareness to that all Texans play a part in making our state safer and more secure."

President George W. Bush created the Citizens Corps program to engage Americans in volunteer activities that will make our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to emergencies while providing opportunities to serve in every day healthcare and citizens preparedness activities.

The 2004 Citizen Corps grants in Texas will be used to provide the resources necessary for local communities to bring together citizen leaders to form and sustain a citizens corps council; engage citizens in homeland security awareness, community preparedness and family safety; and implement Citizens Corps programs such as Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Medical Reserve Corps, Volunteers in Police Service, and Neighborhood Watch.

Funds are distributed to eligible jurisdictions through a regional prioritization process administered by Texas' 24 regional councils of governments (COGs). The Texas Engineering Extension Service, based in College Station at Texas A&M University, will send notices to funding recipients.

A full list of grant recipients is available on the governor's website at: http://www.governor.state.tx.us/divisions/press/initiatives/citizen_corps_2004/.

Additional information on the Texas Citizen Corps program is located at <http://texascitizen corps.org/>.

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CELEBRATING THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—Mr. and Mrs. Andy Sanders

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Sanders Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage

Because you have shared in our lives by your friendship and love, Andy and Marlene Sanders of Cross Plains, would like you to join in the celebration of their 50th Wedding anniversary on Saturday, August 14th. The

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life on me, may depend.

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So I can assist whoever's in need and maybe even catch a burglar at an alarm.

I love my job and want to assist all of those who might be in need.

Pray for your local Officers as they enforce the law and attempt to do a good deed.

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4-H Shooting Sports fund-raiser announced

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This fund-raiser will consist of shooting 50 targets each person in five stand and a round of skeet shooting (25 targets each). Teams will start at 9:00 a.m. and individuals will start at 1:00 p.m.

The concession stand will be open during the dove warm-up. For more information or to schedule a time for your team call Kevin Meier at 672-9521 or 893-2174.

Paul Petty Named to Hardin Simmons University Athletic Hall of Fame for 2004

ABILENE, Texas—The Hardin-Simmons University Athletic Hall of Fame has announced its Class of 2004 and it includes Paul Petty, who was one of three non-WWII veterans to make the 1946 Hardin-Simmons University undefeated, untied football team (11-0). Petty is a graduate of Clyde High School class of 1946. He played in five bowl games during his four years on the HSU Cowboys football team. In both the Shrine Bowl and the Camellia Bowl, he played the entire

game. After receiving his B.S. degree in 1950, he taught in the HSU Sociology Department while completing his Master of Arts degree. During that time, he assisted in coaching the HSU football team. After leaving HSU, he embarked on a coaching career that spanned five decades as he coached in Texas (5 years), New Mexico (3 years), Arizona (37 years) and presently in Florida. Paul Petty was also a Coach for 15 years (1989-2003) for American football teams going to Australia and New Zealand.

During Paul Petty's career he coached players who later became All-Pro in the N.F.L., Canadian Football League and the World Football League. He has coached an Arizona All-Star Football team once or more in five decades. Paul Petty was also honored as a Coach of the Year once or more in five decades (50's-90's) and was the Dedicatee of the 1991 Arizona All-Star Game.

Petty was an original inductee into the Arizona High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1984. He was also inducted into the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Hall of Fame in 1985 and The Valley of the Sun (AZ) Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame in 1997.





He and his wife, Cecile, who is also a Clyde High School and HSU graduate, now reside in St. Cloud, Florida just outside of Orlando. The induction ceremony will be in Abilene on October 29, 2004.



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