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City of Cross Plains Recognized for Receiving TDRA Grant — Alexander Gamble (from left) and Chris Reynolds (right) present City Administrator Debbie Gosnell with an oversized version of the grant check.

Rural State Agency Presents \$36,250 Check to City of Cross Plains for Various Projects

AUSTIN— The Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) presented the City of Cross Plains with an oversized, ceremonial check to recognize the community for its hard work in securing a grant from the agency's Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) program. Agency staff presented the check on June 1, 2010 in Abilene.

"We are very pleased to present this ceremonial check to the community," said Charles S. (Charlie) Stone, executive director of TDRA. "Community development grants such as this help Texans in rural communities improve their quality of life significantly."

Cross Plains will use the \$36,250 grant to conduct planning activities for economic development, streets, water system, wastewater system, storm drainage, parks, capital improvements program, zoning and subdivision ordinance.

The agency awarded \$3,361,595 to 17 West Central Texas communities, including Bangs, Cross Plains, Hamlin, Hawley, Lawn, Loraine, Moran, Munday, Roby, Rochester, Rule, Santa Anna, Tye and Winters. TDRA awarded more than \$88 million to rural communities in Texas for the 2009 funding cycle.

"Texas CDBG is a competitive grant program, so the community is to be commended for their hard work and diligence in pursuing this grant," said Mark Wyatt, director of TDRA's community development division.

The grant comes from the Texas Community Development Block Grant program, the largest CDBG program in the nation. Rural cities with populations less than 50,000 and counties that have a non-metropolitan population under 200,000 and are not eligible for direct funding from HUD may apply for the agency's TxCDBG

program. This program serves approximately 1,017 eligible rural communities, 245 rural counties, and provides services to over 375,000 low to moderate-income beneficiaries each year.

Texas Department of Rural Affairs makes the broad resources of state government more accessible to rural communities. The agency is a provider of rural-focused state and federal resources for community development, economic development, housing and rural health. TDRA is the federally designated State Office of Rural Health and the governor's lead agency for oversight of disaster recovery funding and administers the non-housing portion of the Community of Development Block Grant (CDBG) disaster recovery funds. For more information, visit TDRA online at www.tdrastat.texas.gov.

Cottonwood to Dedicate New Firehouse This Saturday

In the fall of 2008, the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group got together to come up with a plan to raise money for a much-needed new firehouse in Cottonwood.

The Cottonwood Fire Group had acquired a large military 2 1/2 ton truck from the Texas State Forest Service and repairs were underway to convert the truck into a brush firetruck. The truck, though, would need to be housed inside a building, one that would have to be much larger than the small two-bay firehouse Cottonwood currently had.

The firemen put their heads together and started donating calves, services and other items and came up with the "Benefit Prize Drawing" to raise money for the building. In January 2009, after the prize drawing and fish

fry, Cottonwood had the money to get started on the new building.

All of Cottonwood was buzzing about the new firehouse. In the spring 2009 construction started, firemen donned hard hats and Cottonwood's new firehouse started taking shape.

Then, the unthinkable happened. Ken Farmer, who had masterminded the "Benefit Prize Drawing," and spearheaded the firehouse construction died suddenly.

This Saturday, Cottonwood unveils the new firehouse, dedicated to Farmer and his initiative and hard work. The new "Ken Farmer Fire Station" houses not only the now completed big yellow Forest Service Brush Truck, but also the shiny new

2010 Firetruck that's just arrived in Cottonwood.

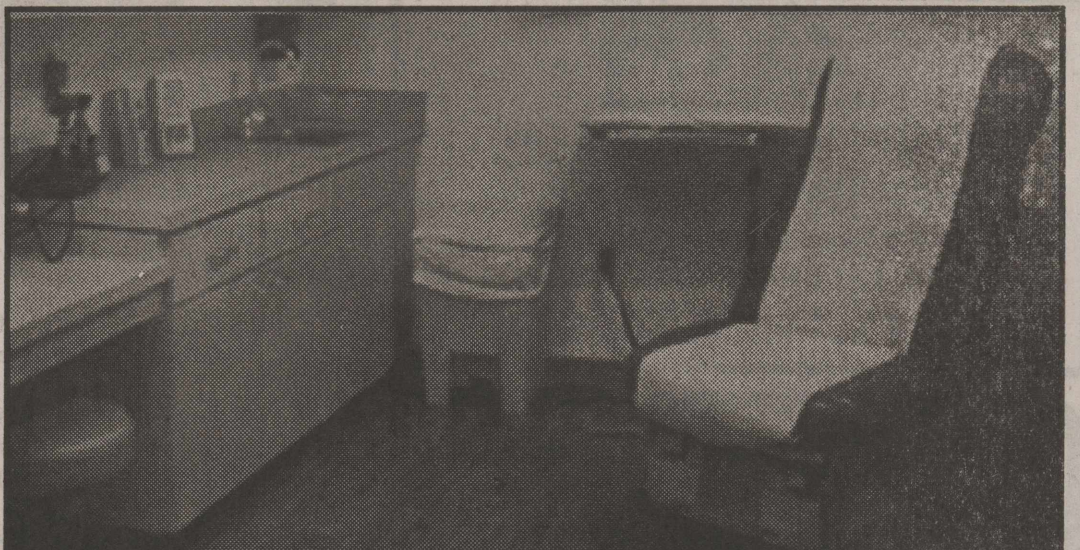
A lot of initiative, a lot of hard work, and a lot of help from Cottonwood, Cross Plains and the surrounding areas has helped achieve what two years ago seemed almost impossible.

So, thank you to everyone who helped by donating money to finish the brush truck, donating a prize or buying a ticket or fish dinner in the "Benefit Prize Drawing", or donating to help get the new firetruck. Come out to Cottonwood and see what you've helped with.

The dedication is at 7 p.m. at the new firehouse—the "Ken Farmer Fire Station" located on FM 429, just down from the Cottonwood Post Office. Refreshments will be served.



SCCRC BOARD MEMBERS — Albert Kincheloe - D.O., Medical Director (from left), Susan Jones - CEO, JoAnne Paulk - D.O., Rosa Martinez - Board Member, Mary Alcaraz - Board Member, Cindy Payne - LVN, Charlene Donoway - Board Member, Jeanie Stevens - Board President, Greg Henson - COO, Debbie Gosnell - Board Member, Kristi Via - FNP, Dannes Turner - Board Member.



NEW TREATMENT ROOM — One of the three newly added treatment rooms. This room is used for Well Woman Exams and has a new accessible, motorized, examination chair/table that can be raised and lowered for easy access for patients that have difficulty getting on a high table.

SCCRC Resource Care Community Health Center holds an Open House

On, Thursday, June 17, 2010, The Shackelford County Community Resource Care Health Center had an open house to unveil the new treatment rooms and remodeling. Mandy Curry, Office Manager for the Breckenridge health center, was very informative of the new medical equipment and additional treatment rooms that are now available to patients.

One of the treatment rooms will be for Well Woman Exams and has available a new motorized table/chair that offers easy access for patients with inability to get on and off the examination table safely. This chair is also used for Well Woman exams.

Another of the treatment rooms will be used for triage services,

such as sutures for lacerations, EKG's, and other minor emergency treatments. There is also one more added treatment room for seeing patients. All the rooms have been remodeled with new cabinetry and flooring.

There is also a room specifically used for all laboratory services, such as blood draws, panels, and other lab services. The health center now has new medical equipment to provide extensive medical treatment not previously offered to patients.

Some of the new equipment consists of a PICCOLO machine, which is a blood analyzer that will perform three types of blood tests - CMP, Comprehensive Metabolic Panel; GCP, General Chemistry Panel; MetLyte 8

Panel. There is also an I-Stat machine used for obtaining cardiac enzyme markers and a new vital signs monitor that will link to a new EHR-Electronic Health Records system. This system will be in place on June 28, 2010. Ms. Curry noted that eventually all new equipment will be linked to the EHR system.

The open house was well attended with board members and staff from other facilities. There was a light lunch and refreshments served to all who attended.

See additional photo Page 5.

Submitted by
Debi Bennett



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Annual 4th of July Fireworks Display sponsored by the City of Cross Plains

Will Begin at Dark at Treadway Park Saturday, July 3rd

NO picnic festivities or entertainment to be held this year

Summer Months Present a Challenge to Blood Center

A blood drive will take place in Cross Plains on Tuesday, June 29th. The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be parked at the First Baptist Church from noon until 6:00 p.m. All blood types are urgently needed to ensure an adequate inventory of blood going into the summer months.

"The summer months are always challenging," said Frances Baker donor recruiter. "People get busy and they just forget to give blood, but the need is always there. Blood donation is a very rewarding act of service to

others. Without blood donors, many lives would be lost needlessly. One hour of time spent giving blood can give someone else a lifetime," Baker continued.

Donors must be at least 17 years old or age 16 with signed parental consent, weight a minimum of 120 pounds and have a photo ID. Blood can be donated every eight weeks. Those who have eligibility questions may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

June 17, 2010

contract for 2010-11. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Foster that William Norman be hired as a teacher for a 10-month contract for 2010-11. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Ames and seconded by McWilliams to hire Tiffani Parker as a custodian for 190 days starting August 9. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Ames and seconded by Dillard that we approve the minutes as read. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Dillard and seconded by McWilliams to consider the bid for student accident insurance for 2010-11 school year from Texas Monarch, Inc. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by McWilliams to consider and approve job descriptions for all employees. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Dillard and seconded by Ames to adjourn. For 6 Against 0

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Tommy Ames, Jim Cook, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan, Donnie Dillard and Hoyt Foster.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent, High School Principal, Elementary Principal, William Norman, Daniel Purvis, Brandi Purvis, Jeff Blackburn and Brian Ramsey.

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded Foster that we accept the resignation of Mr. Webb and Diann May. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ames to hire Jeff Blackburn to teach the shortage area of Social Studies for a 10-month contract in 2010-11. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by Dillard to hire Daniel Purvis as a teacher a 10-month

CHANGES in Drivers License Rules for 18-24 year-olds

Effective March 1, 2010, all persons 18-24 years old are required to take a driver education course. A driving safety course or drug and alcohol course are not acceptable for the driver education.

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

1209 Coggin
Brownwood, Texas
325-643-2279.

There is an online course available at <http://adultdriversed.idrivesafely.com/>.

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



REBOUNDING — Justin Golson, #18, gets up high for a rebound during summer basketball game.



BUFFALOES ON DEFENSE — Taylor Savell, far left in black, Cody Self and Justin Golson, center in black, playing defense. (This game was played at 12:30 a.m.)



3-POINT SHOOTER — Justin Golson, far left, attempts a 3-point shot while Cody Self, left under basket, and Joel Hinten, far right under basket, get ready to rebound.

Boys Basketball Finish 10-0 in Summer League

The Buffaloes just finished up their 3rd week of summer league. The team is participating in both the Coleman and Comanche summer leagues and have a current record of 10-0. They defeated Bangs twice, Winters twice, Comanche twice, Ballinger twice, Priddy and Goldthwaite. The JV boys are also participating in the same leagues with a record of 4-6.

The varsity boys also participated in the McMurry

University Team Camp this past weekend. It was a long and great experience for them, playing against playoff caliber teams each game.

The boys played 10 games in a 3 day span. They were matched up against the following teams: Hallettsville (2A state runner-up 2010), Hico (2nd place team at the camp), Spearman, Anson, Merkel, Eula, Abilene Wylie JV and Jim Ned.

The Buffaloes played well,

winning 4 out of 10 games that weekend. It was a long and exhausting camp, but the team played hard each game and didn't let their tired legs get the best of them...I was very proud of them.

The players who participated in the camp were: Justin Golson, Cody Self, Chance Senclair, Joel Hinten, Taylor Savell, Blake Hutchins, Dakota Gilliam and Dakota Bomar.

Submitted by
Coach Edmonds

Exhibit Opening July 8 Features Art from Favorite Storybooks

ABILENE, TX—Cherished memories of leading children's stories like "Mama, Do You Love Me," Cinderella" and "The Napping House" stay with many parents and children always. Beginning with a public preview the evening of July 8 with the formal opening on July 13, people in Texas and Oklahoma will have the opportunity to see original illustrations by Barbara Lavallee, Barbara McClintock and Don Wood from these three well-known stories as well as other magical children's book illustrations by Tomie dePaola, Robert Sabuda, Richard Jesse Watson and many others.

The National Center for children's Illustrated Literature (NCCIL) will open Golden Kite, Golden Dreams: The SCBWI Awards, a retrospective featuring Golden Kite Medal and Honor Winners from 1974 to 2010. This will be the first time a collection of illustrations by Golden Kite Award winners has been exhibited.

Curated by award-winning illustrator David Diaz, this exhibit features 46 artists, many of whom are also Caldecott Award Winners, and more than 75 pieces of artwork in media ranging from ink, pencil and acrylic to gouache, watercolors and paper cutting. It

highlights the variety, diversity and high standards the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) sets for Golden Kite Award recognition.

Museum admission is free. Please visit www.nccil.org for a complete list of artists participating in the exhibition will be available for ten-week rental periods starting October 2010. For more information on this exhibit or rental please contact the NCCIL.

About SCBWI—Founded in 1971 by a group of Los Angeles-based children's writers, the SCBWI is one of the largest organizations for writers and illustrators. Instituted in 1974, SCBWI presents the Golden Kite Award to recognize excellence in children's literature in four categories: fiction, nonfiction, picture book text and picture book illustration. Golden Kite Awards are the only children's literary awards judged by a jury of peers. For more information regarding SCBWI and a complete list of award winners, please visit www.scbwi.org.

About NCCIL—Located in Abilene, Texas, the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature collaborates with award-winning artists to produce high-quality exhibitions of their

artwork that are distinctive and appealing to museum visitors of all ages. In addition to this unique artistic partnership, following their debut at the NCCIL gallery each exhibition travels to museums, public libraries and galleries nationwide. Please visit www.nccil.org for more information.

Thursday, July 8th at 6:30 p.m. will feature Cinderella - gallery talk by Barbara McClintok at the NCCIL Gallery.

Friday, July 9, 2010 at 6 p.m. at the NCCIL Gallery —Golden Moments - ticketed gala event at the NCCIL Gallery.

Saturday, July 10, 2010, at 10 a.m. Let's Fly a Kite - Children's event with David Diaz, at the Abilene Public Library, Mockingbird Branch.

SCBWI Conference—starting at 11 a.m. at the NCCIL Gallery.

11:00 a.m. Illustrator Richard Jesse Watson will speak and demonstrate.

1:00 p.m. Artists Cecilia Yung, Priscilla Buris, Pat Cummings and David Diaz will discuss aspects of their artwork and process.

2:00 p.m. Lin Oliver and Steve Mooser will share the history of the Golden Kite Awards.

3:00 p.m. Kristen Balouch and Diane Stanley to speak.

High Seas Expedition
Cottonwood Baptist Church
Vacation Bible School 2010
July 7 - 11

Come enjoy the High Sea Expeditions with all the crew at Cottonwood Baptist Church on Wednesday, July 7th thru Sunday, July 11th. We will explore God's Word, create some fun crafts, and play some great games and fellowship together as we learn about God's Wonderful Word. We will serve a meal starting around 5:00 pm and the VBS starts at 6:00 pm and last until 8:15 pm. If you have any questions, please call 254-725-6819 or the Main Street Pool House & Surf Shop at 254-725-0000. Kids from Pre-K thru 6th grade are invited to attend.

Submitted by
Pat Stephens

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PROJECT PRIDE HONOREES — John and Bettye Sue Adams were honored at the Robert E. Howard Celebration Dinner.

John and Bettye Sue Adams Honored at Howard Celebration Dinner

Project Pride honored two of their own at the Celebration Dinner held June 11 in conjunction with the Robert E. Howard Days. John and Bettye Sue Adams were presented with a plaque of appreciation for their 21 years of active participation in Project Pride. Over 100 of their friends from around the world greeted the presentation by President Arlene Stephenson with a standing ovation.

They were part of the group of citizens who met in late 1988 to organize some type of approach to cleaning up the city and instilling a sense of pride in residents. Within a few meetings, the brainstorming of ideas resulted in the organization that would become the Project Pride that is still very active today. John

and Bettye Sue have served in numerous leadership roles over the years and can always be counted on to present the most positive of ideas and solutions at the monthly meetings.

Along with Margaret McNeel, the late Alton and Joan McCowen, Gene and Betty Greenwood, the Adams were part of the visionary group that personally backed the loan that enabled Project Pride to purchase what would become the Robert E. Howard Museum. John was instrumental in organizing and submitting the reams of paper work that resulted in the Museum being listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1994.

John and Bettye Sue have always opened their home to

members of the Robert E. Howard United Press Association and several have enjoyed their country hospitality over the years. One such visitor who has enjoyed a close friendship over the years is Michael Scott Myers, the Hollywood screenwriter for the movie, "Whole Wide World" that portrays the relationship between Howard and Novalyn Price, the local school teacher. Myers and his mother often stay with the Adams when they come out for the June festivities.

"Project Pride is so fortunate to have John and Bettye Sue on our Board of Directors," comments Stephenson. "They bring such a wealth of experiences and enthusiasm to each activity and meeting."

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

LOVE WITHOUT MEASURE

Freda Bright says, "Only in opera do people die of love." It's true. You really can't love somebody to death. I've known people to die from no love, but I've never known anyone to be loved to death.

We just can't love one another enough.

A heartwarming story tells of a woman who finally decided to ask her boss for a raise in salary. All day she felt nervous and

apprehensive. Late in the afternoon she summoned the courage to approach her employer. To her delight, the boss agreed to a raise.

The woman arrived home that evening to a beautiful table set with their best dishes. Candles were softly glowing. Her husband had come home early and prepared a festive meal. She wondered if someone from the office had tipped him off. Or did he just somehow know that she would not get turned down?

She found him in the kitchen and told him the good news. They embraced and kissed, then sat down to the wonderful meal. Next to her plate the woman found a beautifully lettered note. It read: "Congratulations, darling! I knew you'd get the raise! These things will tell you how much I love you."

Following the supper, her husband went into the kitchen to clean up. She noticed that a second card had fallen from his pocket. Picking it off the floor, she read: "Don't worry about not getting the raise! You deserve it anyway! These things will tell you how much I love you."

Someone has said that the measure of love is when you love without measure. What this man feels for his spouse is total acceptance and love, whether she succeeds or fails. His love celebrates her victories and soothes her wounds.

He stands with her, no matter what life throws in their direction. He may say that he loves her to death. But he doesn't. He loves her to Life. For his love nourishes her life like nothing else can.

Upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Mother Teresa said: "What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family." And love your friends. Love them without measure.

Love them to Life.
By Steve Goodier

Macaroni Cheese

1 cup uncooked macaroni
1/2 lb. sharp cheese, cubed
2 T. butter
3 eggs, beaten
3 cup sweet milk
salt and pepper to taste

Cook macaroni according to package directions and drain. Mix all other ingredients with macaroni, salt and pepper to taste. Put in greased dish, dot with butter, bake at 325° 45-50 minutes, until firm.

Bivins Duncan

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

The Long and Short of Him — "All I wanted was for someone to notice me, you know. I'm trying to do something that makes me look like a man. I'm running under coffee tables."

Paul Williams is an Oscar, Grammy and Golden Globe recipient and a Music Hall of Fame songwriter. His songs include "We've Only Just Begun", "Rainy Days and Mondays", "You and Me Against The World", "An Old Fashioned Long Song", "Evergreen", "The Rainbow Connection" and the theme for "The Love Boat". And that's just a few.

Elvis, Frank Sinatra, Barbara Streisand, Willis Nelson, Ella Fitzgerald, David Bowie, Ray Charles, Tony Bennett, Johnny Mathis, Sarah Vaughan and Kermit the Frog have all sung his songs. His movies include the *Smokey and the Bandit* series and *The Muppet Movie*, scoring the picture and earning Oscar and Grammy nominations in the process. On Broadway, he starred in the one-man show *Tru* as author Truman Capote. He has written music for two plays that are on Broadway now. He is President of the ASCAP, the

music licensing organization. And on and on. The man has so many talents and accomplishments.

I had the privilege of seeing Paul Williams when he appeared with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra recently. When he wasn't making the audience laugh with some of his humor, he sang some of his famous songs. The audience loved the songs, but was surprised to discover Paul Williams does not have the greatest singing voice. He talked about the reason he's very glad other people sing his songs: "I gotta tell ya I love singing my songs, but I'm also a realist. I know that if I was the only one singing these songs, I'd be walking horses right now."

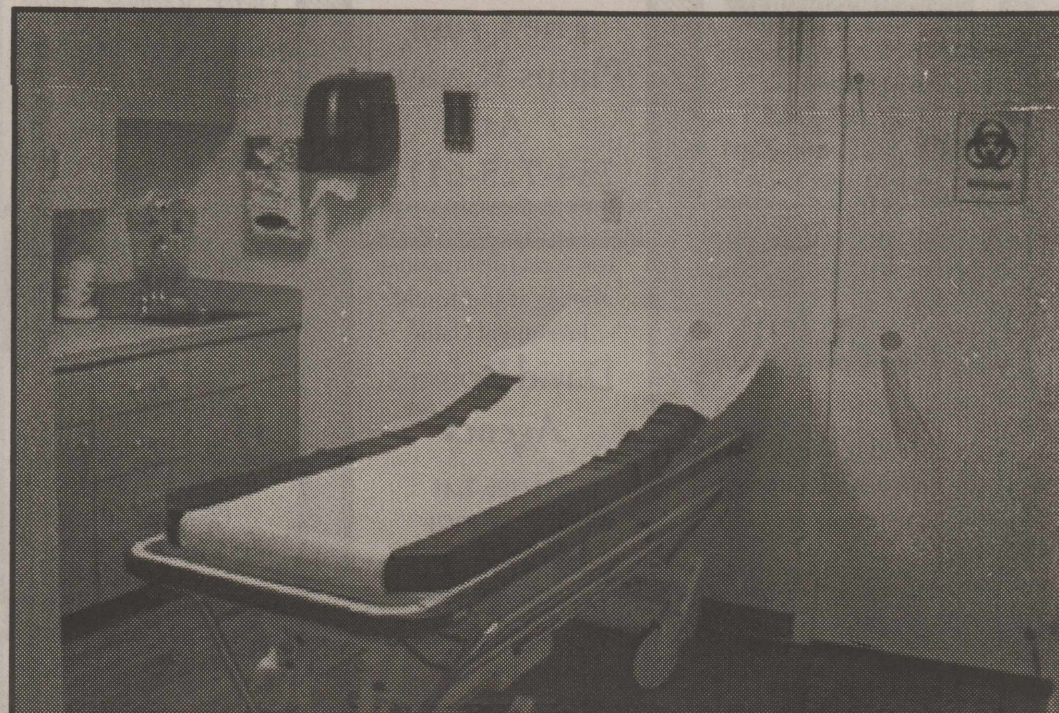
He grew up in Nebraska and started skydiving when he was 19 years old in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He formed a 4-man team called Grim Business and quit after 100 jumps. "I absolutely love it," says Paul. He also raced cars and motorcycles and was a jockey. He went to Hollywood to become an actor. Since that didn't work out, he got his guitar and started writing songs. "I wasn't smart enough

or educated enough to write about anything except what I felt in the center of my chest. The amazing thing is when you do that, other people usually feel it, too."

In Big Spring, he joked with the audience about his short stature: "I love to go to Japan. I buy my clothes in Japan. In Japan, I'm a medium."

It wasn't so much what Paul Williams did on stage, although he put on a great show with two encores, but what he did off stage. He signed autographs for an hour. The line to visit with him stretched the length of a football field. He had time to visit and pose for pictures with everybody individually. He says he doesn't take anything for granted. During his performance he repeatedly remarked how fortunate and appreciative he is. Just before he left the stage he thanked the conductor for making him feel important and complemented him on the quality of the musicians. Paul Williams may be just five feet tall, but he is a giant in several ways.

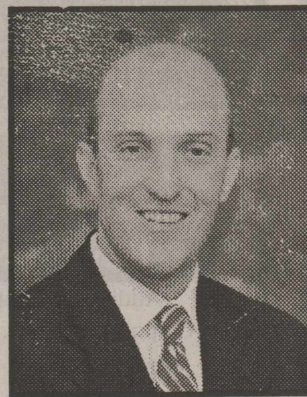
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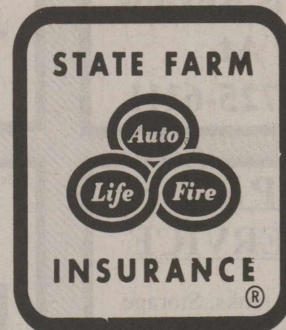
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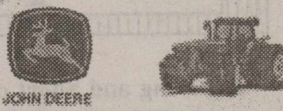
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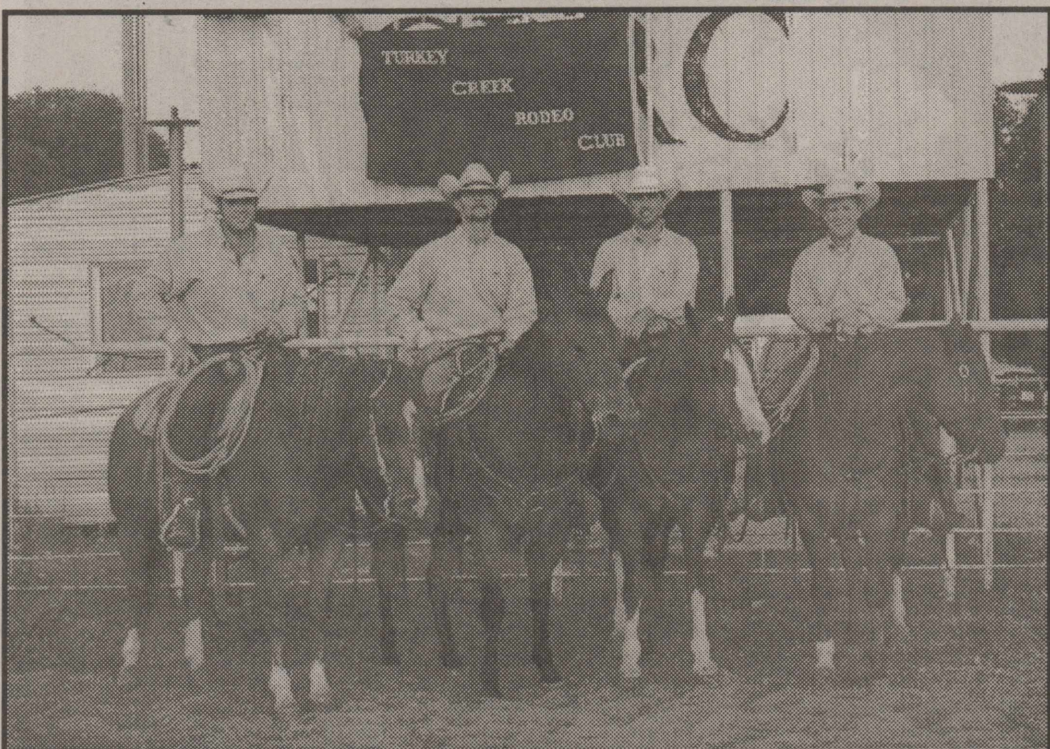
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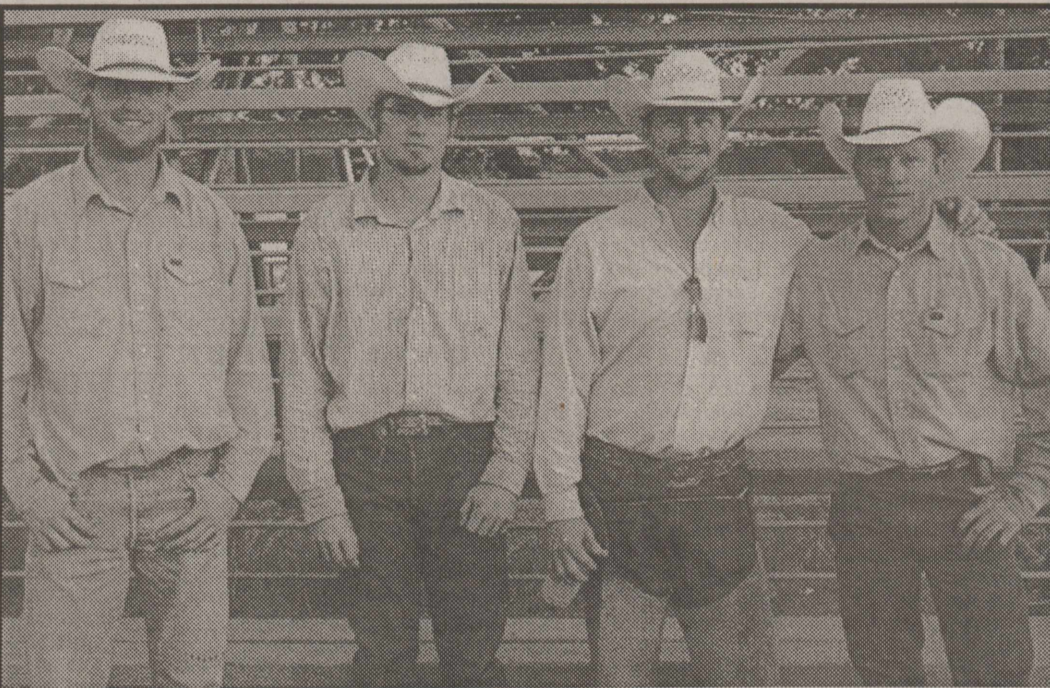
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FIRST PLACE TEAM — Silverbrook Ranch, located west of C P, takes first place at Turkey Creek Ranch Rodeo. Pictured are Ben Lee (from left), Elvan Goode, Josh King and Ken Welch.



SECOND PLACE TEAM — Frankie Farms & Ranches takes second place at the Turkey Creek Ranch Rodeo. Pictured: Jeremy Frankie (from left), Bryan Barns, John McBride and Tucker Martin.

Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Ranch Rodeo Results

The Turkey Creek Rodeo Club had a very successful Fundraiser/Ranch Rodeo on Saturday, June 12th. We rode in the Barbarian Festival Parade that morning, sold Pony Rides at the festival during the day, drew the ticket for a pair of handmade spurs by Chad Cunningham, and ended the day with a Ranch Rodeo.

Joe McWilliams name was drawn as the winner of the spurs. The 1st place winner of the ranch rodeo was the team from Silverbrook Ranches —Ken

Welch, Elvan Goode, Ben Lee and Josh King.

The 2nd place winner was the team from Frankie Farms & Ranches—Jeremy Frankie, Tucker Martin, Bryan Barns and John McBride.

We would like to thank all of those who supported the club by attending the parade, riding a pony, purchasing tickets, attending the rodeo, or buying from the concession stand.

A special thanks you to all of the volunteer workers who made the

day such a GREAT SUCCESS!!

All of the profits from the day will go toward improving the arena in areas such as lighting (nearly finished!) and improving the size and condition of the arena itself. We would love to have as many members as possible, so if you are interested in the "going on" of the arena, please join us!

We meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center.

Submitted by Sarah Buchanan

ATV Rider Course to be Offered June 28th in Abilene

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Department of A&M University is proud to announce their newest program for youth, the 4-H ATV Safety Program, which is funded by a grant through the National 4-H Council and the ATV Safety Institute (ASI).

The new program allows any 4-H child (age 12 or older), 4-H family member, AgriLife extension agent or employee to take the 4 hour ASI RiderCourse at absolutely no charge to them. Families may bring their own ATV's or if the child needs the proper sized ATV and the family doesn't own one, the program will make arrangements to provide one for them. Agents and employees who have their own ATV's are welcome to utilize them or the program can provide them.

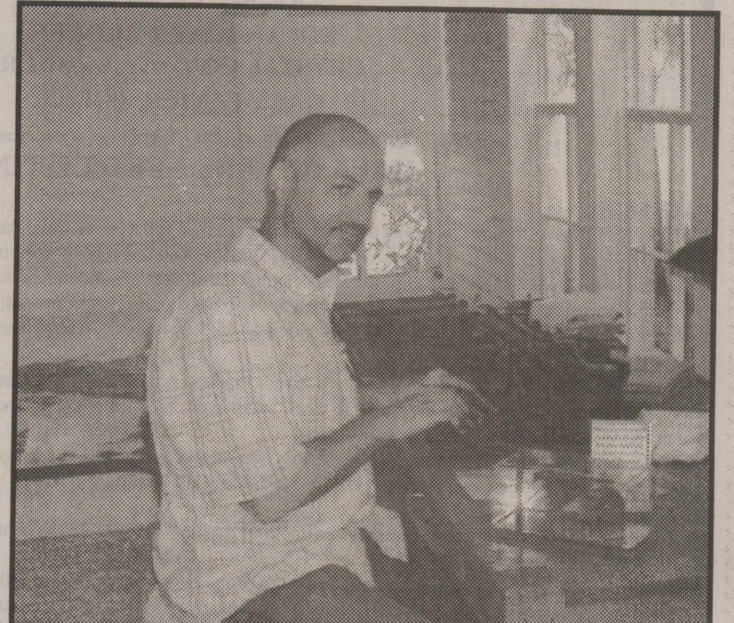
The RiderCourse teaches the basics of safe and responsible ATV riding and use, including the importance of safety gear, turning, braking, swerving, riding over obstacles, riding on hills and much more.

The proper safety gear must be worn during the course. If the student does not have a helmet, gloves or eye protection, the program will make arrangements to provide them.

The RiderCourse also provides the participant with the license required to ride on public lands almost any where in the US.

It's fun for the entire family and it's free! To sign up for the free RiderCourse, which will be held Monday, June 28th at the Taylor County Extension Office on the Expo Grounds contact Hoss Sasin, Callahan CEA-Ag at 325-854-5835 or the Taylor County AgriLife extension office at 325-672-6048. The Course will begin at 8:00 AM and end around noon. For more information online visit www.atvsafety.org

For more information on how to set up a RiderCourse for your area and the new 4-H program contact the 4-H ATV Safety Program coordinator, Carol L. Smith at (830) 612-3607 or (210) 912-1516, or by email at txteammm@dishmail.net.



SMITHSONIAN STAFF MEMBER, ERIK WASHAM — Although he missed the annual Robert E. Howard event by a couple of days, Erik Washam, Associate Art Director for the Smithsonian Magazine, found the local attraction just as fascinating and interesting as the most serious of Howard scholars.

Washam has been a fan of Howard's writings for as long as he can remember and made plans to stop here on one of his long driving tours around the USA to discover our great country up close and personally. His plan is to pitch his story of the Museum to the Smithsonian website in time to coincide with the major release of the next Conan movie.

Loaded down with books and shirts from the Shop and lots of pictures of the Museum and his Project Pride hosts, he headed on down the road. He will eventually end up back at his office in Washington, DC, writing a story about Cross Plains, Texas.

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PRESENTATION OF CHECK — Arlene Stephenson, President of Project Pride (from left), is shown presenting the Dan Goudey Memorial Fund to Linda Burns, Library Director and Judy Luter, President of the Library Board of Directors. Funds will be used to create a historical wall of CP.

Memorial Established for Dan Goudey will Benefit Local Library

In a gesture of respect for a friend who passed away unexpectedly in January of this year, Robert E. Howard fans established a memorial fund that would enable Project Pride to keep the legacy of Howard alive in the writer's hometown. Dan Goudey was an accomplished illustrator and dedicated scholar of Howard's writings who was planning to attend the 2010 Howard Days celebration.

Al Harren of Scotland and Deuce Richardson of Kansas made the presentation to Project Pride President Arlene Stephenson at the Celebration Dinner on June 11. She is turn announced that the Pride Board had voted to donate the \$1500 fund to the Library to help create the history of Cross Plains on the wall of the new Children's Resource Center.

Explaining that Howard would

have been a daily visitor to the library had it existed when he was growing up here that he had definitely left his print on the history of Cross plains, Stephenson continued, "the wall is just a perfect fit, combining Project Pride's interest in preserving our history, the Library's dream of a historical wall, Howard's love of books and Goudey's love of art."

Notes from Rising Star Nursing Center

Hello again! Hope everyone is doing good. It sure has been hot and sultry in Rising Star. A little rain to cool us off felt great, but the humidity left behind we could do without.

We have some new residents with us including Juanice Cook from the Cross Plains area and Nona Harris from the Ft. Worth area. Whether they are here for physical therapy or to make their home with us, please help us in welcoming them. We are so glad to have ya'll with us.

Moose Vaughn of Rising Star passed away on Sunday, June

20th. Let's keep his family in our prayers.

Well, Bingo seems to be the "GAME" of the month. We have had record crowds and so many different Black-Out winners. Wonder who will get the poster this next month????

The residents elected Mandy Nixon as the "Angel of the Month" for June. She gives showers to residents and works Monday thru Friday. She is our second winner and with that comes her own parking spot and other amenities. Congratulations!!!!

Well, the Ava Dodd family is at

it again. They must have put in their garden while it was still snowing. Ava brought green beans, squash and cucumbers yesterday so the residents had a good time snapping the beans. We also had a great bunch of peaches donated by Leonard Duke Vollins' family and Beckey Smith brought squash. So, we have been eating rather well so far this month and "thank you" for sharing with us. So, till next time, may God bless and keep you.

Submitted by Dona McIntire

Interesting Guest Tells History of the Butterfield Overland Stage

John Warren Butterfield owner of the Butterfield Overland Stage visited the Cross Plains Public Library last Wednesday as part of the Summer Reading Program. Jeff Salmon from Frontier Texas treated the attending children and students with a living history rendition of life in the 1800's. Banks and businesses needed a way to deliver mail to the new territory of California at the time of the 1849 gold rush.

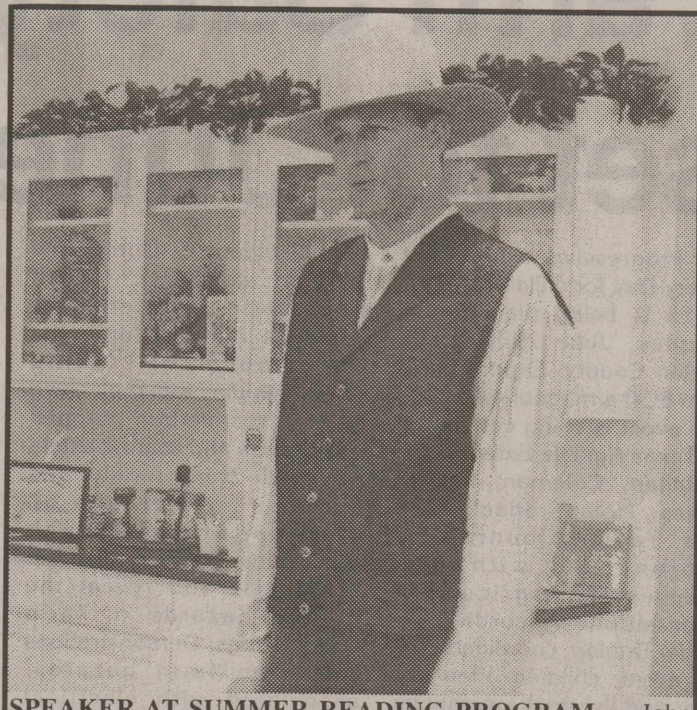
Butterfield merged his company with two rival companies to form the American Express, the same company that exists today, and created a way to get mail there in a little more than twenty days, when it usually took three months or more to arrive.

Speaking as Butterfield, Salmon explained how he found a new southern route to California instead of going over the Rocky Mountains. Stations were established every twenty to thirty miles along the way in order to have fresh horses and mules to keep the stage always in transit.

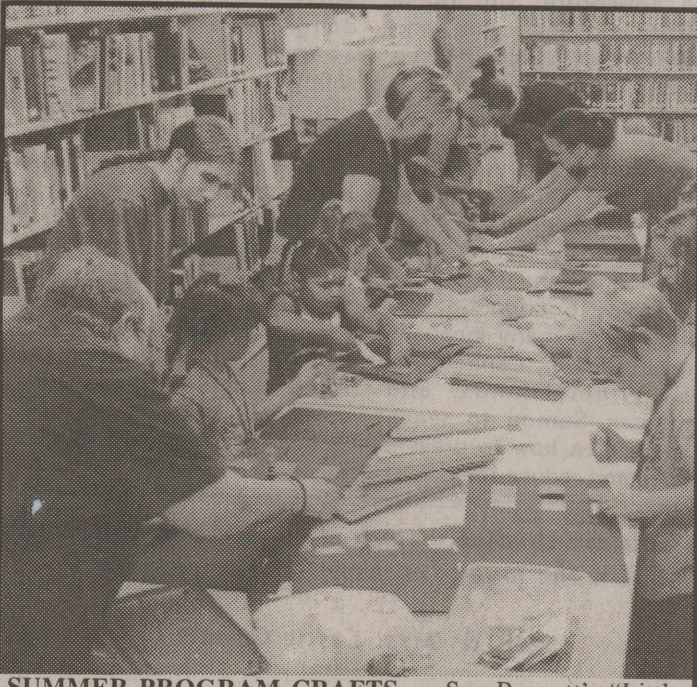
The educational story and facts about the past was so interesting and informative. Mr. Salmon emphasized the importance of the knowledge of history as he gave details about Frontier Texas and handed out free passes to the children with an invitation to come visit soon.

Miss Sue's Little Riders have continued to travel on the *Reading Express* and last week took trip a to Africa. After reading stories and folk tales about Africa, the children made an African Kente cloth to take home.

Next week at 1:00 p.m. the Little Riders will travel to the United States and learn about Independence Day and why we celebrate July 4th. The 2:00 p.m. program will be a tour to the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire



SPEAKER AT SUMMER READING PROGRAM — John Warren Butterfield a.k.a. Jeff Salmon from Frontier Texas.



SUMMER PROGRAM CRAFTS — Sue Bennett's "Little Riders" making African Kente Cloth during one of many programs.

Department, an annual favorite with us! of the children. Come ride the *Reading Express*

Submitted by Linda Burns, Librarian

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Farm Safety Day set for June 29th

A Progressive Agriculture Safety Day for children ages 9 to 15 is being planned for Tuesday, June 29th at the Taylor County Expo Center from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The event is being conducted by Texas AgriLife Extension in Callahan, Coleman, Fisher, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford and Taylor Counties in conjunction with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation. According to Luther Dunlap, coordinator for the event, children often see farm and livestock operations as exciting playgrounds - providing endless hours of fun and adventure. But these facilities and the livestock and equipment on them also can set the stage for tragedy.

Each year, many children are killed or injured on America's farms and ranches. According to Dunlap, "This summer, safety days such as the one being hosted by Texas AgriLife Extension and the Progressive Agriculture Foundation, are being held in many locations across the U.S., Canada, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa to teach rural children how to prevent injuries and reduce the risk of

farm incidents." During the safety days, children participate in interactive activities that reinforce the importance of taking responsibility for their own safety, respecting parents' safety rules and sharing safety tips with their family and friends. Hands-on demonstrations teach participants lifesaving first aid techniques and reveal the hidden hazards of farm surroundings. Demonstrations focus on farm hazards, associated with electrical safety, rattlesnake safety, weather safety, ATV safety, fire safety, dog and animal safety, drug awareness, bee awareness and passenger safety.

International, state/provincial, and local sponsors of the safety days hope participants will maintain a healthy respect for farm hazards throughout their lives, and that, ultimately, the number of deaths and injuries among rural children will decline. Progressive Agriculture Safety Days are sponsored by Bunge, Agrium, Toyota, The Farm Credit System Foundation, Inc., John

Deere, Monsanto, and Pioneer.

The safety day program allows community leaders to structure a safety day that covers basic farm safety issues and first aid, as well as addressing specific local needs. Local farmers, manufacturers, and merchants donate their time and equipment to ensure that each safety day is a fun and valuable learning experience.

Parents can register their children to participate in the safety day by calling the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor County at 325-672-6048. Registrations must be received by June 14th. A \$5 registration fee for the event covers lunch, snacks, a take-home bag, and a safety day T-shirt.

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Segers wed on Horseback

Barbara (Babs) Wals and Ben Segers from Plombieres, Belgium, were married on horseback at 7:00 P.M. Thursday evening, June 17th at the ranch home of Tom and Jan Merryman, of Baird, Texas.

The groom is a horse trainer in Belgium, who spent two years in Tolar, Texas, thirteen years ago, working for trainer Earnest Wilson.

The bride is employed by Medtronic, an international medical supply company based in the Netherlands.

The wedding ceremony was performed by cutting horse trainer Tom Merryman. The bride's matron of honor was Phyllis Graham of Clyde, and Phyllis's

husband Mark Graham, served as the best man.

After saying their vows, the new Mr. and Mrs. Segers cut the horseshoe-shaped wedding cake baked by Karen Adams of Cross Plains and served by Jan Waggoner of Baird.

The wedding party and guests then enjoyed a Texas style barbecue and an evening of good fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. Segers wish to thank all of the wonderful people in this area who made them feel at home and shared in this "once-in-a-lifetime experience."

The couple returned to Belgium on June 21st but plan to return to Cross Plains, again next year to visit their Texas friends.

Freebies available from the Sheriff's Office

The Callahan County Sheriff's Office would like to let you, the public, know about some free information and fingerprint kits that are available through the Sheriff's office.

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We also have several booklets on safety, making wise choices, 911, what to do if a stranger approaches them, and several other topics. There are puzzle and coloring books and are also free for pickup or mailing out.

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