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Down Home

"FOOD -- A Favorite Subject"

By VANDA ANDERSON CREECH
Editor

Well, Monday, finally came! Every week I say I am going to start a diet on Monday. Surprise, surprise -- last Monday I got with the program. Since I can't eat what I really want, I'll just write about food! Sounds like a good idea, but not very filling.

You can't drink the water where I live, so cooking became a real experience at first. It was hard to remember not to use the water straight from the faucet, but just one little sip will remind you. The potatoes I boiled in the wrong water were interesting, too.

You need to put vinegar in the rinse cycle of the dishwasher or your glasses look cloudy, due to the excess lime. I had been collecting vinegar bottles to haul drinking water and one night I accidentally used vinegar to make tea. This tasted terrible and what a shock to the taste buds.

Most of the time I have had good luck cooking roasts, pork chops, etc. in baking bags so I decided to bake a hen. First of all I didn't read the instructions, thinking I had this down pat. I forgot to put the 2 TBS of flour in the bag and shake. Have you ever tried to shake flour and a big hen in a plastic bag? It would have been too easy to take the hen out first!

I cooked this hen for what seemed forever, but it was finally ready by the time church was over. It looked great -- all brown on the outside, but the inside was pretty dry. I guess a hole came in the bottom of the bag and the juice ran out in the pan rather than staying inside to make the chicken tender and juicy. At least it didn't explode like the turkey on the movie Christmas Vacation!

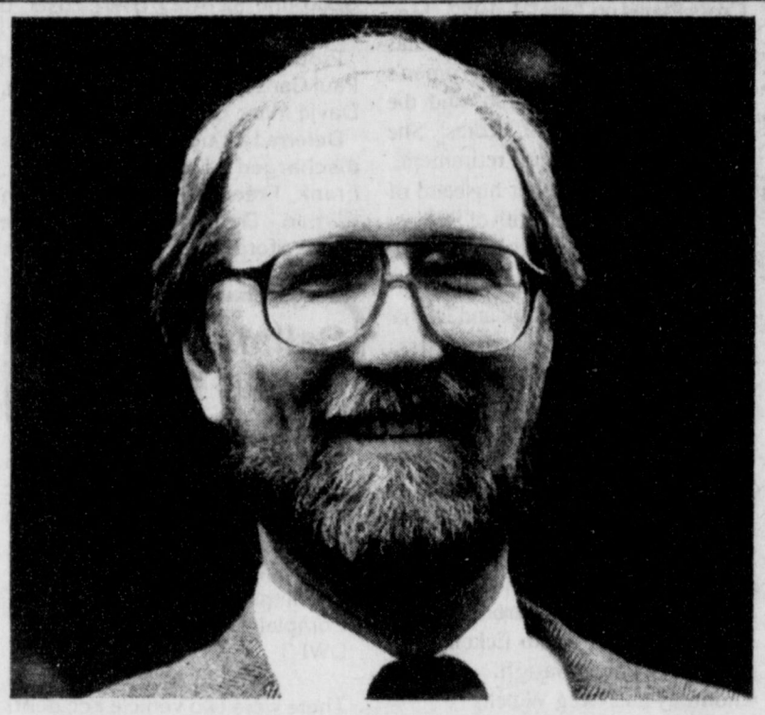
You would think anybody could make popcorn in the microwave. I have a difficult time in that the corn burns and even the bag has caught on fire. Flames in the microwave are a frequent occurrence at my house. My smoke alarm is a well used item.

You might be scared to come over for a meal after repenting of boo boos, but my son-in-law, Chris, really made my day when he requested my green chili enchiladas one weekend. Maybe he thought he would be safe with this particular dish -- I don't recall any disasters with it! This past weekend he asked for waffles -- now that is something I can do!

Ophelia's BBQ House To Open Friday

Ophelia's BBQ House, formerly Barr's BBQ in Pioneer, will be opening at 4:00 p.m. Friday, June 4.

Ophelia and her family would like to invite you to her opening night and enjoy some home style cooking at its best.



RUSSELL (RUSTY) BURKE

Rusty Burke Speaking At Howard Day Dinner Friday, June 11

Russell (Rusty) Burke of Silver Spring, Maryland, a writer and one of the most valuable Robert E. Howard resource people in the nation, is a research associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Johnson O'Conner Research Foundation, Inc., a private non-profit aptitude testing organization.

Mr. Burke, a former president of Robert E. Howard United Press Association made his first trip to Cross Plains in 1986 and helped organize the first gathering of Howard fans. He recently stated that with his frequent trips to Cross Plains he had come to think of it as a second home.

Mr. Burke will be speaking at the Howard Days' dinner at the Cross Plains Community Center on Friday evening, June 11, using a phrase from Novalyne Price Ellis, "The Man Behind The Myth."

Tickets for this event are available for $10 each and may be purchased at Greenwood Insurance or Citizens State Bank. If this is not convenient you may call Margaret McNeel at 254-725-6100 days or 254-725-6498 evenings.

This event is partially sponsored by funds provided by the Austin Writer's League and The Texas Commission On The Arts.

Robert E. Howard Days To Be Held Friday & Saturday, June 11 & 12

Cross Plains will remember fantasy writer, Robert E. Howard, on Friday and Saturday, June 11 and 12. Two big days of activities are planned.

Both the Howard House and Public Library downtown will be open on Friday and Saturday with continuous activities. A schedule of events will be available at either place on Friday morning. A dinner is planned on Friday evening at the Community Center. A special postal cancellation will be available on Saturday morning at the Post Office.

A large number of Howard enthusiasts and scholars from all over the nation are expected to gather. Local citizens, who actually knew him, will be on hand during the weekend anxious to share remembrances and Howard fans will be sharing with each other. Howard, creator of Conan, The Barbarian, made his home in Cross Plains from 1919 until his death in 1936. His home on West Highway 36, which is owned and maintained by Project Pride, served as both his home and office during that time. Most of his writings were done there.

Project Pride invites you to make plans now to be a part of this annual event.

Cross Plains Clean and Proud Requesting City To Uphold Ordinance #97-001

There were 32 present at the Cross Plains Clean and Proud meeting at the Community Center on Monday night, May 24, to view a video of "Our Clean Town." It was a video that was taken of random places within the city limits of Cross Plains, mainly vacant, run-down houses and lots that need to be cleaned up for the sake of health, safety and sightliness.

A city ordinance (#97-001) is in place, designed to "protect the life, health and general welfare of the citizens of Cross Plains," with "rules and regulations pertaining to certain conditions being considered a nuisance." One purpose of the meeting was to encourage citizens to let the city council know their desires that this ordinance be enforced.

There are sheets for sign-up at some locations in the city for those who care to express this message to the council. It reads: "We the undersigned residents of the Cross Plains Community urgently request the Cross Plains City Council to devise an effective means to enforce Ordinance #97-001, then follow up on the enforcement of it." There is also a copy of this ordinance at each location.

This is not a petition, simply a message of our concern and an encouragement for the ordinance to be enforced. The sheets will be presented at the council's regular meeting on July 6, 1999.

Public Meeting Scheduled For June 7

June 7, 1999, at 5:00 p.m. the Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation is holding a public meeting to discuss the possibility of making a loan to a prospective business. The public is invited to attend.

CP Submitted for Rural Impact Award

The Texas Rural Development Council has selected Cross Plains as one of three Texas communities that will be submitted for a Rural Impact Award. The National Rural Development Partnership presents approximately four of these awards every six months and the competition is nationwide. It is a great honor and tribute to all the citizens of Cross Plains that we have been selected from the entire state.

The recent newspaper article, which was published in the *Cross Plains Review* and written by Vanda Anderson-Creech, Editor, describing the town meeting and local progress was submitted as documentation of the important work being done in Cross Plains. An accompanying success story emphasized the fact that the citizens and leadership of Cross Plains are working together to accomplish the goals set during last years Community Assessment and Strategic Planning Sessions.

Adopt a Flower Bed

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an "Adopt a Flower Bed" program. The new downtown sidewalks and landscaping have improved the looks of our streets. However, the landscaping must be maintained to keep things looking good. You and your family can adopt a flower bed and help in this effort.

Very simply, those who adopt will be expected to keep the weeds and trash out of your adopted bed. The city will periodically water each bed. If you want to assist in this project, please stop by the Chamber Office to adopt your specific flower bed. The Chamber Office is located at 209 North Main Street.

Stenholm Announced Farmers Hit By Natural Disaster Will Begin Receiving Federal Assistance

WASHINGTON,D.C.—Congressman Charlie Stenholm today announced that on June 1, the 266,000 farmers hit by natural disasters will begin receiving nearly $2 billion in federal assistance to help cover the cost of lost crops.

"Although it has taken some time for the disaster relief to get to our farmers, USDA and especially local Farm Service Agency employees should be commended for their hard work and persistence in making it possible for the checks to be delivered two weeks ahead of the scheduled June 16 target date," said Stenholm.

Eligible farmers will be paid 84.9 percent of qualifying single-year losses or multi-year losses. For farmers who are eligible under the 1998 or multi-year programs, USDA will make payment to the applicant at the higher of the two levels.

Additionally, USDA is preparing to issue $200 million in dairy assistance payments in June.

Attention Chamber of Commerce Members

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be putting together hand-out bags for the Robert E. Howard Day. If any member would like a new flyer or advertisement to go in these bags, please drop them off at the Chamber of Commerce office by June 4.

Cross Plains ISD has 14th lowest maintenance and operations taxes in state of Texas

In a recent report published in the "Statement", a magazine published by Carole Keeton Rylander, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Cross Plains ISD has the 14th lowest maintenance and operations taxes in the state of Texas. There are 1,035 school districts in the state and Cross Plains ISD's maintenance and operation tax of 1.0110 ranks 14th. The report noted Cross Plains ISD's total tax (M-O and I-S) of 1.1488 ranks 34th lowest in the state.

The adopted 1998-99 I.S.D. tax rates ranged from a low of $.82 per $100 of value in Glen Rose I.S.D. in Somervell County to a high of $1.97 in Dripping Springs I.S.D. in Hays County. The 1998-99 average statewide tax rate was 1.451 per $100 of value.

Property tax rates may consist of two parts: a maintenance and operations (M-O) rate and an interest and sinking fund (I-S) rate. The M-O rate covers general operating costs. The I-S rate, which is usually called the "debt" rate, is used to repay a district's debt. The state's 1998-99 average M-O rate for I.S.D.'s was 1.2965, while I.S.D.'s debt rate averaged $0.1541.

Once again, Cross Plains I.S.D.'s M-O tax rate was 1.0110, while their I-S tax rate was $0.1378.

Deceased Military Veterans Received Overdue Service Medals

By SONNY BOHANAN
Amarillo Globe-News

The following deceased military veterans received overdue service medals Friday in a ceremony at the Amarillo office of US Rep. Mac Thornberry:

William Kuykendall of Amarillo a World War I Veteran who received a Purple Heart. Kuykendall served in World War I with the 142nd Infantry Regiment, 36th Division, and was wounded in Champagne, France, on October 18, 1918. He died April 11, 1984.

Truman Nance of Amarillo served in central Europe during World War II from September 1942 to September 1945. Nance received the Good Conduct medal, American Campaign medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign medal with two Bronze Stars, WWII Victory Medal, Honorable Service Lapel Button-WWII, and a Sharpshooter Badge with Carbine Bar. Nance died in February 1997.

Howard McGowen of Brownwood served in the Rhineland campaign and the central European campaign during World War II from February 1943 to December 1945. McGowen received the Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, WWII Victory Medal, Honorable Service Lapel Button-WWII, and a Sharpshooter Badge with a Carbine Bar. McGowen died October 13, 1994.

Truman Keith Nance had one thing on his mind after returning from World War II and it wasn't service medals.

Nance was so anxious to see his family that he didn't wait to collect the medals he had earned during three years of fighting in central Europe, his widow and daughter said Friday.

See MEDALS page 8

Census Workers Checking Callahan Co. Addresses For Mailing of Questionnaire

Though Census 2000 is still ten months away, teams of temporary Census Bureau workers already are hitting the streets in Callahan County. They are going down county roads and city streets to verify the Census Bureau's list of household addresses. The operation will ensure the completeness and accuracy of the address list used by the Census Bureau for Census 2000.

"A major key to a successful census is identifying all the places people live," explains Alfonso Mirabal, Regional Director for the Census Bureau's Dallas Region. "If our list of addresses is wrong, then some people won't receive the census form next March."

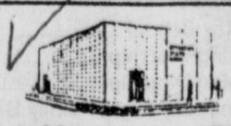
The Census Bureau's address list is confidential by law, and census workers must adhere to strict regulations for protecting the information. Additionally, the address list cannot be provided to marketers or others for direct mail campaigns.

"Ultimately, the value of this work benefits the people of Callahan County," points out Census spokesman Frank Newton. "With accurate census figures, county officials can make more accurate plans for roads, schools, and other services the county needs."

Census address listers can be identified by their red, white and blue badges, which read "Census Enumerator." The badges, which should be displayed prominently, contain the census worker's name and the seal of the United States Department of Commerce-Bureau of the Census.

If anyone has questions about this census field work, they are welcome to contact the census field office in Fort Worth at (817) 978-0600 or the Regional Census Center in Dallas at (214) 655-3000.

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Vacation Bible School at Nimrod Baptist Set for June 7-9

Nimrod Baptist Church will have three days of Vacation Bible School beginning June 7,8 and 9th. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. and close at 8:30 p.m.

The theme this year will be Mt. Extreme; The Ultimate Good News Challenge, Climbing to New Heights with Jesus.

Weather permitting, there will be some outdoor activities to help reach the top of the mountain.

They welcome those youngsters who would like to have some fun and learn more about Jesus. Parents are also invited to come and visit; watch, or if they wish, may help in the activities.

God Bless You!

Union Center Baptist Church To Have Special Service

Union Center Baptist Church will be celebrating a Constitution Service at 2 p.m. June 13.

Everyone is invited to come and join them at this time.

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Colonial Oaks Services

First Baptist Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, June 6, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Project Pride Meets Tuesday, June 8

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly business meeting on Tuesday, June 8, at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.

The public is invited to attend.

Selected Scriptures

My eyes fail from searching your word, saying, "When will you comfort me?" Psalms 119:82
If you love me, keep my comandments, and I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever--the Spirit of Truth. St. John 14:15-17a

OBITUARIES

Mary Lee Gary

Mary Lee Gary, 87, of Cisco, died Monday, May 31, 1999, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, 1999, at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Bob Pipes and Steve King officiating. Burial was in Admiral Cemetery directed by Higgingbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Mrs. Gary was born April 9, 1912, in Callahan County. She married Loyd Benton Gary in Baird on October 23, 1927. She was a housewife and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Cisco for 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Loyd, February 26, 1980.

Survivors include five sons, Bill Gary of Cisco, A.B. and J.L. Gary both of Farmington, New Mexico, D.A. Gary of Cross Plains, and Tommy Gary of Farrah, Oklahoma; four daughters, Raynell Duncan and Joyce Marton both of Cottonwood, Virginia Stocker of Bedford and Jo Ann Gray of Cisco; 8 sisters, Lavada Brown, Louise Tace, Johnnie Mills, Rosie West, Nita Wimberley, Thelma Mae Terry, Martha Hurley and Katherine Bruton; 30 grandchildren, 72 great-grandchildren, 46 great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Lewis Cavage, Larry Duncan, Chris Duncan, Fred St. Peter and Mike Smith.

Mary Ruth Gray Smith

Funeral services for Mary Ruth Smith, 71, of Bedias was held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Bedias Baptist Church. The Rev. Jerald Brown, pastor, officiated.

Interment followed at 3 p.m. in Memorial Oaks Cemetery in Houston under the direction of Southern Heritage Funeral Home, Bedias.

Mrs. Smith died Monday, May 3, 1999, in Huntsville. She was born in Cross Plains on June 21, 1927. Mrs. Smith was a member of the Bedias Baptist Church, Bedias Women's Club, Bedias Civic Club, and the Dizzie Dozen Club of Bedias. She worked as a nurse until retirement.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, Raymond Smith of Bedias; two sons and daughters-in-law, Lonnie Ray and Steveann Smith of Deer Park, Rodney Mark and Diana Smith of Carrollton; two daughters, Carolyn Cherry of Pasadena and Brenda Smith of Bedias; brother and sister-in-law, Hobson and Joyce Gray of Bedias; sister and brother-in-law, Corin and Wilbern Jones of Port Arthur; along with nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Aaron Smith, Matthew Smith, Heath Eckenrode, Maxcy Bedenbaugh, Mike Chormley and Greg Welch.

If you have any information pertaining to the Gray family, please contact Joe Howser (254) 725-7351.

Callahan County Sheriff's Posse 12th Annual Ranch Rodeo

The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse will host their 12th Annual Ranch Rodeo, Saturday, June 12, beginning at 6pm, at the Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Arena in Baird.

The events scheduled for this year's Ranch Rodeo are things the "Old Time" Cowboys did in days gone by on a working cattle ranch.

Fifty local cowboys, working in ten, five men teams will perform: Team Penning, Team Branding, Team Mugging, Team Roping and everybody's favorite, the Wild Cow Milking!

Local businesses sponsor these teams, and each team, developed through the"luck of the draw" bears it's sponsor's name.

The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse 1999 Ranch Rodeo Team Sponsors are as follows.

1. METAL MART of Cyde.
2. THRIFTY'S FOOD MART of Clyde.
3. 1ST NATIONAL BANK OF BAIRD, CLYDE & ABILENE.
4. WICHITA FALLS PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSN.
5. HANNER CHEVROLET - PONTIAC-GMC of Baird. "LIKE A ROCK!"
6. CLYDE FARM AND RANCH SUPPLY of Clyde.
7. PARKER FUNERAL HOME. of Baird.
8. THE PEOPLE'S STATE BANK. of Clyde.
9. CALLAHAN COUNTY VETERINARY CLINIC
10. UNION HILL STEAKHOUSE between Clyde and Baird.

Not sponsoring a team, but none the less important sponsors of the rodeo are Nelson Farm & Ranch Properties,(Butch Nelson, Scotty Goldsmith, Barry McCullar, Repps Guitar, Charles Cannon, Sonny Collins, Felix Manion, Randy Riley, & Don Harris.) Nelson Farm & Ranch Properties & Luskey's Western Wear provide the trophy beltbuckles for our 1st place contestants and Abilene Livestock Auction of Abilene provides the cows for the wild cow milking.

For the young Cowboys and Cowgirls, five and under, there will be a "Boot Race", there will bea second "boot race" for children ages six to eight years of age and for the nine through twelve year olds, a "Goat Race"! Each of these events will offer money prizes for the first and second place runners back across the finish line!

For a full night of "Old West" family style fun, bring the entire family and come on out Saturday, June 12, at 6pm, to the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse's 12th Annual Ranch Rodeo.

Adult tickets are three dollars, children can enter for one dollar!

This year, beginnig at 9pm there will be a "Rodeo Dance" across the highway from the rodeo arena in the "Dance Pavillion."

Playing for your dancing and listening enjoyment will be the Jim Sadler Band with Philip Mendez. Admission to the dance will be $6.00 each or $10.00 per couple.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Scranton Homecoming Musical

The annual Scranton Homecoming Musical will be held Saturday, June 5 at the Scranton Community Center. A very large crowd is expected. Musicians have begun to sign up. All musicians are invited to play and may call 915-692-2057 to reserve a time.

The kitchen will begin serving at 5:30 p.m. A full bar-b-que dinner will be available for $6.00. This is the only fund-raiser for the year; your support is appreciated.

Many folks are helping to prepare for the musical and homecoming.

The dinner will be your choice of brisket or chicken, both will have a piece of sausage included, potato salad, cabbage slaw, pinto beans, French bread and your choice of drink. There will also be sandwiches and homemade pie available.

The homecoming is held on Sunday, June 6. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m., the business meeting at 10:30 and the entertainment and speaker at 11:00 a.m. A covered dish luncheon is at 12 p.m. On Sunday bring meats, vegetables, salads or desserts to share.

Texarkana College Coach To Hold Softball Clinic In Cisco June 6

Rob Baker head coach for Texarkana College softball program, will be holding a softball clinic June 6 at the Cisco Ball Park.

This clinic is open to surrounding area towns. The clinic will have fielding, base runnine, batting, and pitching. This will be an all day clinic, beginning at 9 a.m.

The fee for participants in this clinic will be $25. It is advised to pre-register as this clinic will fill up fast.

For information on this clinic, contact Beatrice Ingram 442-2471; 442-4620 (work) or Judy Posey 4442-4594.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

County Court
Roger Corn presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Christopher L. Espitia, DWI.
Lance K. Vickers, theft of property by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Miles Philley, Jr., resisting arrest, $200 fine $214.25 court costs, 6 months probation.

Probations discharged: William Paul Ganzer, Ginger Lynn Dodson, David Mark Gonzales.

Deferred adjudication probations discharged: Kenneth Childers, Frank Freeman, Gregory Brian Gilman, Dennis Miller, Melanie Shackelford, Victoria Martin Tigert.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Heather Marie Stephenson & Joshua Lee Brewer of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks presiding

Civil Filings

Divorces filed:
Sims, Susie Lynn & Charles Alan.
Anes, Joy & David Joe.
McHugh, Kathryn J. & Roy T.
Lewallen, Judy Elizabeth & Rodney Stephen.

Civil Minutes

Divorces granted:
Gray, J. W. & Judy Gail.
Elver, Brookie Wanda & George F.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from May 23, 1999 through May 29, 1999 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings-51
Complaints-89
DWI-3

Vehicle Accidents
There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

DPS Has Openings For Trooper Trainees

The Texas Department of Public Safety is inviting qualified men and women to apply for a new career as a state trooper. The application deadline is June 25 for a six-month-long recruit school that begins in September. Please call your local DPS office for more information on how you can make a difference. Women and minorities are urged to apply.

Angelo State University names Dean's List

Malyssa A. Sowell of Cross Plains, a student attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, is listed on the Dean's List for the Spring semester at the University.

Ms. Sowell, is a Kinesiology major at ASU.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Putnam Musical Friday, June 4

Putnam country and western musical will be held at the Old School House on Friday, June 4 at 6:00. The concession stand opens at 5:30. No charge. Carl Whitely is the emcee.

Eastland Co. 4-H Playday Date Changed

The June Eastland County 4-H Horse Program Playday has been changed to June 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cisco Junior College arena located on Highway 6 between Cisco and Eastland.

A CURRENT NEGATIVE COGGINS TEST WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE ENTRIES ARE ACCEPTED.

Ribbons will be awarded to all participants for each event and high point awards will be presented for each playday. There will be end-of-the-year high point awards and participation awards for all riders who ride in 5 out of 7 playdays.

Each event will be $2.00. Stakes, Cloverleaf Barrels, Poles, Flags, and an alternating event will be run at each playday.

There are twelve age groups (divided into boys and girls): lead-line, 0 to 6 years, 7 to 10 years, 11 to 14 years, 15 to 19 years and adult. Ages are determined as of January 1.

The Red Gap 4-H Club will host a concession stand.

For more information call 254-442-4081 or 254-629-1873.

CHURCH SERVICES

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10TH & MAIN CROSS PLAINS (254) 725-7629
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.
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Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Family Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.
Bob Wallace, Pastor (254) 725-6607

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Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m
Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time ..... 7:00 p.m.
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ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUR-CITY PARISH
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m. St. Francis (English) 806 S. Halbryan Eastland, Texas
Sunday Mass:
8:30 a.m. Holy Rosary ..... F St. at 12th ..... Cisco, Texas
10:00 a.m. St. Rita (Rectory) ..... 1109 Blackwell Rd. ..... Ranger, Texas
10:00 a.m.* St. Francis (Spanish) ..... 806 S. Halbryan ..... Eastland, Texas
11:30 a.m. St. John ..... Hickory Street ..... Strawn, Texas
Pastor: Fr. Vincent B. Inametti (254) 647-3167
* Deacon Jesus Ruiz (254) 653-2536

PRE-TEEN CAMP DOG & CAR WASH
The Pre-Teen Camp Dog & Car Wash will be held in the First Baptist Church parking lot Saturday, June 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Where else can you get you car & your dog washed while helping to support our kids? Don't miss this unique opportunity.

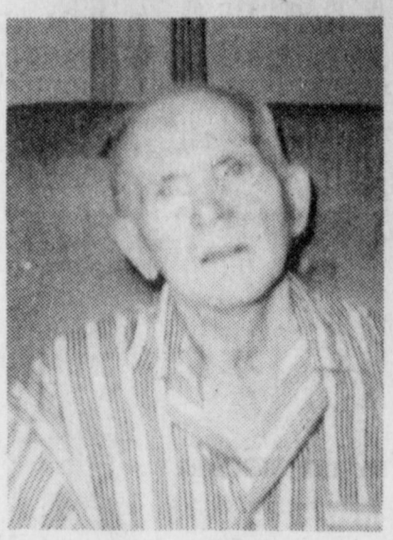
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Worship 10:45 a.m.
Dr. Richard Chaffin, Pastor
Sunday Sermon
"Meals Included"

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By
LINDA MERRITT
Activity Director



JESSE HARRIS
...June Resident of the Month

Jesse Harris is our chosen resident for this month. He was born on May 28, 1912. He is 86 years old. Jesse has four children, three sons and one daughter. He enjoys the outdoors, gospel music, watching TV and visiting with his wife Lorene. His religious affiliation is Primitive Baptist. Congratulations Jesse.

This week we are celebrating National Nursing Assistant's Week. All our nurses aides were recognized by Mark Slaughter, Administrator for their dedication and for the comfort and care they give each resident. Each aide received a manicure kit in appreciation.

The employees and residents here at Colonial Oaks are sending out a special message to our Cross Plains Buffaloes. We're all wishing you the best of luck - Your looking good - Onward to regional - State Bound - Go Buffs!

Minnie Swann was our winner for a free meal from Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Appreciation to Ruby Cassle for the donuts and to Betty Beggs for the magazines.

Rosie and John Einspanjer from Ft. Madison, Iowa visited with Minnie Swann.

Norman McCoy from Weatherford, Shelli, Kory and Kendal Hartman from Bakersfield, Joyce and Wimpy McCoy visited with Hazel McCoy.

Michelle Rudloff from Arlington, Lurene McNutt, Charlou Cowan and Minnie Cunningham visited with Louise Richardson.

Tom Dodds from Houston, Star Recker from Arlington and Joe Dodds visited with Howet Wilson.

Troy Sawyer from Brownwood, Joe and Kathy Nelson from Rising Star visited with Pauline Region and Ralph Lee.

Activities during the week were:

Monday: Bingo winners were Minnie Swann (4), Louise Richardson, Alpha Wilson, Howet Wilson (2), Ruby Harrell and Vera Belyeu. Exercise class. Skip-Bo games.

Tuesday: Art class. Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace.

Wednesday: Bingo winners were Alpha Wilson (2), Howet Wilson (2), Minnie Swann, Vera Belyeu (2) and Ruby Harrell. Popcorn and dominoes.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Hazel McCoy (2), Vera Belyeu (2), Alpha Wilson, Falba Shofner (2), Howet Wilson and Louise Richardson. Ball toss and Skip-Bo games.

Friday: Singing with Bob Wallace. Sit-down-basketball and dominoes.

Sunday: First Baptist Church

Don't hurry, don't worry, and don't forget to smell the flowers.

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE?"

Sometimes there is and sometimes there's not!!

It depends...on lots of different things. Like--where you are, what you're doing and maybe, just maybe, what you're feeling and also what you're thinking!

I suppose, at one time or another most of us have been inside the house, heard a noise or noises outside and called out, "Is there anyone out there?" The only time I ever got an answer back; was when we were living in Lubbock.

I was in my room and I heard a noise come through the window. In response to my question, a male voice answered, "yes ma'am it's the meter man and I'm trying to read your meter." I guess he thought he was about to get shot or something 'cause he went into this rather stumbling explanation about how the tree had grown over the meter. I knew this to be true, however, so I just said on, OK.

The episode must've made an impression on him. He was rather young and for the next 3 or 4 months whenever he came to our house he always knocked at the front door and told me he was there to read the meter. After that my husband finally pruned the branches of the tree -- way down.

I'm sure that in his minds eye that meter reader envisioned me as a rather plump Granny Clampitt figure, standing by the window the rifle cocked and ready to fire A N D with a mean scowl on my hillbilly face.

It's really rather nice to know (in times of troubles and tribulations) that there are others there for you when needed.

That's another thing I really like about Cross Plains. There is someone out there and THEY CARE!!

...At least I've found that to be so...

Woody Retreat Recently Held

There were only 28 people there, but from the noise and fun, you would have thought it was 128. We had food galore, boating, jet skiing, fishing, story telling and a fun filled auction of everything from an air compressor hose to a hand-made gum ball machine.

The retreat was held at Lake Leon again this year. Many of our family could not make it this year because of things like illnesses, graduations, and last minute company. Due to Gene Wilcoxen's leukemia keeping him so weak, Gene and Nelda were visited in their home by two of their children, Marvin and Rhonda and by Buster Woody and Junior Bowers over the weekend. Larry and Sheila Keeney and their family were attending their youngest son's high school graduation. Bruce and Minnie Woody were unable to make it due to their health problems and because one of their sons, Donald, broke his ankle. Therefore he and his family didn't make it. Pete and Marilyn Barbar were kept away by a visit from one of his sisters from out-of-state.

Attending were: Tom and Robbie Fillingham; Junior and Cherry June Bowers; Buster and Elaine Woody; Dorothy Woody; Chuck and Elva May Woody; Marvin Wilcoxen; John, Kathy, Cody and Courtney Gonzales; Desiree Rivera; Rhonda Crawford; Thaila Robertson; Carrie Fritz; Kandle Clark; Jimmy and T.J. Jackson; David and Mandy Fritz; Karen and Kimberly Loveland; Minnie L. Woody; and Dick and Menville Dillard.

The Woody Family Reunion will be held on July 10th and 11th at the Cottonwood School House.

PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Oliver and Frankie traveled to Brownwood to see Mr. and Mrs. Leland Martin. They attended the Thursday night musical at Rising Star. Saturday Oliver, Frankie and Jean traveled to Ranger and visited with Frankie's aunt, Ruby Ainsworth, and Frankie's sister, Dorthy Rogers. Then they attended the Echo musical Saturday night.

Cowan and Laverne Hutton attended Bible study and worship service Sunday morning at Baird and ate lunch in Baird. They traveled on to Clyde and visited Laverne's sister, Betty Haslam, then attended her brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Nelda Dean's 50th wedding anniversary celebration at Clyde. Other Hutton's present were Lynn and Pam, Danny and Trisha and Anthony and J.D. and Sandy.

James and Jean Alexander spent a couple days in Richardson visiting Jim and Marla Alexander and family. While there, they attended the graduation exercises of their grandson, Jack. Jack graduated from Berkner High School. He received the "Jimmy Myers" scholarship. He was one of the "Student Leaders" in the high school. He was voted the "Outstanding Football Player of the Year" and was treasurer of the Student Council. He plans to attend ACU in the fall. James and Jean also attended Ashley's piano recital. She played the piece called "Let's Waltz" by Gillock. They also enjoyed being with Doss and Will.

Skip Jones of Big Spring spent a couple days with his parents, D.P. and May Jones.

The quilting club has been working hard on Laverne's "Fan" quilt and Cody's "Nine Patch and Snowball" quilt. May Jones' "Barn Door" quilt was put in the frame. June will be the last month before a little vacation.

The domino group will meet on the 3rd of June. Come on out for some fun and food.

Something is stirring around old Pioneer town these days. The Merrill's are working hard, getting ready to open "Reggies" Bar-b-que place.

Words of Wisdom #81: We miss the really great joys of life scrambling for bargain-counter happiness. Ray L. Smith

Joe Howser attended Liberty H.S. graduation services

Joe Howser attended the Liberty High School graduation where Hollie Ann Howser was a graduate. Hollie is the daughter of Wayne and Stephanie Howser, granddaughter of Leota Long Howser and the late Jack Howser, and great-granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Long and Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Howser.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JUNE 7 - JUNE 11

MONDAY—Chicken fried steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, strawberry short cake, roll and milk.
TUESDAY—Ham, black-eyed peas, cabbage, peach crisp, cornbread and milk.
WEDNESDAY—Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, green beans, baked apples, garlic bread and milk.
THURSDAY—Chef salad, ham, cheese, bacon bits, baked potato, pineapple, crackers and milk.
FRIDAY—Pork chops w/gravy, augratin potatoes, broccoli, chocolate cake, roll and milk.

OFFICE SUPPLIES
AT THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

Federal Funds Available For Housing In Rural Areas

Temple, Texas, May 25, 1999—Steven A. Carriker, State Director for Texas USDA Rural Development announced today that federal funds are available for direct and guaranteed rural housing loans.

"We are happy to report that USDA Rural Development has had a banner year in funding housing for rural Texans," said Carriker. "Since the fiscal year began last October we have provided funding for 1,648 rural Texans to own or repair their home. Although available loan funds are running low due to high demand, the Agency will continue to accept applications for both direct and guaranteed loans, even if funding has to wait for the next cycle. "The sooner a new borrower gets his or her application in, the sooner they can be in their new home," Carriker said.

Loans are available depending on repayment ability and the location of the home or building site. There are several programs available to provide financing including direct and guaranteed housing loans and home repair loans and grants.

The direct loans are designed to provide low income families with financing to build, purchase, or repair homes that meet local codes and provide adequate affordable housing. Funds may also be used to modernize or repair a home already owned by an applicant.

The guaranteed loan provides moderate income applicants with market rate financing, but allows no or low down payment and avoids costly private mortgage insurance, making home ownership more affordable.

To be eligible for financing, direct or guaranteed, the home must be located in a RURAL community with less than 10,000 population, on a farm or in open country not closely associated with an urban area. Under certain conditions, loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,000 and 25,000 population.

All applicants must meet basic eligibility requirements such as being unable to obtain a loan from other conventional lending sources on terms they can afford, being without ownership of decent, safe, and sanitary housing, have sufficient income for loan repayment, taxes, insurance, living expenses and other existing debts, possess the legal capacity to incur debt, and have an acceptable credit history. There are other criteria that must be met depending on the type of program in which an applicant is interested.

Rural Development serves rural Texans through 30 local offices located throughout the state. To find the office that serves your county, please call the Single Family Housing section at (254) 742-9770.

Rural Development, as an equal opportunity lender, makes loans or grants to individuals or groups and guarantees to approved lenders without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, and handicap. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to: Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

THC Accepting Applications for Two New Texas Travel Trail Regions

AUSTIN — The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is beginning the selection process to add two new trails to the agency's already successful Texas Travel Trail Program. The THC will hold a required workshop for all interested applicants in Abilene on June 8 and in Austin on June 14 for regions interested in the program. A selection committee will choose the new regions by September 1, 1999. To register for an application workshop, contact Vince Martinez at (512) 463-5861.

The Texas Travel Trails Program, a regional heritage tourism initiative, provides training, education and technical and financial assistance to targeted regions along existing trails originally designated by the Texas Department of Transportation. In 1998, the THC introduced the Texas Forts Trail in West Central Texas as the pilot project for the new program. Already, the region has established a board of directors and a regional coordinator, and the THC has produced and distributed a brochure highlighting regional attractions.

The Texas Travel Trails Program introduces selected regions to travelers as tourism destinations for those seeking history, culture, heritage and art as a fundamental part of their vacation. For more information, contact: Mario Sanchez, Community Heritage Development Division, Texas Historical Commission, (512) 463-5754.

Callahan County Nutrition Project Putting Together Visitor Gift Bags

The Callahan County Nutrition Project will be putting together visitor gift bags to be distributed throughout the Senior Citizen Centers in our county. The purpose of these bags is to inform and educate our Senior Citizens on the organizations as well as the businesses in the area that may benefit them one day. A bag will be given to each visitor, as well as our existing participants. We want to fill the bags with helpful information.

If your organization or company would like to put "Goodies" in these bags, please contact me, Kim Baker, Project Director, Callahan Co. Courthouse Room #302 in Baird or call (915) 854-1277; fax number (915) 854-2614; or e-mail CCNP@aol.com. (Goodies-referring to pamphlets, pens, paper pads, etc.) Together we can inform our Senior Citizens with information that will affect them at some time.

Girls Scouts To Host Sports Day

The Heart of Texas Girls Scout Council would like to invite all girls between the ages of 6 and 12 to a sports day on Saturday, June 26, 1999. The event will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Girl Scout office at the corner of Avenue D and First Street in Brownwood. The morning activities will cost $5 which will include a sports bag, a patch, an award and more.

The event will be offered to all girls (whether or not they are Girl Scouts) in Brady, Coleman, Comanche, Cross Plains, Goldthwaite and Brown County. There will be at least three different sports-related activities for girls to try and enjoy. These activities are designed to allow the girls to discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together.

Girls must pre-register at the Girl Scout office by June 16. If you have questions, please contact Casey Pickett at the Girl Scout office at 800-346-3215 or 915-646-1516.

Traveling? Should You Get A Hepatitis A Shot

The Center for Disease Control recommends the vaccine for people traveling to Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and other places where Hepatits A is common. Hepatitis A is a liver disease caused by Hepatitis A virus. It is transmitted by coming in contact with food or water contaminated with fecal material. Ask your doctor if you need to be immunized.

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE GED CERTIFICATES — Dana Hogrell (front, from left) and CLC Instructor; Ben Worley (back, from left) and Jimmy Clark.

Cisco Learning Center Graduation Exercises Recently Held - 3 CP Citizens Graduate

The Cisco Learning Center held graduation exercises May 7th, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. at the CLC. Students from the Cisco Independent School District and the Cross Plains Independent School District participated in the ceremony.

The CLC is currently serving students from the Cross Plains, Ranger and the Cisco school districts. There were over 70 people in attendance at the ceremony, which made this the largest graduation exercise the CLC has ever had.

Eight students received either their high school diploma or GED certificate. The CLC has had thirteen students complete all high school or all GED requirements for the 1998-1999 school year. During the past six years in which the Cisco Learning Center has been operational, 52 high school students have completed either their diploma or GED requirements.

The Cisco ISD and Cross Plains ISD is very proud of these students. A self-paced curriculum is very demanding and requires a lot of determination on the part of the student. Students who received their certificates are:

CISCO

Diploma Program -- Kayci Cunningham, Joshua Franklin Walls, Lora Ann Langrill Paxton and Tim Wheat

GED Certificate -- Brandon Olsen

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GED Certificate -- David Benjamin Worley, Dana James Hogrell and Jimmy Ray Clark.

The school districts would like to wish each of these students the very best as they enter another stage of their lives.

10th Annual Club Lamb and Meat Goat Sale Saturday, June 12

According to event co-chairman Charlie Palmer, the 10th annual Club Lamb/Meat Goat Sale has already received a number of pledges of outstanding club lambs and meat goats from throughout Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 7:30 p.m. at the Wylie FFA Showbarn, Abilene, Texas. Revenues from the sale go directly into treatment services at the Rehab Center. Over 17,000 persons received care at the Rehab Center last year.

Other event chairmen are John Helmer of Merkel, Gaines Price of Roscoe, and Wade Stephens of Cross Plains. Meat goat chairman is Jennifer Morris from Colorado City.

Lambs and goats are donated for young people to raise as show animals. Only lambs and goats bought at the sale will be eligible for the Rehab Jackpot Show, December 11 at the Dorthea Griffin Arena at Taylor County Expo Center.

The co-chairmen invite you to come out for beans and cornbread at the chuck wagon before the sale. For additional information, contact Danny Isbell at the Rehab Center in Abilene at 915-783-3509 or Dee Lackey at the Rehab Center in San Angelo at 915-223-6311.

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CPISD SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

May 20, 1999

The Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Leon Nixon, Rickey Carey, Donnie Dillard, Scott Childress, Charles Chesshir, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tennison, High School Principal Rondall Sanders, Elementary Principal Margie Sowell and guest Cord Woerner.

Prayer was led by Tony Wyatt.

Minutes were approved as read.

The Board of CPISD was organized for 1999/2000. Donnie Dillard was nominated for President by Rickey Carey, seconded by Tony Wyatt. Elected by acclamation 6-0

Vice President Monty Richards. Nominated by Tony Wyatt and seconded by Rickey Carey. Elected by acclamation 6-0

Secretary Charles Chesshir. Nominated by Rickey Carey and seconded by Tony Wyatt. Elected by acclamation 6-0.

Assistant Secretary Rickey Carey and Tony Wyatt were nominated by each other. Rickey Carey elected 6 to 1.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Richards that we approve contract for Cam Gulley and Associates of Eastland for 1999/2000. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Richards that we approve contract with Comanche Special Services Co-op. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Wyatt that we table the insurance plan until the June meeting. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Carey that we accept Rondall Sanders resignation with regret. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Carey that we accept Mack McConal's resignation with regret. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Childress that we agree to extend a depository contract for 1 additional 2 year term to Citizens State Bank. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Nixon that we accept the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the campus plans as presented. For 7/Against 0

President Donnie Dillard declared executive session at 9:30 p.m. Out of executive session at 11:57 p.m.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Chesshir that we give auxiliary personnel a .50 per hour raise. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Nixon that we set Margie Sowell's salary at $49,000 for 1999/2000 school year. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Nixon that we set Jackie Tennison's salary at $61,000 for the 1999/2000 school year. For 6/Against 0

Motions was made by Wyatt and seconded by Nixon that we accept Robbie Fullen as Spanish teacher for 1999/2000 school year. For 4-Richards/Nixon/Wyatt/Dillard Abstain 2 - Chesshir/Childress

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Nixon that we pay bills for the month of April. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Childress that we adjourn. For 6/Against 0

Called Meeting Tonight, June 3

A called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains School District will be held on Thursday, June 3, beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school administration board room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

PERSONNEL

A. INTERVIEW SECONDARY PRINCIPAL

Amanda Goble Named National Award Winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Amanda Goble from Cross Plains has been named a United States National Award Winner in Foreign Language. This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Amanda, who attends Cross Plains I.S.D., was nominated by Mr. Garcia, the Spanish teacher. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improvement, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

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

Miss Goble is the daughter of Cherei and Lenley Goble, both of Cross Plains. The grandparents are Joyce Marton of Cottonwood and Delilah Goble of Cross Plains.

CP Student Named All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Ashley Harris from Cross Plains has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. These are awards few students can ever hope to attain.

Ashley Harris, who attends Cross Plains High School, will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

Ashley Harris, is the daughter of David and Lanitta Sturgill from Cross Plains. The grandparents are Junior Baugh from Cross Plains and Jessie and Pat Harris from Carrollton, and Rachel Caraway from Bellflower, California.

District 4-H Youth Slated For State Competition

Four hundred plus youth from 23 area counties competed in the Annual District 7 4-H Roundup May 1 at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

Roundup is a group of 45 contests designed to test the skills of 4-Hers compare their skills with those of others and to their personal past performances.

Senior winners in Saturday's (May 1) event qualify for state competition in College Station June 7-11. To qualify for state competition, individuals or teams must have placed first or second in the District Senior Division for youths 14-19 years old. Juniors (9-13 years old) don't compete past the District level.

Winners in the Junior Division were: Cody Erwin - 3rd Place in Natural Resources and Kayla Windham - 3rd Place in Share-the-Fun Poet

Winners in the Senior Division were: Ashlie Green - 4th Place in Share-the-Fun Poet and Teri Windham - 1st Place in Promote 4-H

Teri Windham, with her first place finish, qualifies for state competition in College Station.

Submitted by Robert Pritz



TRIO OF BUFFALOES BY LIZ MCCARTY

Senior leaves lasting impression on school

By TRACI EVANS

There are many talented students at Cross Plains High School. Many leave their mark on the school in some form or fashion. However, one particular student has left a lasting impression on the walls of Cross Plains High School themselves.

Elizabeth McCarty, a graduating senior, has painted two murals in the high school. The first one she painted is located in the high school office. It was painted in traditional purple and gold school colors and bears the Cross Plains emblem. The second mural is located in the boardroom and displays three running buffaloes.

Liz says that the idea to paint came about when she and Jean McWilliams were discussing how boring the walls were in the office. Mr. Sanders was approached and approved of the murals and Mrs. Atchely said the murals could be an art project.

"The first mural took six weeks to complete and the second one took a little longer," said Liz. The school provided the acrylic paints and brushes.

Jean McWilliams came up with the design in the office, taken from the gym. The mural in the boardroom was a design from Coach Atchley's T-shirt.

"It was a challenge," says Liz. "But it will help me out in the future in college."

Both pictures are featured on the school district's web page.

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OUTSTANDING AG STUDENT— Janeal Stephens of Cross Plains was awarded the "Aggie of the Month" honors for outstanding academics and leadership throughout the school year at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Top Texas Tech Agricultural Students Honored

LUBBOCK—The Student Agricultural Council of Texas Tech University recognized outstanding students and announced the distinguished teacher of the spring semester at the annual Agriculture Honors Banquet which took place recently in the University Center's Red Raider Ballroom.

The banquet, held each spring, recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves and Texas Tech during the school year. Students in each department and each discipline are recognized for their achievements. The outstanding student overall for the college also is honored.

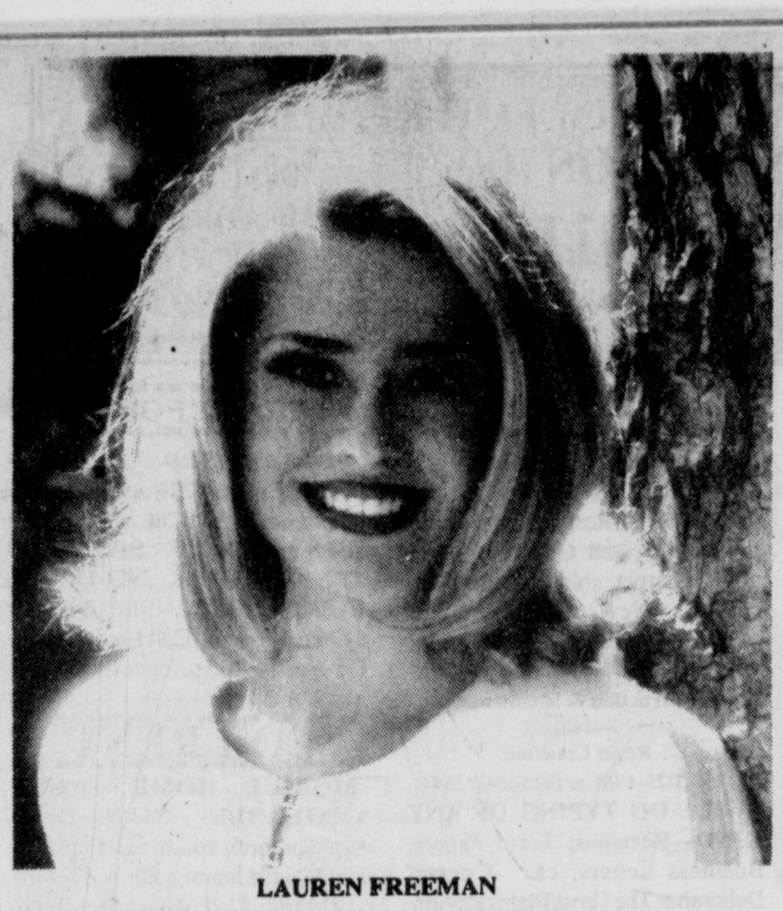
The outstanding teacher honor for the spring semester was presented to Sam Jackson, Ph.D., an assistant professor in animal science and food technology. Andy Herring, Ph.D., also an assistant professor in animal science and food technology, received the award for the fall semester.

Outstanding students in each department included Justin Hodge, a senior agricultural and applied economics major from Salado; Chace Aldridge, a senior agricultural education and communications major from Novice; Gayle Locke, a senior animal science and food technology major from Wharton; Traci Corn, a senior landscape architecture major from San Antonio; Jarrod Busby, a senior plant and soil science major from Springlake; and Dylan Drummond, a senior range, wildlife and fisheries management major from Austin.

Each department also presented a High Academic Achievement Award to a senior with the highest grade point average. Those awards went to Justin Hodge, an agricultural and applied economics major from Salado; Karen Coomer, an agricultural education and communications major from Weatherford; Jaime Bobinmyer, an animal science and food technology major from Culbertson, Neb.; Jeanette Pritchard, a landscape architecture major from Abilene; Jarrod Busby, a plant and soil science major from Springlake; and Jill Jackson, a range, wildlife and fisheries management major from San Antonio.

Individual discipline honors were awarded to Jeannie Nelson, Seminole, agricultural and applied economics; Justin Hodge, agribusiness; Dylan Drummond, wildlife and fisheries management; Rylee Shoaf, Lubbock, range management; Stephanie Dupree, Gilmer, environmental conservation of natural resources; Jay Morris, Seguin, food technology; Gayle Locke, animal science; Traci Corn, landscape architecture; Jarrod Busby, agronomy; Brian Bohlen, Hondo, horticulture; Amy Waide, Floydada, integrated pest management; Chace Aldridge, interdisciplinary agriculture; and Christi Scherler, Sheridan Lake, Colo., agricultural communications.

In addition, the Student Ag Council recognized those students who were awarded "Aggie of the Month" honors for outstanding academics and leadership throughout the school year. Students receiving this honor were: Dustin Dean, a senior from Jacksboro, Sept.; Wes Underwood, a senior from Idalou, Oct.; Gayle Locke, Nov.; Joe Martinez, a senior from Goldthwaite, Dec.; Amber Brady, a senior from Abilene, Jan.; Bruce Graham, a senior from Krum, Feb.; Janeal Stephens, a junior from Cross Plains, and R. N. Hopper, a junior from Petersburg, March; and Christi Scherler, April.



LAUREN FREEMAN

Miss Paducah Headed For Miss Texas Competition

Winning he Miss Paducah Area Pageant was the first step Lauren Freeman took in her pursuit of becoming Miss Texas 1999, and perhaps Miss America 2000. Miss Freeman will be competing on July 10th with 53 other contestants from across the state of Texas for the title of Miss Texas, and the possibility of earning over $1,000,000 in cash and tuition scholarships. The Miss America Organization, along with all its State and Local Organizations, make up the largest source of educational scholarships afforded women in America.

Miss Freeman is a graduate of Baylor University where she majors in communications. After completing her education, Miss Freeman plans to pursue a career as an anchor or a political analyst for a major network.

Miss Freeman is the daughter of Jim and Carol Freeman of Childress. She is the granddaughter of Helen Freeman and the late Hub Freeman of Cross Plains.

Local Man's Great-Grandson Graduated In Oklahoma

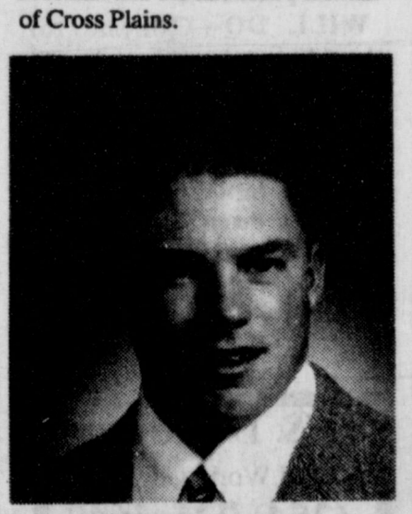
Jeremy Rice, son of Ronda and Steve Buchanan, grandson of Bill and Glena Kirkham, and great-grandson of Jay Kirkham, graduated from Westmoore High School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Tuesday, May 18, 1999.

Jeremy has been a long-time member of the Westmoore Jaguar football team, where he held the positions of center and linebacker. During his senior year he received the highest award in football, "The Pyramid Award".

Jeremy was the Senior King of the Homecoming Courts. He also is a member of Who's Who in America for both academics and sports. Jeremy received a one year scholarship at Oklahoma City Community College where he will attend this fall and continue to live at home.

His future plans include attending Oklahoma State University and earning a degree in engineering.

The last two weeks of his senior year were held at the Community College due to the damage to the school from the tornado on May 3, 1999. Even though this was not the way the seniors anticipated ending their high school years, they all kept their spirits high and enjoyed their graduation. There were over 600 seniors in the Class of 1999.



JEREMY RICE



PROUD DAY FOR FATHER AND SON — Dr. Bill Fortune (left) congratulates his son, Chris Fortune, upon graduation from Sam Houston State University.

Local Man's Son Is Graduated

Christopher (Chris) Logan Fortune, son of Dr. Bill D. Fortune, was graduated from Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, on May 14, 1999. Chris majored in political science and minored in criminal justice.

His career plan is to become a public servant, following in the footsteps of his mother and father.



CLUB GIVEN UPDATE—Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains enjoyed an informative meeting on May 11, 1999, at their weekly noon luncheon. Ricky Carouth presented a program for Susan Schaefer. He updated the club on the present happenings of the local fire department and EMS.

1999 Community Workshop June 8

The 1999 Community Workshop Series for Tourism Development will hold its first workshop in Abilene, June 8 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

Texas Department of Economic Development, Tourism Division will sponsor seven workshops in various locations throughout the state.

The Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Texas Midwest Community Network will host the June 8 workshop, covering two topics; *How to Benefit from Tourism in Nearby Communities* and *Grant Writing and Finding Sources of Funding.*

Cost for the workshop is $50 for the first attendee and $25 for each additional attendee.

To register or for more information, contact Nanci Liles at 915-676-2556.

Edward Jones Host Live Interview with Michael Dell CEO of Dell Computers

Neil Shultz, the Edward Jones investment representative in Clyde, will host a satellite broadcast for individual investors Wednesday, June 30. The program will be broadcast live to Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via Jones' private satellite network.

Titled " Live with Michael Dell," the program will feature an in-depth interview with Dell Computer's CEO. Joining Mr. Dell on the set will be Edward Jones' managing principal, John Bachman; the firm's chief market strategist, Alan Skrainka; and Edward Jones' research analyst, Art Russell.

Viewers will have an opportunity to call in questions via a toll-free number onto the set, after the panel interviews Mr. Dell.

"Michael Dell started his company in 1984 from his college dorm room and is now the youngest CEO of a company ever to earn a ranking on the Fortune 500," Neil Shultz, said. " This interview is a rare opportunity to hear firsthand about how Dell revolutionized the computer industry by being the first to deal directly to customers."

"Today, Dell Computer is the world's leading direct provider of personal computers and No. 2 worldwide in market share," Shultz said. "In 1998, Dell Computer had revenues of more than $18 billion."

Dell Computer designs and manufactures a host of computer systems, including laptop, desktop, and network servers. The company also markets software, computer accessories, and service and support programs.

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For more information on the June 30 broadcast or to reserve a seat for this free program, contact Neil Shultz at 915-893-2122.

Edward Jones' interactive Web site is located at www.edwardjones.com.

Eastland to host the History Channel Great Race XVII

The Eastland Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce that Eastland has been chosen as one of the pit stops for the History Channel's Great Race! Eastland will be a host to 90 antique cars on Flag Day, June 14th.

Eastland is gearing up for the arrival of the $275,000 History Channel Great Race now in its seventeenth season. A $5,000,000 collection of old cars will begin this year's thirteen day, 3,500 mile cross country trek in Marietta, Georgia on Sunday, June 6th and will conduct a pit stop at Eastland enroute to a grand finale in Anaheim, California on June 19th. In Anaheim, Great Race winners share in over $275,000 in prizes, making this the world's richest timed endurance race.

Host cities, including Eastland, contend for a $5,000 cash prize given to the public library of the winning lunch, pit or overnight stop. Judging criteria include theme, decorations, size of crowd and enthusiasm, with the actual awards determined by a vote of the racers and event staff.

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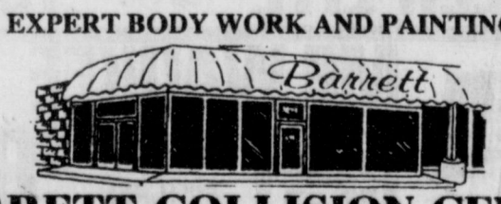
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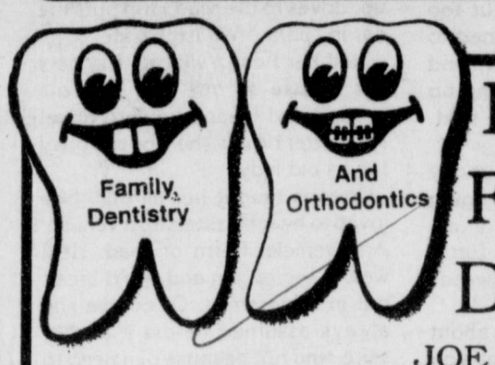
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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Driving a stick shift...

One day My Keeper pointed out the window. "Look," he said.

I followed his finger until I saw...Oh, my gosh! It was Punkin! Driving! In the fields! Alone!!!!

I clutched at my heart, gripped a chair, and forced myself to breathe.

It was really nothing to worry about, though. Kids who grow up on county roads grow up driving — tractors, mowers, old farm pickups and the like. Punkin did the same, beginning on her Grampa's knee.

These days, we call in the dogs and her sisters and all visiting friends, and give the outdoors over to her. She smiles and smiles, bumping and bobbing around the field.

We had to drag her out of the sand pit once when she cut too close. Her aunt before her had to be hauled out of the snow, and once got the old pickup hung up on the humps of a plowed field. Oh, what a mess that was!

One of Punkin's favorite Sunday afternoon things used to be forging roadways and driveways for us. Back and forth, back and forth, flattening all the grass and tall weeds in its path.

A friend teased her recently about driving in the fields. "I'll bet you even drive back and forth in the driveway."

She ducked her head and looked sheepish. "Well...umm...as a matter of fact...," she laughed.

There were other useful tasks. Quick as lightning, she'd slide behind the wheel just to jockey the car close to the outdoor faucet so it could be washed. Preferably by someone else. Unless there was spending money involved.

And heavy transport. One of the projects dubbed "Gramma's family outings" was loading the pickup with rocks from the rock pile out back and hauling them to the garden site to be laid out in patterns. Guess who drove the pickup back and forth.

Most of all, she likes to start the car, back it up, and turn the car around in the driveway when we're headed to town.

It takes a long time, though, because first she takes a turn around the field, practices backing ten times, makes a few attempts at parallel parking, then drives way back out where she can't hear me holler hurry up.

She sights along trees for lanes, and pretends certain weeds are orange road cones. She slaloms between the "cones" of her obstacle course, ending up twenty minutes later curbside to pick me up. I don't even have to step off the porch. She reminds me to buckle up, drives to the road, and puts the car in "park." We exchange.

I tell her I can't wait till she gets her license so she can cart me around and I won't have to drive. No matter I know she'll be too busy for an old lady.

Gramps taught her all this. She loved to hear him start up a vehicle. Any vehicle. Farm or road. He'd wear a secret grin and she'd break out in a big smile. Of course she always assumed he did it for her sake, and not because of a need to get anything done.

A few days ago he drove up in a different pickup. She begged to back it up. He asked for the puppy dog eyes - the supreme plea. She complied. He teased. "No, you can do better than that"

She won out. The puppy dog eyes always win out. He dangled the keys in front of her. He asked, "You sure you can drive a stick?"

A perplexed look flitted across her face, but she hesitated only the short side of a half second before replying, "Sure! A little bit at a time."

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Chamber Business Of The Week



Cross Plains Grain and Peanut

Cross Plains Grain and Peanut Co., Inc. was purchased in November 1965 from Callahan Co. Farmers Coop by Glenn Winfrey and Luther McClung. In 1977, Glenn Winfrey purchased Mr. McClung's interest in the business.

In the Cross Plains area in 1965 there were no peanut warehouses or bulk fertilizer storage. To accommodate the customers needs peanut dryers, cleaners, sandscreens and three warehouses have been added over the years.

Other additions include the first three wheel terrigator to be found in this area in 1976. The terrigator is used to apply dry fertilizer to the land. In 1984, an anhydrous amonia plant and twenty trailers were added. A fertilizer blender as well as an "air mix" machine were later added which enables the business to formulate any type of fertilizer as recommended from soil samples and to apply dry and liquid fertilizers, herbicides and chemicals in a single application.

Long-time employees include Peggy Winfrey, Belinda Bains (1966) and Terry French (1977).

Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce salutes Cross Plains Grain and Peanut for 34 years of service and wishes them continued success.

MEDALS

"Generally, when those guys came back, they were in such a hurry they just scattered," said Nance's daughter, Kristi Trevizo, whose effort to get her father's service medals ended Friday in the office of US Rep. Mac Thornberry.

"My understanding is that most of them (returning veterans) didn't get their medals."

Nance and two other deceased military veterans were honored Friday in a ceremony more than 50 years overdue. With the help of Thornberry, R-Clarendon, their families received the medals that the veterans themselves had forgotten.

The Purple Heart with William Kuykendall's son received on his behalf was actually 80 years late. Kuykendall, who died in 1984, earned the medal on October 18, 1918, when he was wounded guarding prisoners at Champagne, France, his son said.

"He still had shrapnel in his leg when he died," Ray Kuykendall said. "I knew he was wounded in action, but he didn't talk about it much."

Thornberry said the families of the three men contacted his office over the past several months to ask for help in obtaining the medals. Thornberry in turn contacted the Department of Defense's National Personnel Records Center to clear up the matter.

"These medals are not given lightly," said Maj. Larry Gray, who helped present the medals. "They are highly prized and treasured tributes to the skill and dedication of these men. We sometimes don't get a chance to thank them. It's especially appropriate for us to do this on Memorial Day weekend."

Howard McGowen, a World War II veteran who served in the Rhineland and Central European Campaigns, served from February 1943 until December 1945.

McGowen's nephew, retired Master Sgt. Clive Cline of Amarillo, said he requested the medals because he wants to make a display case for his uncle's military regalia.

Like Nance, McGowen was in a hurry to leave the war behind when it ended, Cline said.

"He wanted out so bad after World War II, he probably didn't pick them (the medals) up," Cline said.

Thornberry, who also spoke at the San Jacinto Christian Academy commencement Friday night, said the veterans of World Wars I and II transformed America into the world's preeminent power.

"These are the guys who did it with their blood and their sacrifice," Thornberry said. "We don't hear as much as we should about the people who were willing to sacrifice."

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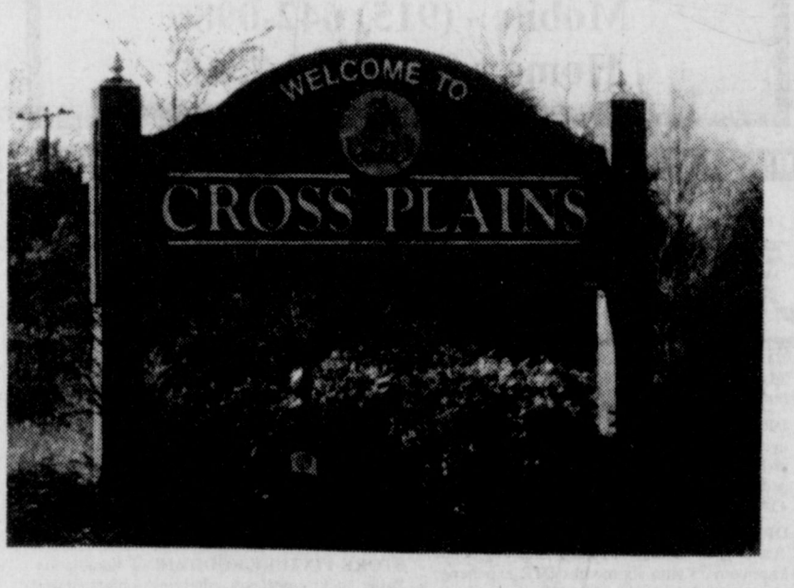
Girl Scouts Host 6th Annual Golf Tournament June 5

The Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council invites area golfers to support the young women of Central Texas while enjoying a great day on a beautiful golf course. The 6th Annual H.o.T. Shot Classic golf tournament will be held Saturday, June 5, at Sugar Tree Golf Club. Sugar Tree is located along the Brazos River just a little southwest of Weatherford.

The tournament is a two-person scramble with a shotgun start. Both men and women are welcome. The entry fee includes a player's green fee, golf cart, free drinks, lunch and opportunity drawings. Prizes include tee gifts and four rounds of golf for four people. The first three places in each flight will receive gift certificates from the Sugar Tree Pro Shop. The first-place teams will receive $300 certificates, second-place $200 and the third-place team $100.

In addition, hole-in-one prizes include a 1999 Buick Century, a set of Maxfli Australian blade irons (3-PW), a 7-day Aruba golf vacation for two at the Tierra del Sol Resort and Country Club, a 4-day vacation for two to Raburn Country Resort in Texas and a 4-day/3-night golf vacation for two to San Destin Beach Hilton Beach Resort in Destin, Florida.

All the proceeds from the tournament will be used to promote Girl Scouting from Ballinger to Weatherford and from Throckmorton to Lampasas. If you are interested in participating in this tournament or in being a sponsor, you may contact Eva Siller at the council office (915) 646-1516 or (800) 346-3215.



Local Couple Travels 5,088 Miles On 3 Week Vacation

John and Marlene Cowan just recently returned from a 3 week trip, traveling through portions of 18 states. They crossed the Mississippi River into Memphis, Tennessee, where they saw many wonderful sites like Graceland and the Old Sun Studios.

Then on to Nashville where they visited the Ryman Auditorium, which for years was home to the Grand Ole Opry. They visited Trinity Music City at Hendersonville, Tennessee where they attended church services, and walked on the re-creation of the road to Mt. Calvary. The couple viewed the motion picture "The Revolutionary" in the virtual reality theater.

The trip was routed a little out of the way to visit another Cross Plains in Tennessee. As they drove through filming the town, a man sitting in front of a store yelled, "Don't blink - - you'll miss it!"

Onward through a portion of Kentucky and into Virginia, they visited Tom and Ann Roseberry at Salem. Both couples were in Germany 28 years ago and became good friends while in the Army. This was their first reunion.

While in Virginia they visited the Arlington National Cemetery and saw the grave of J.F.K. Crossing the Potomac River into Washington, D.C., they toured the capitol building; then on to New York where they visited the Statue of Liberty and drove up town through Manhattan on Broadway past Central Park and crossed the George Washington Bridge back into New Jersey.

Their next stop was Niagara Falls in up state New York. Here they viewed the falls from the Canadian side and were awed by God's creation.

The Cowans traveled along Lake Erie through three different states into Ohio. Starting toward home, through Indiana, they visited the Indianapolis Motor Speedway then traveled across Illinois, Missouri and into Tulsa, Oklahoma. At this point they considered going to Oklahoma City, but decided on the other way, stopping at Sallisaw. In the motel that night, they heard of the devastating tornado which struck Oklahoma City that evening.

Sight-seeing in Oklahoma, they drove the Winding Stair Scenic Drive, where they viewed some damage a storm had done the day before.

As they entered into Texas through DeKalb, they saw the destruction of another tornado that had hit this small town the day before.

John and Marlene went to Kilgore to visit with James Earl and Linda Cowan. They found that another tornado had hit a portion of Kilgore — the day before!

The two were thankful to be safe at home and Praised the Lord for protecting them on this trip.

Antiques Market & Trades Day in Baird June 11 & 12

Baird merchants and their ambassadors of commerce have put their heads together to add another dimension to their designated title, the official "Antique Capital of West Texas." The Chamber will host the Antiques Market & Trade Days on Friday and Saturday, June 11-12.

The new, two-day event featuring antiques and collectibles is a revision of the well-known Trades Day that attracted crafters to the community for several years. It's a logical transformation attributed to the owners of antiques businesses who easily outnumber all other types of commercial endeavors. The "antiquers," as they are often identified, have been the major force in the restoration of the downtown architecture, and it's the historic revival that continues to draw Visitors to its marketplace.

Dozens of antiques merchants are quartered in the three block section located between the Railroad Depot and the Callahan County Courthouse, and other locations throughout town. They deal in everything from collectibles, primitives, western and country items, dolls and advertising memorabilia, to top of the line American Victorian furniture, glassware and accessories.

The beautifully restored buildings on Market Street, refurbished homes and other business sites reflect the character of the town's center of commerce. Its inception was the result of favorable topography in the charted course of the Texas and Pacific Railway. The town emerged from a tent site that followed the westward expansion of the T&P in 1880. The company named Baird for one of its engineers, and the town was a thriving success until the mid 20th century when needs changed and progress took other routes. In 1975, the T&P's successors locked the doors at the Depot and closed an extraordinary chapter in the community's history.

The end of an era, however, was another fortuitous beginning when the Missouri Pacific Railroad deeded the Depot to the City of Baird, and there were those prudent enough to maintain the structure while many Market Street buildings fell into virtual ruin. Equally as timely was the entrepreneurial spirit in the early 90s that stoked the interest, that salvaged the historic buildings, that produced a new market, that brought more people, that resulted in more business.

There are several excellent restaurants that also capture that turn-of-the-century ambience that is uniquely Baird, a vintage home that serves as a bed and breakfast and another one slated to open later this year. There are numerous other specialty shops, a candy manufacturer and two newspapers. You can take a ride in a restored antique buggy or drive away in a new automobile.

Today the city of 1,650 people is, as the Chamber logo states, "on the right track." Baird is located 20 miles east of Abilene and 130 miles west of Ft. Worth. For information contact Baird Chamber of Commerce, 100 Market Street, Baird, Texas, 79504 or call (915)854-2003.

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