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Easter Week Services Scheduled At First United Methodist Church

Everyone is invited!

Local United Methodists will conduct a 24-hour prayer vigil before the beginning of Holy Week Services and a Revival slated to begin on Sunday, April 5 and continue through Easter Sunday, April 12. The theme adopted for this week of services is "Sweet, Sweet Spirit."

The featured speaker will be Dr. Ihsan Ardhuermly of Roosevelt, Oklahoma. He comes with an unusual background. Born in Baghdad, Iraq of Turkish heritage and of the Muslim faith, he came to the US with plans to study engineering and return. Ihsan (pronounced eye-san) married Lillith, a United Methodist preacher, and became a Christian while living here.

Dr. Ardhuermly pastored a number of churches in the Northwest Texas Conference and served as the Plainview District Superintendent immediately before joining the National Association of United Methodist Evangelists in 1996. He received his undergraduate education

from Indiana Tech and the University of Oklahoma. He earned a Master of Science from the University of Rochester and his doctor of ministry degree from SMU.

A goal of the First Methodist Church of Cross Plains is to be a church involved with our community and to serve God alongside other Christian churches in our town. Besides congregational singing of the old-time gospel hymns, exciting special music will be shared by Susan Schaefer, the Women's Group of First Baptist, Rhonda Swift, the First United Methodist choir and others.

Please bring your children! A wonderful children's "sermon" will be presented at each service by Rev. Lillith Ardhuermly. A nursery will be provided for all events. Everyone is encouraged to attend one or all of these services which begin at 7:00 p.m. each evening! Come and share in the sweet spirit of revival with us.

* See separate ad for schedule of services.

An Open Letter From David McGowen

We as people, as individuals, often go through life our own way. We build up walls of defenses, in our minds we believe our lives to be of importance and merit.

Our lives become like a package, a box. We wrap our packages with paper and bows to be seen of others as a beautifully wrapped package, intact in all its splendor.

Sometimes if we are blessed by an event or a situation, or simply by the grace of God, our exquisite bow, our imaginary wrapping is torn and ripped away exposing that box, that package of who we really are. Now this exposure is not what we believe we desire. We've worked hard, dedicated ourselves to wrapping our package. Perhaps we've chosen colorful paper that might seem brighter, more splendid than our neighbor's package. Or perhaps, we wrap ourselves in a humble wrapper of brown with just the smallest ribbon or bow so we won't compete with or be compared to those packages we see as splendid and bright, worthy of special attention.

When that event, that situation, or God's blessing comes and rips away our paper wrapping, splendid or plain brown -- exposed, we find an empty box.

Now, what do we do with this now exposed and empty package? Will we

choose to hurry to and fro looking and devising ways to get more paper, maybe even a bigger bow to cover? Or do we choose to examine our empty box and fill it with treasures? Treasures that may seem foolish to some, worthless to this world, but as we learn while examining our empty box -- treasures that are bought with a price, priceless, yet free!

Recently, the wrapper and bow on my and my family's package was torn away, leaving an empty box. Our empty lives, waiting to be covered with new paper or left open to fill with new treasures. We chose by God's grace to not cover, but to fill. As soon as that choice was made, treasures rushed in and began filling our package. Treasures of forgiveness from God and God's people. Treasures of peace that we couldn't receive wrapped in paper and bow. Treasures of love that fills every corner of our package.

I ask each of you to add to our package your individual forgiveness. Not only to add more treasure to our package, but with your gift of forgiveness and love that your package might be loosed of your wrappings of paper. Not from an event or situation, but from the wonderful grace of God.

David McGowen

High School Mini Pre-Contest Concert Tuesday

Band Director Todd Felty has planned a Mini Pre-Contest Concert featuring the Cross Plains High School Band on Tuesday, April 7, at the school auditorium. Musical entertainment will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The band will perform concert pieces which will be presented at the U.I.L. Concert and Sight-reading Contest slated for April 15 in Vernon. There will also be a critique of their performance.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Repairs Begin At High School After Arson Fire

By BILLY HARRIS
Special Writer

Repairs began at the Cross Plains High School just before the trial that convicted the former students suspected of the arson fire.

Cross Plains School Superintendent Jackie Tennison said Monday, "We understand that the County Attorney did all he could in this case." "We'll pick up the pieces and continue on the best we can," Tennison said.

Work on the high school began last Wednesday although school officials are still haggling over some of the more minor details. "We're close enough together that the contractor started work last week," Tennison said, "but the insurance company representatives will be here this week to work out the remaining problems."

"Right now we're looking at about \$1 million in damages from the De-

ember fire and that is subject to going up," said Tennison.

Gerloff Company, Inc. of San Antonio was awarded the contract to repair the damage from the December 7 fire.

Structural beams and about 1/3 of the roof were damaged on the south end of the 15 year old high school building in the early Sunday morning fire. The art building, a separate wood frame structure, may have to be completely replaced because of the fire damage.

Tennison had said in an earlier interview that he expected the reconstruction of school facilities to be completed by the start of next year's school term which begins in August.

Both of the students, that were convicted of starting the fire, were suspended from school after they were charged with arson and burglary in the week following the fire.

Stenholm To Visit Cross Plains

Congressman Charles Stenholm will be in Cross Plains on Thursday, April 9 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. A community meeting will be held at the Buffalo Room of the Dairy Queen. Please come welcome Congressman Stenholm, and be prepared to voice issues and concerns that are important to you.

Strategic Planning Session Well Attended

By DENISE COULTER

Monday and Tuesday nights of last week fifty-one community members participated in a Strategic Planning Session facilitated by West Texas Utilities. This session was conducted as a follow-up for the Rural Resource Team Assessment that was conducted in February. Participating community members identified and prioritized strengths, weaknesses, target industries, and goals. A vision statement of how the participants would like to see Cross Plains in five years was also created.

The vision statement reads as follows: "Cross Plains, Texas is a progressive community located at the intersection of State Highway 36, 206, and 279. The community is surrounded by natural resources which promote outdoor recreation, tourism, and activities for all ages.

See PLANNING page 6

Burkett Baptist Church Reunion Sunday, April 5

The Burkett Baptist Church will celebrate a church reunion April 5. Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m. Morning church service will be at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Tommy Lerner, missionary to Ecuador and former pastor, bringing the message. The current pastor is Rev. Wright Price.

After the morning service, a picnic lunch will be furnished by the church. At 1:30 p.m. a program will include special music and honoring of past pastors, deacons and others. History of the 100 plus years of Burkett Baptist will be presented. Everyone is invited to come to Burkett and celebrate this special event. Bring your pictures, memories and stories to share!

Juveniles Receive Sentence In Arson Fire Case

By BILLY HARRIS
Special Writer

Two former Cross Plains High School students were sentenced to a maximum security juvenile facility and ordered to pay restitution in connection with the December 7, burglary and arson fire that heavily damaged two school buildings.

The two boys were ordered to be committed to a maximum security Texas Youth Commission facility and pay \$10,000 each in restitution to the Cross Plains High School by 42nd District Judge John Weeks in his Abilene courtroom Friday, March 27. Weeks is the acting juvenile judge for Callahan County.

Callahan County Attorney Allen Wright said he agreed to the plea bargain giving the two youths the maximum punishment as juveniles because it avoided the possibility they might receive a probated sentence by a judge or jury if he had tried to certify the defendants as adults.

"This is not a light sentence," said Wright, "They will wear a uniform and be locked in a cell." This sentence won't undo the damage they have done to the community, but they will be held accountable for their actions and this will remain on their permanent records Wright said.

Both young men will be under the jurisdiction of the Texas Youth Commission until they reach the age of 21. Parole for either of them will be up to the TYC and not the prosecutor or the courts, said Wright.

According to an *Abilene Reporter-News* article the testimony at Friday's hearing brought emotional results from friends and family in the courtroom as the defendants attorney's argued against their clients being committed to the TYC maximum security unit.

Testimony also was shown that both of the boys had problems with

drugs and alcohol.

The hearings, which were first thought to be held without the news media present, were surprisingly opened up to reporters.

A third former Cross Plains High School student is also charged with arson in connection with the December fire and his case is waiting to be presented to a Callahan County Grand Jury. Cory Lee Switzer, 18, was released on a \$40,000 bond since his arrest shortly after the fire.

Also related to the case was a Saturday night drinking party that preceded the December 7, burglary and arson. Deidra Switzer, 37, pleaded guilty to furnishing a beer keg for the party, which was attended by possibly as many as 50 Cross Plains youths. Deidra was fined \$1,000 and placed on two years probation for her actions. This case was presented in an Eastland County court because the Switzer property, where the party occurred, is located in Eastland County about 7 miles north of Cross Plains.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission had been investigating the allegations of making alcoholic beverages available to minors since shortly after the December fire.

Charges are also pending against Jason J. Higgins of Cross Plains for supplying alcoholic beverages for the same party.

Wright said charges against some other people may be investigated by the Callahan County grand jury in relation to events leading to and after the early Sunday morning fire.

In a similar case a few years ago in Ballinger the juvenile defendants received probated sentences. "I did not want to see these defendants receive probation," Wright said. "The damage to the community was too great and the offense too serious. The people of Cross Plains and their loss deserve to be considered in this case," he added.

Early Voting For Republicans April 6-9

Early voting for the Republican Party's Primary Run-off Election will take place Monday, April 6 through Thursday, April 9, at three early voting stations in Callahan County.

Early voting for the Republican's run-off election will take place at the County Clerk's Office at the County Courthouse in Baird, the Justice of the Peace office in Cross Plains and Clyde.

Early voting hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday (April 6-9). No early voting will take place April 10 because of the Good Friday holiday.

See VOTING page 6

Graffiti & Vandalism Problems in County

By BILLY HARRIS
Special Writer

Graffiti and vandalism is costing Callahan County residents thousands of dollars and putting the driving public at risk, say local officials.

The general consensus across the county was that the money spent in the replacement of damaged and missing signs, due to vandals and graffiti artists, could be better spent somewhere else.

Marvin Rogers, Supervisor of the Callahan County Texas Department of Transportation, said they replaced about \$10,000 worth of vandalized signs across the county in See GRAFFITI page 9

Assemble With AARP April 4 and Beat The Heat

As summer approaches, the local AARP Chapter is anticipating a "COOL" meeting, to be held April 4. Beat the heat with us at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center, scheduled starting time of the meeting is 10 a.m.

The time is fast approaching for us to disband for the summer months. We will resume meetings in September after most vacations have ended.

Come be "COOL" with us; have a cup of coffee and experience the ideas and ideals the local chapter is projecting. We'll be planning for our May and June meetings, see you there.

Early out for Easter Holiday

School will dismiss early on Thursday, April 9, at 2:00 p.m. for the Easter holiday. Buses will run at this time. There will be no school on Good Friday and also on Monday, April 13. School will resume on Tuesday, April 14 at the regular time.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, APRIL 5

SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR BEFORE RETIRING SATURDAY NIGHT.

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Everyone is invited to attend.

Pet Vaccination Clinic

(Dogs & Cats)

Saturday, April 4 2-5 p.m.

Dr. Virgil Patrick at

Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department
\$1.00 Donation Will Be Given to the Fire Department For Each Animal Vaccinated

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
Raymond Roy, TPC (theft of property by check).
Deborah Lynn Laird, theft of service.
Francisco Gomez, DWI.
Dallas S. Murphy, possession of marijuana.

Misdemeanor Minutes
Kellie Walker, TPC, \$100 fine \$157 court costs, \$488 restitution, 6 months probation.
Patrick Brian Hamilton, possession of marijuana, \$350 fine \$214.25 court costs, 6 months probation.
Sabrina J. Sanders, prostitution charge dismissed for medical reasons.
Ivan Ernest Denny III, theft, \$500 fine \$214.25 court costs, \$250 restitution, 1 year probation.
David Riddle, motion filed to revoke probation.

Joseph Lee Williams, assault, \$214.25 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Curtis Smythe, TPC, \$191.25 court costs, 6 months in jail.
Robert Loman, TPC, \$50 fine \$173 court costs, \$53.63 restitution, 6 months probation.
Victoria Martin Tigert, sale of alcohol to a minor, \$200 fine \$204.25 court costs, 6 months probation.
Misty Jeffery, TPC, \$50 fine \$173 court costs, \$53.63 restitution, 6 months probation.
David L. Perryman, DWI, \$194.25 court costs, 10 days in jail.

42ND DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings
George Foster vs Jason Gary Johnson, damages; motor vehicle.
Divorce filed:
Garcia, Veronica & Juan, and in interest of minor children.

Civil Minutes

David J. Williams, found to be \$1000 in arrears on child support; new schedule of payments begins 4-1-98.
Hawk, Anthony Fredrick & Loriann, case dismissed.
Divorces granted:
Perkovich, Shane E. & Steven Kenneth.
Wilson, Allison Paige & Michael Shane.

Felony Complaint & Information

Marshall Thomas Laroux, DWI.

OBITUARIES

Cecil L. Goble

Cecil L. Goble, 83, passed away Monday, March 23, 1998, at Hendrick Medical Center.
Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Michael Ingram officiating. Burial was in Cottonwood Cemetery directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.
Cecil was born July 12, 1914, in Cottonwood. He married Delilah Wilcoxon April 26, 1939 in Putnam. He was a mechanic at Burgess Industries in Cisco.

Survivors include his wife, Delilah Goble of Cross Plains; three sons, David Goble, Stanley Goble and Lenley Goble, Jr. all of Cross Plains; one daughter, Naoma Wilson of Brownwood; one brother, J.D. Goble of Cross Plains; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

J. Scott Henderson

HOUSTON—J. Scott Henderson, 69, Col. U.S.A.R., Ret., passed away Friday, March 27, 1998.

Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 30, 1998, in the chapel of Memorial Oaks Funeral Home with the Rev. Bob Poteet officiating. Interment followed in Memorial Oaks Cemetery.

A longtime Houston resident, he was born in Cross Plains, to Clara and Johnnie Henderson. He graduated from Texas A & M University in 1949, where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets. He received a Masters at Texas Tech and did graduate work at the University of Minnesota. He served in the Army in Korea during the Korean Conflict and retired with the rank of Colonel while serving with the 75th MAC, Houston. He worked his entire life in the field of agriculture, as a teacher, Assistant Harris County Agricultural Agent and Executive Secretary Treasurer of the American Charolais Assn. He was a life-time member of the Houston Livestock Show and 32nd Degree Mason.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; sons J. Scott, Jr. and wife Kellie, Mark and Matthew and wife Wendy; and three grandson Jason, Tyler and Jordan.
In lieu of flowers, send memorial contributions to St. Joseph Hospice, Houston, 1919 LaBranch St., Houston, Texas 77002 will be appreciated.

Nona Kennedy Hubbard

EASTLAND—Nona Kennedy Hubbard, 74, passed away Wednesday, March 25, 1998, in a Brownwood hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in Blake Cemetery in Brown County with Calvin Knight officiating, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home of Rising Star.

Mrs. Hubbard was born in Brown County and worked as a manager of Black Angus Restaurant in Waco. She lived at Lake Brownwood for nine years before moving to Eastland in 1997. She married Glen Hubbard in 1997 in Eastland and was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, of Eastland; one son, Larry Kennedy of Buffalo Gap; one brother, James Kirksey of Lubbock; one sister, Fern Kennedy of Waco; and five grandchildren.

Joe Bailey Hunt

RISING STAR—Joe Bailey Hunt, 85, of Cisco passed away Sunday, March 29, 1998, at a Brownwood hospital.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Harold Hunt officiating, assisted by Mike Moore and Arley Bibby. Burial was in Wayside Cemetery.

Mr. Hunt was born in Stephens County and lived in the Cook community all his life. He was a farmer-rancher and a member of the Church of Christ. He married Dorothy Bibby in 1938 in Cook.

Survivors include his wife of Cisco; one son, Ronald Hunt of Cisco; two daughters, Carolyn Walker and Pam Cook, both of Rising Star; one brother, Elbert Hunt of Texarkana, Arkansas; one sister, Georgia Moore of Cisco; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several step-grandchildren.

Carrie Elizabeth Tipton

MERKEL—Carrie Elizabeth Tipton, 88, passed away Tuesday, March 24, 1998, in Merkel.

Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday in Merkel First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Greg Kennedy officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Tipton was born in Crandall and attended school in Kaufman County and Trent. She worked for McKeever's Cleaners and Renfro Cleaners and was a homemaker. She also was a farmer and rancher. She was a member of Merkel Senior Citizens. She was a pre-school Sunday school teacher at First United Methodist Church and was a charter member of the church's ladies quilters. She was the widow of Bunk M. Tipton, whom she married in 1928 in Merkel.

Survivors include three daughters, Johnnie Scott of Rising Star, Jo Marvayn Reeves of Irving and Jane Watson of Merkel; one sister, Jewel Drake of Longview; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may sent to First United Methodist Church, South 3rd and Locust, Merkel 79536.

Martha 'Jo' Reiger

BROWNWOOD—Martha "Jo" Reiger, 70, of Zephyr passed away Saturday, March 28, 1998, at her home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Heartland Funeral Home Chapel with Ron Coleman officiating. Burial was in Zephyr Cemetery.

Mrs. Reiger was born in May and graduated from May High School. She was an aide for Zephyr schools for several years. She was a homemaker and a member of Jehovah's Witnesses. She married Gordon Reiger, Jr. in 1946 in May.

Survivors include her husband of Zephyr; three sons, Steven Reiger and Johnny Reiger, both of Zephyr, and David Reiger of Lake Brownwood; two daughters, Sharon Powers of Salado and Janetie Cornelius of Zephyr; four brothers, Aubrey Stewart of Brownwood, Logan Stewart and Garth Stewart, both of May, and Delton Stewart of San Antonio; two sisters, Hilva Angel of Coleman and Lillian Jackson of Cross Plains; 11 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Ostomy Support Group Formed in Brownwood

An Ostomy Support Group has been organized in Brownwood and will meet the third Sunday of each month. The next meeting is Sunday, April 19, at 2:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Outpatient Center at the Brownwood Regional Medical Center.
All ostomates, family members and those interested are encouraged to attend. For more information call (915) 643-5820.

Immunization Clinic Set For Thurs., April 16

An Immunization Clinic is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center, 701 Beech Street between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
The clinic is provided by the Texas Department of Health. If additional information is required, contact (915) 754-4945.

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Prayer of Agreement For Our Community

Father, in the name of Jesus, we have received Your power--ability and might--because the Holy Spirit has come upon us; and we are Your witnesses in Cross Plains and everywhere we go and to the very bounds of the earth!

We fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and grace to help in good time for every need. Father thank you for sending forth Your commandments to the earth; Your word runs very swiftly throughout this whole area! And Your word continues to grow and spread! Father, we seek, require and request the peace and welfare of Cross Plains in which You have caused us to live. We pray to You for the welfare of this city and those who live here. Confuse the tongues of those who bear false witness, the diviners and false prophets, and we refuse to be deceived or influenced by them.

Holy Spirit, we ask You to visit our city and open the eyes of the people, that they may turn from darkness to light, and from the power of satan to God, so that they may thus receive forgiveness and release from their sins and a place and portion among those who are consecrated and purified by faith in Jesus. Father, we pray for deliverance and salvation for those who are following the course and fashion of this world, who are under the sway of the tendency of this present age, following the prince of the power of the air. Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.

We speak to the prince of the power of the air, to the God of this world who blinds the unbelievers' minds (that they should not discern the truth), and we command that he leave the heavens above our area!

Thank you Father for the guardian angels assigned to this place who war for us in the heavens! In the name of Jesus, we stand victorious over the principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high place over Cross Plains!

Father, you said in Your word that morning by morning You will root up all the wicked in the land, that You may eliminate all the evildoers from the city of the Lord! We ask the Holy Spirit to sweep through the gates of our town and convince the people and bring demonstration to them about sin and about righteousness, uprightness of heart and right standing with God and about judgement!

In the name of Jesus we declare by the blessing of the influence of the upright and God's favor the City of Cross Plains is exalted!

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EASTER WEEK SERVICES
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
APRIL 5 THROUGH 12

SCHEDULE OF REVIVAL SERVICES
DR. IHSAN ARDHUERUMLY, SPEAKER

Sunday morning, April 5 - 10:45 a.m.
"In God We Trust...or do we?"

Sunday evening, April 5 - 7:00 p.m.
"From There to Here...or, God did it His way"

Monday, April 6 - 7:00 p.m.
"The Right Stuff, or Do you have what it takes?"

Tuesday, April 7 - 7:00 p.m.
"I Am the Vine, You are the Branches - and other Stuff"

Wednesday, April 8 - 12:00 noon
Ladies Salad Luncheon - Rev. Lillith Ardhuerumly

Wednesday, April 8 - 7:00 p.m.
"Would You believe that there Are More Questions than Answers?"

Thursday Morning, April 9 - 6:30 a.m.
Men's Prayer Breakfast - First UMC Fellowship Hall

A Children's Sermon will be presented at each service. A nursery will be provided.

Thursday, April 9 - 7:00 p.m.
HOLY THURSDAY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Dr. E. Richard Chaffin, Pastor

Friday, April 10 - 7:00 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Sunday, April 12 - 10:45 a.m.
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

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COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME

NEWS

By
LINDA MERRITT
Activity Director

Mildred Newton was happy to report that she received a beautiful floral arrangement from her family over the weekend all the way from Minnesota.

Thoughts and prayers for Lillie Childers who is in the hospital.

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

Everyone remember to spring forward an hour Saturday night for Daylight Savings Time.

Carol Billrey from Austin visited Myrtle Owen.

Michael Curry, Deborah Griswold and Latisha and Whitney Clark visited with Deen Haddox.

Byron and Lurene McNutt and Charlou Cowan visited with Louise Richardson and others.

Ken and Nancy Felton from Weatherford visited with Juanita

Thornton and Myrtle Wilson.

Kenneth Brooks from Arlington visited with Blanche Brooks.

Activities during the week were:

Monday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu, Ruby Harrell, Falba Shofner (2), Minnie Swann (2), and Mildred Newton. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Popcorn social.

Wednesday: Art class. Exercise class. Skip-Bo games.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Falba Shofner (3), Inola Wilcoxon (2), Vera Belyeu, and Louise Richardson.

Friday: Singing with Bob Wallace. Sit-down-basketball. Skip-Bo games.

Sunday: Pioneer Pentecostal
God is like Hallmark cards - He cared enough to send the very Best.

PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Oliver and Frankie went to the Rising Star Musical Thursday night. They enjoyed it very much. They then attended the revival at Nimrod Friday and Saturday. They went to Eastland and Ranger, visited Frankie's sister, Dorothy Rogers, and attended the Carbon revival Monday night.

Laverne Hutton stopped by Lottie Sooters for a cup of coffee and a nice visit last week. During spring break several of Cowan and Laverne's grandchildren dropped by to see them.

Jean Alexander and May Jones met Doss Alexander and Bernice Pycatt in Abilene for lunch on Friday. They all had a nice visit.

While in Abilene Jean and May visited Reggie Barr and Docia Denton who are in Hendrick Medical Center. They also visited Jewel Foster who is in the Clyde Nursing Home. She looked and sounded great.

Earlene Burge went with her granddaughter, Cindy Ochoa, to see Dee Ann and Andrew Chisholm and son Cameron in Nacogdoches for a few days. They had a good time sight-seeing and enjoyed eating at

the Spring Creek Restaurant. They brought Cameron home with them as Dee Ann and Andrew were planning to spend a few days in Shreveport.

Visiting with Jean Fore the next several days is Paul, Juanita and Vi Harlow of Lovington, New Mexico. Grandson of the Harlow's, Trey Harlow of Clovis, New Mexico. Also Grason and Myrtle Mexico of Arlington. Jean and the Harlow's attended the musical at Cottonwood and Lake Brownwood Friday and Saturday nights.

The quilting club finished Laverne's Pioneer Rose. We now are working on Laverne's "String and Squares," Lottie's "Dresdon Plate," and a "Barbara Star." We had Ella Bullard of Cottonwood to visit our club Tuesday. We had a "show and tell" about Dresdon Plate quilts. Also, we were glad to have Jean Fore's family visit us for lunch brother Paul, Juanita and Trey Harlow and sister Vi Harlow. Juanita helped us quilt.

Words of Wisdom #25: The person who does things that count doesn't usually stop to count them.

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"Golden Wings, Busy Bees, and Rapid Treads"

We-el-ll, it's that time again. Comes around every so often; time for that routine oil check.

Gotta have that front end checked! --Tires balanced and rotated, and the wheels aligned. Have you had your oil changed lately??

No, it isn't your old jalopy nor your grand spanking new club cab pick-em up truck. Neither am I speaking of your favorite sports vehicle, with it's rapid treads.

It's time to have your oil changed and get your gears turning! 'Cause if you're a Cross Plains Garden Club member, you're "gearing up" for the clubs Annual Spring Flower Show. Let's call it our SPRING FLING!!

The date to remember is May 3, 1998; Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. That's when the public is invited to view the lovely arrangements.

Preparations begin far in advance of the actual event. A lot of enjoyable work goes into organizing the show, with a lot of enjoyable work goes into organizing the show, with a lot of creative decisions to be

made. Then a quantity of thought goes into the planning of each arrangement, by each individual participant.

Lately, it has been noted that some local garden club members have been buzzing around as busy as bees. Meanwhile others have been observed flitting about on delicate, gossamer wings, from blossom to radiant blossom; as butterflies are known to do. They float along on the gently breeze alighting softly on various plants as they go about their daily flower garden rendezvous.

Others will soon be wheeling rapidly along, picking up speed as they progress. If they had their tires balanced and their oil changed etc., their ride will go smoothly. No grinding of gears for them.

As showtime approaches an even greater "frenzy of activities" will be the order of the day. "Frenzy of activities," that's garden club speech for Busy Bees, Beautiful Butterflies, and Wheeling Progression. (Rapid Treads).

Make plans to attend, you'll be glad you did. Watch for more information on this in the Review.



LOCAL CP ROPING CLUB MEMBERS REPAIRS FENCE DURING WORK DAY ACTIVITIES



CP ROPING CLUB MEMBER CLEARS FENCE LINE DURING WORK DAY SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 14

"The Newton Boys" Movie Hits Close to Home

By BILLY HARRIS
Special Writer

Local Newton boys bear nothing other than a family resemblance to their famous bank robbing cousins born in Callahan County.

With the release of "The Newton Boys" movie in Abilene last Friday, a little of the notoriety of the most successful, without killing anyone, bank robbers in American history, drifted down into Baird.

Baird resident Maurice Newton was interviewed by Abilene Reporter-News columnist Bill Whitaker last week at The Baggage House in Baird over lunch and the Special Writer for the Baird Banner and Cross Plains Review was invited to tag along.

The Newton Boys portrayed in the movie, Willis, Jess, Doc and Joe, were born near Cottonwood, just northwest of Cross Plains, although they had left this area before starting their successful crime spree in the early 1920's. Willis, the eventual head of the gang, was thrown in jail in Callahan County and wrongly accused in 1909, for a crime committed by his brother, Doc.

Their best claim to fame is, even while stealing millions of dollars from banks and trains, the Newton

gang never killed anyone. This may have delayed the movie their lives until now, being upstaged by more blood-thirsty gangs like Bonnie and Clyde and the James Boys.

Maurice said the gang was not mentioned much in his family, other than a story of the boys jumping Maurice's grandfather, Henry Newton, at the Cottonwood cotton gin. Maurice said, "There are several versions to that story, but the way I was told is they just wanted to fight." "They had the reputation of being meaner than hell," he added.

Maurice has a large box full of genealogical records for the Newton family. Two books and several newspaper articles are included in his collection that add to the information on his family tree data about his famous cousins.

"I'm taking my family to see the movie," Maurice said, "although I'm not going to believe everything in it, just like I don't believe everything in the books about them."

As for the family resemblance mentioned at the first of this story, Maurice said, "Most of us Newtons, or at least some of them, look like me." Pictures of the famous distant cousins bore that statement out.

Cross Plains Roping Club News

On February 14, several members of the club met to repair the damaged fence on the south side of the arena. Members spent the day removing the damaged fence, clearing the fence line and setting corner and T-posts. Within the next week, the fence was finished. The Roping Club would like to thank the men for their hard work and spending their Valentine/Saturday to promote the club.

On March 14, the roping club sponsored a trail ride and cook-out. There were 28 horses and riders and many more volunteers attending. After the ride, the group enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs cooked out

on the grill. The club plans to have another trail ride and cook-out later in the year.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the buck-out/cook-off date has been rescheduled for April 18. Other dates to remember are the Ranch Rodeo on June 27 and the Jr. Rodeo on July 23-25.

The next roping club meeting is scheduled for April 6, at the roping grounds if weather permitting. Everyone is welcome and memberships of \$15 will be available at that time or send them to P.O. Box 733, Cross Plains, TX. For more information, call evening 725-6852.

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West Side Story Restaurant

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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Once in New Haven, Connecticut, (then) President Ford was being driven to the airport in his limousine when he was involved in an accident. A young man had driven his car through the intersection and collided with the president's car. During a brief investigation it was discovered that the intersection had not been blocked off as it should have been. The secret service had failed to "prepare the way," the young man was completely innocent of any wrongdoing.

I wonder how many of our daily "collisions" could be prevented if we would simply "prepare the way." A song expresses the idea -- the need -- very well by asking, "Ere you left your room this morning, did you think to pray? In the name of Christ our Savior, did you sue for loving favor, as a shield today? When you met with great temptation...When your heart was filled with anger...When sore trials came upon you...When your soul was bowed with sorrow, Balm of Gilead did you borrow, at the gates of day? O how praying rests the weary! Prayer will change the night to day; so when life seems dark and dreary, don't forget to pray."

Preparing the way. Preparing the way to avoid collisions. Perhaps that's one of the reasons why Paul admonishes, "Never cease to pray," 1 Thessalonians 5:17. It's certainly a wonderful way to begin the day -- just as studying the Bible and worshipping together with us this Sunday will be a good way to begin the week...

Sunday Morning Bible Class ... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship ... 10:45 a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

Senior Citizen Center Has New Site Manager



TAMMIE STROUD-BROWN
...new site manager for Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center

New Cross Plains Senior Citizen Site Manager is Tammie Stroud Brown, formerly a 1977 Cross Plains graduate. Tammie has been employed in Abilene as a Human Resource Assistant.

The local center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Besides the great fellowship, games and crafts, the center serves a hot meal at noon for a suggested donation of \$1.75.

Also, the center delivers Meals on Wheels and home delivery for Cross

Plains. Senior Citizens Center is currently in need of volunteers to help make deliveries. If anyone or group is interested in helping, please contact Tammie at 725-6521.

The Seniors are planning a trip Saturday, April 4, leaving at 1:30 p.m. to attend the Pioneer Drive Baptist Church Easter Program and dinner afterwards.

Everyone is encouraged to come by the center and meet Tammie and join the group in some fun activities.

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

High School Track Meet Results

By COACH BILL BOYD

The Guaranty Relays were held recently at Hamilton. The following results were recorded:

High School Girls
 3200 - Bennett 14:15.14 - 4th; Wyatt 16:13.77
 400 Relay - Turner, Wyatt, Webb, Giles - 57.34 (f) - 2nd
 300 - Besselaar - 2:44.61 - 2nd
 100 hurdles - Richey 15.86 (p) 15.66 (f) - 1st - **NEW SCHOOL RECORD** (Old school record 15.76 Melissa Montgomery 1989); Reed - 24.07 (p)
 100 - Reed - 16.17 (p); Hail - 16.31 (p)
 800 Relay - Payne 28.05, Butler 28.66, Giles 29.33, Ricci 27.74 Total 1:56.06 (f) - 1st
 400 - Wyatt 72.32 (p) 70.21 (f) - 3rd
 300 hurdles - Richey - 47.28 (f) - 1st
 200 - Butler - 28.31 (p) 28.41 (f) - 1st
 1600 - Bennett - 6:25.95 - 4th; Besselaar - 6:44.60 - 8th; Wyatt - 7:06.68 - 9th
 1600 Relay - Ricci - 66.17, Butler 65.13, Payne 66.18, Richey - 65.32 Total 4:22.80 - 1st
 Shot Put - Francy - 33' 2 1/2" - 1st; Wilson - 29' 5" - 6th
 Discus - Francy - 88' 5" - 2nd; Wilson - 86' 2" - 5th
 Long Jump - Richey - 15' 2 1/4" - 3rd; Ricci - 14' 4 1/2" - 4th
 Triple Jump - Richey - 33' 8 3/4" - 1st
 High Jump - Giles 5' 0" - 1st; Ricci - 4' 10" - 2nd
TEAM TOTALS
 1. CROSS PLAINS - 165
 2. Blanket - 96
 3. Meridian - 66
 4. Bynum - 33

5. Evant - tie
 Milford - tie
 Plus ten other schools
 Considering how much work we did last week I thought we had an excellent meet. Congrats to Brandi on her high point individual award.
High School Boys
 3200 - Wilson - 12:57.49; Dimitri - 2:37/DNF
 800 - Montreal - 2:17.08 - 3rd; Dimitri - 2:22.06 - 4th
 110 hurdles - Ricci (f) - 15.02 - 2nd; Swift - 15.90 (f) - 4th; Kitchens - 17.69 (f) - 5th
 100 - Nixon - 11.94 (p); Walters - 14.14 (p)
 400 - Purvis - 54.41 (p) 52.98 (f) - 2nd; Mackey - 57.47 (p) 57.00 (f) - 5th; Walters - 66.83 (p)
 300 hurdles - Ricci - 39.66 (f) - 1st; Swift - 42.50 (f) - 3rd; Kitchens - 42.7 (f) - 4th
 200 - Mackey - 24.91 (p) 25.35 (f) - 5th; Nixon - 25.29 (p)
 1600 - Nickerson - 5:06.97 - 2nd; Montreal - 5:30.27 - 5th; Hopkins - 5:45.66
 Discus - Carey - 99'; Switzer - 94'
 Shot Put - Switzer - 39' 9 1/2" - 3rd; Carey - 30'
 Long Jump - Swift - 16'3"; Nixon - 15' 1" - 1st; Mackey - 15' 0"
 Triple Jump - Swift - 35' 6"; Kitchens ???
 High Jump - Kitchens and Mackey N.H.
Team Totals
 1. Blanket - 79
 2. CROSS PLAINS - 72
 3. Mullin - 70
 4. Milford - 64
 5. Evant - 50
 6. Meridian - 36
 Plus ten other teams.
 Considering the amount of work we put in last week I thought we had a super meet.

Blackstock & Turner 1st Team All Big Country

By COACH BILL BOYD

Benji Blackstock and Joseph Turner topped off their excellent basketball careers by being named to the Abilene Reporter-News All Big Country Team. Blackstock who played varsity all four years was known for his penetrating skills as well as his all around balanced game. Turner who also played varsity ball for four years was known for his three point shot as well as his tremendous hustle.
 Two other seniors were mentioned in the Abilene Reporter-News article. Those CP basketballers were Dusty Hargrove and Jarad Richards. Hargrove's rebounding and defense, and Richard's unselfish play and long range three pointers were instrumental in the Buffaloes 24-6 season. Our other seniors were Nathaniel Swift and Scott Ricci came off the bench and unselfishly contributed to the Buffs successful season.
 Hats off to all our seniors who have won 92 games and eight gold basketballs in their four year careers. They also played in some huge games, against quality competition in some really nice facilities. Thanks to our senior parents for their support through the years. You have raised some really good kids.



Laura Johnson
 ...student teaching in the CPISD

Laura Johnson Student Teacher

Ms. Laura Johnson, senior Agricultural Services and Development major from Tarleton State University, has begun her student teaching in the Cross Plains public schools. She is under the supervision of Marc Morgan and Roy Richey, agricultural science teachers.
 Ms. Johnson will be in the community for ten weeks for the purpose of receiving training in agricultural science teaching. This arrangement has been made by mutual agreement between Cross Plains Independent School District, and Tarleton State University. The student teacher will assist with all activities concerning the local agricultural science program. Upon completion of this training period, she will receive the Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Services and Development from Tarleton State University.



ROWDY DILLARD & CHAMPION LIGHT WEIGHT LIMOUSIN STEER "LITTLE OCEAN"

Dillard Steers Do Well At Houston Livestock Show

Rowdy Dillard, a junior at Cross Plains High School, and son of Dean and Vicki Dillard, recently enjoyed being in the winners circle at the Houston Livestock show on March 5, 1998.
 Two days before the Grand Champion Steer that Dean had sold was given top honors, Rowdy's steer named "Little Ocean" was selected as Champion Lightweight Limousin, beating out 56 other entries. Rowdy's steer weighed 1147 pounds and sold for \$7,500 at the auction. The steer was raised by Rowdy's grand-dad, Bill Dillard.
 Bree and River Dillard, children of Bud and Becky Dillard, also made the sale at Houston with their two steers. Bree placed 14th out of 88 entries and River placed 9th out of 86. Both showed in the All Other Breeds division. Their steers were also raised by their grand-dad, Bill Dillard.

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Jr. High Track Results

By COACH LARRY BARTEE

The results of the Cub Relays held at Gorman on Friday, March 27 are as follows:
7th Grade Boys
 Discus - Kole Koenig - 2nd
 Long Jump - D. Purvis - 6th
 110 Meter Hurdles - C. Harris - 3rd and D. Martin - 4th
 100 Meter Dash - D. Martin - 4th
 400 Meter Dash - D. Purvis - 3rd
 300 Meter Dash - C. Harris - 5th and D. Martin - 6th
 200 Meter Dash - D. Purvis - 4th
8th Grade Boys
 Pole Vault - Josh Hopkins - 2nd and Tony Beggs - 3rd
 Discus - T. Butler - 4th
 High Jump - Joe Dillard - 4th; Tony Beggs - 5th and Seth Fortune - 6th
 Triple Jump - Tim Butler - 6th
 2400 Meter Run - Josh Hopkins - 1st
 400 Meter Relay - Fortunc, Beggs, Butler, Dillard - 1st
 800 Meter Run - J. Ross - 4th and J. Chastain - 5th
 400 Meter Dash - S. Fortune - 3rd
 300 Meter Hurdles - J. Dillard - 2nd
 200 Meter Dash - T. Beggs - 2nd
 1600 Meter Run - J. Hopkins - 3rd
 1600 Meter Relay - Fortunc, Beggs, Butler, Dillard - 1st

Prekindergarten Offered by CPISD

The Cross Plains Independent School District will offer a prekindergarten program if 15 children qualify for services. To be eligible for this program a child must be at least four years of age and meet one of the following criteria:
 *unable to speak and comprehend the English language
 *educationally disadvantaged
 *homeless.
 If you believe your child or a child you know meets one or more of the above definitions, please contact the school (254) 725-6123.

SCHOOL MENU

APRIL 6 - APRIL 10
 (Subject To Change)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cream of wheat, toast, assorted juice and milk.
 TUESDAY — Eggs, bacon, biscuit, assorted juice and milk.
 WEDNESDAY — Pancake, sausage, assorted juice and milk.
 THURSDAY — Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.
 FRIDAY — HOLIDAY

LUNCH

MONDAY — Sloppy Joe on bun, carrot sticks w/dip, tater tots, pears and milk.
 TUESDAY — Chicken strips w/ gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, honey and milk.
 WEDNESDAY — Enchiladas, corn, crackers, pineapples and milk.
 THURSDAY — Submarine sandwich, chips, salad, pickles, cake and milk.
 FRIDAY — HOLIDAY

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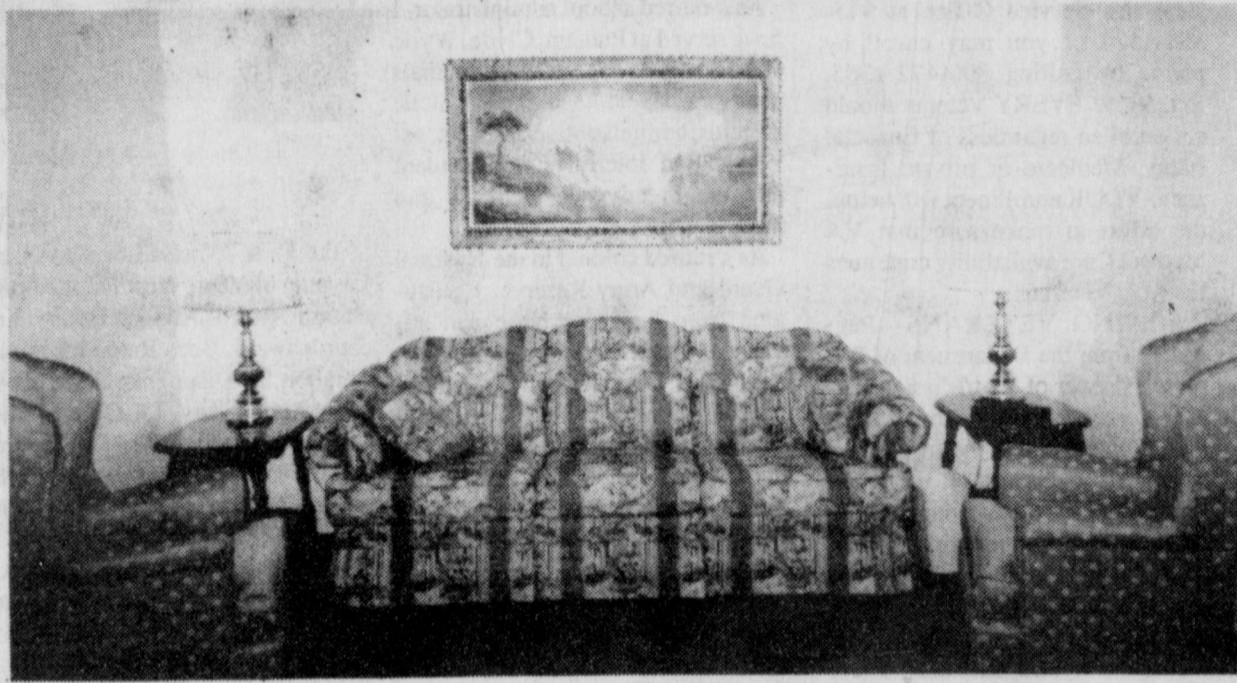
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Rural Resource Team Report - Part 2



HIGGINBOTHAM FUNERAL HOME PERSONNEL—Dr. Jim Moshinski (from left) Sr. V. Pres. Funeral Homes of Texas, Shirley Snodgrass Part-time help, Bob Harrell Funeral Director, Dee Harrell Secretary, and Jim Johnson, Employee of Funeral Homes of Texas.



HIGGINBOTHAM FUNERAL HOME BLUE ROOM (PARLOR)

Higginbotham Funeral Home Open House Well Attended

By VANDA ANDERSON
CREECH
Editor

The Special Open House held at Higginbotham Funeral Home Sunday, March 22 was a great success according to funeral home director, Bob Harrell and his wife, Dee Harrell, the secretary. Approximately 80 registered in the original book used in 1968 when the funeral home opened at its present location.

Special guests included Pete Boutross, Ronald and Marie from Comanche Funeral Home; Brent and Brandi Stone from the General Office; Jim and Welda Johnson from Dublin; Dr. Jim Moshinski of Waco; Gary Adcock and wife from FDLIC; Richard and Joann Jones from Avalon Mortuary Service of Abilene; and the staff from Rising Star and Gorman funeral homes.

The Harrells discovered that the first funeral service held in the new facility was that of Zelna Lofland Austin, mother of Martha Dillard and Sarah Austin both of Cross Plains, on July 30, 1968.

Recent redecorating and upgrading has brought the funeral home service

into the 21st Century. A computer has been installed and all the paperwork is handled at the funeral home, not the general store, as of January 1, 1997.

Ceiling fans have been installed in the chapel, along with spotlights to offset the darkness at the front. The new public address system will compliment each service and special music. The podium has been moved from the center to the west side which lends additional space, plus a new look.

Beautiful light teal green carpet with flecks of burgundy and hunter green brings color to the chapel and additional rooms. Custom made drapes by Brandi Stone also lightened the area. The egg shell drapes are highlighted by a floral edging perfectly matching the new decor.

Five lovely sofas and a love seat decorate the viewing rooms and halls accented by tables with hunter green and burgundy/brass lamps. The sofas feature a floral print with stripes in blue, burgundy, and beige. Wing-back chairs in both blue and green print create an atmosphere of comfort and warmth.

Tim Dillard prepared the floral ar-

rangements for the tables and the columns in the viewing rooms. He also made the swags which decorate various wall areas. Special attention was taken in the blending of the color scheme throughout.

Paneling in the viewing area has been removed and replaced with textured walls painted in light colors to make the room appear less dark. The rooms have been enlarged and the second room now doubles as a planning room.

The coffee room paneling was painted a light shade, along with the cabinets. This has a fresh new appearance which coordinates with the rest of the facility. Both baths have been remodeled and the men's bathroom now doubles as a handicap restroom.

The casket display area was also refurbished adding green plants and track lighting. Higginbotham Funeral Home now has large umbrellas available for inclement weather and lap robes for graveside services.

Higginbotham Funeral Home appreciated everyone who attended the open house and enjoyed refreshments while touring the facility.

The report is in from the Rural Resource Team who conducted interviews with individuals, businesses, and various entities in the community between February 10 and 13. Their findings will be published in the *Cross Plains Review* over a period of weeks as the report is quite lengthy.

WHAT WAS SAID AT THE INTERVIEWS

The five member Resource Team spent days interviewing the local residents to hear what they had to say. Those being interviewed were directed to answer four questions:

What are the major problems/challenges in the community?

What are the major strengths/assets of the community?

What projects would you like to see implemented in the short term (12 months or less)?

What projects would you like to see implemented in the long term (the next 2 or 3 years)?

We have listed below, without comment, what we heard from those who volunteer to be interviewed.

Project Pride (12 present)

What are the major problems/challenges in the community?

- Business people need to clean up in front of their own businesses
- No jobs, people have to go out of town

- Willing to do things, but lack of organization and leadership
- Town needs to clean up and be more attractive

- Older houses, absentee owners, overgrown yards
- Lack of goals
- Lack of planning
- Lack of industry
- No jobs
- Trash
- No industry
- Town needs to be cleaned up
- Lack of ordinances
- Need clean up

- Nothing for youth to do
- Lack of pride
- Deed sacks being dumped
- General run down of lots and houses
- Safety, health, eyesores of old houses
- No city taxes
- Ordinances needed and enforced
- Lack of zoning
- Lack of community pride

What are the major strengths/assets of the community?

- Good unity, everyone pulls together
- Good volunteers
- Good school system
- People will contribute
- Some of the best people that I have ever known
- When you ask, people will come
- Library
- Good bankers
- Lots of volunteers
- People are wonderful
- Wonderful location
- Fall foliage
- Robert E. Howard
- Highway 36 - heavier traffic
- Small town
- Safe
- Small town encourages good behavior
- People know you
- Environment, growing conditions
- Excellent location
- People are the finest
- Climate

What projects would you like to see implemented in the short term (12 months or less)?

- Finish up the sidewalks
- Like to see downtown cleaned up
- Need new house numbers and street signs
- Street sweepers (like 8th street)
- More seasonal activities
- Quilting
- Billboards in areas coming in the entries

What projects would you like to see implemented in the long term (the next 2 or 3 years)?

- More publicity on the Howard House
- See our buildings utilized
- Street signs (that you can read)
- Education about Robert E. Howard
- Seal coat our streets
- Mural as you enter Cross Plains
- Something to create jobs for our young people
- Sow more wild flowers on our highways
- Museum

What projects would you like to see implemented in the long term (the next 2 or 3 years)?

- Need to get people that care to run for city council
- Need another water source
- Recreation for the kids
- Industry
- Water
- Raise cotton
- Gin mill
- Something for people that has land
- Feed lot
- Value added to do something with our Ag products
- Something for our kids
- Build a planned area with Deed restrictions
- Processing plant
- Broiler operations
- Rabbit processing plant
- Lake plan (Lower Colorado River Authority)
- Need a new water source
- City needs to build a water system
- Would like to see a prison system
- Need industry
- Need aggressive city council
- Need assisted living center

What projects would you like to see implemented in the long term (the next 2 or 3 years)?

- Need industry
- Need aggressive city council
- Need assisted living center

Next Week: We will continue with *What Was Said At The Interviews* by those involved in *Agriculture*. Copies of the report are available at the EDC office inside the Subway building.

VOTING

Any qualified Republican voter of any of the Callahan County precincts may vote early at any of the three early voting stations.

The Republican Primary Run-off Election Day is Tuesday, April 14. All Republican voting precincts will cast ballots at the County Courthouse in Baird from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on April 14.

A run-off election for three seats is required on the Republican Party's ballot. A total number of expected county voters voting Republican is estimated at less than 50.

Callahan County Republican Party Chairman David L. Holmes of Cross Plains said the plan for consolidating the voting locations has been approved under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act.

Holmes went on to say, "Consolidating the Election Day voting location, particularly in view of the 3 early voting locations for the week prior to the election reasonable demonstrates that consolidating the normal 3 election day locations to the one at the Court House is not only prudent economics but offers County Republicans great accessibility for the voting process and further demonstrates due concern for their tax dollars."

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APRIL 2, 1998

PLANNING

Cross Plains is the historic home of Robert E. Howard, author of *Conan the Barbarian*. The restored Howard House Museum and the Robert E. Howard Day festivities are frequent tourist attractions. Cross Plains is a friendly community with a strong faith in God and family values. Unified, civic-minded citizens take pride in the clean, attractive appearance of their city. New and diverse businesses stimulate economic growth, provide job opportunities and added revenue for the community. The strong economy contributes to increased housing, improvements in educations, advanced technology and infrastructure.

The weaknesses, listed in order of priority as determined by participants, are: 1) Poor appearance and lack of pride in property, 2) Lack of a city ad valorem tax, 3) Lack of housing, 4) Lack of job opportunities other than minimum wage for all ages, 5) Juvenile violence, 6) City limits too restrictive (need expansion), 6) Howard Heritage, and 7)

Library.

Target Industries identified by participants (listed in order of priority) are: 1) Robert E. Howard Industry, 2) Ecotourism, 3) Light manufacturing, 4) Trade Days or Festivals, 5) Back Office Businesses, 6) Hunting, and 7) a Landing Strip.

After a great deal of discussion five goals were established by participants using the community strengths and building from community weaknesses. These goals, in order of priority, are: 1) Establish a beautification plan, 2) Establish a city ad valorem tax, 3) Promote Ecotourism, 4) Develop small manufacturing, and 5) Create a unique trade day or festival.

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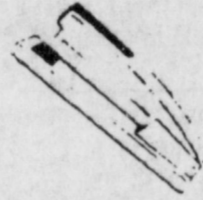
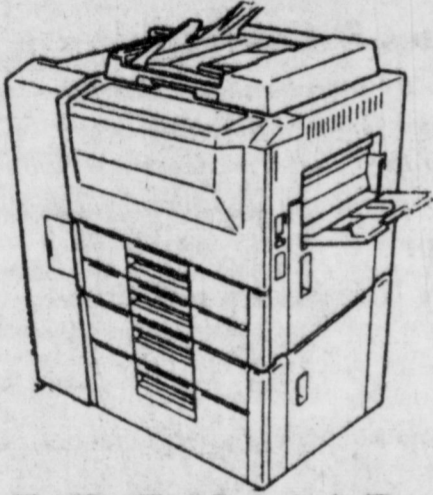
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GRAFFITI

1996. Graffiti removal was estimated at over \$400 dollars for the same year.

"We have replaced damaged stop signs, in parts of the county, and then had to go back two days later to replace them again because they had already been shot up," said Rogers.

Clyde Maintenance Supervisor Norman Smith said they annually budget about \$3,000 for traffic and street signs in the city. "We spent \$2,000 a year for the last two years just for signs, not counting the installation labor," said Smith.

"We are constantly having problems with signs disappearing," said Clyde Police Chief Ron Young. "A reward from our Crime Stoppers Program is available for tips received concerning sign vandals." Young said.

Baird City Marshal Sergeant Sue Martindale said, "I'm working a case right now of the theft of a traffic sign and light at the Baird School that occurred during Spring Break."

Nancy Turnbow, Baird's City Secretary had a list of intersections, compiled by a local citizens, showing that almost half of the street intersections in Baird had no identifying markers (street signs). "We're in the process of trying to replace the missing street signs this year," said Turnbow although she wasn't sure how many could be bought in the present budget.

"The City of Baird spent about \$800 on sign replacement last year," said Turnbow, but she didn't have an estimate on the cost or re-painting city trash dumpsters because of graffiti. "We have quite a bit of cost added to the sanitation department due to having to re-paint dumpsters," Turnbow said.

Cross Plains City Secretary Debbie Gosnell said their city was out about \$250 last year for vandalized sign replacement, not counting labor of installation. "Most of our problems are shoe polish graffiti and the signs getting turned around backwards," said Gosnell, "which just costs labor of cleaning and re-setting the signs."

Callahan County dispatcher Arlinda Williams said she hasn't personally encountered a problem because of missing signs although it could cause a big problem. "Emergency personal need all the help possible to arrive at the location they are needed quickly," said Williams, "missing street or county road signs could very well make the difference in a life or death situation."

There have been instances where auto accidents, in the county, have been attributed to missing traffic control signs although the officers could not recall the particular date of the incidents.

New laws that went into effect in September of 1997 boosted penalties for graffiti offenders. If the damage is in the amount of less than \$500 the person is charged with a Class B Misdemeanor which carries penalties of up to \$2,000 fines and/or 180 days in jail. For damages of \$200,000 or more, a 1st degree felony, the fine can be \$10,000 with a 99 year prison term. There are various other penalties between these two extremes depending on the damage costs.

The law allows for combining several violations, and the damage amounts, into a single offense resulting in stiffer penalties for the accumulated total.

Under this law a person commits an offense; if with aerosol paint or and indelible marker, and, without the effective consent of the owner, the person intentionally or knowingly makes markings, including inscriptions, slogans, drawings, or paintings on the tangible property of

the owner. Baird Economic Development Corporation President Rod Lewallen said the problem with graffiti on the overpasses at the entrances to Baird is, "The graffiti hinders efforts to attract people into town."

Callahan County Attorney Allen Wright said he had not tried any graffiti cases since he has been in office. "But we would prosecute the violators to the fullest extent," he said. "If a missing or vandalized sign played a part in causing a death, manslaughter charges would be possible," said Wright and made reference to a case in Florida where vandals were convicted of stealing a stop sign and in turn contributed to the death of two young girls.

A common theme echoed by all officials interviewed for this article, is that "Parents have got to know, that if their children have these signs, the signs belong somewhere and have not been bought."

Not that juveniles are being blamed for all the sign vandalism, although evidence points towards teenagers in a number of the instances.

Ron Young said the Clyde Police Department has filed on sign vandals and fines have run up to \$200. "If the folks voluntarily bring the signs in we don't file any charges," Young said.

Marvin Rogers said when he worked out of the Albany TxDOT yard there was some sign damage attributed to two men in their 30's. "We never did know why they wanted to tear up road signs," said Rogers, "but they were caught and prosecuted."

"The State of Texas will ask for payment (for the damage) if the perpetrators are caught," said Rogers and that payment would be on top of criminal fines and charges.

Rogers said, "If we get a call, at any hour, that a traffic control sign (stop, yield, or curve signs) is gone or damaged we go fix it right then."

"We have one employee, at the Baird yard, that does nothing but work signs 40 hours a week," said Rogers, "and sometimes he can't keep up." All of the "sign man's" work is not attributed to vandalism, but also includes wind and accidental damage to signs along with normal maintenance.

Callahan County Judge Bill Johnson said the four county commissioners will soon compile a list of missing county road signs so they can be replaced. "Stop signs are replaced as quickly as possible after we're notified," said Johnson.

Theft of one stop sign, which are valued around \$40.00, would bring charges of a Class C Misdemeanor carrying up to a \$500.00 fine. Two stop signs raises the penalty to a Class B Misdemeanor with up to a \$2,000 fine or 180 days in jail or both.

These figures for the cost of these signs are conservative and are at the low end of the price spectrum. Rogers said a stop sign made with a high intensity reflective sheeting material, that is required by state specifications, had an installed cost of \$79.00 several years ago.

No one really had an answer to the question of how to stop the vandalism other than maybe educating people to the reality of what the problem is costing taxpayers and that the results of a "harmless prank" of stealing or painting a sign could bring very high fines and criminal charges. That along with perseverance of law enforcement authorities may help curb the needless expense's incurred by destroying or stealing public property.

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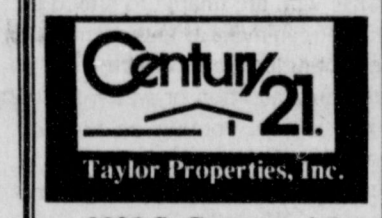
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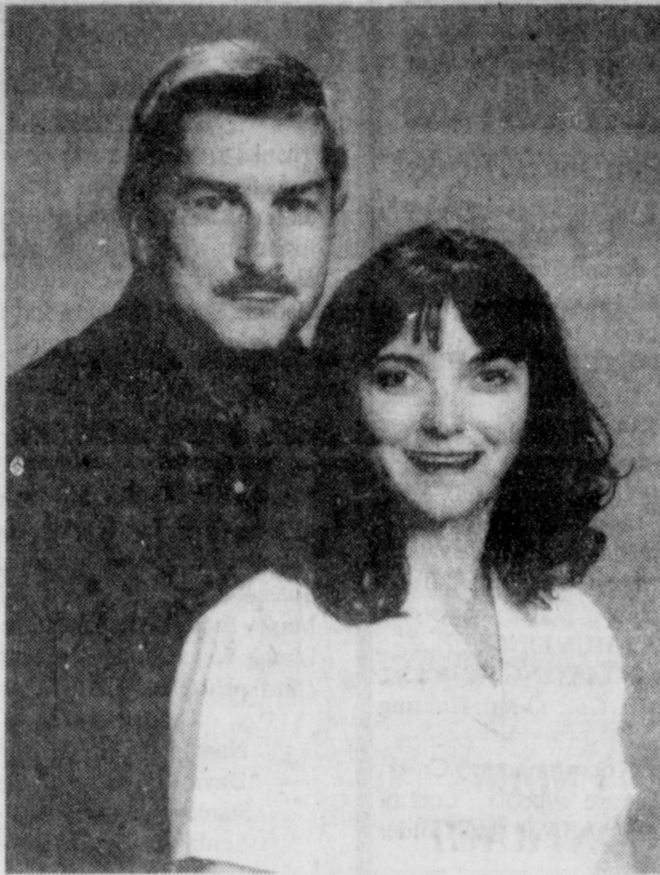
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McMillan - Frazier Announce Engagement

Mrs. Marion (Jackie) McMillan of North Richland Hills, is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Marcie Michelle McMillan of Bedford to H. Timothy Frazier of Grapevine. Marcie is also the daughter of the late Marion McMillan of North Richland Hills, and the granddaughter of the late Lillie Mae McMillan of Cross Plains.

The bride-elect is a 1982 graduate of Graham High School in Graham. A member of Sigma Kappa sorority, she graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1986 with a BA in Communications. She is currently employed as an account manager of Dimensional Marketing

Group in Richardson.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Jake Frazier of San Antonio, and the late Mary Elia Rock Frazier, also of San Antonio. He graduated from Harlandale High School in San Antonio in 1974, and went on to earn a BS in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Texas in 1978. He later earned an MBA from the University of Texas at Arlington. Methanex Methanol Company of Dallas, currently employs him as the manager of business analysis.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 9, 1998, at Northeast Wedding Chapel in Hurst.

Local Student Participating in West Texas Junior Miss Scholarship Program

Western Horizon Chapter of the American Business Women's Association West Texas Junior Miss Scholarship Program will be Saturday, April 4, at Abilene Christian University's Cullen Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. The Junior Misses competing are from area schools:

Abilene Christian High School: Rickey Barton
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Scholarships will be awarded at this program and the West Texas Junior Miss winner will advance to State competition this summer. The State winner will then represent Texas in the national competition in Mobile, Alabama in the summer of 1999.

Cisco Wrangler Belles Auditions Sunday, April 19

The Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles will hold an open audition at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, in the CJC gymnasium. Students that are accepted into the performing group are recipients of an activity grant that ranges from \$1,000 to \$1,300 per year.

The Wrangler Belles actively promote the college through numerous appearances around the Big Country, year round. The organization also provides training in professionalism, individual character and self esteem. In recent years, the group has traveled often, making appearances in Hawaii, England, New York, Washington, D.C. and Mexico.

The Cisco Junior College Band and Belles have recently accepted an invitation to perform in the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, VA, Washington, DC, in April of 1999. The last time the Band and Belles performed in this parade was 1989.

Girls who are unable to attend the audition can make arrangements with the Wrangler Belle director for an individual audition or watch for the next audition, coming on Sunday, May 24. For more information, please contact Debbie Baker, Director of the Wrangler Belles, at (254) 442-2567.

Refrigerant Containment Class Offered At CJC

Cisco Junior College will offer a Refrigerant Containment class on Saturday, April 18, at the Cisco Junior College Abilene Center.

The Stationary Refrigerant Containment class will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The class satisfies EPA section 608 of the Clean Air Act to permit certification of technicians as required by the Act. This course is EPA approved and includes all materials and instructions to complete a technician certificate. Cost for the class is \$65. Study materials must be picked up one week prior to the class from Clay Spain. For more information or to register, contact Clay Spain at (915) 698-2219.

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