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Down Home

"Fine Feathered Friends"

By VANDA ANDERSON
CREECH

Over the years you have heard "horse tales" and "dog tales" but this time it's bird tales.

I'm sure you have all had parakeets? They are like rabbits -- you will probably only have them once! When I was a kid I had a parakeet and I took it to my Granny Ethel Anderson's for baby-sitting for a couple of weeks. When we came to pick up "Blue Bell" Granny sadly announced that she was no longer alive. She retrieved an instant coffee jar with her remains. To my surprise she was perfectly intact. She appeared stuffed with all her blue feathers still attached -- almost life-like. It was always a mystery how she could look so great.

A couple of years before granny passed away she said she needed to make a confession concerning Blue Bell. It seems she had let her fly around the house and the bird ate mice poison which preserved her in mint condition. Granny said she didn't have the heart to tell me before.

When my Dad was employed by Callahan County he worked for the late Claude Foster. While on their way to Baird they ran into a flock of wild turkey and daddy said, "Claude, stop and I will get us a turkey with a rock." Claude didn't know that daddy could really do such and he stopped. Daddy hit a big gobbler in the head and it fell over immediately. Now Claude didn't know what to do because it wasn't turkey season, he was the County Commissioner and here they were with a dead turkey. They decided to load it up in the back of the pickup. Daddy said they were driving along and he looked in the rearview mirror and there stood the old gobbler looking a little dazed. He said his head would wobble to the right and then to the left. He was wondering how long he had been standing up while they drove down Highway 36.

Now if you have ever had a chicken play havoc with your flowers you will

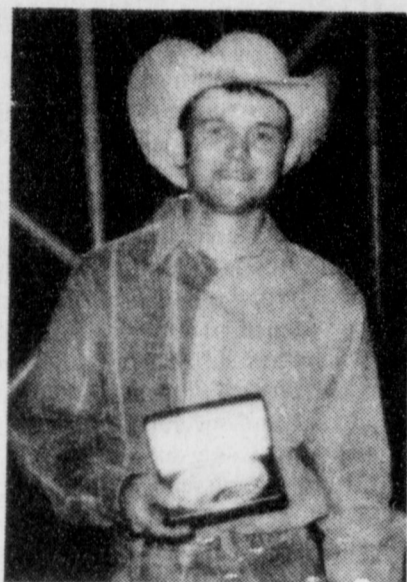
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Spring Revival at First Baptist Church April 26-29

First Baptist Church will be in Spring Revival during the week of April 26-29. Services will begin at 7:00 each night.

Don Ross will be coming from First Baptist Church, Leody, Oklahoma to share from God's word, and Danny Ingram from First Baptist Church San Saba, will be leading in worship through music. On Sunday night, the Brown Baptist Associational Youth Choir will be in concert during the first part of the service.

Each night during the week there will be a special emphasis. Sunday is "Bring a Friend and Pack a Pew." Monday night will be Children's Night and there will be a Hot Dog Supper served for grades K-6 at 6:00. A Pizza Pig Out for Youth 7-12 grade will be Tuesday night at 6:00. The week will be concluded on Wednesday with Family Night. A potluck supper will be served for all families at 6:00 p.m.



JAMES NEWBERRY
...winner of bull buck-out

Annual Turkey Creek Classic a Success

On Saturday, April 18, the Cross Plains Roping Club sponsored its annual Turkey Creek Classic Buck-out, cook-off and dance. Festivities started early with the cook-off of brisket, chicken, ribs, chili and beans. Noted winners were bean - Lonestar cooking team; brisket - Dana Hall; chicken - Sally Collins and Jerry Hinkle; ribs - Cliff Waddell and Kenny Horan and chili - Lonestar. Lonestar also took the award for showmanship and Stan Painter was chosen as the friendliest cook.

The bull-riders came from Clyde, Abilene, Brownwood, Huckabay, May and as far away as Canada. The winner was an Abilene cowboy. James Newberry had three successful rides on some of the meanest bulls from the Triple L Rodeo Company. Other prize winning riders included J. D. Wheeler and T. R. Wheeler from Brownwood, Vance McBride from Brownwood, and Todd Wilmont from Canada.

After the bull-riding showdown, a dance was enjoyed by all. Music was provided by Borderline.

The Cross Plains Roping Club wishes to thank the Triple L Rodeo Company, Johnson's Dry Goods, Debbie Gosnell, Scott and Toby Linley and all those who volunteered countless hours to help us begin another successful year!

Upcoming dates to remember are the Ranch Rodeo June 27 and the Jr. Rodeo July 23-25.

Memberships are available by mailing \$15 to Roping Club, Box 733, Cross Plains 76443.

Work Day Saturday at Baseball Field

Just a reminder that the work day for the senior league, little league, and pee wee league baseball will be Saturday, April 25 from 8:00 a.m. - ??? at the baseball field.

Registration has also been extended until Noon Saturday, April 25 at the baseball field for all age groups especially the 13-15 age group.

So come on out and help get the fields ready for the baseball season which begins May 2.

Car Wash Sunday

The Cross Plains High School Spanish Club will be having a car wash Sunday, April 19, from 2-5 p.m. in the Dairy Queens parking lot.

Fees will be \$5 for cars, \$7 for medium size vehicles, and \$10 for big trucks and vans. Please come and support the Spanish Club. Proceeds will go to a fund for the Spanish Club scholarship and the end of year trip.

Arson Indictment Returned

BAIRD -- A Callahan County Grand Jury handed down 14 indictments Friday, April 17, including an arson charge against Cory Lee Switzer in connection with the Cross Plains High School fire.

Switzer, 18, posted a \$40,000 bond after his arrest a few days following the December 7th fire that damaged a large portion of two Cross Plains High School buildings.

A trial date for Switzer is pending a decision by the 42nd District Court.

Switzer is one of three former Cross Plains High School students accused of arson in connection with the fire that caused around 1 million dollars in damage to school facilities. He is facing a possible 2nd degree felony conviction, which carries penalties of up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine, for his role in the December 7th activities.

Library Celebration Saturday

Do you remember what the LAP program meant to you? Do you look to the library to help you with research, get on the internet or to loan you a good book? You can show your appreciation this Saturday at a read-a-thon to celebrate National Library Week and earn money for our local library.

Pledge sheets can be picked up at the library between 1-5 p.m. each afternoon before the read-a-thon. On Saturday, at the Cross Plains Public Library, registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. and from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. you will read or someone will read to you. Collect the money pledged to you by the sponsors you obtained and return the money to the

library by May 4. Prizes will be awarded for the most money turned in from each division. There will also be refreshments and some prizes awarded this Saturday. Children age 5 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Stories will be read all morning for the younger children. Prizes awarded will be gift certificates to Hastings Books Music and Video, a bicycle helmet, ice cream certificates, stuffed animals, books, bookmarks, movie rental coupons, free pizza coupons and more.

The other two defendants were tried as juveniles in March and were sent to a maximum security juvenile facility for up to five years. The juveniles had an additional charge of burglary filed against them. Two other individuals, Deidra Switzer, 37, and Jason J. Higgins, 21, admitted to furnishing alcohol at a party attended by as many as fifty Cross Plains youths on the evening preceding the early morning school fire. Both received fines after pleading guilty in an Eastland County Court. This party, located about 7 miles north of Cross Plains, was possibly linked to events leading to the arson fire.

Callahan County Attorney Allen Wright said the investigation into the events surrounding the school fire are continuing.

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For more information call the library at 725-7722 or Judy Luter at 725-7222.

Callahan County Authorities Seize Over \$26,000

Being in the right place at the right time resulted in Callahan County Authorities seizing over \$26,000 in Cross Plains.

Callahan County Sheriff Eddie Curtis and Deputy Buddy Croft had met at the Food Plaza in Cross Plains, around 1:30 a.m. Tuesday morning, April 14, to discuss a case they were working. While sitting in the parking lot, they observed a 1998 Toyota 4-Runner pull into the parking lot with two adult occupants and two children.

The male driver acted suspicious "and appeared to be under the influence of something" when he went into the store prompting Deputy Croft to contact him.

Deputy Croft is the county's drug dog handler and interdiction officer.

Permission to search the suspect vehicle was obtained and the Callahan County Drug Dog, Leika, "alerted" outside the Toyota. A hidden package of money was found by officers while searching the interior of the utility vehicle.

The package contained \$26,230 of US currency and was seized by the Callahan County Officers who were assisted by Drug Task Force Agent Ronnie Stiltner.

The occupants of the Toyota listed a Houston address and were husband and wife. The couple and their children were released with no charges filed.

Project Graduation Fires Up

Cross Plains has been having Project Graduation for nine years now. It has been very successful and those involved feel that it has given the Seniors a wonderful night of fun,

prizes, etc. But the main objective ... SAFETY!

The Texas Department of Public Safety birthed Project Graduation to provide seniors with an alcohol - drug free environment for graduation night. Peer pressure tends to promote activities hazardous to teens health.

Even though the local Project Graduation is on a smaller scale (some seniors gather at Cisco Junior College and surrounding towns) it has been very effective with most years boasting 100 percent attendance.

The steering committee works very hard, especially on the prizes for the

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SAMMY BIEN
...new Postmaster at Cross Plains

New Postmaster At Cross Plains

Sammy Bien took over the Cross Plains Post Office effective February 28, 1998. Sammy came here from Lipan, where he served as Postmaster. Sammy began his postal career as a city carrier in Fort Worth. He also worked as a distribution clerk, window clerk, city carrier, and acting supervisor. After a short time in Crowley, he was promoted to Postmaster at Lipan. Sammy has also served as Officer in

Charge at Tolar and Glen Rose during his thirty years with the United States Postal Service.

Sammy's family includes his wife, Quada, and two grown children. Karri is a teacher for the Ballinger ISD. Jason and his wife Stephanie live in New Braunfels.

Sammy and Quada are looking forward to becoming a part of the Cross Plains community.

Remembering A Hero

By JANE JESCHKE
San Angelo Standard-Times

RANKIN -- On a lonely stretch of U.S. Highway 67 about three miles east of Rankin, a green X has been painted on the shoulder of the road to mark a tragic spot.

There on November 21, 1976, Trooper Sammy Long of McCamey, an 18-year veteran of the Department of Public Safety, was shot and killed by the driver of a speeding pickup that Long had stopped along the side of the highway.

Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department Annual Fish Fry May 15

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Fish Fry will be held Friday, May 15, from 5-8 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center on Beech Street.

The fish fry is the major fundraiser of the year. You may purchase a great meal of fish and all the trimmings for the price of \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12.

A quilt will also be raffled off in conjunction with the fish fry. The quilt, a full-size hand quilted pre-printed American Eagle, will be on display at Citizens State Bank. The quilt was donated by Bob and Dee Harrell and the Sabanno Quilting Club. Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$1 each at Citizens State Bank, Higinbotham's, Koening's Family Store or by contacting Bob or Dee Harrell. You need not be present to win.

The proceeds will go toward obtaining much needed equipment, along with maintenance and upkeep of the existing equipment.

So mark your calendars for May 15, and come on down to the community center and enjoy food, fun and fellowship while helping out the volunteer fire department.

On Thursday, April 16, at the site of the X, Long's family, friends and former co-workers gathered with DPS troopers from several counties to commemorate a marker that has been placed at the side of the road in Long's memory.

"We, the people of the state of Texas acknowledge and thank Trooper Sammy Charles Long for the great sacrifice he made to keep the public safe. His efforts will stand the test of time," the marker reads.

"God bless his soul." It was a moving ceremony filled with tears. Most of all, though, it was filled with fond remembrances of Long, a dedicated husband, father,

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes
Alicia Rodriguez, TPC (theft of property by check), \$186.25 court costs, \$292.56 restitution, 6 months probation.

Probations discharged: Janette S. Bruton, Robert Eugene Davis, Jay Dillon Odom, Billy Mac Chaney, Roy Isbell, Robert E. Taylor, Brandon Ponder.

Motions filed to revoke probations: Paul Barron Perez, Jr., Jalayne Williams.

Melanie Shackelford, TPC, \$186.25 court costs, \$110 restitution, 6 months probation.

In the matter of Shannon L. Hood, SOS Bail Bond allowed to withdraw as surety.

TPC charges dismissed due to restitution having been made: Charla Wauson, Larry Nolan.

Ricky Dan Ballard, probation extended to 5-21-98.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Dessie Mae Hooks, Olden, Travis Bond, Jr., Eastland.

Meredith Marian Edwards, Lubbock, James Edward Holland, Abernathy.

42ND DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filing
People State Bank, Clyde, vs Elizabeth Ashley & Sarah E. Ruffin, unpaid account.

Civil Minutes
Randy Charl Lane, found to be \$1016 in arrears on child support, new schedule of payments to begin 5-1-98.

Divorces granted:
Wheeler, Sandra Elaine & Charles Andrew.
Hopkins, Regina Lynn & Randy Lynn.

Felony Indictments
Uvaldo Carrillo, possession of marijuana.

Billy Ray Collins, Jr., theft.
Kenneth Alan Smith, DWI.
Vicki Mapes Anderson, DWI.
Regan Bryant Gamble, forgery.
Charged with possession of controlled substance: Virgil L. Strickland, Jr., Jerry Gene Hickerson.
Celia Ann Bryan Horton, interference with child custody; 2 counts.
Cory Lee Switzer, arson.

Felony Minutes
Hervey Mesta, Jr., motion dismissed to revoke probation.

OBITUARY

Doyle Cowan

Doyle W. Cowan, 75, employed by the city of Abilene for 13 years until retiring, passed away Saturday, April 18, 1998, in a local hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Faith, 5701 U.S. Hwy. 277 South. Graveside services were held at 4:30 p.m. in Cottonwood Cemetery.

Mr. Cowan was in Childress and attended school in Memphis and Hillsboro. He served with the U.S. Naval Air Corps aboard the aircraft carrier USS Essex during World War II and moved to Abilene in 1969 from Cross Plains. He was a member of Baker Heights Church of Christ and was the widower of Clara Mae Woody Cowan, whom he married in 1942 in Cross Plains.

Survivors include one son, Tommy Cowan of Austin; two daughters, Wanda Wheeler and Linda O'Dell, both of Abilene; two sisters, Lavatha Gentry of Fort Worth and Corrine Barnett of Snyder; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Heaven's Jubilee to Perform at Nimrod Baptist Church

Nimrod Baptist Church is having a gospel singing and supper on Saturday, April 25. The gospel group, Heaven's Jubilee from the Abilene area, will provide the musical entertainment.

Each family is requested to bring a cash dish for the meal and the singing will follow. The youth may come at 5 p.m. and play games prior to the supper.

Everyone always receives a tremendous blessing from the gospel singers and Nimrod Baptist Church hopes you can join them for a good time of fellowship and fun.

Remember God loves you!

Gunfight links partner-rivals for eternity

By JON MCCONAL
Fort Worth Star Telegram

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was brought to the newspaper office by the Wilmojean Dill and Ora Breeding to be republished. They felt that Cottonwood residents would enjoy the information. It is also interesting that Jon McConal is the brother of Mack McConal of our community. **Vanda Anderson Creech**

COTTONWOOD — Gunfire often cooled tempers that flared here in the old days. So it was in the case of William Thomas Jones and George W. Franks, longtime friends and business partners who killed each other on December 29, 1883.

In a rather unusual request, Franks, who lived for a few hours after killing Jones, asked that they be buried in the same grave.

I had come to this community in southeast Callahan County after Jim Williams of Fort Worth had told me the story. We had picked up Ora Breeding of nearby Cross Plains, who directed us to the grave.

Breeding was born and reared near here.

Her great-grandfather donated the land for the cemetery where the two men are buried.

She told about going to school here. She laughed.

"We didn't learn a lot," she said. "I used to do the girls' hair and roll it and didn't charge me anything. But one girl always gave me 15 cents."

We drove past the old school building and past the old Methodist Church, built in 1884 and now owned by the Cottonwood Historical Association. The white framed structure has a beautiful bell tower.

We headed for R.T. Peewy's house

VETERANS NEWS

By TOM IVEY

Thank you for your patience while the office was closed April 7, 13 & 14. Daughter Lois and her husband Fred gave me a round trip air ticket to London and train fare on to Edinburgh, Scotland. A trip I could not refuse! We toured by car in the area around Edinburgh, seeing several castles, Loch Lomond, the St. Andrews Golf Links and many other places of historic interest. The National Railway Museum in York, England was very good. York was established by the Romans in 71 A.D.

"The Flying Scotsman" train was our return from Edinburgh to London with an average speed of 90 mph. The 393 mile trip is covered in 276 minutes with four or five stops enroute. Most of the trip is at 130 to 140 mph. Wish we had such transportation in the USA! The weather was on the chilly side with several sleet storms in Scotland and a big snow in London. There were some sunny days as well, making it a wonderful trip to a beautiful country. I thank the kids for their generous gift and thank you again for your patience while the office was closed. And yes, I voted before leaving. We are very fortunate to have the convenience of early voting.

ENROLLMENT: A good number of county veterans have come in or asked for enrollment information. It is easy with only a one page form to

complete which is then mailed with your service record to Big Spring VAMC. All veterans should enroll in order that the VA Medical facilities will continue to be available for those veterans without benefit of other medical care. Your call to 854-1520 will get an enrollment form mailed to you or you may pick up one from those hanging on the door of your veterans service office whenever the courthouse is open. Sign up and help a buddy!

DIRECT DEPOSIT: The time is coming when all VA benefit payments will have to be made by direct deposit except in extreme cases. You need to ask your bank for a form to sign up for direct deposit and do it soon.

Q&A: I am a retired Army officer and have applied for disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Will my grade entitle me to increased compensation? Answer -- No. Military pay grade is not a factor in determining the degree of disability attributed to military service.

Q&A: Why does VA charge some veterans for prescriptions? Answer -- VA uses the disability pension rates to determine if a veteran should pay for prescriptions. A single veteran with income above \$8665/year will be charged and a married veteran with income above \$11,349 will be charged. The supply of medicine is \$2.00 per 30 day supply.

and drove past a vacant service station with rusted tin strips that looked like decayed teeth.

Peewy greeted us warmly. He was reared here and told about some of the early characters. One was a woman called Aunt Mary.

"She had lost her nose to cancer and just had two big holes where her nose was supposed to be," he said. "But she was a nice woman. She had a 44-caliber rifle that she'd loan to us kids, and we'd shoot .40 shotgun shells in it. We loved that old lady and didn't care if she didn't have a nose."

Peewy's grandfather was a deputy sheriff here for seven years and told him about some of the early shootings and confrontations. But he had never heard why Jones and Franks, who owned a saloon together, shot each other.

"I have," said Breeding. "Franks thought that Jones was trying to take his wife away from him, so he shot him. But he was also

mortally wounded and before he died, he learned that that was not true, so he said, "It was a mistake. We were the closest of friends... please bury us together."

Then we drove to the cemetery. The smell of rain was raw and powerful as we walked past graves of early residents named Norrell and Nordyke.

"And here is the grave of those two men," Breeding said. "As far as I know, they are the only two buried together."

The mound is covered with busted concrete. A large tree grows at the foot of the grave. Half of its trunk is split like it was shredded by gunfire.

The ragged string of clouds had turned heavier. It began raining.

"This is a silent city with so many stories to tell," Breeding said.

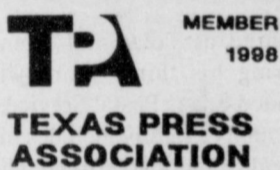
I closed my notebook as the rain began hitting and melting some of my notes, like time has melted Cottonwood.

Medicaid

If you or your children are Medicaid recipients age 21 or younger, you may be eligible for FREE DENTISTRY. Call Baird Family Dental Center ~ (915) 854-1173

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COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

Old Time Gospel Mission will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, April 26, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Cross Cut Cemetery Assoc. Donations

Recent donations to the Cross Cut Cemetery Association includes a memorial in memory of J.W. "Dub", Ondelia and Bill Stone from Jeanne Stone Dodds and her son, Brandon in the amount of \$50; and in memory of Jack Davis from Laura P. Davis \$25.

All contributions are greatly appreciated by the association and will be used for the preservation and upkeep of the cemetery. Donations may be sent to O.B. Byrd.

Selected Scriptures

My soul melts from heaviness; strengthen me according to Your word. Psalm 119:28

Paid Advertising — Irma Miller

CHURCH SERVICES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

10TH & MAIN CROSS PLAINS (254) 725-7629
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study & Prayer Time 7:00 p.m.
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Putnam Cemetery Assoc. Regular Meeting May 5

There will be a regular meeting of the Directors of the Putnam Cemetery Association, Inc. on Tuesday, May 5, at 6 p.m. at the Putnam Community Center for the purpose of electing one director whose term has expired and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

Anyone who would like to make a contribution to the Putnam Cemetery Ass'n. may send it to La Verne Rutherford, Box 1074, Putnam, Texas 76469.

Pete Mendez, President, other officers and directors express their deep appreciation for the generous memorial gifts and contributions made in the past to the endowment and maintenance funds. This pays for the upkeep of the cemetery and other expenses that may occur.

Callahan Co. Lawn & Garden Seminar Thurs., April 30

A seminar designed for homeowners or anyone interested in the subject of Lawn and Garden Management is planned for Thursday, April 30, at the Clyde Lions Club Building located at 317 South 1st in Clyde. The seminar will start at 6:00 p.m. and cost of the clinic will be \$200.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Nancy Roe, Extension Horticulturist from Stephenville, will discuss Earth Kind Gardening topics including soil preparation, compost use, variety selection, irrigation, mulches and she will also discuss conventional gardening strategies and organic alternatives. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist, will be on hand to discuss vegetable insects and fire ant management for homeowners.

The Lawn and Garden Seminar is a presentation of the Callahan County Ag and Natural Resources Committee and is sponsored by People State Bank of Clyde and Clyde Farm and Ranch. For more information contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (915) 854-1518.

Smith Cemetery Assoc. Annual Meeting April 15

The Smith Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting Saturday, April 25, at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at Jean's Feed Barn in Cross Plains. All members are urged to attend. Visitors welcomed.

REVIVAL

FIRST BAPTIST, CROSS PLAINS
PASTOR: DON ROSS
MUSIC: DANNY INGRAM
APRIL 26-29
7:00 PM

SUNDAY NIGHT - "PACK A PEW"
BROWN ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH CHOIR IN CONCERT
MONDAY NIGHT - CHILDREN'S NIGHT
HOT DOG SUPPER - 6:00 - K-6
TUESDAY NIGHT - YOUTH NIGHT
PIZZA PIG OUT - 6:00 - 7-12
WEDNESDAY - FAMILY NIGHT
POTLUCK SUPPER - 6:00 - ALL FAMILIES

NEWS

By
LINDA MERRITT
Activity Director

Grace Loflin reports that she spent an enjoyable night at home while her son, James, was down visiting from Texas City.

Dorothy Thomas sure looks pretty with her new perm.

Appreciation to Gaynelle Callaway for the cookies and to Ruby Cassle for the chips and dips.

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

Mona and Donna Wilson from Abilene visited Blanche Brooks.

Betty Montgomery from Midland and Robert and Dorothy Welch from Fort Worth visited Leila Montgomery.

Tim Curry visited with Deen Haddox.

C.L. Coppinger from Odessa visited with Louise Richardson.

Brownie Woodruff from Stanton

visited Myrtle Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. Garmond Parrish from Cisco visited Vera Belyeu.

Activities during the week were:

Monday: Bingo winners were Falba Shofner, Louise Richardson, Ruby Harrell, Vera Belyeu (2), Minnie Swann (2), and Inola Wilcoxen. Exercise class.

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

Wednesday: Art class. Exercise class.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Minnie Swann, Inola Wilcoxen, Louise Richardson, Falba Shofner, Ruby Harrell, and Vera Belyeu.

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

Sunday: Old Time Gospel Mission.

Our faith should be our steering wheel - not our spare tire.

"Spring Clean Up" Slated For May 2

The City of Cross Plains and BFI have scheduled their annual "Spring Clean Up" for Saturday, May 2.

BFI will only accept refuse that they normally pick up: No Hazardous Waste, No Tires, No Appliances that contain refrigerant, No Concrete, No Steel, etc. Brush and tree limbs need to be cut in four foot

lengths and bundled in packs not weighing more than 60 pounds.

If you have any questions concerning an item to be disposed of, please call BFI at (800) 374-4234 or Cross Plains City Hall at 725-6114.

Everyone is encouraged to clean up our city and make Cross Plains a "Proud Community."

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"The Block of Butter"

If you have ever witnessed an auto accident, a crime or any other incident which you are asked to describe in detail; then it has occurred to you that people see things differently. Even though two or more persons may view the same scene; it may vary in appearance to each individual observer.

An example -- The car seen leaving the scene of the accident was variously described by witnesses as being baby blue, lime green, azure, seafoam green, eggshell white, and sunshine yellow. Now there's a world of difference between these various hues of color. Don't miss the garden clubs colorful flower show May 2 and 3.

To my little granddaughter, all small fuzzy looking critters are "puppies." Even the neighbors chickens are puppies in her view, well; they are fluffy. She has yet to explain to me why they say cluck, cluck, instead of bark, bark. Maybe when she's old enough to form sentences, I'll get that explanation.

Things often appear very different to small children than to adults. This

brings to mind this old adage: Don't believe anything you hear and only half of what you see.

At the age of 3 or 4 years, we were visiting some relatives on their farm. As a matter of fact it was my mother's sister, Nora Shirley and her husband, Pat, who resided at Pioneer. They took us out to the pasture to see the cows. Having always lived in town, I had not seen very many cows close up and certainly was not familiar with their habits. Mama laughingly reported to daddy and others that I said; "Oh mama, look; that cow is eating a block of butter." It was a wondrous sight to me. Of course what I really saw was this cow licking this big yellow block of salt. Mama explained this to me, however, I was convinced it was butter, because to me it looked like butter.

You know "seeing is believing" and besides all us kids knew salt was white and grainy and wasn't in that large of a block when mama bought groceries. Well-I-I-I anyway it seemed logical to me at the time. "C" "U"

BURKETT NEWS

By
LOVERA STRICKLAND

The Burkett Baptist Church Reunion was a huge success. One hundred twenty registered. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Melba Walker spent several days in San Angelo last week tending to business. Mr. and Mrs. Ned Pickett, Hannah and Hillary of Garland spent Easter weekend with her. They all visited in San Angelo Saturday.

Darryl Tinney of Kingfisher, Oklahoma spent a few days with Jack and Lovera Strickland last week.

Remember the Burkett School Homecoming is coming up June 14. If you have a new address or if you know of anyone that has moved and has a new address please contact Corene Adams, Rt. 1, Coleman, Tx 76834. More about the homecoming will be in the paper later.

Linda Brady, Secretary/Treasurer of the Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association, has received several donations. The following is a list of those donations: M/M Steve Griffin \$50; Robert Harris \$30; Louise Howard \$2; Charlotte and Anthony Strawn (in memory of Jack DeBusk) \$25; Allen and Johnnie Bland \$100. Each donation is greatly appreciated.

ated.

Tommy Strickland of Snyder visited his brothers, Bill, Jack and Eddie, Monday afternoon while Bonnie Strickland of Snyder and Mary Jo O'Brien of Abilene visited Cleo Porter. Tom, Bonnie and Mary Jo had been to Brownwood visiting Arthur and Wanda Boyle, they came back by Burkett.

Attending Easter dinner at Bob and Beth Kleiber's home Sunday were Low and Liz Golson, Steve and Amber Kleiber and Brenna of Burkett, Matt and Emma McKinney, Alice and Kevin of Goldsboro, Michelle Wilkovich, Kelsey and Logan of Coleman, Pete and Carlene Golson, Murray and Angela Golson, Ronnie and Julie of Rankin, Jake Golson and Wade of Midland, Misty Golson and Michelle, and Jacob Golson of San Angelo. Pete and Carlene Golson of Rankin spent Saturday night with Low and Liz Golson.

The Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association will have its annual Memorial Day Service Sunday, May 24, at 2:00 p.m. Right now the Bluebonnets and other wild flowers are blooming. The cemetery sure does look nice.

DOWN HOME

relate to the next story. Granny Ethel had an old rooster who kept scratching in her flowers, which were her prize possessions. The bad part was, the rooster belonged to her neighbor. One day she couldn't tolerate him another minute. She grabbed him up to wring his neck and to her despair, she couldn't kill him. She took the hammer and gave that a shot -- still alive. There was a bucket of water sitting on the porch so reluctantly she dipped him. She really hated to finish him off, but she had already started. Now what would she do with the evidence? She wrapped him in a paper sack and put him in the refrigerator because she knew her great-grandchildren would tell the neighbors. Let me tell you, it is quite a shock to find a rooster, feathers and all, in the refrigerator -- because that is what I did. Granny made me promise not to tell anyone about the rooster. Hope she will forgive me for sharing this tale.

Probably a lot of you have little colored chicks from Easter last week. I couldn't believe my Mother bought all three of my children colored chicks one Easter. She never pur-

chased unreasonable gifts, until then. When I questioned her, she said, "Oh, they probably won't live very long." Wrong -- they just kept living and even followed the kids around. Finally they had to have a pen outside and one morning they all disappeared -- crying time!

"Chick-a-dee" was my Easter chick. At the time my parents and I were living in Snyder while daddy was working in the oil field during the boom. The little chicken was my special pet. He was fluffy and cute and followed every footstep. He ate too much sand and died. It was a crushing experience and my cousin, John Atwood, decided we needed to have a funeral. We put "Chick-a-dee" in a shoe box and held services. We even had flowers for the grave. Funny how you recall certain happenings.

Hope this brings to mind feathered friend memories for you!

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Charlene Metcalf Celebrated 80th Birthday

This Easter proved to be quite a special one for Charlene McDermott Metcalf. From her family, she received a celebration to beat all others -- combination Easter and 80th birthday party was given.

Along with her husband, Jerry, also present were: Mendy Metcalf Nordberg of California; Gay and Bruce Ferguson and their family, Justin, Bo, Jessica and Jera, of Cisco; Sue and Don Diebitsch and W.C. and

Fraze McAnally all of Fort Stockton; Mike McAnally and son, Zach, of Midland; Deidra Thornton and daughter, Lindsey, and son, Cole, of Fort Worth; Gary and Linda McAnally of Alpine; Charlie and Sandie McAnally and Toi Ann and Jeff Fisher all of Fort Davis; Rita Jo Jordan of Hawley; and Mac Foster and Clara Nell Spencer of Cross Plains. A fine time was reported by all.

PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Oliver and Frankie had for their company Easter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nance of Irving. They had a lot of fun.

Larry, Patti, and Ben Heffley of Fort Worth visited with Lou and Dick Grider Thursday.

J.D. and Sandy, Danny and Trisha and Anthony Hutton attended a supper-birthday party for Trisha and Sandy's youngest sister, Peggy Rone, at DeLeon Saturday night. Jamie and Mary Hutton and Jesse had a birthday party for Janiesca (5) at J.D. and Sandy's Saturday afternoon. They all had an egg hunt and cook-out at Jewel and Lester Linney's Sunday in Rising Star.

Earlene Burge had her granddaughter, Cindy Ochoa over the weekend and she went to church with her Sunday. She did a lot of scraping on some windows, getting them ready for painting.

Laverne and Cowan Hutton attended their great-granddaughter Janiesca's birthday party Saturday afternoon. Saturday morning their visitors and dinner guests were Delores Wood and her mother Oddie Wiggam of Fort Worth. Their grandson Anthony spent time with his grandmother Laverne Monday. They enjoyed sawing, gluing, and building a shelf for Anthony's shop and covering a

gourd with pretty seeds.

Jean and James Alexander had their children Jim and Marla and their grandchildren Will and Ashley spend the weekend with them. Grandson, Doss, came down from ACU on Sunday. Ashley enjoyed coloring eggs and finding the hidden eggs. Will enjoyed being out and doing some hunting.

Skip Jones from Big Springs spent the weekend with his parents D.P. and May.

The paintbrushes and bluebonnets are sure making our road ways look beautiful. The pecans and mesquites are out. Our grain crops and needing some rain. There will be game night at Pioneer this Thursday, April 23. Come on out. Let's play some "42" and east some snacks.

The quilting club has three quilts in the frame. A "Brenda's Star," a "Wedding Ring," and a "Log Cabin." The "Log Cabin" will be auctioned off at the Pioneer Reunion. The club enjoyed our second Tuesday eat out at "Jack's Place." They are always soo---good to us.

They surprised us with an egg roll each and each of us with a chocolate eclair.

Words of Wisdom #30: In the old days a fool and his money were soon parted. Now it happens to everyone.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
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Do you ever feel the need to sit down with a good friend and simply "unload" your feelings? I imagine all of us at one time or another in our lives feel the deep urgency of being able to sit down with one or two good friends and sharing some things with them. People whom we can trust, people in whom we have confidence, people with whom we can share our problems and disappointments -- as well as the real joy and mountain peaks of our lives.

This sense of belonging to one another, of sharing with one another, of eating together, even sharing our goods with each other, is really descriptive of what went on in first century Christianity. "They devoted themselves...to the fellowship," Acts 2:42. They were people who belonged, shared meals, had all things in common, Acts 2:44,46. This was not a need just for only then, it's a need for now, in our day and in our time, to break through to the deep sense of fellowship that is found in the New Testament way of life, Christianity, Christ's way of life. Read the book of Acts, especially the first few chapters, and see how powerful this life-style was when connected with the rest of the gospel message. People's lives were changed!

Now who would possibly want to miss the assembling of ourselves together this Sunday? Come share in our fellowship together, and worship unto God.

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.

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



Jr. High Girls Track Wins South Zone

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Saturday, April 18, Cross Plains Junior High Girls won the South Zone of the District Track meet. We scored 170 points towards the team title, while Evant was a close second. Member schools for the south zone were Santa Anna, Gorman, Evant, Lometa, Bluff Dale and Cross Plains.

Meet results are as follows:
 Shot put - Sarah Nixon 25' 5" - 2nd; Judith Hartman - 19' 6" - 6th
 Discus - Sarah Nixon - 73' 1/4" - 1st; Candice Bailey - 53' 1/2" - 6th
 High Jump - Amanda Kitchens - 4' 6" - 2nd; Judith Hartman - 4' 0" - 4th; Shanda McClure - 4' 0" - 5th
 Triple Jump - Amanda Kitchens - 27' 6 3/4" - 2nd; Candice Bailey - 26' 4 1/2" - 4th; Shena Thomas - 25' 4 3/4" - 6th
 Sprint Relay - Bailey, Thomas, Hartman, Swift - 58.7 - 4th
 800 - Erin Stephens - 2:52 - 3rd; Ashley Cook - 3:03 - 4th; Shanda McClure - 3:06 - 5th
 100 Hurdles - Amanda Kitchens - 18.1 - 1st; Candice Bailey - 19.1 - 2nd
 300 Relay - Hartman, Swift, Cook, Rivard - 2:09 - 3rd
 400 - Shena Thomas - 70.09 - 1st; Stephenie Parker - 76.5 - 4th; Emily Winfrey - 77.9 - 5th
 300 Hurdles - Amanda Kitchens -

54.3 - 1st; Judith Hartman - 58.0 - 2nd
 200 - Emily Winfrey - 32.1 - 6th
 1600 - Erin Stephens - 7:05 - 1st; Shanda McClure - 7:14 - 2nd
 Mile Relay - Bailey, Swift, Thomas, Kitchens - 4:48 - 1st

B Division Girls
 Shot Put - Judith Mauricio - 23' - 1st; Melanie Chesshir - 19' 8" - 2nd
 Discus - Violeta Vasquez - 53' 9" - 1st; Melanie Chesshir - 51' 9" - 2nd
 Long Jump - Judith Mauricio - 2nd
 800 - Melanie Chesshir - 3:43 - 3rd
 100 - Judith Mauricio - 14.9 - 1st; Violeta Vasquez - 15.0 - 2nd; Marian Reed - 16.7 - 4th
 400 - Judith Mauricio - 81 - 1st; Violeta Vasquez - 85 - 2nd; Marian Reed - 85.5 - 3rd
 200 - Judith Mauricio - 34.9 - 2nd; Violeta Vasquez - 35.1 - 3rd; Marian Reed - 37.9 - 6th
 Mile Run - Melanie Chesshir - 9:18 - 1st

The girls did a super job this track season. Their hard work everyday paid off big on Saturday. Everyone brought home a medal or a ribbon or both, plus the Zone Championship. I asked some of the kids to run some events and to do some field events we hadn't done this season and their efforts paid off big for us in the team standings.

Amanda Kitchens was our high point individual performer with 41 points in the A Division.

District 10A Track Meet Results

The District 10A track meet was held in Bangs this past weekend. The results are as follows:

High School Girls
 3200 - Bennett - 13:39.69 - 3rd; Wyatt - 15:42.76 - 6th
 400 relay - Lewis, Payne, Ricci, Butler 53.82 - 1st - REGIONAL QUALIFIERS
 800 - Besselaar - 2:38.15 - 1st - REGIONAL QUALIFIER
 100 hurdles - Richey 15.35 (f) - 1st - NEW SCHOOL RECORD - Old record set by Richey 1998, REGIONAL QUALIFIER; Reed - 22.43 (f) - 6th
 100 Reed - 15.86 (p)
 800 Relay - Lewis, Webb, Wyatt, Giles - 1:58.70 - 4th
 400 - Lewis - 68.81 (p) 69.00 (f) - 4th; Webb - 72.00 (p) 71.44 (f); Wyatt - 71.42 (p) 73.81 (f) - 7th
 300 hurdles - Richey 46.88 (f) - 1st - REGIONAL QUALIFIER
 1600 - Bennett - 6:16.76 - 3rd; Besselaar - 6:47.41 - 7th; Wyatt - 6:47.40 - 6th
 1600 relay - Ricci, Butler, Payne, Richey - 4:20.20 - 2nd - REGIONAL QUALIFIER
 Shot Put - Francy - 31' 3 3/4" - 5th; T.M. Wyatt - 22' 7" - 4th JV
 Discus - Francy - 84' 8" - 6th; T.M. Wyatt - 53' 0" - 7th JV
 Long Jump - Ricci 15' 1 3/4" - 2nd - REGIONAL QUALIFIER; Richey - 14' 1 3/4" - 5th
 Triple Jump - Richey - 32' 11 1/2" - 2nd - REGIONAL QUALIFIER; Wyatt - 30' 7" - 5th
 High Jump - Ricci - 5' 2" - 1st - REGIONAL QUALIFIER; Giles - 5' 0" - 2nd - REGIONAL QUALIFIER; Beaty - 4' 4" - 7th

Team Totals
 1. Baird - 140
 2. CROSS PLAINS - 135
 3. Brock - 82
 4. Evant - 64
 5. Santo - 48
 6. Tolar - 40
 Plus 4 other teams

High School Boys
 3200 - Dimitri - 11:54.42 - 4th; Wilson - 12:32.54 - 1st JV
 400 relay - Dimitri, Mackey, Nixon, Kitchens - 48.02 - 6th
 800 - Dimitri - 2:23.74 - 5th
 110 hurdles - Ricci - 15.36 - 1st - REGIONAL QUALIFIER; Swift - 16.07 - 2nd - REGIONAL QUALIFIER; Kitchens - 17.19 - 4th
 110 - Walters 13.75 (p); Nixon - 12.09 (p)
 400 - Mackey - 57.13 (p); Walters - 65.83 (p) 67.25 (f) - 6th JV
 300 hurdles - Ricci - 40.98 (p) 40.68 (f) - 1st - REGIONAL QUALIFIER; Swift - 43.90 (p) 42.14 (f) - 2nd - REGIONAL QUALIFIER; Kitchens - 43.50 (p) 43.50 (f) - 4th; Phillips - 50.07 (p) 49.00 (f) - 2nd JV; Harris - 50.24 (p) 49.64 (f) - 4th JV
 200 - Mackey - 25.28 (p); Nixon - 25.37 (p)
 1600 - Nickerson - 4:59.34 - 1st - REGIONAL QUALIFIER; Monreal - 5:22.75 - 5th; Hopkins - 5:38.47 - 8th; Wilson - 5:43.10 - 2nd JV
 1600 relay - Swift, Purvis, Thomas, Ricci - 3:31.89 - 2nd - REGIONAL QUALIFIERS
 JV 1600 Relay - Phillips, Harris, Carey, Walters - 4:16.28 - 2nd
 Shot Put - Switzer - 38' 1/2"; Carey - 30' 2 1/4" - 8th JV
 Discus - Switzer - 108' 3" - 7th; Carey - 93' 4" - 3rd JV
 Long Jump - Nixon - 16' 11"; Swift - 16' 9"; Mackey - 16' 7"
 Triple Jump - Kitchens - 38' 1/2" - 5th
 Pole Vault - Phillips - 8' 0" - 2nd JV; Wilson - N.H.
 High Jump - Kitchens - 5' 6" - 5th; Mackey - 5' 6" - 6th

Team Totals
 1. Baird - 151
 2. Santo - 124
 3. Cross Plains - 86
 4. Lometa - 58
 5. Evant - 39
 6. Gorman - 35
 Plus 4 other teams

Jr. High Boys Zone Track Meet Results

By COACH LARRY BARTEE

Results of the boys district track meet are as follows:
"A Division" - 1st place
 2400 - J. Hopkins - 2nd
 400 Relay - S. Fortune, T. Beggs, T. Butler, J. Dillard - 1st
 800 run - J. Ross - 1st
 400 meter - S. Fortune - 2nd
 300 Hurdles - J. Dillard - 1st
 200 - T. Beggs - 1st
 1600 - J. Hopkins - 2nd
 1600 relay - S. Fortune, T. Beggs, T. Butler, J. Dillard - 1st
 Pole Vault - T. Beggs - 1st; J. Hopkins - 2nd

High Jump - T. Beggs - 2nd; J. Dillard - 3rd; S. Fortune - 4th
 Discus - T. Butler - 3rd
 Triple Jump - T. Butler - 2nd
"B Division" - 3rd place overall
 800 - A. Norris - 4th
 110 Hurdles - D. Martin - 1st; C. Harris - 3rd
 100 Meter - D. Martin - 1st
 400 - A. Norris - 6th
 300 Hurdles - D. Martin - 2nd; C. Harris - 3rd
 High Jump - C. Harris - 2nd
 Long Jump - C. Harris - 4th
 Shot - C. Koenig - 5th
 Discus - C. Koenig - 2nd

Cross Plains Tennis Results From Brock

Cross Plains Tennis team was in Brock Tuesday and Wednesday from district tennis.
 Boys won 1st place as a team and girls won 2nd place.
 Results are as follows:
Boys Singles
 Jarad Richards 1st place
 Coby Richards 3rd place
Boys Doubles
 S. Brame/J. Hopkins 2nd place
 J. Turner/B. Gilliam 3rd place

Girls Singles
 Mindy Mitchell 1st place
Girls Doubles
 J. Fleming/T. Clark 4th place
 Team members going to regional in Abilene include Jarad Richards in boys singles and S. Brame/J. Hopkins in boys doubles. In girls singles Mindy Mitchell will be competing. Regional tennis will be April 29 and 30 in Abilene at Hardin-Simmons University.

"Big Weekend" Enjoyed by Cross Plains Students

Students attending "Big Weekend" from Cross Plains, were Jessica Childers, Blake Dunn, and Rachel Smith.
 High school juniors and seniors from nine states took part in "Big Weekend" activities at Wayland Baptist University, held March 27-28 on the Plainview campus.
 The spring college preview event, sponsored by Wayland's Student Foundation and Admissions Office, provided 335 students with an opportunity to find out what the Wayland experience is all about. In addition, 75 students participated in departmental tryouts.
 The weekend's featured attraction was a concert by Third Day, the 1997 New Artist of the Year Dove Award Nominee.
 More than 1,500 people attended the Conspiracy tour concert, with special guests Grammatrain and Silage, and showcased the three up-and-coming contemporary music groups.
 Activities that followed Friday

night's concert included a Late Night Breakfast and Midnight Madness, which provided a menu of basketball, volleyball, bowling, and movies.
 Parents and students gained knowledge through information sessions about financial aid, admissions, and academics.
 Pioneer Fest, Saturday's lunch, was comprised of a concert by Wayland's own Spirit, as well as displays by student organizations.
 Mock academic classes and opportunities to visit with financial aid and admission counselors were offered to participants in the afternoon.
 All students that attended Big Weekend were eligible for scholarship and prize drawings.
 Auditions were held for band, choir, and theatre scholarships. Tryouts for men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball, men's golf, and coed cheerleading were also held Saturday.

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THOMAS DIMITRI
MEGAN FELTY
LORI HAIL
KATIE MACK
KAREN ROSS |
| 2ND GRADE
HAILEY BIGGS
JULIEANNE MACK | 6TH GRADE
LASKA DILLARD
RYAN MACK
JOSE MAURICIO
JENNIFER YOUNG |
| 3RD GRADE
DANIELLE FELTY
RUSSELL THOMAS | |
| 4TH GRADE
RYAN PAYNE | |

Cross Plains Elementary School "A" Honor Roll

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|---|--|
| 1ST GRADE
EMILY HARRIS
ANTHONY HUTTON
KASSIE JAMISON
KRISTA PHILLIPS
MANDY ROSE
THOR WOERNER | 4TH GRADE
FORREST CREAMER
RYAN PAYNE |
| 2ND GRADE
HAILEY BIGGS
BRITTANY FRANKE
JENNIE LEWIS
JULIEANNE MACK
MARKUS MAXWELL
VIRGINIA NEWSOM
STARLA SCHAEFER
BRENDA MARIA TORRES
BRETT WHEELER | 5TH GRADE
THOMAS DIMITRI
MEGAN FELTY
LORI HAIL
MICHAEL HOGRELL
KALIE MACK
KALI PHILLIPS
KAREN ROSS |
| 3RD GRADE
DANIELLE FELTY
BRITTA SCRUGGS
RUSSELL THOMAS | 6TH GRADE
DALEY ANDERSON
PHILLIP BENNETT
LASKA DILLARD
RYAN MACK
JOSE MAURICIO
JANIELLE RIVARD
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MARCUS WILLIAMS
JENNIFER YOUNG |

Cross Plains Elementary School "AB" Honor Roll

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TERRAH AUGUSTINE
LACRISTA BEAUCHAMP
DOUGLAS BOWDEN
JACK DANIELS
STASHA DRAPER
ASHLEIGH GALLAWAY
KATRINA MIRELIS
JOAQUIN MONREAL
BROOKLYN STRENGTH
CHARLIE VASQUEZ
JOE WYATT | 4TH GRADE
BRITTANY ADAMS
WILLIAM BEAUCHAMP
JARRAH HUTCHINS
SAMANTHA HUTTON
JESSE NORRIS
SUMMER OLVERA
AARON PHILLIPS
AMANDA PURCELL
JEREMIAH SNELL
GARRETT STEPHENS
CLAYTON THOMAS
MEGAN THOMAS
SARA WELLS
LEVI WOOTEN |
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TIFFANY AIKEN
CODY BAKER
JOSEPH CALLAWAY
MACAYLA COOK
MICHAEL CURRY
RICKY DANIELS
AUSTIN DUNAWAY
JUSTIN GARDNER
RYAN JOHNSON
BETTY MATHEWS
BRANDI MCDONALD
BRITTANY MELTON
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BRYAN RIVERS
BRYANNA SANTOS
JOSEPH WESTERMAN | 5TH GRADE
DAYNA AUTRY
TIFFANY BESSELAAR
REBECCA BLAND
MISTY CALLAWAY
NICOLE CLARK
JIMMIE COOK
DUSTY COOPER
STEPHANIE EDINGTON
DANICA ELROD
JASON GOAINS
DILLON HEATH
MEGHAN HODGES
BRANDON HORTON
LAURA JOHNSON
CODY MAXWELL
BRENTON MCNUTT
KELSEE RICHARDS
AMANDA RIVERS |
| 3RD GRADE
ZACHARY BENNETT
BROCK COOPER
JUSTIN DICKSON
ASHLEEN HODGES
CLAY KOENIG
BRITTANI LIBEY
MELISSA LUTER
JONATHAN NELSON
DAVID PETERS
JOSE REYES
KAREN SCOTT
KRISTIN WELLS | 6TH GRADE
RUSSELL ALLEN
BRITTANY APPLE
DUSTY DICKSON
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SCHOOL MENU

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| APRIL 27 - MAY 1
(Subject To Change) | LUNCH |
| BREAKFAST | MONDAY — Pizza, salad, carrots, mixed fruit and milk. |
| MONDAY — Cream of wheat, toast, assorted juice and milk. | TUESDAY — Steak fingers w/ gravy, creamed potatoes, green peas, rolls, peach halves and milk. |
| TUESDAY — Waffle, sausage, assorted juice and milk. | WEDNESDAY — Deli turkey sandwich, tater tots, pickles, orange sections and milk. |
| WEDNESDAY — Cheese toast, assorted juice and milk. | THURSDAY — Meat-cheese nachos, corn, salad, cobbler and milk. |
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I would like to also thank Winford Hogan for working hard and giving the people a choice on issues. I do wish him the best in his endeavors. As I have stated in my campaign, I will listen and strive to serve each of you as the needs of the county arise.

A sincere thanks,
Roger Corn

Pd. pol. adv. by Roger Corn, John Belcher Treasurer, Baird, Tx.

C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

Cross Plains Jr. High And High "Principal's" Honor Roll All Grades 90 or above

7TH GRADE
KEALI EPPARD
JUDITH HARTMAN
NATHANIEL JOY
KEVIN SCOTT
GEORGE TAFF

JUNIORS
JOLENA FLEMING
JOSEPH HOPKINS
MINDY MITCHELL
SAMUEL NIXON
LAURA RICCI

8TH GRADE
MELANIE CHESSHIR
AARON NORRIS
SHANE SHARPE
ANGELA SWIFT
SHENA THOMAS

SENIORS
BENJI BLACKSTOCK
ALLEN BLAND
HOLLY BUTLER
CRYSTAL CAROUTH
JODY FORTUNE
DUSTIN HARGROVE
JUSTIN HOPKINS
LEIFTON HUNTER
DANIEL PURVIS
KIMBERLY RATLIFF
JARAD RICHARDS
NATHANIEL SWIFT
CARLTON THOMAS
JOSEPH TURNER
NATASHA WEBB

FRESHMAN
NICHOLAS DIMITRI
AMANDA GOBLE
JENNIFER HARTMAN
LARRY WHITEHEAD

SOPHOMORES
CHRISTINA BEATY
MARY NICKERSON
BRANDI RICHEY
VANESSA WEBB

Cross Plains Jr. High And High School "A" Honor Roll

7TH GRADE
BROOKE BOWDEN
ANDREW CAROUTH
KEALI EPPARD
JUDITH HARTMAN
NATHANIEL JOY
AMANDA KITCHENS
DUSTIN MARTIN
SHANDA MCCLURE
DANIELLE RIVARD
KEVIN SCOTT
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JUNIORS
DUSTY ANDERSON
SHANNADON BLACK
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LOCAL STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN SPRING MEET — Britta Beverly (front), assistant Special Education and Joy Struggers, is pictured with Beverly Pope, Daastant Special Education Instructor (left) and Becky Dillard, Special Education Instructor for Cross Plains I.S.D.

Special meet draws almost 500

Almost 500 prospective athletes from throughout the Cross Timbers Region participated in the fifth annual Special Spring Meet Friday at Tarleton State University's Memorial Stadium.

Created and developed as an outing for the special needs students of Erath and surrounding counties, the Spring Meet offers opportunities to share and to grow for all who participate.

Sponsored through the Department of Health and Physical Education at Tarleton and the Erath County Special Education Cooperative, the Spring Meet includes competition in a number of events such as the softball throw, beanbag toss, obstacle course soccer kick, T-ball and basketball.

The athletes also show off their speed and agility through a series of races including the 100 and 50 meter dashes, wheelchair and walker races.

Faculty and students from Tarleton join with teachers and staff members from the Stephenville Special Education in planning and presenting the meet, but it took an army of volunteers to make the event a success.

Local sororities and fraternities, parents and others from the community help with refreshments, event setup and the general organization of the meet. Comanche County Lions Clubs purchased shirts for the students.

Twenty-eight school districts from North-Central Texas had students participating. Comanche Special Services Co-op students participating in the 1998 Spring Meet were:

- Comanche Elementary School - Key Garcia, Kevin Guzvara and Victoria Rameriz
- Comanche Junior High School - Brooke Brumalaw, Joseph Bell and Saul Moncada
- Comanche High School - Michael Love, Jason Warmen and Julie Jones
- Cross Plains Elementary School - Britta Scruggs
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- DeLeon High School - Jake Carr, Brandon Reynolds, Chris Floyd, Jason Killebrew, Chris Killebrew, Gabriel Barron and Zach Irwin.

Spectacular Softball Game Planned for May 3

This year the Sophomore Class is hosting a **Spectacular Softball Game** as their annual fund-raiser. It will be held on Sunday, May 3, at the high school baseball field.

At 12 noon the KIX Wagon will be selling hamburgers; pre-game activities will precede the game and a variety of games will also be played between innings. The softball game

between the Sophomore girls and their mothers will begin at 1:30 p.m. Sophomore boys and fathers will provide the afternoon's entertainment, and a well-stocked concession stand will be open to quench your thirst and safety your hunger.

Come join us for a fun filled afternoon and support Cross Plains High School Sophomores!

Look For A Picture Sack

Submitted by Roma Howard for the Callahan County Child Protective Services Board)

To draw attention to the fact that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, the board has been busy. We distributed blue ribbons to all Callahan County school children in grades Pre-K through grade 6 along with a "You Are Special" pencil or book-mark. Grocery sacks were given to children in grades 2, 3, and 4. They were asked to choose one of 5 slogans and illustrate it.

- "It Shouldn't Hurt to be a Child"
- "You Can Make a Difference in a Kid's Life"
- "Never Shake a Baby" (It can cause blindness, permanent brain damage, even death.)
- "A Child Should be Seen and Not Hurt"

"Break the Silence about Child Abuse"

These sacks were then taken to stores in the county to be used at random for sacking groceries. Perhaps you will be one of the fortunate ones to get one of them.

May I also take this opportunity to thank each juror who donated his/her jury check to help in our work. (Some donated more than one!) We are grateful.

The present members of the Board are Joe Bentley from Eula, Pat Stevens from Cross Plains, Alton Payne, Shirley Whitides, Tereva Hunter, and Sue Sweency from Baird and Garlon Sampson, Judy Lewallen, and Roma Howard from Clyde. Our caseworker is Jeannette Potter from Baird.

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Reenactment at Ft. Griffin April 25

April 25 and 26, 8:00 a.m. Saturday till 12 noon Sunday Civil War Battles at Fort Griffin State Historical Park will be presented to the public as a historical representation of the events of February 20, and March 26, 1862, starting Saturday with the battle of Valerde at the base of Griffin Hill. After some heavy skirmishing, a disastrous but glorious lancer charge should add a real touch of excitement on the battle field before the Rebels finally overrun McRae's Battery and win the day for the Texans. Sunday's Battle of Apache Canyon has the Rebels pitched in a tight canyon by Federal riflemen firing from the canyon walls until the Union cavalry makes a daring race through the canyon, leaping among the Rebel artillery-before they can get limbered up.

Ed Haggins, Event Coordinator said, "We will do our best to recreate this historical chain of events telling the story of the Campaign of 1862. We will portray company sized detachments from each branch of the service as was the case. Confederate Infantry, Artillery and dismounted troops will represent the Texans as they were, i.e. a bunch of rough-hewn frontiersmen who came to be "without horse" and fought on foot with little regard for Infantry procedure and formation. Federal units will portray the US Regulars, New Mexico and Colorado volunteers that actually served here."

Scheduled through out the weekend are a variety of living history activities; cavalry games, gunfights, infantry activities, artillery demonstrations, period fashion shows, cowboys, buffalo hunters, soldiers pay call, shootouts and much more.

A variety of sutlers stores will be in operation providing shoppers with a very unusual list of 19th century materials and goods. The Fort Griffin Garrison Ladies will host a cafe and general store patterned after an authentic Fort Griffin business.

"This very special event will give visitors an opportunity to live a unique piece of our heritage on the very ground on which our forefathers struggled and died to build a future for us to "inherit," Fort Griffin State Park Manager said.

The park preserves buildings dating from the 1860's when a line of federal forts was established on the Texas frontier to protect citizens and wagon trains from Indian attacks. The park is also the home of the State Longhorn herd. The park has complete RV and tent camping facilities, including restrooms with hot showers and trailer hook-ups.

Although there is no charge for the weekend events, normal park fees - \$2.00 per person (ages 13 through 64) entrance fee will be required. Fort Griffin State Park is located 15 miles north of Albany, Texas on US Highway 283.

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Rural Resource Team Report - Part 5

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.

Housing, Real Estate & Construction

(7 present)

What are the major problems/challenges in the community?

* Lack of opportunity for young people

* Lack of Housing

* Receding sores

* Creating grounds for vermin

* Lack of pride

* Animal control problem

* Lack of opportunity for young people

* Lack of rental property

* Need to make the town look better

* Newcomers aren't considered a part of the community

* Commercial buildings need to be redone

* We will either go uphill or down

* Lack of pride of property

* Older car bodies in people's yards

* Houses closed; people are gone

* Lack of pride in the city, old houses, litter, trash in yards

* Lack of law protection

* Lack of real involvement from people that actually live in town

* Vandalism

* Abandoned houses need to be removed

* Lack of people to enforce ordinances

* Lack of ordinances to control some of these problems

* Lack of being able to find out who owns the houses that are vacant

* Lack of jobs

* Need money for 10 more public housing

* Lack of dog ordinances; got to get elected officials that will get something done

* Lack of city taxes

* Youth do not take initiative in volunteer work

* Location is a deficit and a benefit

* People do not shop at home

* Lack of competition re: grocery stores

What are the major strengths/assets of the community?

* Good caring volunteers

* You can trust your neighbors

* Have the opportunity to grow

* Good restaurants

* Great lumberyard

* Businesses invest their money in the community

* Medical clinics

* EMS takes us to the hospital

* Good churches that care for the people

* Pride

* Low crime

* Low drug rate

* History

* Rural living

* Cross of military trails

* Climate and growing season

* Robert Howard House

* Closeness of people

* Caring people will help

* Don't have drive-by shootings

* You can still leave your car doors unlocked

* Neighbors watch one another

* Feel safe here

* Good volunteers, ambulance, fire department

* We work together

* People really come out to support this resource team

* You don't have to know someone they will still help

* Lumberyard good prices

* Lack of training for city council how to be effective citizen

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

* People need to be able to have a drink with dinner so they can eat here

* People need to take a drive through and look at their community to develop community pride

* Training of city officials

* Faith in action program that will fix up houses for lower income families (Center Texas Opportunities)

* Another title company in the county

* Get information on computer

* tax base

* City Ordinances

* Use the prisoners to clean up the town - Abilene French Robertson??

* Need to address property tax

* Agree with above suggestions

* Animal control

* Old buildings are breeding grounds

* Dogs

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

* Industry to employ 100 people

* Should be able to attract a business

* Get trucking terminal

* Education for elected officials

* Need something for young people for entertainment

* Need a tax base

* Highway 206 was suppose to go to Mexico

* Pan American Highway

* Educate people

* Need training for city council members

* Contact TML ref: clean up

Next Week: We will continue with What Was Said At The Interviews by the Civic Clubs involved.

Copies of the report are available at the EDC office inside the Subway building.

Navy Airman Alan Gary Completes 6 month deployment

Navy Airman Alan Gary, son of Billy Gary of Route 3, Cisco, Texas, has completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 11, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CP SALES TAX PAYMENTS		
Total Yearly sales tax payments	1997	1998
	\$25,473.53	\$26,038.89
Total monthly sales tax payments	1997	1998
	\$4,244.85	\$4,758.05

John Sharp, State Comptroller for Texas, reported retail sales in the City of Cross Plains are 2.34% higher in 1998 compared to 1997.

The state comptroller released the city sales tax rebates to the Texas cities Monday, April 13, including those in Cross Plains.

Sharp said the City of Cross Plains reported that sales tax payments in 1998 are 2.34% higher than the 1997 payments. The city had received \$26,696.41 so far in 1998, while the 1997 tax payments to the city totaled \$26,083.89.

The city's monthly sales tax check for April 1998 was \$4,758.05, an increase of 12.08% from the \$4,244.85 payment made in April of last year.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The 1998 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 11.56% above tax payments made to the city in 1997. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$45,967.57 so far in 1998. The 1997 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$41,202.41.

The city's monthly payment for April 1998 was \$9,969.40, an increase of 25.73% from the

\$7,928.95 payment made in April 1997.

—The City of Baird is reporting 1998 city sales tax payments running 7.50% higher than the 1997 payments. The city had received \$23,630.92 so far in 1998, while the 1997 tax payments to the city totaled \$21,981.22.

The town's monthly payment for April 1998 was \$3,321.34, an increase of 12.55% from the \$2,950.85 payment made in April of last year.

—The City of Putnam is reporting the 1998 payments to the town totaled \$3,393.02, up 17.13% from the 1997 payments to the city in the amount of \$2,896.67.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of April 1998 was \$859.15, which was 40.46% above the \$611.65 payment made in April 1997.

County-wide, sales tax payments for 1998 in Callahan County are running 8.16% above the 1997 payments in the county. Callahan County towns have received sales tax payments in 1998 amounting to \$99,697.92, while the 1997 payments to the county towns totalled \$92,164.19.

By BILLY HARRIS
Special Writer

The Cross Plains City Council accepted a bid on a city vehicle and canceled their upcoming election during their regular meeting Tuesday.

Cross Plains Mayor Purvis called the regular meeting to order with these officers present; Councilmen W.C. Pringle, Edwin Weiss, Jerry Cassle, Ray Womack, James Nichols and City Secretary Debbie Gosnell.

First item on the agenda was Conrad Buchanan who spoke to the council in support of Winford Hogan in the upcoming County Judge run-off. Buchanan asked the council to encourage Cross Plains citizens to vote in the April 14 election and told the council why he thought Hogan would make a good county judge. Hogan was present and also asked the council to help get voters out on election day. No action was taken on the matter.

Gosnell read a letter to the council requesting that the Mayor/Council election, scheduled for May 2, be cancelled due to all three positions on the ballot would be unopposed. (Only the incumbents, two council seats and the mayors position, have filed for a place on the ballot). Pringle made a motion to cancel the May 2 election, seconded by Weiss and the motion unanimously passed.

Three bids were opened for a 1998 1/2 ton Ford pickup and Weatherby Motors of Brownwood was selected to furnish the vehicle with a bid of \$15,629 and a 6 to 8 week delivery. Also submitting bids were Bayer Motors of Comanche, \$17,223 with a 60 day delivery, and Bledsoe Ford of Coleman, \$17,100 and 6 to 8 week

delivery. Motion by Weiss and seconded by Pringle.

Gosnell read a proposal to the council from RCI Technologies, Inc. concerning the Records Retention Plan for the City of Cross Plains. The proposal carried a price tag of \$650.00 and the company will "clean up" the city's records and determine which items must be retained. Cassle made a motion to accept the proposal which was seconded by Weiss and unanimously approved.

City Judge Bob Hill's monthly report was accepted with a motion by Womack and seconded by Pringle. Cross Plains Police Chief Tim Sanders presented his monthly report to the council. IT was accepted with a motion by Weiss and seconded by Cassle.

Weiss made a motion to pay bills that was seconded by Pringle and unanimously approved.

The Cross Plains Animal Control Ordinance was put on hold until an animal holding facility could be constructed in the city.

Cross Plains School Superintendent Jackie Tennison told the council that the school system was in full support of the city's drug dog project and would help in any way possible. Tennison spoke to the council during the time allotted for citizens to be heard.

The city had approved Cross Plains Police Chief Tim Sanders' request, at an earlier meeting, to solicit donations from the community for the purchase of a drug dog for the use of the city. (It is said that Chief Sanders has collected enough money to make the dog purchase and Cross Plains will have a drug dog in the near future.)

CJC To Offer Basic Car Maintenance Course

Cisco Junior College will offer a non-credit community service course on basic car maintenance at the Abilene Industrial Division, 209 South Danville, Building E. The 8-hour class will meet Saturday, April 25 and Saturday, May 2, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost for the course is \$33.00. Class enrollment is limited to 20 students. Students must register in advance by calling Charlotte Nix Speegle at (254) 442-2567 or the Abilene Educational Center at (915) 673-4567.

"Howdy Neighbor" Exhibit at Western Heritage Classic

Cross Plains is one of fifteen area towns participating in a special exhibit during the 14th Annual Western Heritage Classic, May 9, at the Taylor County Expo Center. The "Howdy Neighbor" Exhibit will give area towns an opportunity to promote history, special events and important features significant in each community. The booths will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, in an open pavilion just north of the Round Building on the Expo grounds.

The Western Heritage Classic is a major event for the region attracting some 30,000 visitors each year. In addition to the popular Ranch Rodco on Friday and Saturday evenings, other events include a Chuckwagon Cook-off, cowboy poets and singers, working ranch horse competition, western dances nightly, children's rodeo and activities, vendors of western gifts and attire and the "World's Largest Bit and Spur Show." Michael Martin Murphy is the featured entertainer on Saturday afternoon.

The "Howdy Neighbor" Exhibit is sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network. Other towns participating include Albany, Baird, Bellingham, Cisco, Coleman, Comanche, Gorman, Hamlin, Haskell, Hico, Ranger, Stamford, Sweetwater and Throckmorton. While attending the Western Heritage Classic this year, be sure to visit the "Howdy Neighbor" Exhibit.

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Jan Duke
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Hershel Jones
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Cross Plains Garden Club Flower Show LONG

On Sunday, May 3, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 at "The Back Room," 216 N. Main in downtown Cross Plains. 2nd Vice President, Marvin Mosley and his committee will open its 36th annual Standard Flower Show for public viewing. No Admission Charge.

The theme of 1998 show is "Floral Medley of Melodies."

son, partner, law-enforcement officer and friend.

"This is a great honor," said Martha Long, the trooper's widow. "It will bring closure to me and my family."

The gunman, Larry Darnell Ewers, was driving a stolen car with California license plates and also was wanted on a felony warrant out of Waco.

According to news reports of the incident, Ewers opened fire on Long with a .32-caliber pistol as the trooper approached the vehicle. The driver then reportedly took Long's own service revolver and pumped six bullets into his body as he lay face down at the right rear of his patrol car.

A San Angelo man and his son, returning from a trip in New Mexico, had been passed by the pickup several times since getting on Interstate 10 in Van Horn. Noticing that Long had pulled the truck over, the man, an avid deer hunter, pulled into rest stop only 150 yards from the two vehicles.

Seeing Ewers shoot Long, the man took out a rifle and fired several shots at Ewers, killing him.

In an interview a *Standard-Times* reporter in 1976, the hunter said he reached for his rifle believing he could save Long's life.

"I did what any citizen would have done," the hunter said. "I'm sorry I failed."

Wayne Greer, who now operates the *McCamey News* and was on the scene as an ambulance driver in 1976, remembered speaking with the deer hunter after the shooting.

The hunter, who requested anonymity and to this day has never revealed his identity, was hailed as a hero and later no-billed by the grand jury.

DPS Sgt. John "Skipper" Hunt had been Long's partner for eight months when the shooting occurred. He would have been in the car with Long if not for taking the day off to attend a baby shower for his wife in San Angelo.

"He made a difference with me the eight months I knew him, and he made a difference in McCamey also," Hunt said. "He was well thought of in the community. He had that kind of personality and demeanor in dealing with people."

The memorial to Long came through the work of Rick Metcalf of Lago Vista, who has been erecting markers to slain DPS troopers and Texas Rangers since the early 1990s. The first 13 were erected at his own cost. The remainder have been erected through donations.

"These are Texas heroes... those that die in the line of duty," Metcalf said.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sammy Long was the son of the late Norrel and Zelda Long of Cross Plains and brother of N.L. Long of Brownwood, Vanda Anderson Creech

PROJECT

night. Businesses and individuals can give cash or gifts to be won by seniors only.

As the seniors arrive at the celebration their name is placed in the drawing. There is a drawing about every 15 minutes all night long. Each senior

is given the opportunity to win an equal number of gifts. Only SENIORS and ONE guest of their choice are able to attend. Only SENIORS win prizes. Project Graduation is for seniors and their guest. It is not an adult party or for children.

The guidelines set by the Texas Department of Public Safety are pretty rigid but have proven to be effective -- so they are used. Seniors may come at any hour, but once he or she leaves, they cannot return and their name is removed from the prize drawing. Only seniors and their one guest may attend.

If you are an adult and wish to help in any way please contact Connie Kirkham 725-6500 or 725-6318; Lucene McNutt 725-6121; Jean McWilliams 725-6121; or Barbara Dillard 725-6141.

Lucene is in charge of gifts and prizes. Just a reminder -- you do not have to be in business to donate cash or gifts. Any amount of cash or any gift will be appreciated.

Barbara is in charge of the food. Please contact her if you would like to donate or help.

Seniors will be released after breakfast on Saturday morning. The greatest need is a crew to help clean up about 6:00 a.m. If you would like to help, please contact someone on the steering committee.

Project Pride Steering Committee asks everyone to help them continue to make this worthy cause a success. Cross Plains Project Graduation is top of the line in attendance, prizes and willing workers in comparison with others.

Your generosity, willingness to help and cooperation with guidelines is appreciated. Number one and foremost -- help keep our young people safe!

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