



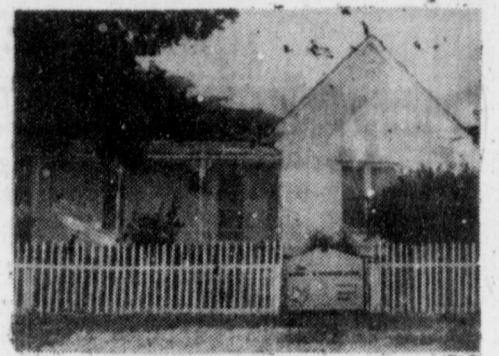
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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here are some words of wisdom from ladies in the 1930's who wrote their advice about marriage in the late Alice Irvin's bride's book at her wedding shower. Alice's only daughter, Gaylia Birch, is a resident of our city and she found these wonderful keepsakes while going through some of her mother's things. Some of you will recognize the ladies' names. Vanda Anderson-Creech

"Jewels From the Past"

"Give them (your husband) plenty of butter milk." Mrs. Rosa Irvin

"Do as you dern well please." Mrs. J.E. "Joe" Pierce

"When things don't go to suit you and the world seems upside down, don't waste your time in fretting, but drive away the frown." Mrs. H.L. Vestal

"When you are married and get to loving. Think of the day when courting was a pleasure." Florence Ballard

"Keep plenty of corn bread and beans and you will be O.K." Laura "Toots" Irvin

"Always be kind to hubby and he will be kind to you." Mrs. Lillie M. Clark

"When he comes in and tries to boss, just laugh it off. If things go wrong, it will all turn out well." Millie Bush

"It can't be done, but just do the best you can." Mrs. Melvin Hargrove

"Always wait till your husband gets supper before you go home and then meet him with a smile. Go 50-50 always both of you, and life will be happier. But don't be silly." Hester Hull

"Cook lots of supper and feed the chickens good. Don't quarrel or fight." Reba Vestal

"Never be tired. Never be sick. Always laugh when you want to cry. Be a good cook." Mrs. N. E. Lusk

"Always keep the rolling pin handy." Eva Vestal

"Always play fifty-fifty and all will be O.K." Loma Atwood

"Be your own boss, and don't fly off the handle." Pattie Ruth Irvin

"Don't burn the potatoes and you'll keep peace in the family." Ethel Pierce

Blake Cemetery Decoration Day

Decoration Day at Blake Cemetery will be Sunday, May 20th. Music will begin at 10:45 a.m. Johnny Singleton will be the guest speaker. The business meeting will follow. A covered dish lunch will be served following the business meeting.

Come enjoy the day visiting old friends and renewing old friendships. Work days will be Friday and Saturday. All who are willing to work will be needed.

All donations are appreciated for the upkeep of the cemetery.



TOM TURNER

Citizens State Bank Hires New Banking Office President

Citizens State Bank has named a new banking office president, Thomas Edwin Turner. Turner comes to Cross Plains after serving as vice president of American State Bank in Lubbock. He is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the bank and also serves on Citizens State Bank's board of directors.

Steve Mack, president, CEO and chairman of the board, said, "Tom brings a strong background in agriculture as both a producer and a lender. We are excited about his experience and leadership skills and are confident that he will be of great benefit to the entire community."

A native of Rule, Turner graduated from Abilene Christian University with a B.S. in Agricultural Business. He brings 10 years banking experience in both rural and metropolitan locations encompassing commercial, real estate, consumer and agriculture lending. Turner has also operated Turner Farms in Rule since 1988.

"Finding a banking professional with Tom's type of experience is tough today. And to find an experi-

enced banker with more than 15 years of owning and operating a successful farm is almost unheard of. Citizens State Bank is fortunate to have him heading up our team," said Mack.

Turner, his wife, Denise, and their four children have already moved to Cross Plains.

"Denise and I are excited about our move to Cross Plains. Having grown up in Haskell and Rule, we know the numerous benefits of living in a farming and ranching community and appreciate the life-style that Cross Plains has to offer. We are excited about being in Cross Plains and look forward to helping serve the residents here and the surrounding areas," Tom remarked.

Steve Mack, who served as the president of Citizens State Bank for several years, plans to move to Boerne this summer to spearhead the creation of a new bank which will be affiliated with Citizens State Bank. He will continue to be the president, CEO and chairman of Citizens State Bank.

Buffalo Baseball Team Runner-up in District

By COACH CORD WOERNER

The Cross Plains High School Buffalo Baseball Team finished up their regular season with a record of 10-7 and a record of 6-2 in district, with both their losses coming from Ranger. They cinched the position of Runner-Up in District which qualifies them for the playoffs.

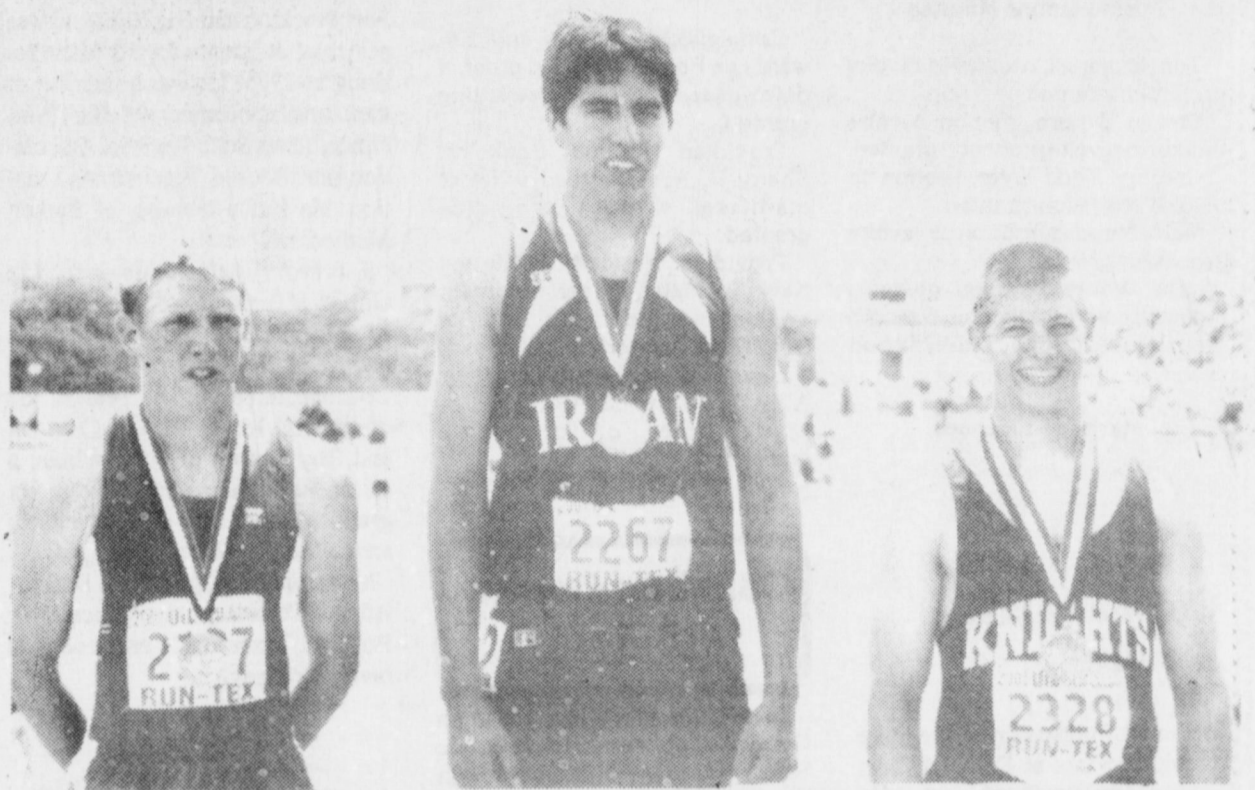
We hope things are starting to click a little and are excited about our play-off opportunities.

Varsity players for 2001 are Seniors, Nathan Hawkins, Landon Hill, Chris Kitchens, Jared Nowell, Seth Potter, Cody Reed and L.D. Whitehead; Juniors are Tony Beggs, Joseph Dillard, Josh Hopkins, Aaron Norris, James Ross and Kevin Wilson.

The schedule for the Bi-District games are below:

Cross Plains VS Tolar Bi-District

Game 1- Friday May 18, 7:00 @ Tarleton
Game 2 - Saturday May 19, 2:00 @ Tarleton
Game 3 - To Follow 30 min. after game 2 if needed.



SILVER MEDALIST AT STATE TRACK MEET— Chris Kitchens (left) won 2nd place in the 300 Hurdles.

Chris Kitchens Won Two Silver Medals in State Track Meet

Cross Plains High School track qualifiers for the State Track Meet competed last weekend at the University of Texas in Austin and Chris Kitchens brought home two silver medals. Medals are only presented to the top three places in this competition.

Kitchens finished 2nd in the Triple Jump with a jump of 46' 4 1/2" and in the 300 Hurdles he finished 2nd with a time of 39.35. He is a Senior,

the son of Walter Kitchens and Sherri Elrod.

The 4 X 100 relay team of Seniors, Nicholas Dimitri and Chris Kitchens, and Juniors, Joseph Dillard and Jordan Duran, finished in 6th place with a time of 43.87. Dimitri is the son of Rusty and Dana Dimitri, Dillard is the son of Donnie and Barbara Dillard and Jordan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Armando Duran. Alternates for the team were Tim Butler, Kyle Wilson

and Nathan Hawkins.

Nicholas Dimitri competed in the 800 run. He suffered a muscle injury during the race but was able to finish.

The team finished 9th overall in the State with a total of 18 points.

Cross Plains boys track team won the Area Championship, finished 2nd at the Regional Championship by only 5 points and now 9th in the State Championship. CONGRATULATIONS!!!



TOP FLOWER SHOW WINNERS— Joyce Odom (left), Sweepstakes Winner in Designs, winning top award in Designers Choice with two blue ribbons, and Club President Robert Powell, Sweepstakes Winner in Horticulture, with two Awards of Merit and in Designs winning the top award in Tricolor.

Flower Show Winners

The Cross Plains Garden Club held their 39th Annual Flower Show May 5-6 at the Senior Citizens Center. The theme of the show was "Spirit of Texas" and Barbara Powell was the show chairman.

Top winners were Bob Powell in the Tricolor Division and Joyce Odom in Designers Choice Division. In Horticulture Bob Powell was Sweepstakes Winner and Joyce Odom won Sweepstakes in Design.

New this year and for the very first time, was Theme Staging, in addition to the floral displays. Displays included items in line with the "Spirit of Texas" theme. There were western saddles, quilts, coverlets and throw pillows with patriotic motifs and other art objects depicting the Texas theme.

There were paintings by local artist Betty Beggs. A display of photographs by Mary Ella Weaver of the garden club members in action was posted near the front door. Talent galore, many folks viewed and admired the paintings and the photographs.

In the Designers Choice Division, a first place ribbon went to James Nichols and Joyce Odom, with two second place ribbons in this division. Second places went to Betty Beggs, Eva Fleming and Bob Powell. Third place went to Audrey Lovett, Barbara Powell and Mary Ella Weaver. Fourth place was awarded to Marvin Mosley, Julene Franke and Kay Mosley.

Joyce Odom won Sweepstakes. Award plus Designers Choice Award.

In the Tricolor Division, blue ribbons were awarded to Bob Powell, Barbara Powell and Ray Dodd. Second place ribbons went to Joyce Odom, Kay Mosley and Eva Fleming. Third place winners were Ava Dodd, Betty Beggs and Mary Ella Weaver. Fourth place winners were Julene Franke, James Nichols and Audrey Lovett.

The Tricolor Sweepstakes Award winner was Club President Robert Powell.

The Award of Appreciation winner was Julene Franke for her Education.

Cottonwood Musical Friday

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is having their Country and Western Musical on May 18, at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The ladies will be serving red beans and corn bread with tea or coffee at \$3.00 per plate beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sandwiches and pie will be available.

Musical entertainment commences at 6 p.m. and the emcee for the evening will be Mary E. Weaver.

Admission is free and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Howard Days Planned for June 8th and 9th

In June each year local residents are especially reminded of a period in the history of the city and the life of a now internationally recognized fantasy writer, the late Robert E. Howard. In remembrance, two full days of activities are planned for Friday, June 8, and Saturday, June 9, when fans, enthusiasts and scholars from all over the nation will gather

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Gregory Vasquez, theft.
Walter Kitchens, criminal trespass.
Jerry Jonas, assault.
Jeremiah B. White, driving while license suspended (DWLS).
David Martin Collins, Jr., driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Robert B. King, assault.

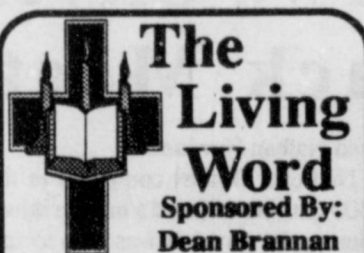
Misdemeanor Minutes

Terri Bushnell, motion to revoke probation granted.
Steven Bynum, motion dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
Gregory Todd Dyer, motion to revoke probation granted.
Marie Mendez, motion to revoke probation granted.
John Wooten, plea of guilty to unlawful carrying weapon, 6 month probation, \$200 fine, \$262.25 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Colonial Oaks Services

Believer's Fellowship will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, May 20, commencing at 3:30 p.m.



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42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Ginny Rebecca Pope and Walter William Pope III, divorce.
Michael Winfrey and wife, Staci Winfrey vs. Nationwide Property and Casualty Insurance Co., damages.
Tammy Jo Ford and Gary Eugene Ford, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Connie Sue Forman and Edward Lee Forman, agreed order of dismissal without prejudice granted.
Providian National Bank vs. Sherry R. Ross, agreed order of dismissal without prejudice granted.
Providian National Bank vs. Kevin W. Meier, agreed judgment against defendant in sum of \$7,487.51 granted.
Beneficial Texas Inc. vs. Greg Allen Smith and 633 Co. Rd. 113, Clyde, order for foreclosure granted.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from May 6, 2001 through May 12, 2001 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings-64
Complaints-92
Vehicle Accidents
There were five vehicle accidents investigated during this time.
People Arrest on Outstanding Warrants
There were nine outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$2,423.00 collected.

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OBITUARIES

James L. Golson

James L. "Low" Golson, 75, of Burkett, died Thursday, May 10, 2001, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 4 p.m. Sunday in Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Robinett officiating. Burial was in Burkett Cemetery.

Mr. Golson was born October 4, 1925, in Burkett. He married Elizabeth Anne Word August 24, 1951, in San Marcos. He was an educator in Fort Stockton and Big Lake and was principal at Bronte for 16 years, retiring in 1975. He was a member of the Texas Association of School Principals, Texas State Teachers Association and Retired Teachers Association. He was a member of Burkett Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Liz Golson of Burkett; a son, Jake Golson of Bloomfield, New Mexico; a daughter, Michelle Wilkovich of Coleman; three brothers, Pete Golson of Rankin, Joe Golson of Coleman and Roy Golson of San Antonio; a sister, Beth Kleiber of Burkett; six grandchildren; one great-grandson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 356, Texas 76828 or the donor's favorite charity.

Louiema "Joni" Carsten

Louiema "Joni" Carsten, age 75, of Tyler, died May 13, 2001, at a Tyler Nursing Center.

Graveside service was held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at Chandler Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Dale Perry officiating. Burks-Walker-Tippitt Funeral Directors directed the services.

Mrs. Carsten was born April 5, 1926, in Cross Plains, Texas. She was a homemaker and resided in Chandler, Texas for 26 years. Her husband, Henry Carsten, preceded her in death.

Survivors include a daughter, Marshella "Shelley" Kersh of Tyler; a sister, Koleta Ibsen of Las Vegas, Nevada; three grandchildren, Kevin and Misty Kersh and Christy Tidwell; two great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Kimberly Kersh.

Memorials may be made to TJC Scholarship Funds, 1400 East Fifth Street, Tyler, Texas 75701.

Howard

in Cross Plains.

Howard is noted for his creation of Conan, The Barbarian, Solomon Kane, Kull and a number of other fantasy characters. He made his home in Cross Plains with his parents, the late Dr. and Mrs. Isaac Mardecai Howard, from 1919 until his death in 1936. The home, located on West Highway 36, where most of his writings were done, is currently owned and maintained by Project Pride as a museum.

The Howard House will be open on Friday and Saturday with continuous activities there and under the pavilion. The Cross Plains Public Library will be open on Friday where a number of Howard's works are displayed. Of particular interest to some, will be a special postal cancellation available on Friday at the Cross Plains Post Office. Art work for the cancellation comes from Bill Cavalier of Michigan City, Indiana.

A dinner is scheduled for Friday evening at the Cross Plains Community Center. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the Cross Plains Public Library, Greenwood Insurance, Citizens State Bank or from any Project Pride member. Guest speaker for the dinner will be Charles Gramlich.

Lunch will be available under the pavilion at the Howard home site on Saturday for \$5 each and tickets may be purchased at any of the above locations.

For more information regarding any of the activities, please call Billie Loving at (254) 725-7432.

Annual Atwell Homecoming and Cemetery to Meet May 27

The annual Atwell Homecoming and Cemetery Association meeting will be held Sunday, May 27, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Atwell Shelter.

Program committee for this year is Shirley Ludlow, Alvin Hutchins and Randy Foster. The program will be presented by Lee Abernathy on the schools in the Atwell community.

If anyone has an interesting story about what happened during your school years at Atwell, you are encouraged to share it with all.

All who attend are asked to bring a picnic lunch. The bread, drinks and ice will be furnished.

Please plan to attend.

Fire Lane Declared by City

On May 1, 2001, the City Council voted in regular session to designate the south side of North West Second Street from Main Street down to the alley as a fire lane.

This action was taken due to the

amount of traffic that parks in this particular area, blocking passage for the fire trucks and ambulance.

The city requests that all residents refrain from parking in this area. Citations will be given to anyone parking in a fire lane.

Flower Show

tional Exhibit "Deep in the Heart of Texas", which displayed items used in Texas in the early day, and vases of Texas wildflowers.

In the Horticulture Division top winners were Ray Dodd with the Horticultural Excellence Award and the Showcase Award. Mary Ella Weaver won the Arboreal Award and an Award of Merit. Bob Powell won the Sweepstakes Award in Horticulture and two Awards of Merit. Earl Mosley won an Award of Merit.

Exhibitors in the Horticulture Division with winning points were Bob Powell as high point winner with Mary Ella Weaver next. Points were won in Horticulture by Kay Mosley, Eva Fleming, Ray Dodd, Ava Dodd,

Earl Mosley, Audrey Lovett and Julene Franke. In the Horticulture Division exhibitors enter only plants they have grown themselves, such as flowers, herbs, potted plants, shrub and tree examples. That is why this division is so respected.

If you attended the flower show, we saw you there and trust that you enjoyed the sights, scents and scenarios as much as we enjoyed producing the arrangements, exhibits, plants, etc. Thank you very much for coming, we appreciate your interest and support. We invite you back for next year and bring a guest or so with you.

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County Jail employees receive pay raises

Callahan County Commissioners voted to approve salary increase of the county jailer and dispatchers and county deputies during the Commissioners' Court regular monthly meeting Monday, May 14.

Callahan County Sheriff Eddie Curtis met with the Commissioners' Court to discuss replacing the wire on the jail exercise area and to increase salaries of his staff.

Sheriff Curtis reported the inspector with the Texas Jail Commission suggested replacing the wire atop the jail exercise yard. On a motion by Commissioner Harold Hicks and second by Commissioner Charlie Grider, County Commissioners voted 5-0 to replace the wire on the exercise yard at the jail for the estimated cost of \$997.70.

Commissioner Tommy Holland made a motion to raise the salaries of a jailer and dispatcher to \$9.00 per hour, a jailer to \$10.00 an hour and a county deputy to \$12.00 an hour effective with the next payroll period. Commissioner Bryan Farmer seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Other agenda items brought before the Commissioners' Court included:

Nancy Young, Betty Henson and Trish Duque met with the Court in regards to a grant being applied for to restore the T&P Depot in Baird. The women represent the Baird Foundation. The Foundation is asking the County to be the nominator for the grant application. The City of Baird cannot serve as the nominator and then use the value of the building for the 20 percent because that would be an in-kind donation to itself. In order to qualify for the TxDOT grant the City of Baird would need to transfer or donate the Depot to the County. It could be transferred back to the City of Baird after construction is finished. Deadline for the application is June 18,

2001. Commissioner Holland made a motion to accept an agreement if the Baird Foundation and the City of Baird will assume all financial responsibility. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

County Constable Bill Young met with the Commissioners' Court in regards to a four year state grant to establish a County Environmental Officer. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to table the item until the actual cost to the County could be established. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to purchase a copy machine for the Callahan County Department of Public Safety office. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve a resolution for a Waiver of Local Match Fund Participation Requirement on the Federal Off-System Bridge Program with the Texas Department of Transportation. County Judge Roger Corn seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. Commissioner Grider made a motion for the local governing body to perform an equivalent dollar amount of structural improvement work on other deficient bridges. Judge Corn seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to keep the County Depository the same with no changes. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and it carried by a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Grider made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to pay all current bills. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion, with a second by County Judge, to adjourn the Commissioners' Court meeting. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

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COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT



SHARON TURNER

Sharon Turner has been chosen as the employee for the month. She was born on August 31, 1970, in Greenville, Texas and is 30 years old. Sharon has three children. She enjoys riding around, 4-wheeling and hanging out with friends. Her favorite food is pizza. Sharon was presented a cash gift and badge. Congratulations Sharon!!!

Our ladies were proud of the long stemmed carnations they received Sunday for Mother's Day. Jessie Casey reported that she enjoyed a ride out with her son Elmer from Weatherford. Louise Richardson said she went out and had an enjoyable time with her family on Mother's Day.

Preparations are underway for our picnic Friday the 18th at 11:30 a.m. We will be observing National Nursing Home Week and honoring our birthdays for this month. Residents with birthdays are Mary Weaver, Clifford King and Delilah Goble. We hope to have a good turnout of family members present.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Maxine Crisp on the

loss of their loved one.

Our thoughts and prayers for Deen Haddox and J.C. Childers who are in the hospital.

Appreciation to Peggy Stallings for the cupcakes and to Stormie and Cheryl Jones for the cookies.

Evelyn, Emily, T.J. and Chris visited with Frank Bartek.

Jeri Cass from Washington, Jesse Casey from Idaho, Mary and Elmer Casey from Weatherford and Frances Whitely visited with Jessie Casey.

Derrell and Vonda Beal from Brownwood visited with Carl McKenzie.

Cecil and Naomi Wilson visited with Delilah Goble.

Mathew Hall visited Falba Shofner.

Mary, Tommy and Kathelene Bates, Mattie Faye Wilson, Zella Erwin, Lonnie and Martha Switzer, Belinda and David Peters, Mary Bates and Annie Wright visited O.B. and Pauline Switzer.

Brian and Mary Nixon from May visited with Carl McKenzie.

Kathy and Kashtyn Eoff from Zephyr visited with Blackie Reynolds.

Activities during the week.

MONDAY: Bingo winners were Jessie Casey (2), Falba Shofner, Minnie Swann, Vera Belyeu and Delilah Goble. Exercise.

TUESDAY: Art class. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds.

WEDNESDAY: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Exercise.

THURSDAY: Senior Olympics Games in Coleman.

FRIDAY: Bingo winners were Falba Shofner, Vera Belyeu (2), Minnie Swann, Delilah Goble and Jessie Casey. Picnic.

SUNDAY: Believer's Fellowship

The friendship of those we serve is the foundation of our progress.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Cross Plains Garden Club Tours Three Cottonwood Showplaces
The Cross Plains Garden Club visited three local gardens during its annual excursion among area gardens last Friday.

Ray and Ava Dodd, Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Lowther and Mary Ella Weaver are the Cottonwood gardeners who received visits as members of the club toured 11 places in the Cross Plains area.

"We were all thrilled to have the club members come out to Cottonwood," reported Mary Weaver. "Ray and Ava have a great Iris collection and Mr. and Mrs. Lowther have beautiful roses and I was happy to show off my roses and perennial beds," she said.

"I have a wonderful memory about flowers from my childhood," she continued. "When I was a little girl, I used to walk to the Cottonwood Store and pass Granny Peevy's house. She had beautiful Irises and I can't remember a time when I passed by that she did not give me a flower from her garden. I've always wanted a garden like that," she said.

Cottonwood Historical Meeting Revisited

John Bennett of Arlington attended the recent annual meeting of the Cottonwood Historical Association and posted that fact on his internet site. Two responses are cited below.

From Greeley, Colorado:

"My Grandfather, Harry S. Varner, served as schoolmaster in the building where you met, now the Cottonwood Community Center, for over fifty years. My father and his siblings grew up in Cottonwood before even-

tually moving away. Please send me any stories or accounts of my grandfather and his family if you have any." Ben Varner,

<lbvame@bentley.unco.edu>

From SE Indiana:

"John, just read your post on the Cottonwood Historical meeting. Carrie Coats was a sister to my grandmother, Annie Kelly (Hightower), and I remember Cottonwood. Aunt Carrie and Uncle Johnny (Coats) very well as a child. I have been looking for a copy of "I Remember Callahan" and can't locate it anywhere. Ran across several references to the book somewhere online. Do you know where I might get a copy? Thanks for an help you can give me. Best regards, Janis Hightower Whitmire, SE Indiana <barkeysmom@aol.com.>

Personals

Effie Pearl Jones, 95, of Wink, mother of Jack Jones of Cottonwood, died May 6, 2001, in Midland Memorial Hospital and was buried in Zephyr on May 9. She was born in Zephyr and her husband, James M. Jones and one daughter, Treleta, are buried there.

Jack said his family moved to Cottonwood in 1942 and later to Rising Star. When Jack retired from the oil patch, he moved back to Cottonwood.

One of this writer's favorite memories occurred in 1944 when Jack and I had a one day's reunion on the Island of Bora Bora (Society Islands). He was stationed there with a U.S. Navy Repo Depo and we had our happenstance meeting when my ship, the British Royal Navy's HMS Empire Mace, made that port for provisions. Ask me about some day and I will tell you how it happened.

PIONEER NEWS

The Quilting Club had several members back on Tuesday. It sure makes a difference. Donna put her "Pinwheel" variation in. Charlene has her "Card Tricks" in. We should be finishing Lou's "Nine Patch" variation.

Chad, Kathy Wakefield and Peyton from Arlington visited Olena Ezzell and Anna and other relatives. Kathy is Olena's granddaughter. Peyton was enjoying her 1st year birthday. She was surprised to see all the cows.

Robert Ezzell, Skip's wife, and her mother, Venita Mitchell, and grandson, Camden from Mansfield, visited Olena and Anna Ezzell a few days ago. Camden is Olena and Venita's grandson. Anna's double knee surgery is coming along quite well. She is able to get around without crutches now. She has two more therapies to attend. She is back at school now and school will soon be out.

Jim and Dusty Chesshir and Brad Bowden worked calves at the

Chesshir farm last weekend. They got through just before it rained again. We registered a little over 3 inches of rain, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It's great to get rain when its needed! Charlene is going to Searcy, Arkansas the 12th with Charles, Kathy and Melanie to see John Phillip graduate from Harding College. He and his fiancée are both graduating!

Glenda Phillips visited her sister and brother-in-law at Early last week. Her sister had gallbladder surgery and is doing great. Glenda went with Allen and Janice to watch Krista play softball at Cisco and Albany. They have won some of their games. Glenda really enjoys watching the girls play.

Don't forget the Domino Party on the 17th. Come have good eats and fun!

Exercising Caution: Middle age is when work is a lot less fun--and fun a lot more work.

LIBRARY NEWS

Have you come to the library lately? There has been lots of activity. Not all visitors come to check out books. Some folks come for the first time, just to check us out. We assume they'll come later to check out books, use interlibrary loan or just tell a friend what a good thing Cross Plains has going. That's good.

More and more folks are taking advantage of the computers that are for public use. Students drop in after school. Last Friday, since there was no school, the computers stayed busy. That's the way we like it.

Last week Sharon Parr, a board

member, donated 10 reams of paper. And that's better than good. Paper is something we use lots of. (Whoops! Don't use a preposition...Oh, well--) Cross Plains folks are library people. Here is proof:

Memorials:
Charlene McCowen for Raymond McCowen

Jo Boatright for Linda Henson and Pauline Champion

Marjorie Middleton for Mac Foster

Donations:
Betty Odsticil - books

See you next week!

NOTICE

The information that I am quitting my business is false. I'm planning on working at least another 10 to 15 years in my beauty shop!!

Thanks,
Connie Kirkham

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

This article is dedicated to all teachers and public school students as well as to exes, all over the continent.

"SOON TO COME!"

Here it comes! It's on its way! Usually the time just seems to drag until its arrival, but this year, it just sort of seemed to sneak up on me. I first became aware of its impending debut while grocery shopping, in the produce section.

Usually my husband does the grocery shopping and I stay in the car, and day dream and watch the people. Yes, I'm one of those ---a people watcher!

On this particular day, however, I went in also. I looked over to my right and there they were just lying there so innocently. Yep, it was WATERMELONS!! And that means school is out for summer vacation and thoughts of college and careers for graduates. Yep, it has come and none too soon!

If you are a student in public school, I'm almost certain you have big plans mapped out for summer vacation. Whether your plan includes sleeping in or early morning fishing expeditions, I'm sure you will greatly enjoy the break from school.

During the summer months many of you, no doubt, have plans to go with your family on a vacation "TRIP". These are usually fun times, whether you travel to visit relatives in Dallas, Chicago, Chattanooga or Cucamonga.

Perhaps your family has plans to visit Six Flags, Disneyland or D-World, go river rafting, visit a movie studio, be on The Price is Right or Wheel of Fortune, take in Europe, tour France, explore a rainforest, etc., etc.

Whatever your itinerary, it's gonna be a fun WATERMELONIN', swimming, cold drinking, snowcone, mountain climbin', WALLA-PALOOZER of a summer.

BURKETT NEWS

By LOVERA STRICKLAND

Linda Brady, secretary-treasurer of the Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association reports more donations received from: Louise Howard - In Memory of Granny Wesley and Barry \$2; Dumas Beeler \$20; Joe and Era Lee Hanke \$25; Janie Brown Hemphill \$25; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Griffin \$25; Peggy Golson - In Memory of Tommy and Bonnie Strickland \$25; Bob Baker and Marie Andrews \$50; Bob and Kay Magee \$30; Skip Nichols \$50; Rita Sojourner \$50; Mrs. Jewel Tabor \$25; Tommy Webb \$50; Royce and Jean Cox, Buelah Adams \$50; Elsie Porter \$25; Bob and Bonnie Illingworth

\$25; Mrs. Thelma Ragland \$25; A.B. Harris, Jr. \$20; Harvey Koenig \$50; L.V. Byrd - In Memory of Arthur and Molly Hollen \$10.

The Burkett-Adams Cemetery Board wishes to thank you for all the memorials and for all the support in the upkeep of the cemetery. Everyone's generosity is overwhelming and we are so thankful.

Paul Walker of Denton visited his dad, Andrew Walker, last weekend.

Darryl Tinney of Kingfisher, Oklahoma and Marsha Turney visited Lovera Strickland. They attended Jody Whiteley's funeral in San Saba on Monday.

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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Cross Plains Garden Club met for the final meeting of the year May 11, at 9 a.m. at Rolan Jones' tank to fish for the evening's meal at 6 p.m. Some of the fishers did not catch any fish, but others caught plenty for the meal. Fishermen were Rolan Jones, Marvin Mosley, Bob and Barbara Powell, and Tony, Ray Dodd and granddaughter, Julene Franke, Mary Ella Weaver and Joyce Odom. The topic was "Tour of Texas Gardens".

At 2 p.m. the members met and started on the tour. The first place visited was Vicky Worley's. The fenced in area where her lily pond was located was outstanding. The rocks she used around the pond would be any "rock lovers" envy.

Next we viewed the yard and garden of Mr. and Mrs. Larmon McMillian, where we saw a very pretty garden, and also many "gathered" rocks. The hollyhocks were especially beautiful.

Nancy McGough's place was so attractive. Here we saw lily ponds, arbors covered in growing vines, and patios abounding in plants and inviting places to sit.

Next door was Debbie Rice where she had a butterfly sprinkler, along with fish and lily ponds as well as a decorated potting shed and a place to cook out.

Then we traveled to Eva Fleming's place and saw evidence of her green thumb in her many various flowering plants.

The Bud McCoy's yard was next on our tour. Here we saw the beautifully manicured grass and flower beds in the back.

Next Don Thornton showed us beds of herbs and an arbor trellis. This was interspersed with garden figures

back of their house.

Then on to Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Lowther's beautiful home where he has planted 58 varieties of roses along the porches and walks. He has aims of planting more. A beautiful lawn enhanced the picture.

Ray and Ava Dodd's yard was our next stop. We saw a beautiful spring garden as well as a lily and fish pond. There were lots of annuals flowering.

Last was Mary Ella Weaver's yard, where we saw her oval rose garden along with her vegetable garden -- all within the harmony of a green, green lawn.

A most enjoyable time of viewing by members led by tour guide Rolan Jones. Members present were Ray and Ava Dodd and granddaughter, Mary Ella Weaver, Eva Fleming, Bob and Barbara Powell, James Nichols, Julene Franke and Joyce Odom.

We met at Rolan and Sandra's home where we had our business meeting. Bob Powell presided for the meeting and Barbara Powell reported on the recent flower show.

After hearing reports from the different committees, the installation of the September 2001-2002 officers was conducted by Barbara Powell. They are as follows:

Bob Powell - President
Mary Ella Weaver - 1st

Vice President

Eva Fleming - 2nd Vice President

James Nichols - Secretary

Julene Franke - Treasurer

Audrey Lovett - Parliamentarian.

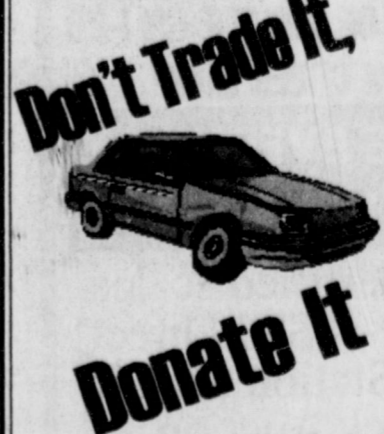
The door prize was conducted by Mary Ella and won by Bob. The delicious meal followed and Marvin and Kay Mosley came for this.

The club will reconvene the 2nd Friday in September, 2001.



May 21 - May 25
MONDAY--Sloppy Joes on Bun, Tator Wedges, Cole Slaw, Apple Cobbler, Milk
TUESDAY- - Sauerkraute & Weiners, Potatoe Salad, Peaches, Cookies, Bread, Milk
WEDNESDAY--Fish ,Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Hushpuppies, Cobbler, Milk
THURSDAY--Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Broccoli w/Cheese, Apricots, Bread, Milk
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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

May 10, 2001

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting with the following members present: Scott Childress, Monty Richards, Tony Wyatt and Charles Chesshir.

Prayer was led by Monty Richards. Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Childress to declare the results of the May 5, 2001, election canvassed and valid as presented. For 4 Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Childress that we adjourn. For 4 Against 0

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KITCHENS IN ACTION—Chris Kitchens during Triple Jump competition at the State Track Meet.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on May 17, 2001, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- PRAYER**
1. Swear in new board members.
 2. School board reorganization and update signature cards.
 3. Minutes.
 4. Open Forum.
 5. Principal's report of District TAAS Scores.
 6. Discuss and act on depository pledge contract.
 7. Discuss and act on District Site Base Committees recommended change.
 8. Discuss and act on tabled item - Drug and Alcohol Policy
 9. Personnel- A. Accept resignations (if needed) B. Hiring new employees
 10. Executive session.
 11. Review bills and financial report.
 12. Adjourn.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on May 10, 2001, at 10 a.m.

SCHOOL MENU

May 21 - May 25
BREAKFAST

- MONDAY--Cream of Wheat, Toast, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY--Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY--Oatmeal, Toast, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY--Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY--Donuts, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

- MONDAY--Turkey Sandwich, Chips, Pickles, Rosey-Applesauce
TUESDAY--Veg-Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Pine-apples
WEDNESDAY-- Ham Slices, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Rolls, Mixed Fruit
THURSDAY-- BBQ Weiners, Blackeyed Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Cornbread, Peas
FRIDAY--Chicken Salad, Crackers, Salad, Peaches



2ND PLACE TRIPLE JUMP AT STATE — Chris Kitchens (from left).



4 X 100 RELAY TEAM — Chris Kitchens (from left), Nicholas Dimitri, Joseph Dillard and Jordan Duran placed 6th at State.



800 METER RUN — NICHOLAS DIMITRI (second from the left) competed at the State Track Meet.



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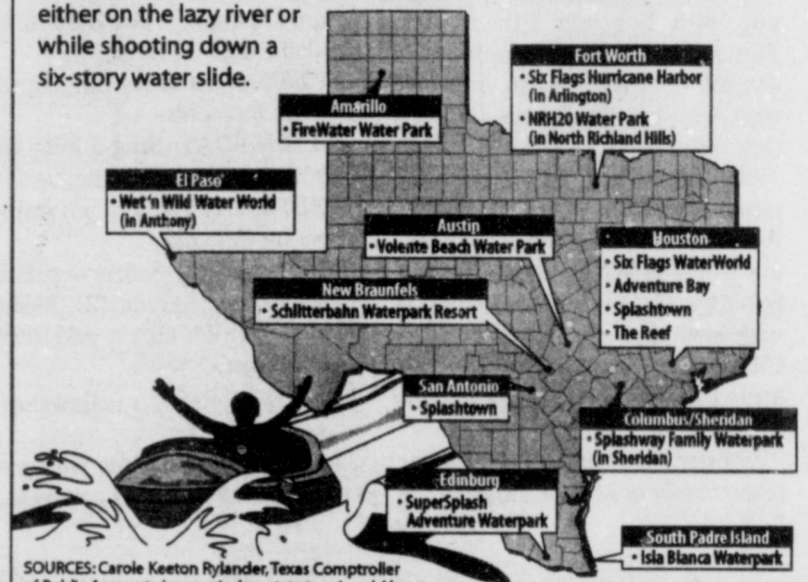
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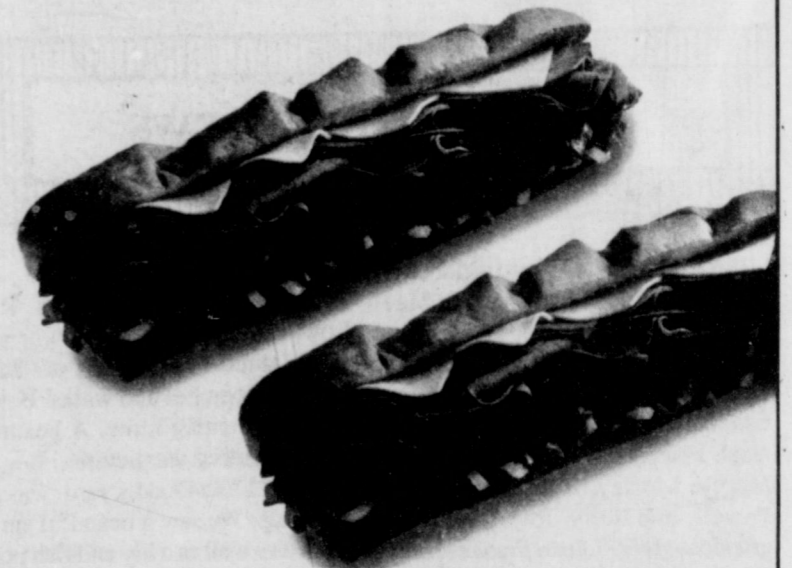
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Opening Date: Thursday, May 10, 2001

Closing Date: Friday, May 25, 2001

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Please accept our appreciation for the cards, calls, letters, and food during the loss of our loved one, Effie Pearl Jones.

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Card of Thanks

We would like to express our heart-felt appreciation for the calls, cards, flowers, visits and food during R.C.'s recent heart surgery. We are especially thankful for all the prayers on his behalf.

To our family, thanks for being so helpful during this time. Every act of kindness has meant so much to us.

R.C. and Wanda Merryman

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Mac Foster would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to each of you who were/are so kind in lifting us up in prayer and in deed since the loss of our Dad, Granddad and friend. God blessed Mac and us with a community that knows what real love is.

With the love of Christ shown through his children, we are confident the days ahead will be filled with hope, love, and peace.

We pray the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. (Numbers 6: 24-26)

The Family of Mac Foster

Card of Thanks

The Cross Plains Little League would like to thank everyone who participated and helped to make the opening day games and parade run smoothly.

A special thanks goes to the Volunteer Fire Department, for leading our parade, to the Ambulance Crew and to Don Gosnell for helping make it safe for the children walking in the parade.

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Texas & Pacific Depot Restoration Project Underway in Baird

The Baird Foundation is sponsoring a nomination to the Statewide Transportation Program for funding to restore the historical Texas & Pacific Railway Depot in Baird, Texas. While preserving the historic integrity of the building is a primary concern, adaptive use will include a much needed visitors center with public facility and expanded transportation museum.

The importance of preserving this landmark is a top priority of the people in this community according to information obtained through a strategic planning session held in 1997 and by a subsequent study by the resource team in 1999. The township of Baird had its beginning due to the laying of the Texas & Pacific railroad tracks. Jay Gould, the railroad tycoon, promoted the land in and around Baird for cheap prices to lure settlers to this area. History claims the town's namesake to be that of a railroad land surveyor, Matthew Baird. Baird was voted the County seat of Callahan in 1883 due to the laying of the rails.

The first passenger boarded the train December 14, 1880. Population peaked in 1929 to 3000. The downtown business district is a three block area with the courthouse serving as anchor at the north end and the historic depot, an icon of the past, situated proudly at the southern most end of the Market Street. Most of the buildings along either side of Market Street in this three block stretch were constructed in the early 1880's through the turn of the century. Baird was the turn-around between Big Spring and Ft. Worth and at one time has a round house, turn table, car shed and cotton platform.

The last passenger boarded the train March 27, 1967 and the Baird Passenger Depot officially retired from service on December 10, 1975. The building was given to

the City of Baird in December of 1977. Like many other towns dependent on the railroad activity for survival, the town lost many businesses and the area saw a major decline in population as folks sought employment and business advantages elsewhere.

The early 1990's, however, saw a substantial revitalization. Many of the old buildings that were once furniture & dry goods stores, theaters, drug store, bank and a hospital were restored and re-opened as antiques and collectibles shops and malls. On June 22, 1993, Baird was officially designated by the State Legislature "Antique Capital of West Texas." Several restaurants and cafes are downtown and a new motel and RV parks provide needed accommodations for travelers who come to Baird from all over the country. This influx of tourists has had a positive impact on tax revenues. There is also a real need for a visitors center and upgraded museum. Tax deductible contributions may be made to the Baird Foundation, P.O. Box 601, Baird TX 79504 to help finance this project.

Please grant us your support in our effort to gain funding for this project by writing a letter of support. Address your response to: Commissioners Texas Department of Transportation 125 E. 11th Street Austin, TX 79701 Please mail or fax your letter of support to: Baird Foundation P.O. Box 601 Baird, TX 79504 fax: (915) 854-1411 We thank you in advance for taking the time and effort to help us. Please reply by June 7, 2001 as the grant application deadline is June 18, 2001.

Submitted by Betty Henson



DAISY HOLCOMB

Daisy Holcomb Will Celebrate 90th Birthday Saturday, May 19th

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH

Daisy Holcomb's children are hosting a reception honoring her 90th birthday on Saturday, May 19, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Church of Christ Activity Center on Highway 36 in Cross Plains. Everyone is cordially invited to the celebration. Your presence will be gift enough.

Daisy was born May 24, 1911, in Navarro County near Maypearl, Texas to David Presley and Julia Frances (Bounds) Conger. The 4th child of six, she has only one living sibling, Ima Jean Brooker of Abilene. Her other sisters and brother, Eron McCorkle, Ethel Anderson, J.D. Conger and Annie Lee Raughton, are deceased.

She married Wes (W.B.) Holcomb on October 24, 1927, in Albany, Texas and the couple celebrated sixty-one anniversaries before Wes passed away on February 10, 1989. Wes called Daisy "wife" and she called him "husband". It seemed an unusual name for each other, but it was expressed with love and respect. Their children and spouses are Ruby Lee Clark and husband, Jim of May, Gerald Presley Holcomb and wife, Shirley of Clyde and Julia Ruth (Judy) Livingston, and husband, Junior of Gustine. There are nine grandchildren, Jimmy Ray Clark of Clyde, Patricia Becktold of Blanket, Bobby Dale Clark of Beeville, Alan Holcomb of Longview, Ren'i Bailey of Hobbs, New Mexico, Steven Craig Holcomb of Sweetwater, Melinda Kay Hughey of Gustine, Donna Gay Roming of Gustine and Vanda Zae Robison of Comanche; 18 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

My Aunt Daisy is one of a kind -- a multi-talented individual. When Wes and her lived on the farm for 28 years, she helped out in the field, even driving the tractor. She rode on the tractor with him the rest of the time. She helped with the cattle and took care of her home and family. She is one of those individuals who can get things accomplished and fast.

Daisy said a lifetime dream of hers was to be a nurse. She never actually obtained the training, but she was dedicated to serving her family when they were ill. She liked to style hair, too. I learned two things about her I didn't know.

For a 90 year-old she has a weekly

schedule that most folks couldn't hold up to. Monday evenings she sometimes plays dominoes with other community residents; Tuesday - quilts with the ladies at the Multi-Purpose Center; Wednesday - attends Ladies Bible Class and evening services at the Church of Christ in Cross Plains; Thursday - folds bulletins at the church and sometimes plays dominoes in the evening; Friday and Saturday - she calls free days but uses them to visit the sick; Sunday - attends morning and evening church services.

On these so-called free days she cooks for various individuals and those who are sick. Many of these people are much younger than her. Mainly she prepares homemade soup, corn bread and banana bread. If you haven't eaten Aunt Daisy's specialties, you have missed out. They are tasty!

Daisy's quilting talents are outstanding. She loves to quilt even though it is sometimes hard on her health. I have a baby quilt she presented me as a gift and most family members have quilts she has made for them.

You haven't played dominoes until you've had a game with Daisy. My grandmother, Ethel Anderson, and her could beat just about everyone playing 42. Daddy and I would give it our best effort, but the sisters always won. They knew what was in our hand from the very first.

She contributes her longevity to working hard all her life, quilting, sewing on a treadle machine, and helping her husband on the farm. "I have had a full life -- no fooling around. I didn't have sense enough to worry. Besides you can't change one hair on your head, just like the Bible says."

Her favorite scripture is the Lord's Prayer, Psalms 23, and her favorite hymn is "Paradise Valley".

Daisy's advice to others is, "Believe in the Lord and go to church. It's the best life there is."

"All I've ever had in my life is love. I've been blessed with love, except when my Ruby twists my coat tail," Daisy said with a mischievous little smile.

The Lord has surely allowed her these 90 years as she has loved Him and lived a Christian life. You are a true inspiration to others.

Happy Birthday Daisy! I hope you have many, many more. You know I love you dearly.

District 4-H Horse Show Entries Due May 30th

Entries for the District 7 4-H Horse Show are due to the Callahan County Extension Office by Wednesday, May 30. Absolutely no late entries will be accepted. The District 7 Horse Show will be held at the Nolan County Coliseum in Sweetwater beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 18, 2001. Entry fees include \$25.00 for the Regular Qualifying Show in which each contestant may enter a maximum of four (4) classes. The Invitational

Events will cost \$7.50 per event and the Roping Events will have a one time cattle charge of \$5.00 and a \$5.00 per event entry fee. All those interested need to pick up their entries and return them to the Extension office by May 30. For more information contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (915)854-1518.

Sincerely, Robert Pritz County Extension Agent

Scouting For Pecan Nut Casebearers Underway in Callahan County

Time is approaching to start for one of the most important nut-infesting insects of pecans, that is the pecan nut casebearer. The adult casebearer is a gray to almost black moth about 1/3 inch long. The moths are active at night, when they mate and lay eggs on pecan nuts. From research and working with producers we are confident that egg lay will occur 7-10 days after the first catch of the moth using pheromone traps. In Callahan County our first significant catches were made around May 9. Eggs are oval, flat and tiny, just large enough to be seen with the unaided eye. Nut clusters with eggs can be tagged with a piece of ribbon and checked each day to determine exact hatch date. Insecticides need to be applied 1-2 days after first egg hatch. With

catches on May 9 nut entry is predicted to occur 12-16 days after this catch which would give us the spray schedule of May 21-25. However, proper scouting is suggested to determine the best time for insecticide applications. There are several formulations of products containing carbaryl, malathion, chlorpyrifos or diazinon that are labeled and packaged for homeowner use. Before purchasing and applying any insecticide, always read the label to determine if the product is labeled for use on the target plant or site. For more information contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (915)854-1518.

Sincerely, Robert Pritz County Extension Agent

Rep. Stenholm's Ag Talk

By Charlie Stenholm
May 11, 2001
"Roving Sands" Military Exercise

I have information about a military exercise that will take place in Texas and other parts of the Southwest this summer.

This exercise, known as "Exercise Roving Sands," will involve several European participants. Concern has been expressed about the possibility of foot and mouth disease being spread as a result of this exercise.

I contacted USDA and the Animal, Plant, Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and they assured me that there are measures in place to protect U.S. agriculture.

APHIS personnel will be in the Netherlands and the United Kingdom to monitor the cleaning and inspection of all equipment from the regions that are scheduled to participate in the exercise.

The equipment will also be disinfected and re-inspected upon arrival in the United States. Any equipment that does not meet APHIS' cleanliness standards will be denied entry and returned to the ship.

All military personnel and their baggage will be subject to inspection before their departure and again upon arrival in the United States in order to protect against the threat of foot and mouth disease.

Energy Inputs

As I have mentioned previously, the House Agriculture Committee continues to evaluate the impact of energy prices on agriculture producers.

The USDA is also looking at this impact and recently issued a forecast on what farmers and ranchers would spend for fuels and oils, electricity, fertilizer and pesticides this year.

In 2001, farmers and ranchers are expected to spend a record \$30.9 billion on energy inputs. This figure is \$2 to \$3 billion over last year's energy costs. Higher fertilizer expenses will account for much of the increase.

On another front, anhydrous ammonia prices averaged \$399 per ton this spring, up 76% from last year.

National Energy Policy

Food and fiber cannot be produced without oil and gas, and oil and gas cannot be produced without food and fiber.

Given our nation's growing dependence on foreign sources of energy, and the shortages being experienced in certain parts of the country, the U.S. must develop a

comprehensive national energy policy based on sound science.

I am pleased to see President Bush taking the initiative to develop a national energy policy, and I look forward to future recommendations by Vice-President Cheney's energy task force.

The current shortages of power in California are a wake-up call for all Americans regarding the importance of adequate planning to meet America's energy needs.

Traditional forms of energy such as oil and gas will continue to play an important role in our economy, and we should encourage further exploration both on and offshore.

But the U.S. must also look toward alternative and renewable sources of energy to meet our needs and lessen our dependence on foreign oil.

With increased development of ethanol, bio-diesel and other fuels, our agricultural producers can help to meet this challenge.

I look forward to working with President Bush to develop a national energy policy that keeps these considerations in mind.

The Next Farm Bill

The Agriculture Committee continues to work to complete the next farm bill before the August 3rd recess.

Chairman Combest has given the committee its marching orders and I will work with him to write a successful farm bill.

The Agriculture Committee has requested that commodity and agriculture groups make specific policy recommendations for the next farm bill.

Most folks have expressed the need for a counter-cyclical farm program that would help producers in years of low prices or decreased yields.

I hope that as Congress formulates a new farm bill we can include a counter-cyclical measure that will help producers survive in down years.

Trade Promotion Authority

Trade promotion authority, previously known as fast-track authority, would grant the President power to negotiate trade agreements with other nations and improve export opportunities for farmers and ranchers.

Such authority has the potential to open markets and can be an important means of increasing trade and export opportunities for our nation's producers.

I support trade promotion authority and am hopeful Congress will grant it to President Bush.

UNEMPLOYMENT

	Feb.	Mar.
Callahan County Unemployment	3.5%	3.7%
Total Labor Force	5,742	5,893
Total Employed	5,543	5,676
Total Unemployed	199	217

Unemployment rate rises in March to 3.7%

The unemployment rate in Callahan County for the month of March 2001 rose two-tenths of one percent to 3.7 percent, according to jobless figures released Monday, May 7 by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Of the 5,893 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 5,676 were employed during March 2001, and 217 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 3.7%. The county's unemployment rate one year ago in March 2000 was 4.1%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.5% in February 2001. Of the 5,742 civilian labor force in the county during February, 5,543 had jobs while 199 or 3.5% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 3.6% in January 2001, 2.9% in December 2000, 3.3% in November, 3.6% in October, 3.6% in September, 3.6% in August, 3.8% in July, 4.5% in June, 3.8% in May and 3.7% in April, according to the unemploy-

ment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and those counties unemployment rates for March 2001 include: Brown, 3.5%; Coleman, 4.3%; Eastland, 3.1%; Jones, 2.7%; Runnels, 4.4%; Shackelford, 2.5%; Stephens, 3.4%; and Taylor County, 3.7%.

The unemployment rate in Texas for March 2001 was 4.0%, up two-tenths of one percent from the 3.8% unemployment rate in February 2001. The state's unemployment rate one year ago in March 2000 was 4.3%.

Of the 10,454,100 civilian labor force in the state, total employment was 10,038,600 in March. The total number of unemployed in March 2001 was 415,500.

The United States unemployment rate was 4.6% in March 2001. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of February 2001 was 4.6%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in March 2000 was 4.3%.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Amanda Potter Promoted to Manager at the Local Subway



AMANDA POTTER

Please come by the store and congratulate Amanda on her new position.

Yvonne Peevy, owner of the Cross Plains Subway, is pleased to announce the promotion of Amanda Potter to manager. Amanda joined the Subway team here in Cross Plains a year ago. The former manager, Denise Coulter, will be managing a new store, under construction in Cisco as well as overseeing the administration of both stores.

Amanda attended Cross Plains High School and graduated from Abilene High School in 1996, and is currently enrolled at Cisco Junior College. Amanda is married to Chris Potter and has two children, Christa and Kaylee.

Alicia Kirkham Named Teacher of the Year

Alicia Kirkham Cate has been named "Teacher of the Year" for Hubbard Elementary Schools where she teaches third grade.

She is a 1989 graduate of Cross Plains High School. Alicia attended McMurry University in Abilene where she graduated with honors in 1993.

Mrs. Cate is been teaching for seven years. Her husband, Chuck, is a teacher at Hubbard High School and coaches numerous sports.

The couple have two dogs, Tayla and Raimey.

Grants Are Available to Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

Washington, DC- Consumer Guidance has established a grant fund to help people who are having financial problems because they don't have prescription drug coverage. This grant program is funded by private donations from corporations and private citizens who receive a tax exemption because of the organization's 501 (c) 3 non-profit status granted by the Internal Revenue Service.

"Many people who are struggling to pay for prescription drugs do not know that financial assistance is available from non-profit organizations and prescription drug manufacturers", says Allen Nichols, Executive Director of Consumer Guidance. "We have established the Prescription Assistance Grant Program and also publish a number of booklets to help consumers who are struggling with prescription drug, medical costs and rising energy bills. There is no reason why anyone

in America should have to choose between eating and paying for prescription drugs, medical care or for energy bills."

Consumers can receive a free grant application and more information about other financial help by call the 24 hour hotline at 202-747-7444 or by visiting Consumer Guidance's Internet web site: www.consumerguidance.org

Individuals who wish to contact Consumer Guidance by mail can write to Consumer Guidance, P.O. Box 96051, Washington, DC 20090-6051.

Consumer Guidance Corporation is an organization established by volunteers dedicated to assisting individuals of all ages who need financial assistance to help pay for consumer debts, energy bills, prescription drugs and medical care. The primary purpose of Consumer Guidance Corporation is to educate and assist consumer with all consumer debt issues.

Happy Birthday!

MAY 18
Eddy Petty
Shane Austin Sharpe
Billy Lee
Donna Wagner
Mrs. Wanda Chandler
Durrilla Elaine Eppard
Brenda Browning
Lillian Jackson
Jennifer Goble
Sandra Crockett

MAY 22
Sue Walker Lewis
Terri Robison
Harvey Koenig

MAY 19
Virginia Childers
Audrey (Sabatis) Skiles
Mrs. Elgene Linscott
Ray Liles
Matthew Rodney Smith
Valerie Chambers
Robert Lee

MAY 23
Mary Ellen Magnus
Alene Hale
H.P. Hopkins
Mrs. Bill Stroope
Mrs. Ray Haackonsen
Rita Boyd
Jackie Lapata
Timothy F. Bishop
Adry Wheeler
Janelle Irwin

MAY 20
Howard Phillips
R.N. Tatom
Mrs. Cecil Goble
Richard Wayne Ramsey
Sally Whitely
Keith Lawrence
Stephanie Walker

MAY 24
George Webb, Jr.
Edith Darlene Hinesly
Raymond Franke
Bobby Vaught
Mrs. Wes Holcomb
Buck Morris
Clifton Chambers
Angela Sue Purvis
Sam Warren
Frances Taylor
Stacy Lynn Smith
Kristin Wells

MAY 21
Mrs. George Lambert
Glenda Simpson
Lanitta (Baugh) Sturgill
Janice (Pittman) Keener
Paul Neeb
Glen Fleming
Bobby Bomar
Benjy Wagner
Becky Ford
Mrs. Robbie D. Stephens
Tim Mosley

Dear Editor:

Letter to the Editor

Small towns such as Cross Plains have a hard time keeping businesses that are profitable. They have a hard time keeping health care and good teachers. Of course there are exceptions, but not enough. The few people who are trying to keep our town profitable and on the map are outnumbered by the ones who just don't care.

For example, note the lack of interest in the recent school board election. Before the election, several concerned folks and the library sponsored a town hall meeting so the public could meet the candidates. They put in a lot of thought and work into this project.

Only ONE of the eight candidates showed up!! The number of citizens coming was a little better. In my opinion, it looked very bad on those running that they were not interested enough in or knowledgeable enough about the positions they were running for, to come to the meeting to let the public know where they stood and what they felt should be done to improve our school.

According to statistics available to anyone caring, our school is doing good in some areas but does need much improvement in other areas.

There was a very low voter turnout in the school board election and fewer in the city election. Shame on us.

E.A. Foller
Cross Plains

Dear Editor,

I submitted an article a couple of weeks ago entitled "Name Above Every Name." It was a forward sent to me by a friend over the internet. I did not write it nor do I have a clue who did. But it spoke to my heart, and I just wanted to share it.

It is not about anybody I know, most certainly not about anyone I work with. They are special people and I care very deeply for them.

When the Lord began to work effectively in my life a few years ago, one of the things He did was convict me of the words that came out of my mouth. This article was for me more than anyone else. I assure you my intention was pure, and it grieves me that anyone thought otherwise.

Linda Fortune

Cross Plains affords a quality of life that is not always adequately appreciated. It is easy to enjoy our advantages, yet give little thought to how fortunate we really are. The purpose of this item though, is to point up some of the numerous blessings we enjoy, many of which are often considered common place.

For the more than 75 years which I have known this little town well, it has been served by competent law enforcement officers. They have been men of herculean strength, power and morality. I think J.M. (Jim) McMillian set the standard when he became City Marshal in 1923. Then very soon thereafter the oil-boom town had eight hotels, four drug stores, two banks, more than 20 stores, four lumber yards, three auto dealerships, four medical doctors, two lawyers and much else. Jim jailed the drunks, destroyed the stills, curtailed thefts, corralled the kids and enforced the law. Anyway you look at it that was par for the course.

Now early eight decades later we have Den Gosnell in charge of local law enforcement. He is one of the most competent, levelheaded individuals ever to wear the badge in this part of Texas. Upholding the law has changed over the years. An officer now must deal with illegal drugs, bandits equipped with automatic weapons and traveling in mobs. Many of them are masters of multiple types of crimes and very dangerous. Cross Plains can be proud of the fact that Gosnell, a retired highway patrolman, knows the law. In dealing with outlaws he must make quick decisions, sometimes in a split second. Nine supreme court justices may at any time decide whether or not he reacted correctly. Their verdict may be five to four, either with or against him.

People passing through our little city have no idea how pleasant life here actually is. If they really knew "how good we have it", every vacant house in town would be occupied and builders would be working over-time. With ideal law enforcement, no property tax, great schools, 10 debt-free churches, successful stores and shops, five public-spirited clubs and societies, friendly people and no racial problems this is a perfect place to call home.

Jack Scott
Cross Plains

IT'S A GIRL

Eva Melissa and Jimmy Clark of Rising Star wish to announce the arrival of Destany Ashton Clark. Destany was born May 8, 2001 at 2:18 p.m. weighing 6 lbs 14.7 oz and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Billy and Kay Scott of Rising Star. Paternal grandparents are Erwin and Donna Clark of Cross Plains.

Great grandparents are Bob and Pat Walton of Olden, Wendell and Ruth Scott from Verhalen, Wanda Matthews and Alice Clark both of Cross Plains

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Rolling in clover...

A new puppy could never replace the wonderful old dog our hearts are missing. But Grizzly's noise and his energy and his funny puppy ways fill an emptiness around our place. Puppy is fuzzy and downy and so huggable. I like to brush him, combing his hair out all puffy and soft as a cotton wad.

He follows me to the goat pen while I feed. When I leave, I call him. Our other dog comes immediately, but Grizzly is kind of independent. He hasn't accumulated enough reward treats, I guess. He may be independent, but I'm kind of stubborn, so he gets left behind the gate a lot. As soon as he realizes he's stuck, he begins to whine and howl most pitifully.

He's about as hard to discipline as a two year old, because when he stands on his two legs behind the wire fencing and howls like that he looks like a child's teddy bear come to life. I run to the rescue, chiding him for not listening to me the first time. I try to keep from melting, but gosh, he's just so appealing.

Last week, Grizzly got into some weed burrs. It took hours to brush his coat clean while he tried to wiggle away. I remember saying something like "I hope he doesn't get into those again."

But he did. I went after him with the comb. After a few wiggles, puppy decided he liked the attention, and I liked holding him in my lap. The next day and the next day, he ran off when he saw me with the brush, so I started clipping the matted hair. I figured he must have rolled in every weed patch he could find, and we must be pretty close to done with it by now. We already had a couple of trash bags full of the soft burrs. I wondered where he

was finding them.

A few days ago, I visited my neighbor down the road who also has goats. We ambled among the goats, filling their water buckets, petting each one, and figuring which heavy does would kid first. They were comfortable with our presence and curious about everything we did. Some came to rub against us. It's an act of friendship and trust, but it can knock you down if you're not braced for it.

My neighbor bent to pick a weed. "Oh, I just hate these things, don't you?" He held up a green weed. It had tiny yellow flowers and clover leaves.

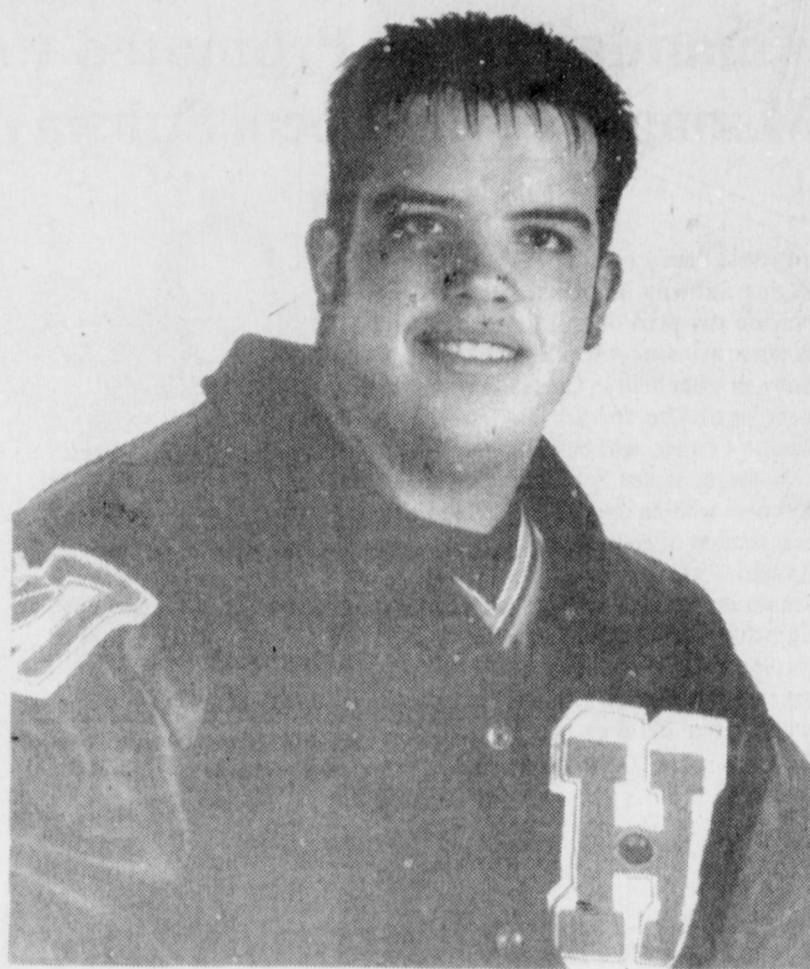
I told him my goats wouldn't eat it. Since it looked like clover, I expected them to gobble it up. They nibbled every blade of grass and every weed around the clover, but left the patches untouched. I wondered if his goats were as fussy.

"You've seen what they're like, haven't you?" He pulled up a weed by the roots and brought it to me. He pushed aside the yellow flowers, lifted up the clover shaped leaves, and there they were — the soft, sticky burrs that matted Grizzly's fleecy coat. He said it was called Burr Clover. While still attached to the plant, the burrs are green and undetectable.

A feeling of dread prickled my skin. A picture of our pasture threaded through my mind. We don't have just one weed like that, not even just one patch, but acres and acres...

I grabbed Grizzly and took him to the dog groomer for a buzz cut. It was either that, or we'd have to move within the week — somewhere far, far away from the tangle of burrs that lay a green carpet across our property.

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ANDREW MCNEEL

Local Lady's Grandson Named Salutatorian

Andrew Patrick McNeel will graduate Salutatorian of his Senior Class at Henrietta High School.

He was born September 15, 1982, to Debbie McNeel and the late Fred McNeel. He is the grandson of Margaret McNeel of Cross Plains.

Andrew attended Young Ages School, at First Christian Church for two years. He attended The Episcopal School 4K through 6th grade. He began attending school in Henrietta in seventh grade, continuing through high school.

Andrew has been a straight A student throughout his high school career, excelling in student government, band, competitive writing and competitive math. He has taken Advanced Placement classes and concurrent college hours at MSU while participating in many extracurricular activities.

He played on the varsity Bearcat

football team for two years, contributing to their District and Bi-District Championship this past year. Andrew played baseball, participated in powerlifting and golf. He has been involved in PALS (Peer Assistance Leadership) for the past two years, served as Sophomore Class President, Junior Class President and was voted "Mostly Likely to Succeed" by his Senior Class. Currently he is serving as President of the National Honor Society.

Andrew has been "going to Texas A&M" since he was born. Andrew and his Mom, Debbie, have seen this dream to fruition this year. Recently named the recipient of the Kirk-Edwards Foundation Scholarship at TAMU, Andrew will begin classes in the fall and become a genuine "Fightin' Texas Aggie", Class of '05, continuing a legacy begun by his Dad, Fred McNeel, Class of '73.



CALLAHAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN HOLD APRIL MEETING—The Callahan County Republican Women held their April 3rd meeting at The Feedbarn in Cross Plains. The featured speaker was Belinda Colyer, President of the Brown County Republican Womens Club. Belinda spoke about the importance of community involvement, recruiting new members, as well as many other subjects of interest. Attending the meet, pictured here are (front row L-R) Belinda Colyer, President of the BCRW; Ann Belz, special guest

from the BCRW; Denise Coulter, Carol Walt, Carolyn Hayden, (back row L-R) Jamie Belz, Pat Chrane, Jan Greenhaw, Linda Miller, Debbie Hatchett, Barbara Calloway, Lory Chrane, Nicki Harle, President of the CCRW; and Ginny Roden. The next scheduled meeting of the Callahan County Republican Women is Saturday, June 23rd at the home of Pat Chrane. A family bar-b-que is planned to begin at 2:00 p.m. Any one interested in attending or interested in more information about the CCRW, please contact Nicki Harle at 893-5500.



BELINDA COLYER & ANN BELZ WERE GUESTS AT CCRW MEETING—The Callahan County Republican Women were pleased to have Belinda Colyer, President of the Brown County Republican Women speak at their last meeting in Cross Plains. Several topics were presented and the meeting was very informative. Plans were made to begin to implement some of the

ideas gather at this meeting, regarding several to our community, volunteerism and membership drives. If you are interested in attending their June 23rd meeting at the home of Pat Chrane, or if you would like more information about the CCRW, club president Nicki Harle would be glad to answer your questions. She can be reached at 915-893-5500.

Writer's Workshop 2001 Set for June 2 Abilene

Writer's Workshop 2001, will be held June 2 at Briarstone Manor, 101 Eplens Court, Abilene. The workshop starts at 9 a.m., with a luncheon at noon. Contest winners will be presented following the meal. Please join them.

There will be three inspiring speakers this year. Anna Myers, author of Middle Grade and Young Adult novels, has received numerous awards in her genre of historical children's fiction. Sheryl Nelms is an avid teacher

and writer of poetry, with more than 4,000 published poems. Leon Claire Metz, archivist at U.T. at El Paso, is a keen historian and author of the old west. His books emphasize historical characters while debunking the wild tales.

Sponsored by the Abilene Writer's Guild, everyone is welcome to attend. For reservations contact (915)677-5631 or www.Sharpwriters.com/AWG.

How the West Was Fun Saturday in Santa Anna

The annual Funtier Day and 8th Annual World Championship Cook-off is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, at the Community Center (Armory) in Santa Anna.

There are many activities, games, etc. for the whole family. Bring the kids and enjoy the day.

There will be a free dance Friday night on the open air pavilion. Music provided by a DJ. Brisket lunch will be sold from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A Ranch Rodeo, boot scramble, stick horse race, etc. follows Funtier Day at the roping arena west of Santa Anna.

For information regarding any of the Funtier activities you may call Wanda Campbell at (915) 348-3110 during the day or (915) 348-3436 after 5 p.m. Call the Chamber office (915) 348-3535 and your messages will be retrieved.

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