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"Memories of Bill"

By Vanda Anderson Creech **Editor** 

The tragic death of Bill Fortune has saddened our hearts here at the Cross Plains Review. He was a daily customer making copies and sending faxes, and we miss him already.

Bill often brought me a copy of an article he had read from some newspaper that impressed him. One I recall, was about the subject of being able to vocally express your feelings for those you truly love (your family). So many individuals have difficulty with this, but Bill knew how important it was.

I had known him quite a while before he shared the fact that he had been a professor at several universities. He was very discrete about his accomplishments. He was a teacher to the core. Often he complemented me on an article, but he would also point out any mistakes in grammar. I appreciated his constructive criticism. I will always think of him when deciding when to use which or that, or that or who. He was very careful not to offend, stating that when it came to this usage it was one of his pet peeves.

About a year ago Bill fainted on the front steps of the Review. I could see that he was going to fall, but I couldn't get outside to catch him. At the same time a handsome young man, who I didn't know, appeared on the porch and asked if he could be of any assistance. Amber was on the telephone calling 9-1-1 and I was trying to comfort Bill. I asked the CROSS PLAINS POST OFFICE COLLECTS FOOD young man if he would stay with FOR NEEDY - 522 pounds were presented to the local Bill while I secured something to put under his head. He remained until I returned. The Cross Plains E.M.S. came quickly and during the excitement I didn't see the young man leave.

Later I wondered who this nice man was and I recalled his presence was very calming. I told Bill I believed he was his Guardian Angel, as he disappeared without allowing me the opportunity to thank him for his

This past Valentine's Day Bill brought Amber and me a little box of sugar candied hearts like you exchanged in elementary school. I hadn't seen these in years. He remarked, "Girls, this isn't much, but I thought of you." You know that is really what life is all about—just remembering someone. His gift started a flood of memories of days gone by that were priceless. Sometimes he brought cards for the appropriate occasion that he addressed: To the Chicks at the Cross Plains Review. He felt an attachment to us, as we did to him.

Over the past year I had seen Bill change his life in so many positive ways. This only proves that if you are willing to change, you can. I was so proud of him and told him so.

With his son serving in Iraq, he had been busy writing letters, taking photos of the wild flowers and mailing them, and sending any correspondence possible to keep his son's spirits up. He loved his son and daughter, as they were the subject of most of his conversa-See Down Home Page 2

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## **Burkett Man Honored for** Service in Battle of the Bulge

Burkett was recently honored among approximately 24 soldiers as heroes who served during the Battle of the Bulge. He was invited to attend a regular session of the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol in Austin on April 30. Mr. Walker was also presented a medallion for his service to his country and a reception followed.

Senate Resolution No. 655 was prepared and presented to each soldier. The Senate Resolution stated that the turning point in World War II began June 6, 1944, when allied troops succeeded in bringing 16 army divisions into occupied Europe in just five days; after the allied landing and the battles in Normandy, the allied armies began their liberation tour of the continent; first France was liberated and then Belgium.

The allied forces were stopped

Clarence Andrew Walker of in the Ardennes before the border ing or imprisoned. by German counterattacks that stabilized the front along their defense line; with allied interests divided on tactics, allied forces were required to wait for new directions and came to rest in the Ardennes.

> During this quiet period, the Germans prepared enormous counteroffensive, but strong allied defenses in the North and South only allowed the Germans to forge a large bulge in allied

The battle began on December 16, 1944, and ended with an allied victory on January 28, 1945; 8,447 Americans were killed, 46,170 were wounded, and 20, 905 were missing or imprisoned; the British reported 200 killed, 239 wounded and 969 missing or imprisoned; 10,749 German soldiers were killed, 34,439 wounded and 32,487 were miss-

It was noted that Mr. Walker and fellow soldiers' contribution and courageous valor during World War II at the Battle of the Bulge would never be forgotten. He and his fellow comrades were recognized as being instrumental in the European campaign which ultimately resulted in the enemy's surrender.

Andrew served in the Army 447 Anti-Aircraft that was attached to the 28th Division during the Battle of the Bulge. He also made the Invasion of France. The late Byron McAnally and the late Jessie Holmans, both of the Burkett community, also fought in the Battle of Bulge. Walker and Jessie Holmans went through the entire war together.

Dan Gray, Andrew's nephew, took him to Austin for the special recognition.



Homecoming will be held Monday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. at Jean's Feed Barn.

Make plans to attend and pick up Homecoming invitations for your individual classes.

Homecoming has been set for Saturday, September 13th. The Buffaloes will challenge Hawley that night. Mark your calendar now and make arrangements to

### Brownwood Artist to Meet with **Local Club**

Ted Shelton of the Brownwood Art Association will return to the Paint and Pallet Art Club for an informative demonstration, Thursday, May 15, 2003 at the Multi-Purpose Center at 2:00

We have an art teacher, LaJuan Killion, our recent show judge, who is considering forming an art class in the fall if there is enough interest. Please be thinking about this.

We will also be discussing business at the meeting.

Visitors are encouraged to attend. For more information please call Betty Beggs at 254-725-7235 or Marlene Sanders at 254-725-7421.

Submitted by Betty Beggs

## **Shirley Shumate** to Address Local Genealogy Group

Shirley Shumate will be speak- lated Online Resources. ing to the local genealogy group Friday, May 16, at 1:00 p.m. at informative presentation on gethe Cross Plains Public Library. nealogy research. Everyone is invited to attend.

She will be covering the following topics: Searching the Correspondence - New and Old; ies; Genealogy Periodicals; Queries-Bulletin Boards and Re-

You don't want to miss this

We would also like to remind everyone that the Cross Plains Genealogy Group meets every Family Archives; Searching the Friday at 1:00 p.m. and everyone Family Circle-Begin at Home; is invited. We would especially like to extend an invitation to all Searching Outside the Family; of the local old-timers who can Published Materials and Librar- answer some of our questions about the area and its history.

Submitted by Sharon Pope



**OUTSTANDING** LOCAL WOMAN - Dr. Lou Rodenberger is a wonderful representative of the Cross Plains community.

## Lou Rodenberger Commencement Speaker at TWU

to graduates of Texas Woman's (May 10). University, Dr. Lou Rodenberger, who lives in the Cottonwood community, focused on Mark Twain's advice. old saying advised, "Put all your for the graduate, who leaves the university with a basket of resources, however, resources are no good unless they continue to keep developing their talents and their knowledge. They need to 'watch that basket."

The speaker, who was named TWU Distinguished Alumna i 1987, addressed the College of Arts and Sciences in the first of three graduation ceremonies held in Pioneer Hall on the TWI

In her commencement address Denton Campus, last Saturday

This week, Dr. Rodenberger also learned that her most recent book, written and edited in collaboration with Dr. Sylvia Grider He once said that the traditional of Texas A&M, will be pubwarning to never put your eggs lished this fall by Texas A&M in one basket was a flawed University Press. Both a history warning. Twain's version of that of the short story as written by Texas women and an anthology eggs in one basket, and watch that of 22 short stories illustrating that basket." Dr. Rodenberger pointed development, the book is titled out that this a good suggestion Listen Up: Stories by Texas Women.

## **Rabies Discovered** Locally in 2 Skunks

Food Pantry. Postal employments pictured are Alvin

Hutchins (from left), Postmaster Amanda Waggoner and

Billie Kelly. Postal employees appreciated everyone's

Work Day Set at

**Pioneer Cemetery** 

Work Day will be held at the Service, tentatively planned for

any and all help. You will need to veterans' graves are properly

Pioneer Cemetery on Saturday, May 26 at 12:00 noon.

cooperation in this year's food drive.

May 17, at 9 a.m. We appreciate

bring your own tools such as

mowers, weed eaters, rakes,

shovel, gloves, drinking water,

etc. This cleanup day is in

preparation for the Memorial Day

area in the past month. The first was found approximately 2 miles was found inside Cross Plains skunks, bobcat and foxes. city limits.

This brings the total this year in Callahan County to 6. While 5 of these were in skunks, one case was in a cat.

Rabies cases in surrounding

Rabies have been confirmed in counties, this year to date, intwo skunks in the Cross Plains clude: Brown 17, Coleman 6, Eastland 4 and Taylor 4. Animals involved in these cases included north of Cross Plains. The second cats, cows, horses, sheep, goats,

We want to make sure all

marked so that one will not be

overlooked for flag placement at

Submitted by Jo Veda Watson

the Memorial Service.

See you there!

Pet owners are reminded that the best defense to protect their family and pets is the proper vaccination of pets and using caution around wildlife.

## **Cottonwood Musical** This Friday Evening

Cottonwood Community Center. serving as emcee. Chili dogs and the trimmings will

The Cottonwood Musical will Musical entertainment begins at be held Friday, May 16, at the 6:00 p.m. with Mary Ella Weaver

Admission to the musical is be served, along with sandwiches free. Come and enjoy an evening and pies beginning at 5:30 p.m. of good fellowship, fun and great music.

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### REMEMBER Flags to Fly Half-Staff on May 15th

Flags on all government buildings are required to fly at half-staff on Thursday, May 15, commemorating Peace Officers Memorial Day. In 1994, President Clinton signed a law, P.L. 103-322, requiring the American flag to be lowered on this day as a tribute to the more than 16,000 have died in the line of duty.

This is the rarest of honors. The only other regularly scheduled day that the flags fly at half-staff is Memorial Day. Like those in our armed services, our fallen freedoms of others.

Please remember to lower the agency or business on May 15th. Encourage those in your community to follow the government's lead as we recognize the service and sacrifice of our law enforcement officers.

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Bill Armstrong - Pastor

## **UBITUARY**

#### **Billy Duke Fortune**

Billy Duke Fortune, 59, of Cross Plains, died Saturday, May 3, 2003, in Callahan County,

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 9, 2003, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Charles Chesshir officiating. Burial was in the May Cemetery in Brown County, Texas with law enforcement officers who Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of the arrangements.

Bill was born November 8, 1943 in Ganado, Texas to Garth Fortune and Flora Childress Fortune. He attended public schools law enforcement officers died in both Cross Plains and May. He while protecting the lives and attended high school in May and graduated in 1962 as the Valedictorian of his class. Bill was flags that fly at your home, also an All-District and All-Area football player and received scholarship offers from several universities. He was married to Nelda Stone in May, Texas on September 4, 1966. He was a Methodist.

Bill received his BBA in 1967 from North Texas State University and an MBA in 1969 from the same institution. He received his Doctorate in Business Administration from the University of Arkansas with a minor in Industrial Engineering. At the time he was the only Arkansas Business Doctorate to have ever received a minor in any field of engineering.

Dr. Fortune then served as a professor at Southwestern State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma, at Texas A&I in Corpus Christi and Northeastern Louisiana University in Monroe, Louisiana.

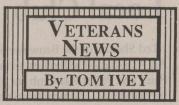
Bill then was awarded a post as Professor of Business Administration at Texas A&M University in College Station and later served for several years as an administrator in the Texas A&M Engineering Department. He was heavily published and was an outstanding participant in Business Academic Conferences. Bill was the only A&M Business Professor to be published twice in a Harvard business journal.

He is survived by his son, Chris Fortune of Conroe; a daughter, Jill Fortune of Early; a sister, Patty Meador of Buffalo Gap; a brother, Tommy Fortune of

His parents and a brother, Robby Fortune, preceded him in

Bill is gone from our sight but will always be graciously remembered in our hearts and prayers.

Pallbearers were Brad Fortune, Chad Meador, John Burks, Mike McClure, Robert Eubanks and Doug Dallas. Honorary pallbearer was Jerry Meador.



Word was received May 12 from the Texas Veterans Commission in Austin regarding Burial Benefits.

The letter states that ANY Veteran with wartime service prior to January 1, 1958 is eligible for Burial Benefits. Our World War I Veterans have all answered the last call so wartime is December 7. 1941 thru December 31, 1946 (extended to July 26, 1947 for Veterans who were in service on December 31. 1946.) and June 27, 1950 thru January 31, 1955 for Korean War era Veterans.

Under PRESENT VA RUL-INGS there is a two year time limit for filing reimbursement claims in Non-Service Connected death cases. That means two years after permanent burial or cremation. There is no time limit for filing claims in Service-Connected death

Families who have lost a wartime Veteran in the last 24 months may want to contact the funeral home regarding possible funeral expenses reim-

### Revival at Burkett **Baptist**

Come and hear Cowboy Evangelist, Jeff Gore, on May 16-17 at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, May 18, at 11:00 a.m. for Sunday worship at the Burkett Baptist

There will be preaching, picking and singing for everyone. Dinner will be a noon on Sunday. Wright Price, Pastor, welcomes everyone!

### Blake Cemetery Celebration

Blake Cemetery Association is celebrating their 100th anniversary. There are graves dated before 1903, but documents show that year the cemetery association was formed. In earlier years it was known as Hog Valley Cemetery Association.

Decoration Day is Sunday, May 18, beginning at 10:30 p.m. Services start at 11:00 a.m. with Terry Simmons preaching, followed by a business meeting. A covered dish lunch will be served. Singing is scheduled for after lunch. All singers are welcomed. Workdays are Friday and Saturday or at your convenience.

### Revival at Believer's **Fellowship**

A Revival is planned at Believer's Fellowship beginning Sunday, May 18th. Services will commence at 6:30 p.m. until closing.

Brother Thural Reid will be preaching from God's word nightly. He is a dynamic speaker and you are sure to be blessed.

There will be singing and praise and worship.

In obedience to God's word, and in expectation of a mighty move of the Spirit, Believer's Fellowship is observing two weeks of prayer and fasting leading up to the beginning of the Revival. These prayer meetings will be held at the church each evening at 6:30 p.m. up to the beginning of the Revival.

Believer's Fellowship is located on Highway 36, 1/2 mile east of the red light at Cross Plains. For further information call Mary Brannon at (254) 725-7696 or Pastor J.D. Fry (325) 643-1011. Pastor Fry invites everyone to attend the upcoming Revival.

### Atwell Homecoming/ Cemetery Association

The Atwell Homecoming and Cemetery Association meeting will be held Sunday, May 25, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Atwell Shelter.

**Meeting Told** 

The program committee for this year is Eddie Fay Dillard, Grady Scott and Reggie Pillans.

All who attend are asked to bring a covered dish or dishes consisting of meat, vegetables, salads or desserts. The bread, drinks and ice will be furnished by the association. The food will be spread together for lunch.

#### Down Home—

Bill had a way of making you feel special. I will miss his encouraging words. As many friends commented at his service, he was just the kindest person and always so polite. He is one of those unforgettable people who made an impact on people's lives. 2 - Cross Plains Review May 15, 2003

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Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Franklin Gomez, plea of guilty to unlawfully carrying a weapon, 1 year probation, \$750 fine, \$243 court costs.

Sharla Deering, plea of guilty to theft by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$66.83 restitution.

Sharla Deering, transfer request from Callahan Co. to

Brown Co. granted. Jason Kilough, plea of guilty to criminal trespass, 6 month probation, \$400 fine, \$343 court

Jason Kilough, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Jones Co. granted.

Gavin Jackson, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI) - 1st, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$243 court costs. Michael D. Parrott, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation,

\$400 fine, \$293 court costs. Scotty Mitchell, order extending probation granted.

Russell C. Jones, motion of affidavit of surety to surrender bond granted.

Stephanie VanCleef, order revoking probation granted. Donna Campbell, order ex-

tending probation granted. Louise Shurley, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.

Edward Hendrix, Jr., plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 3 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$238 court costs

Julio Mapula, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$243 court costs. Karla K. Sadler, plea of guilty

to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$293 court costs. Sandi Watson, motion to re-

voke probation granted.

ing conditions of probation

granted. James O. Perry, motion to revoke probation granted.

Susan Fleshman, motion to revoke probation granted. Robin Denton, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

#### Marriage Licenses

William Elgin Sneed and Melanie Dawn Patterson, both of Big Spring.

Tyler Scott Mackey of Clyde and Jacqulynn O'Neil Hubbard of Rising Star. James Andrew Glenn of Clyde

and Sarah Leanne Kelly of Pasa-Audie Lynn Kilough and Vickey Joyce Taksdal, both of

> **42nd DISTRICT COURT** John Weeks, presiding

#### Civil Filings

Misty Nichole Vaughan and Charles Calvin Zara, divorce. Dana Kay Miller and Kenny Darius Miller, divorce.

Kay Lee Ann Thurmond and Charles Ray Thurmond, Jr., di-Kaylee Allyn Cortinez and

Mario Ocon Cortinez, divorce. In. Re.: A purported lien or claim against Billie Unrein, motion for judicial review.

Criminal Information & Complaints

Arturo Gomez, aggravated assault.

**Criminal Minutes** 

Angela K. Campbell, order amending conditions of proba-

### June 1, Entry Deadline for C.P. Ranch Rodeo Cowboys Sign Up Now

for the Cross Plains Ranch Rodeo is quickly approaching. There are only a few spots left, so if you want to enter a team, contact Barbie Creach at (915) 668-3103 as soon as possible.

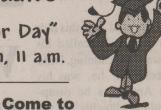
The Cross Plains Roping Club met Monday night, May 5, at the arena. Plans for the Ranch Ro-

The June 1st entry deadline deo and Dance were discussed to insure a smooth running and

entertaining evening. The Cross Plains Roping Club would like to welcome anyone interested in becoming a member to join them at their next meeting scheduled for Monday, June 2, at 7 p.m. at the arena.

### We Are Proud of You! Graduates

"Senior Day" May 18th, 11 a.m.



"The FRIENDLY CHURCH" 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer/Worship

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**Community Meetings** meeting of the Cottonwood Fire Fighters at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at the Fire Station.

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Then there will be the monthly session of the Cottonwood Musical, always a very happy, entertaining and foot-stomping "gig". I have been informed that the Quilting Club will be serving chili dogs and in addition there will be sandwiches, pies and drinks available. Food starts at 5:30 p.m. and MUSIC at 6 p.m.

You will miss, again, another happy time if you don't come and bring your family. So, the next time you see your spouse, say, "Honey, let's take the kids and eat out next Friday night at the Cottonwood Musical."

#### **Meeting of Historical Association Revisited**

I'm still smarting over the fact that last Saturday I missed seeing a lot of good people I look forward to greeting each year at the annual meeting of the Cottonwood Historical As-

So, I looked over some notes I had made about the meetings of the old Cottonwood Cemetery Association and the experience brought images to my mind of former members and their dedicated work to keep the community of Cottonwood alive and buzzing. The following notes were made by Hazel Respess and presumably the ones she filed with the Cross Plains Review for this very column (of which she was also the weekly author of). Hazel wrote: "The Cottonwood like music, come to eat. If you Cemetery Association met May don't like food, come to listen. 2, 1967 at the Cottonwood You'll find happiness, either way. Methodist Church, John T. Purvis, president, presiding. Several songs were sung by the or news you want to see in the

congregation. Special music was In the news this week will be a rendered by the four Ingram sisters and also by Mrs. Dorothy Ramey. The morning message was brought by Albert Lovell of Baird. An Endowment Fund for the Cemetery was discussed and Judge Meade F. Griffin was appointed to draw up necessary legal papers which were to be presented to the Association. John T. Purvis was re-elected president for 1967-68 and Hazel Respess was retained as Secretary-Treasurer." S/Hazel Respess John Purvis was elected president in 1966 and his long-term term (still going) reign of Albert

service was preceded by a years long-term service of Bill Ingram and succeeded by another long-Lovell. Lovell was, in 1967, Country Tax Assessor/Collector, Judge Meade Griffin was Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court and Hazell Respess was Postmistress of Cottonwood. She was succeeded as Secretary-Treasurer by the long-term service of Ora Breeding. Dorothy and Grady Ramey, and other members of their families are always present at the meetings of the Association.

Back, then, those and many others were looking down the road to the future, dedicating hard work, time and personal resources to preserve a rich heritage of life in Cottonwood valley. So, these little meetings that come along each week and month are part of that "rich heritage of life" in Cottonwood valley. Please attend. If you don't

(Please notify Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474 of personal items paper.)

## RISING STAR NURSING

COTTONWOOD CEMETERY UPDATE

"WHAT KIND OF MAN IS HE WHO WOULD

**DESTROY HIS NEIGHBORS PROPERTY?"** 

SAITH THE OLD WOMAN WITH SAD EYES.

On Friday, March 28, 2003, I requested a copy of the bylaws of the Cottonwood

Historical Association. As of today, I have received nothing—nothing accept the

umor you can only read them in the presence of the President, Secretary or elected Board members of the Association. I say, "Ha!" It should be every members right

o get a copy upon request. And it is! So without the bylaws of the Cottonwood

Historical Association, I'm going to use Robert's Rules of Order in presenting my

ase to the general public and the membership of this Association, If there's any

najor disagreement between our bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order, I apologize

It says Under Robert's Rules of Order in APPLYING DEMOCRATIC PRIN-

CIPLES TO ORGANIZATIONS, "Those powers not specifically given to officer

and boards in the bylaws enable members to reverse decisions made by boards and

officers. Another check and balance given in the bylaws is the right of the member

ship to remove ineffective or tyrannical leaders from office . . The rules are ap

As I understand Robert's Rules of Order, our business meeting is legal only it

one by Parliamentary Procedures and overseen by someone who knows the basic

undamentals of these Rules. You could say our business meeting, on May 3, 2003

wasn't legal, at least not entirely, making it null and void. And here's how it hap

bened. The presiding President came forward and gave what I call a "rollove

peech" for him and two other board members to continue on for another two-yea

erm. There was no motion to do this and no second. According to Robert's Rules

of Order, it was illegal! And yet, they were all voted in by a majority of members

present. Without a motion and second it was truly illegal! That is, according to Robert's Rules of Order. And besides it would have been illegal anyway, for at the

Association business meeting, "the President (the moderator-the presiding of

ficer over a public forum) cannot make any (1)motion, (2)debate (3) or vote, ex-

ept to make or break a tie vote." He's supposed to be neutral in all his actions, but

that is not the fact. When you make a speech praising all of the board members and

ourself, as the presiding President did, it's illegal. The presiding President did the

ame rollover speech procedure with the election of the other board members las

rear-it was illegal too, and they are erroneously serving as board members, to

day. By the rules of Parliamentary Procedures, none of the seven Board of Direc

tors was elected legally—they'll have to sit aside until another day. So there you are! How many members have been correctly motioned and seconded to be on the

oard in the last two years? You might ask yourself that question. But my conclu

ion of the Cottonwood Historical Association meeting on May 4, 2002 and on

May 3, 2003 is this: The so-called "election" of the President and two Board mem-

pers is null and void, according to the way I understand Robert's Rules of Order Meaning they have no rights to continue on in their public office. As far as I know

nere has been only one person, in the last two years, correctly recommended by a

There were 45-47 members present by my count at the business meeting, bu

here were 53 signatures on this petition I presented to protect my property, to

protect the 20 to 22 people now living in Cottonwood from property devaluation,

from a giant six-acre graveyard that can hold a 1,000 graves or more in the years to

me, to protect the future people, a hundred years from today, living near Cotton

good from any bad decisions made by us on this day, to protect all of us and them

he future people, from any potential pollution to our God-given water. In West

Central texas water is everything for a decent life, as it is everywhere on this planet.

But it's becoming a rather rare element in quite a few different places from here

and around us to El Paso to Del Rio and farther south and west of the Big Country

I gave the petition of 53 signatures to the President and asked for permission to

speak during the business meeting. Oh! He did let me speak, but he separated me

from the rest of the business meeting by having me speak after Nancy Masters'

humorous speech; you know, when everyone is ready to eat and eager to converse

with old friends and the business meeting is over as far as they are concerned.

Anyway, I had the floor for the petition, but it was chaos. No control by the Presi-

dent at all. Too many people were allowed to give their views before I could ever

state any of my 7 reasons for the petition and a solution to solve this problem.

When you live in some other town or away out in the country, your could care less

about someone else's problems and solutions. But thank God for those who signed

the petition. I will never forget you who took the time to help me. I thank you, my

A certain person, an ex-friend whom I know well, made a motion to lay the

petition on the table. It was seconded. Of course, you know what that means if it

isn't brought back to the table-it dies. Mister President himself then made a mo

tion to adjourn for lunch and it was seconded. But you already know he couldn't

make a motion under common parliamentary procedures, such as those listed in

Robert's Rules of Order, as long as I had the floor. Especially with me standing,

holding the floor, but then what right do I have to say anything at all? If the 4 acres are added to the present 2-acre cemetery, it will be 170 feet closer to my home and

186 feet from the fence line just a few steps in front of my home, making a total of

486 feet of common fence line with the proposed cemetery. So I ask you, the

general public and members, did I have a right or reason to be heard? In the name

of justice, I think and pray your answer will be "Yes!" I should hope so. I am more

than willing to accept the help of anybody with lawful and peaceful intent to join

this crusade to save Cottonwood from some of its former dear friends, and those

I'll continue on with the petition itself next week and let you know about the silent

encroachment of cemeteries to landowners. I also made another motion at the

business meeting and it was seconded to find out if the President had his authority from a board meeting to have those six Afghans, valued at \$3,500, pushed down

For him to have the authority, the secretary must have been present and a quorum

of board members present. Otherwise? Well anyway, the secretary didn't have the

records and minutes with her at the business meeting on that day. She was and is

very sick. So, when she gets well, I'll find out and you will know. Cottonwood is

who don't give a hoot about Cottonwood's past or future.

otion and seconded and voted on under the ex-Presidents leadership.

right now, to the ex-President of the Association and all of the members

blied equally, impartially, and fairly to all and not just a selected few.

We had a special guest singer Day by giving all the ladies a come by our Center Saturday, May 10th. Justin Todd Herod was in town to perform and he graciously offered to come sing for our residents. Everyone enjoyed listening to this talented young man. We hope he comes back soon!

Resident Myrtle Hoggett is in the hospital. Please keep her in your prayers. Sunday we celebrated Mother's

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lovely carnation.

"Thank you" to Peggy Stallings, daughter of Bulah Ferguson, for the cake and cupcakes she brought. Peggy does not let a holiday go by without bringing us treats and we appreciate her so much!

Remember our Open House is Thursday, May 15, from 3:00 -6:00 p.m. with the Rhythm Band performing at 3:30 p.m.

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chilliness of winter on some days casual conversation asks, "So and the warm sunniness of spring y'all had a night out last night, the next. Personally I prefer warm great! Where did ya go, and then

never seem to get warm. "If I Say Frog, You Better

Hop!"

through a book of humorous the wall or patio. On the placque When You're Having Flies". I days). Who'd have ever thought 30 years ago that switching those two words could make such a difference. I know I've heard all my life, "Time flies when you're

1,000 little ol' hoppy rain frogs all over the place. Even some got ants, flies, etc.

We use to frequent a comedy Question is: "How many frogs do club in Lubbock and it carried I have to kiss? Before I find my what I considered a most unique Prince? name. The name was ...well just

Notes: What season is this? It imagine the NEW neighbor seems two in one to me, the next door, comes over and amid weather to cold. In the winter I answer, Froggy Bottoms."

By Kay Mosley

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

Frogs have many uses. For most of my life I've been blessed with many uncles, 7 on the maternal side, and 4 on the paternal side. They are all in heaven now. That Have you ever heard that is 11 uncles. This one in particuexpression? Lots of us have and lar lived in Abilene and he was a we learned very quickly what it fireman for many, many years. He has been deceased now since The other day while leafing the 1970s. Anyway, he loved to go fishing. Every time he got a items; I came across this little chance he would take off for the cutie. It was a placque to hang on nearest or best or luckiest hole or pond. His name was Rueben. was a very large, very green Ever once in awhile he'd run FROG; and it said, "Time's Fun, across frogs at a few fishing holes; and he'd bring back a read that and was laughing over it number of frog legs. My grandfor three days (well, nearly three mother and my aunt would cook'em up and we'd have fried frog legs. They were so good and tasted just like fried chicken. Some of them he caught while he was fishing and some he shot. having fun". Now I feel I know at Either way, those frog legs were least one item which appears on a mighty good eating! There's this certain muscle that you must Frogs like the rain you know. sever and then the frog legs won't Some years ago when the rains hop while in the frying pan. To came, you could see (nearly) clarify that—cut the muscle on the frogs legs, not your muscles.

Are you aware that out there in a bucket once. As children we somewhere there's a blonde, use to catch the little horned perky lady who is struggling to frogs, actually some were quite obtain the answers to a question large, and we'd turn them over on for a project she is researching? their backs and count the ants in I've been seeing her ads almost their stomach, which they had everywhere. In books, cataeaten. You could see the ants logues, gift shops, on T-shirts; through the skin of the horned why even the young woman toad or frog as some called them. wears one of the T-shirts herself. They are now in danger of Printed on the front of her T-shirt extinction. They are really good is her question. Say, maybe one for the environment, as the frogs, or two of y'all may be able to or toads eat insects, such as assist her in finding out the answer to her question. The

#### PIONEER NEWS

The Pioneer and surrounding communities reunion will be held on Saturday, June 14. It will be at the Community Center in Cross Plains. All who are interested come on out.

The ladies had a good day quilting. They are working on Lessie's beautiful floral top and Sandy's hostess top and her outside "string" top.

Friday Jean Fore and Frankie Smith traveled to Ranger to visit Frankie's sister, Mrs. Dorthy Rogers. Friday they traveled to the Putnam musical with Freddy and Maudine Blount. Then, they went to the Scranton musical Saturday night with Freddy and Maudine. The four had a great

their library for the ones starting to Pre-K this fall. They were all really cute. Howard, Allen and Logan ate lunch with Glenda Friday. Logan got to help his daddy, Friday. Glenda looked out one time and Allen and Logan had been in the cow pasture. helphis daddy. Glenda and Olena went to the May city garage sales and went on down to Early to her sisters and family's garage sale, There were several sales on that street. Glenda's sister-in-law from Early ate lunch in Brownwood with Glenda and in time for Krista's softball game that evening. Kali went to Texas A&M Friday and Saturday for the dairy cattle judging contest.

She said she had a good time.

Kathy Chesshir took her mother-in-law, Charlene, to the doctor in Abilene last Thursday. She had two shots in her lower back. It helped some but she'll have to have more. Jim didn't come last weekend. Charlene's son, John, called from Edmond, Oklahoma and they had a long catch up talk. John and Margaret are both working at new jobs, the same type work, but different companies. Christy came on Friday and cleaned for her mother (that is a good Mother's Day all year). They always have a good

Melanie Chesshir had an emergency appendectomy Saturday night in Searcy, Arkansas. It had ruptured, but she is doing Glenda Phillips went to Logan's alright! Hopefully by now she library program. It was the end of has recovered enough to be home for the summer. Melanie is a student at Harding in Searcy. It will really be nice to see her

Cowan and Laverne Hutton attended the birthday party for their great-granddaughter, Janiecia, last Saturday. She is the Logan was shutting the gate. It daughter of Jamie and Mary took him a little while to get it Hutton. Her grandparents are closed. He is always wanting to J.D. and Sandy Hutton. They also attended, along with other guests. Everyone enjoyed hot dogs and birthday cake. Congratulations to Janiecia! Sandy had pictures of her and she is sure growing into a pretty young lady.

There is to be "Game Night" at the Pioneer Community Center Olena. Glenda got back Saturday on Thursday evening, May 15. Come out and have some fun.

Words of Wisdom: A wise man's heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction. Proverbs 16:23

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#### SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MAY 19-23

MONDAY - Salmon Patty, Creamed Peas, Mexican Corn. Peach Cobbler, Bread, Milk TUESDAY - Chicken Pot Pie, Tossed Salad, Cauliflower, Fruited Jello, Bread, Milk WEDNESDAY - Ham, Cabbage, Harvard Beets, Carrot

Raisin Salad, Lemon Cake, Bread, Milk

THURSDAY - Lasagna, Salad, Italian Veggies, Pineapple, Garlic Bread, Milk FRIDAY - Chef Salad, Ham, Egg, Cheese, Baked Potato,

Ranger Cookie, Crackers, Milk

#### **BREAKTHRU**

By Bob Pipes **Cross Plains Church of Christ** 433 N. Main (254) 725-6117



Is it true, really true, that "health is better than wealth"? Now there are two classes of people that it's unfair to ask that question. I doubt if you'll get the right answer from the poor person, especially if he's enjoying good health. And don't ask the person who is rich and enjoying good health. Neither of these is in the best position to answer the question without bias, the problem being like the old saying: "You don't miss the water 'til the well runs dry." One does not really understand nor realize how valuable good health is until he is ill — really sick!— or is closely associated with someone who is. When one gets down to where his life is on the line, he'll sign away all his riches for just a few more days or years of living — because health is better than wealth!

I had a person to especially remind me of this once — a person who, as his doctor put it, "shouldn't be living today" — was suppose to be dead. And this person said that he thanked God every day for his life and his health. Maybe that's the breakthru we need to cause us to be more thankful for the day —today!— the day that the Lord has given us.

One more thought. If I understand the Bible at all, I understand that even more important than physical health or life — is spiritual health and life. Paul said it this way: "Physical fitness is of some value, but spiritual fitness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come," I Timothy 4:8. That health is far better than physical health or worldly wealth!

Come join us in "exercising" ourselves spiritually toward greater strength to serve the Lord — and toward eternal well-being..

Sunday Morning Bible Class ..9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship....6:00p.m. Sunday Morning Worship.....10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

### TRISH'S TREASURES **Portraits To Treasure**



my hometown. By Harold Strahan

CHILDREN **PETS SENIORS** WEDDINGS **FAMILIES** 

**Trish & Bobby Johnston** PHOTOGRAPHERS

**1221 Minter Lane** Abilene, Tx 79603 (325) 677-2449

By Nancy Randolph 

party to Mr. Gatti's, end of school and some star gazing. This will assembly, and behavior water complete the 5th graders study of party. Most of these activities will the stars. be held during the last week. I will The Pre-Kindergarten's graduhave dates and times in next ation will be held on Wednesday, week's article.

final concerts last week.

along with the help of some par- fun.

With only two weeks of school ents will be having a star gazing left, parents need to watch notes party. The students will go out to

May 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the new The bands did a great job at their gym. Everyone is invited to attend and see a few things these The 5th grade will be going on a students have learned. The theme fun field trip Friday, evening. for this year's graduation is Pre-Mrs. Purvis and Mrs. Sowell Kindergarten has been Oceans of

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on Thursday, May 15, beginning at 7:00 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 re-organization and update signature cards
- 3. Open forum
- 4. Minutes
- 5. Discuss technology report
- 6. Discuss and act on school calendar for 2003-2004
- 7. Discuss and act on worker's

compensation renewal for 2003-2004

- 8. Discuss and act on contract with Big Country Library Media Co-op for Library Consultant for 2003-2004
- 9. Discuss and take action on telephone system 10. Executive session
- 11. Personnel

A. Accept resignations

B. Other employment matters 12. Review bills/financial report 13. Adjourn.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on May 12, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. by Jackie Tennison, for the Board of Trustees.

#### SCHOOL BOARD

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting with the following members present: Susan Schaefer, Donnie Dillard, Bryan declare the results of the May 3, Bennett, Jim Cook, and Monty 2003 election canvassed and Richards.

The following administrators 0 and guests were also in atten-Tennison and guest, Reggie adjourn. For 5 Against 0

Prayer was led by Monty

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bennett that we valid as presented. For 5 Agains!

Motion was made by Bennett dance: Superintendent Jackie and seconded by Cook that they

#### **SCHOOL MENU**

MAY 19 - 23

**BREAKFAST** 

MONDAY - Cream of Wheat, MONDAY- Corn Dog, Tator Tots, Toast, Assorted Juice

Sausage, Assorted Juice WEDNESDAY- Eggs, Biscuit,

Bacon, Assorted Juice THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice

FRIDAY - Breakfast Bread, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

Carrot Sticks, Spice Cake TUESDAY - French Toast, TUESDAY- Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Fresh Fruit WEDNESDAY- Chalupas, Salad, Corn, Pudding

> THURSDAY- Lasagna, Broccoli, Garlic Sticks, Fresh Fruit FRIDAY- Hamburger, Lettuce,

Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie

#### **Observed Throughout** May by Local E.M.S. observe their riding habits and This week's article submitted teach them the proper way to

follow roadway laws.

Many businesses sell helmets

costing from \$30 to \$100, and

several agencies offer low-cost

helmets to families who need

them. For more information

concerning low-cost helmets and

other ways to reducing bicycle

injuries in your community, con-

tact the Texas SafeRiders pro-

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about the Accelerated Reading the Sowell's home for hot dogs by the Cross Plains EMS stresses the importance of children wearing bicycle helmets. With summer break fast approaching, youngsters will be out and about on bikes. The volunteers with the Cross Plains EMS want your child to have a fun and safe summer. Please take a few minutes to read the following article on bicycle safety. For more information about Trauma Month, EMS Week, or how you can help out the EMS service call 254-725-4350 or talk to any EMS volun-

> Don't Knock Your Noggin Wear a Helmet

Many children look forward to getting their first bike. Much more than a toy, a bicycle represents independence to children-the ability to get around without asking their parents for a ride. Unfortunately, bicycles also are associated with a high rate of childhood injury. Bicycles have the second highest rate of injury in children, after motor vehicle crashes.

The most serious injury from bicycles is to the head. In 2001, a total of 728 cyclists were killed in the United States and children up to age 14 years accounted for 19 percent (137) of those deaths. Thirty-six percent of cyclists injured in motor vehicle crashes were under 15.

There are ways to protect yourself and your children from serious injury while riding bikes. One of the best ways to protect your child against serious injury while riding bikes is to invest in a good helmet and to make sure that your child wears the helmet every time he or she rides. Helmets are made of protective polystyrene and Fiberglass that absorb impact forces and disperse forces over the surface of the helmet - instead of the child's head. Wearing a properly fitting bicycle helmet can be 88 percent effective in reducing the risk of brain injuries to children and 85 percent effective in reducing the risk of head injuries. Riders without helmets are 14 times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than bicyclists wearing one and have longer, more expensive hospital

Under Texas law, bicycles are considered vehicles and must tollow all vehicle traffic laws. Research shows that children ages 10 and up can safely ride in more complex traffic situation, while children ages 9 and younger do not have the ability to handle roadway traffic. Riding with your children and watching your children as they ride lets you

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#### 12414444141111111111111111111 GARDEN TIPS

By James Nichols

There are many species of grasshoppers in North America, averaging in size up to 2 and 1/2 inches long, and about 30 of them qualify as garden pest. They are more damaging in the center of the continent in a band extending from Minnesota and Montana in the north to Texas and New Mexico in the south.

Like most pest, grasshoppers population rise and fall. In peak years, grasshoppers eat all the plants they encounter, wiping out entire gardens and fields.

Initial signs of feeding by young grasshoppers are jagged and tattered holes chewed in leaves. All species and life stages of grasshoppers look the same. Adult grasshoppers are winged and can fly short distances. Most spend winter as eggs in untilled soil. There are usually one or two generations per year.

Control: The protozoan disease, Nosemalocustoe, is available commercially in a bait formulation, and is best applied early in the season.

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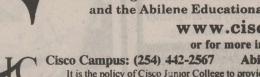
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COOKING FOR THE BOYS — Tom and Denise Turner are busy cooking hamburgers for the Howard Payne University Baseball team.



YOUNG FANS PICTURED WITH TEAM — Layton, Logan and Carter Turner pictured with the Howard Payne University Baseball team.



LOCAL PLAYERS COMPLETE SEASON — Coby Richards, Zach Edington and Joseph Turner finish up the baseball season with Howard Payne University.

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------**BY Joyce Odom** 

met for the final meeting of the enjoyable and successful one. club year at the Jack Martin resi- Plans for landscaping our dence, at 2 p.m. for the Tour of Garden Club's Welcome sign on Gardens. Topic was "Gardens for the bank lot was tabled until later. All Seasons"

Barbara Powell, president, called the meeting to order and led the members in repeating the Club Collect.

Bob Powell led the roll call and read the minutes of the previous continues from people in this meeting. He reported on the area and a special thanks to you "Standing Rules" but no action cards sent for "Keep Your Chin from the director and the was take. It was tabled until a later time.

> Wanda Martin will set the State Bird quilt squares together that she had donated to the Garden Club for a fund-raising project.

'Show and Tell" is utilized to answer the roll and each member expected to participate by bringing a new flower they have started or a container they have made, anything pertaining to gardening or flower arranging. It was voted to give Herman

Weaver and Garnett McKoy a picture of the Red Oak planting in the City Park. Weaver transplanted the tree that McKoy donated for Arbor Day Observance by the Garden Club. Eva Fleming, flower show chairman, reported on a beautiful and successful Flower Show.

Barbara commended Mary Ella Weaver, program chairman, for a most enjoyable and informative year of programs. She also thanked all members for helping

The Cross Plains Garden Club make her year's presidency an

Awards from State are as fol-

"Appreciation for Scholarship" "Silver Club Rating"

"T.G.C. Club Program"

"Flower Show Schedule"

"President's Report". Wanda Martin reported on

Esther Kerr performed the installation of officers as follows:

President - Barbara Powell 1st Vice President - Eva Fleming 2nd Vice President - Julene Franke Recording Secretary -Bob Powell Treasurer - Julene Franke

Parliamentarian - Wanda Hammel. Eva conducted the door prize that was won by Bob Powell. It was a potted geranium.

The meeting was adjourned to reconvene in September.

A tour of the beautiful yard of Jack and Wanda Martin was thoroughly enjoyed. Then a delicious dinner of "down home cooking" by Wanda and Jack, along with a delicious cake prepared by Barbara Powell, was the culmination of the delightful meeting.

Those present were: Bob and Barbara Powell, Eva Fleming, Wanda Hammel, Esther Kerr, Betty Beggs, James Nichols, Joyce Odom and our hosts, Wanda and Jack Martin.

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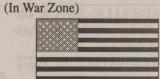
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Thank you, for all the cards, flowers, phone calls and the visits during Bubba's hospital stay and most of all the prayers.

Special thank you to Frankie Hyles, Verna Mackie, Mrs. Becky Joy, Buck Hyles and Kelli Hyles. Also a big thank you to Mrs. Dimitri and Linda Fortune, you were my rock, I could of never made that drive without you and the prayers.

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May God Bless You, Kim, Jason, Chas, Tiff and Bubba

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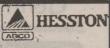


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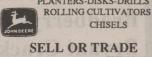
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By Gary Romeo

Robert E. Howard fans come in all sizes. You probably have seen us around town. There is the bearded tall guy, the tall guy without a beard, the short guy, the Marine guy, the pretty blonde French girl, and numerous hairy overweight guys.

I'm one of the latter.

I first got the bug to visit Cross Plains in 1978. I had no idea where the Howard home was, so I stopped at the first open store to get information (I believe it was Mozelle's). The nice woman working there said that most people in Cross Plains thought Howard was a "little crazy", but she gladly told me where to find the Howard home and pointed out the Conan comic books that were available in the store. Even back in 1978 I was just one of many young fellows who had traveled to Cross Plains to see where Robert E. Howard had

Project Pride's Billie Ruth Loving once told me that the average Howard fan started reading Howard around age 13. That is exactly true in my case. I first encountered Robert E. Howard through Marvel Comics' Conan the Barbarian in 1970. Howard never imagined that he was creating a popular culture icon when Conan first appeared in the December 1932 issue of Weird Tales. King Conan has always reigned as Howard's most famous creation, but for several decades after Howard's death in 1936 Conan seemed to be remembered only by a few fantasy

That all changed in 1966 when science-fiction author L. Sprague de Camp made a deal with a small paperback publisher to publish a series of Conan paperbacks. The covers of these paperbacks featured dazzling, grim paintings of muscled warriors in fierce combat, cementing iconic images of Howard's barbarian hero into the public imagination. These paperbacks were very successful and sold millions of copies from 1965-1994.

Comic books, a syndicated newspaper strip, and a host of other Howard books followed. In 1976 Berkley Books paid a record (for that time) \$300,000 for the reprint rights to some Robert E. Howard's stories. Then, in 1982, Conan entered into mainstream pop culture with the movie Conan the Barbarian. If anyone doubts the extent of

Howard's popularity and influence, they need to visit the Howard House to see a personally autographed photo from Arnold Schwarzenegger displayed proudly in the hallway.

Since then, there have been dozens of Conan books, comics, cartoons, video games and movies. Along with Sherlock Holmes, James Bond and Tarzan, Conan has become one of the most recognizable characters in all of

And it all started right here in Cross Plains.

Thanks to Project Pride, many Howard fans make a pilgrimage to Cross Plains each June. Howard's hometown has achieved huge recognition among Howard fans. There was a fan publication called "Cross Plains" published from 1974-1975, another called "Chronicles of Cross Plains" in 1978, and a comic book company called "Cross Plains Comics" in 1999.

The thrill of seeing Howard's hometown is only surpassed by a visit to Howard's home. The people of Cross Plains have done an excellent job of restoring the home to a 1930's feel. The rooms contain items that were either owned by the Howard family or are items from that time-period. The historic old Underwood No. 5 typewriter sitting on Howard's desk, a bust of Cleopatra which a young Bob Howard picked up in New Orleans, old books Howard used to own are exhibited. Even non-Howard fans should appreciate this peek into another era.

This obsession about a longdead author probably strikes the average Cross Plains local as strange. Everybody has an author they enjoy, but very few people feel the need to travel to that author's hometown! It's hard to explain, but there is something about Robert E. Howard that engenders this devotion. A big part of it is certainly childhood nostalgia for an author whose characters thrilled us. In my youthful mind I fought alongside Conan. I envied his toughness, his love of life, and his way with the ladies. (Heck, I still do!)

Another part of it is to see how truly humble Howard's beginnings were, and how he succeeded against all odds to become a successful author from such a small town. Even us big city dwellers can empathize with someone whose peers don't always encourage professions that are different from the norm. Howard was well aware that some in the town considered his fiction to be disrespectable and

his behavior to be odd. Yet he stuck to his dream, achieved success, and ultimately has brought much prestige to his hometown. Howard fans respect that, and respect Cross Plains because of it.

It's amazing when you think about it: millions of books, millions of dollars, millions of fans...all because of the fascinating tales written seventy years ago by a young dreamer in tiny Cross Plains, Texas. Cross Plains has a lot to be proud of. I'm sure our collective staring at empty fields, photographing old buildings, and peering curiously through storefront windows seems mildly delusional to longtime Cross Plains citizens. So I'm glad most residents forgive us for invading their town to satisfy our fixation on Howard.

During my visit in 2001, Professor Charles Gramlich (the featured speaker at the Howard Banquet that year) and myself ventured into a business in Cross Plains, and the lady behind the counter quickly spotted us as Howard fans. She was a bit challenging at first, asking, "What were y'all doing walking around with those bags this morning?" She was referring to a tour of the town hosted by one-time Cross Plains resident Jack Baum, where Jack points out places in town mentioned in Howard's stories and letters.

I explained to her about the tour, and about how I've enjoyed Howard's work since I was a teenager. She softened up and said, "Well, that's alright, I'm glad you fellows show up to visit." And later, as I was about to leave, she even confided to me that she would buy used Howard paperbacks whenever she saw them and donate them to the Cross Plains Library!

That made me feel pretty darn good about the average Cross Plains citizen, and I'm sure Howard's spirit was smiling as

member of the Robert E. Howard (2 blocks east of the Clyde water United Press Association. He tower). lives in Dallas, and has attended the annual Howard Days festival for many years.

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### Ladies Summer **Bible Study** to Begin

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It has been said that a soul without prayer is like lungs without air. If you have ever watched a person with breathing problems suffer due to the lack of oxygen, this statement may bring you to your knees. As I have become more familiar with God's Word and his people, I have noticed that even though we are privileged to be able to come to him in prayer, sometimes we struggle over a whole array of ideas that prevent our prayer life from ever leaving the ground.

Kay Arthur's study, "Lord, Teach Me to Pray in 28 Days" is a study based on the prayer Jesus gave his disciples upon their request in Luke 11:1. This prayer covers all aspects of what our communion with the Father should be today: worship, allegiance, petition and intercession, confession and deliverance. Jesus says in John 15:7, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you."

All women are invited to join us for this summer Bible study.

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### Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Plans 2003 Ranch Rodeo

The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse is re-organizing, new officers have been elected and plans are underway for the 14th Annual Ranch Rodeo.

The 2003 Ranch Rodeo has been scheduled for Saturday, June 14th, beginning at 6:30 pm, at the Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Arena in Baird, following the Baird Trade's Day events downtown

The Sheriff's Posse would like to take this opportunity to invite anyone interested in helping with the Ranch Rodeo and/or joining the Sheriff's Posse Riding Club to call Mike or Lyn Walker at 254-725-6880, (this is a local call, but you must dial all the numbers) or Jeff Burleson, Johnny and Leonna Adkins, or Anita Mays.

A meeting is scheduled for this Thursday evening, May, 15th at 6:30 pm at the Rodeo arena. Anyone who would like to help during the rodeo and/or dance or Cowbovs who are interested in participating in the rodeo are invited (even urged) to attend this meeting.

The bleachers really need to be rebuilt before the rodeo, so work will be continuing on them, as well as painting and more cleanup. All volunteers would be greatly appreciated! The new officers want to emphasize "Family Entertainment" and perhaps interest some of the younger citizens of the County in rodeo sports, so there will be "NO Alcoholic Beverages allowed inside the rodeo arena grounds"

Plans are underway for a playday later this summer and presently the Baird 4-H Horseback Riding group, led by Cindy Clark meets at the Rodeo Arena on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 pm for Baird 4-H members ages 8 years and

Anyone-Everyone! Cowboys young and old! If you would be interested in participating in this year's Ranch Rodeo CALL Lyn Walker IMMEDIATELY! at 254-725-6880, (no 1, but please dial all numbers), leave a message or call after 7:00

The Sheriff's Posse is currently looking for FIFTY COWBOYS. Entry fee is \$25.00 per man (some have already called and entered) so if you are interested, give us a call!

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Adult rodeo tickets are five dollars, children under 12 can enter for two dollars.

Immediately following the Ranch Rodeo there will be a Rodeo Dance across the street from the arena at the Rodeo Dance Pavillion. "CrossCountry" of Clyde will be playing for your listening and dancing enjoyment. Tickets for the Dance will be \$6.00 per person or \$10.00 per couple. COME JOIN THE FUN!

### Rowden-Bayou Homecoming

Rowden-Bayou Homecoming is set for Saturday, June 7, at 12 noon at the home of Les and Faye Gary Romeo is a longtime Henderson, 1702 Alamo, Clyde

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