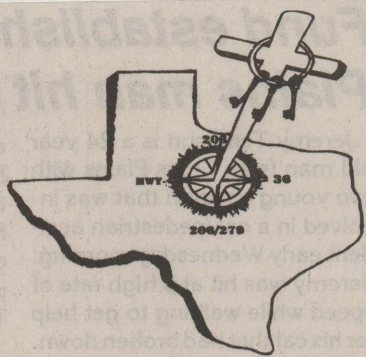


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"City of Miracles???"

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

If you have lived in our community very long, you know that this is a "special" place. I recall the late Sister Ruby McCowen once telling me this city was protected by heavenly entities. I truly believe that. Of course, she was such a powerful prayer warrior I always felt like her prayers alone kept us all safe from harm's way.

I have to give a praise report on yet another miraculous happening. Many of you know that Glenna Pillans Kirkham has been through some tough days suffering with cancer. At one critical point last week, prayer warriors from many area churches asked for healing on her behalf. And yes, it was graciously granted. The requests were probably overwhelming, but better yet, His answer was forthcoming. Her recovery is progressive and everyone agrees that the Lord has His hand in it all.

Another cancer patient who has received great heavenly help is Terry Harris. He survived a surgical procedure with 1,000 to 1 odds against him. His recovery has not been without trials and side effects, but the outcome has been positive. In a couple of months he anticipates some quality living. Terry is thankful for the prayers of so many.

James Nichols continues to beat the odds. Following his last attack, his heart remains in fibrillation at all times. If you have ever suffered this, it is not pleasant. He never lets this stall his community spirit. James remains active in many organizations utilizing his time for the improvement of our community.

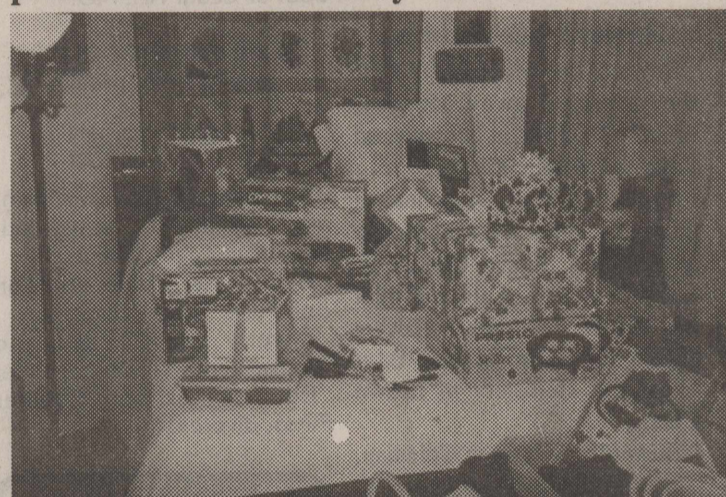
Joe Dodds is another survivor. He told me he had been given a death sentence from cancer approximately 40 plus times over a period of 12 years. I think that is amazing. He continues to stay upbeat through it all.

Please keep Jeremy Tennison and his family in your prayers, as we need yet another miracle. Every where you go they ask about his progress and he is fighting, but your prayers will make the difference.

If you think you have a complicated life and enormous problems, just talk to "real" survivors. It has been proven that a positive outlook and faith in the Lord are two great healing factors. Remember NEVER EVER GIVE UP!!!!



APPRECIATIVE OF SUPPORT—Ruby Roberts (left) and friend, Shauna Guerrero (right), are pictured at the Community Shower.



GIFTS ABOUNDED—So many needs were met for the Roberts family following the fire.

Community Shower for Roberts Family Very Successful

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Residents of Cross Plains and extending areas hosted a community shower for Michael and Ruby Roberts and their three daughters who lost their home in a fire prior to Christmas. The event was held at the home of Cliff and Connie Kirkham on Saturday, January 17th.

The Roberts' youngest family member was ill that night, so Ruby was the only one in attendance. A nice crowd was on

hand to meet her and wish her family well. A wonderful variety of gifts were presented as a gesture of love and caring on behalf of the community.

Cookies, punch and coffee were served from a beautifully decorated table, while everyone enjoyed the fellowship.

It is such a blessing that Cliff and Connie open their home for such an occasion and the caring residents of this community open their hearts to help others in times of need. What a special place to live—good old Cross Plains.

Benefit Spaghetti Supper Planned for Jeremy Tennison

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Jeremy Tennison of Cross Plains was critically injured in an accident Wednesday, January 21, at 5:30 a.m. on Highway 36. He was on his way home from work in Abilene when his car broke down at Denton Valley. While walking to seek help, he was hit by a passing vehicle.

The driver stopped and remained with Jeremy until help was secured. He was airlifted to Parkland Hospital in Dallas suffering a broken jaw, pelvic bones, eye socket, C-1 and C-2 vertebrae in his neck and severe injury to his leg. He underwent hip surgery Friday, January 23.

Jeremy is the son of Clarence and Tammy Tennison of Cross Plains. Clarence is the operator of TNT Auto Care at the corner

Highway 36 and Highway 206. He is the father of two small sons. Jeremy is a cancer survivor as a teenager and his fighting spirit will carry him again.

Many prayers on Jeremy's behalf have already been sent, but more are needed for his healing and recovery. Continue to cover him and his family in your prayers.

The community of Cross Plains has also planned a benefit to help with medical expenses, etc. incurred. A Spaghetti Supper will be held Saturday, February 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and tea will be served for \$5.00 per plate. Much of the food has already been generously donated.

A Live Auction with Bob Golson serving as auctioneer will also be featured at the dinner. If you have items that you would like included in the auction, please have them at the Family Life Center by 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 7th. Anyone who would like to donate items for the Auction may contact Susan Maxwell at (254) 725-6826 for additional information.

Desserts for a Bake Sale the same evening are also needed.

A Love Fund has also been opened at Texas Heritage Bank for anyone who would like to make cash donations.

Once again, the community of Cross Plains will have an opportunity to prove themselves worthy of the logo "A Caring Community"!!!!

Crossties to Perform at Cross Plains NHS Needs Your Help

Crossties to Perform at the Gospel Mission in Cross Plains

Gospel recording artists, Crossties, will be performing in Cross Plains at the Gospel Mission, off S.E. 1st Street, on Saturday, January 31st, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Crossties is well known in this area, and is based in May. Their ministry has touched many around the country through personal appearances and recordings. They present a Bluegrass Gospel sound.

Come out Saturday night expecting a blessing. For additional information all (325) 643-1011.

The concert is sponsored by Believers Fellowship and Gospel Mission in Cross Plains.

Cross Plains High School's National Honor Society Chapter needs your help! Chapter members want to purchase a NHS banner personalized with our school's name. With your donation to help with this purchase, you could win a basketball autographed by either the boy's or girl's varsity teams.

After purchasing the banner, the remainder of the funds collected will be used to help offset some of the chapter's expenses with our Spring Induction Ceremony and purchase of our members' graduation pins and stoles.

Tickets can be purchased during home varsity basketball games. A donations of \$1.00 offers you one chance to win the

basketball of your choice. Donations of \$5.00 offer you six chances to win the basketball of your choice. This chapter project will begin Tuesday when we play Gorman and concludes February 10, when we face off against Ranger.

The National Honor Society is a national organization for students with scholarship, leadership, service and character as its guiding principles. Find an NHS chapter member and help them make this a stronger chapter.

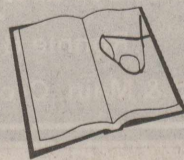
Thanks for your continued support.

Submitted by
Melissa Owen
NHS Chapter Adviser

Meet The Author!

Writers League of Texas and Friends of the Cross Plains Library are pleased to announce that Bob Lapham has agreed to appear at the upcoming Meet the Author evening.

Mr. Lapham is the author of *Meet Me at the River Buddy Holly*



Join Us

Tuesday, February 10
7:00 p.m.

Cross Plains Community Center

The Class of 1961 Plans Luncheon

Hi there, graduates of the Class of 1961! You are invited to a Class Lunch at Jean's Feed Barn on Saturday, February 7, at noon.

You didn't have to graduate with the class to attend. If you went to school with this class for any time period, you are encouraged to attend.

A few of the 1961 classmates in this area include Linda Baum Pringle, Alvin Hutchins, Pat Ford Albus and Linda Dillard Ring.

We hope you can attend. The Class of '61 had two or three get-togethers last year and everyone enjoyed them. See you there!!!!

Submitted by
Linda Dillard Ring
and
Linda Baum Pringle

Local Artists

Project Pride in inviting local artists to submit drawings suitable for the postage stamp cancellation to be used during Robert E. Howard Days in June this year. These should be submitted by April 1, 2004.

A committee will make a selection from those received. The theme of the art work should be something related to Howard's writings or his life in Cross Plains. The drawing should be in black ink on white paper. The original drawing can be up to 4 by 8 inches in size. It will then be shrunk to a smaller size to be used on envelopes.

Local High School Sponsoring Bake Sale Benefits

PALS and FCCLA are sponsoring a Bake Sale for Jeremy Tennison at Taste of Texas and Village Market on Saturday, January 31, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Donations are also accepted. Please donate a baked good or come to buy one for this worthy cause.

For guidelines and samples please contact the Cross Plains Postmaster.

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PICTORIAL CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENT—The Cross Plains U.S. Post Office will be having a Valentine pictorial cancellation on Thursday, February 5th. Send the one you love a card with a "special" message on the envelope, too.

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Fund established for Cross Plains man hit by vehicle

Jeremy Tennison is a 24 year old man from Cross Plains with two young children that was involved in a car/pedestrian accident early Wednesday morning. Jeremy was hit at a high rate of speed while walking to get help for his car that had broken down. Jeremy has been careflighted to Parkland Hospital in Dallas. In addition to having a leg removed, Jeremy has numerous neck and hip fractures. He will be in Parkland Hospital for several months. A fund has been set up

at Citizen's National Bank of Brownwood (325) 643-3545, in the name of Jeremy Tennison Fund: to help offset some of the cost of the stay at Dallas for the parents, Clarence and Tammy Tennison of Cross Plains. Donations will also be accepted and appreciated at Heart of Texas Internal Medicine Associates at 109 South Park Drive or P.O. Box 520 Brownwood, Texas 76804. Please make all checks payable to the Jeremy Tennison Fund.

Town and Country Women's Fair

A Town and Country Women's Fair is set for Tuesday, February 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Modern Living Mall, Taylor County Fairgrounds in Abilene. The program will feature a presentation on Native Plants - Tom Martin, Masterscapes; China Painting - Dorothy McCoy; Cooking with Herbs - Jere Welch; a Natural Fibers Fashion Show - Lin's Fashions; and Sewing Innovations - Beth Mayhall, Alton's.

The noon lunch will consist of sample of food cooked with herbs - Texas Wheat Producers Board and Abilene Chamber of Commerce. There is no admission, door prizes will be given and refreshments served. Make plans to attend. Extension programs serve people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

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OBITUARIES

John E. Miller

John E. Miller, 91, of Burleson and formerly of Cross Plains, passed away Wednesday, January 21, 2004, at his home. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, 24, 2004, at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Scott Whitson officiating, assisted by Dwaine Clower. Burial was in the Pioneer Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.

John was born January 13, 1913 to William and Alice Cornelia (McKinlay) Miller in La Grande, Oregon. He married Irma Brannan on July 19, 1944 in Fort Worth, Texas. He served in World War II as a Technician Fourth Grade Headquarters, Special Troops, 10th Mountain Division. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Irma Miller of Burleson; three sons, Mark Miller of Florida, David Miller of Pearland and Sam Miller of Spring; two daughters, Becky Lipstraw of Garland and Mary Miller-Mabry of Dallas; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; as well as two nieces and a nephew.

His parents preceded him in death. The family request that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Jamie Dunn Children's Home, C/O Mrs. Bonnie Hern, 42987 Island Drive, Lebanon, OR 97355-9153; or Valley Christian High School, 1619 Tulane, Brownsville, TX 78520.

Lula Vance Allen

Lula Vance Allen, of Odessa, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, January 22, 2004. Vance passed away at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa surrounded by her loving children and grandchildren.

Funeral services to honor the life of Vance Allen were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 25, 2004, at Kimbrough Funeral Chapel in Cisco with her grandson, Rev. Mark Elliott, officiating. Burial was in Sabanno Cemetery in Eastland County. Born in Medina (Bandera County) April 7, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Z.W. Green. Vance was one of eight children, all preceding her in death.

As a young woman she married Charles James Gibson of Martin County who preceded her in death. Vance later married Roy Lee Allen of Andrews, who passed away in 1979. She resided in Andrews for twenty-nine years. In 1981 she moved to Odessa where she had lived for the past twenty-three years.

Vance was a long-time member of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Odessa, where she has had so many loving friends. She was also a charter member of First Presbyterian Church of Andrews.

Survivors include her two daughters, Barbara Loper of Odessa and Susan Gibson-Mueller of Austin; two sons, Duane Gibson of Kermit and Michael A. Gibson of Fort Worth; three step-daughters, Shirley Morrow of Abilene, Patricia Watts of Littleton, Colorado and Serena Nelson of Andrews; twenty-six grandchildren; thirty-seven great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

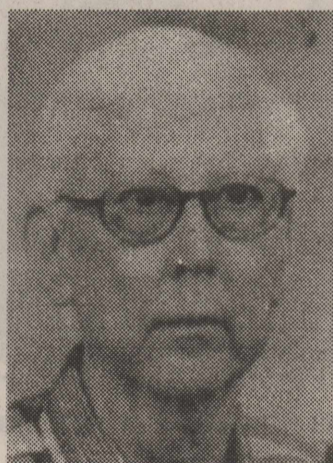
In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Lena R. Teague Day

Lena R. Teague Day was born December 4, 1920 in Cross Cut Texas. She entered into rest January 6, 2004 in Paradise, California.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. January 10, 2004 at Cherokee Cemetery with Paradise Chapel of the Pines Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William G. Day on December 23, 2003.



Howard Lee Hubbard

Howard Lee Hubbard, 58, of Early, passed away Monday, January 19, 2004, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 22, at the First Baptist Church of Early with Rev. Calvin Knight and Rev. Eddie Ailshie officiating. Interment followed at Cross Cut Cemetery in Brown County.

Howard was born in Coleman, Texas, on February 21, 1945, to Arcie and Oneta Hubbard. He grew up in Odessa and was employed by Ector County schools. Later, he moved to Early and was a volunteer at the Good Samaritan Ministries where he had many good friends. Howard loved his family dearly and he was special to everyone. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his mother, Oneta Hubbard of Early; brother Ron and wife, Betty, of Odessa; three nephews; two nieces; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arcie Hubbard; and grandparents, Atha and Leroy Byrd, Maggie and Charlie Hubbard.

Pallbearers were Jason Hubbard, Daniel Hubbard, Paul Hubbard, Kevin Hutchins, Jaime Hutchins and James Ross. Honorary pallbearers were the Thomas Sunday School Class.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Vanda,

We continue to enjoy the "Review" so much. There is still a strong "heart string" for C.P. and all the wonderful people there.

Best to you and yours.

Lynda King Gray
Ronald Gray
Opal Gray

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding Misdemeanor Filings

Emily D Speake, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Pujan K. Patel, driving while license invalid (DWLI).
Lois Johnson, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

James O. Perry, order revoking probation granted.
Wesley Herman Chaney, motion to release surety and application for warrant granted.
James Farmer, motion to release surety and application for warrant granted.
Jason Knapp, motion to revoke probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

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42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

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Rex Warner Gulley and Lori Ann Miller Gulley, divorce.
Beverly Jean Tubbs and Charles Vernon Tubbs, divorce.
Roma Fikes and Chester Fikes, divorce.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from January 18, 2004 through January 24, 2004 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—158
Complaints—129
Minor in Possession—1
Driving Under the Influence
Minor—2
Open Container—3
Vehicle Accidents
There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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Gerald Lynn Brown, Sr. and Hope Fraire, divorce.
Pegge Jo Rasbury and Alexander Moore Rasbury, divorce.
Suzanne Sandifer, individually and as sole heir and representative of the estate of Ruby Sandifer vs. Clyde Nursing Center, LLC and Brenda Harmon, damages.

Civil Minutes

Sharee Ann Baidas and John Keith Baidas, divorce granted.
William Noah Coe and Shirley Ann Coe, divorce granted.
Laura Beth Thomas and James Herchel Thomas, divorce granted.

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PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies are still working on the same three quilts. We hope to get Charlene's "Flower Garden" out this week.

Our community is saddened by the passing of our John Miller. He was laid to rest Saturday at Pioneer Cemetery. He and Irma lived in Burleson, where Irma now resides.

Cowan and Laverne Hutton spent a few days last week in the Hill Country. They parked their RV in Kerrville at the "Beside the River" RV Park. They enjoyed traveling the ranch roads over the hills, valleys and streams. Then parked at Fredericksburg and did some shopping; mostly window shopping. Laverne really enjoyed the little shops. The first night out, they stayed at Mason. They saw the Ralp Kings at church the next morning. After church, they and the Kings went out to lunch. The Kings said to tell everyone "hello" for them.

Charles, Kathy and Melanie Chesshir had supper Saturday night with Charlene. Melanie was leaving Monday the 19th for her semester in Greece. Christy came Friday and gave Charlene's house and refrigerator a good cleaning. Jim didn't come again. Jim you better get down here soon or we will forget who you are!

Frankie Smith and Jean Fore traveled to the Olden Musical on Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Blount of Rising Star. Saturday they enjoyed a trip to Brownwood and they stopped at the Lion's Club at the lake to attend the musical. They really enjoyed thier trip. Wow! These gals are staying out late! Ha!

Earlene Burge was glad to have her brother and wife from Denton visiting over the weekend. Earlene and daughter, Jessica Stultz, had a great time visiting them. They went by David Holmes' agency before they left for home to get a picture of Jessica and her daughter, DeAnn Chisholm, who also works there. Earlene is looking forward to game night on Thursday evening. They will be playing at Frankie Smith's house.

Well, we had a few sprinkles, for which we are thankful. Hopefully, we will get a big rain in the near future. This old wind just keeps blowing and drying things out.

Let's all go out and support our local ball teams. The kids are really trying hard.

Word of Wisdom: For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:6

RISEING STAR NURSING CENTER

Hello from all of us here at the Center. We hope everyone is having a good day.

We will be having our monthly birthday party this Thursday at 2 p.m. All family and friends are invited to come. Residents with birthdays are Bulah Ferguson (Boots) and Claude Starkey.

Employees with birthdays are Jessica Childers, Ricky Gibson and James Ford.

A warm welcome to our new resident, Ludie Norris. New employees joining our staff include Lori Osborn- Assistant D.O.N., Mary McCaslin-NA, Cristin Butler-NA, Jessica Kline-dietary and Brandie Lamb-NA. Welcome everyone.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the families of Victor Long and Laura Bennie. May the love friends bring you comfort and may God's love give you

peace.

Best wishes and happiness is sent out to a former employee and friend, Deborah Alexander, who has moved away. We will all miss her.

The residents have enjoyed making snowflakes out of wagon wheel macaroni and glitter. Plans for more craft projects are in the making.

Resident Nathan Foster is proud to announce that he had become a great-grandpa of a beautiful baby girl. Congratulations Nathan and Louise.

Thoughts and prayers for J.C. Childers and Jessie Casey, who are in the hospital.

To love and be loved is the greatest joy on Earth.

Submitted by
Linda Merritt

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

FEBRUARY 2 - 6

MONDAY - BBQ Brisket, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fruit, Bread, Milk
TUESDAY - Chicken Spagetti, Corn, Tossed Salad, Cake, Milk
WEDNESDAY - Ham, Blackeyed Peas, Oven Fried Okra, Pudding, Cornbread, Milk
THURSDAY - Sausage, Pinto Beans, Mixed Greens, Fruit, Cornbread, Milk
FRIDAY - Chicken Rice Casse-rolle, Tossed Salad, Broccoli, Brownie, Bread, Milk

BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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The prophet Isaiah speaks of a "deliverance road"—"a road for the redeemed to cross over" (Isaiah 51:10b). He is referring to the "road" across the depths of the Red Sea that God provided the Israelites in their escape from Egyptian bondage, the very interesting and awesome account of which is recorded in Exodus 14:21-31. The implication of Isaiah's reference to this is that God would provide "a road of deliverance" again for the Israelites, this time from Babylonian captivity. The O. T. books of Ezra and Nehemiah record its happening.

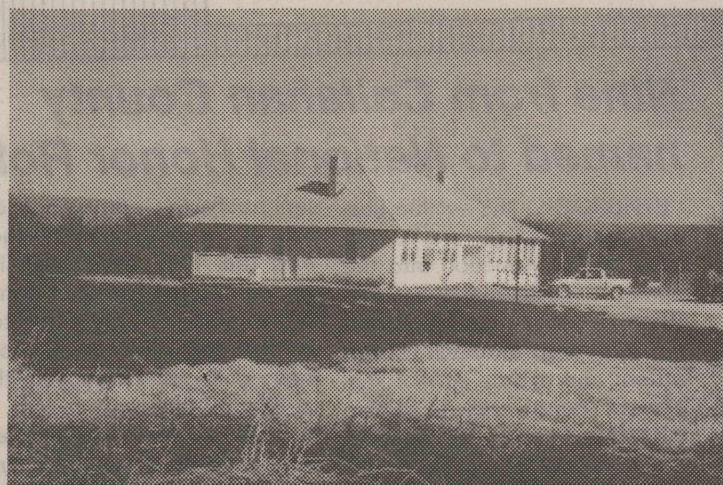
These two gracious deliveries are examples of the "deliverance road" that God provides for all sinners through His Son, Jesus Christ. He is our "Road of Deliverance" to cross over—from sin to salvation, from this life to life eternal. But just as with the Israelites of old, only those who choose to take His "road" will be saved from the bondage of sin. May I talk with you further regarding this?

We encourage you to share with us in all the times of Bible study and worship as we meet together. We really do care about you!

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

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT



COTTONWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER SAVED BY VOLUNTEERS—The above photo shows burned grass that licked at the foundation of the Cottonwood Community Center on three sides in a recent grass fire. This valuable building was saved by local volunteers. (Photo by Wallace Bennett)

Volunteer Fire Fighters Elect Two Joes to Board

Joe Terstegge and Joe Bessalaar gained places on the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group Board of Directors at the organization's annual meeting held January 15. Officers elected for the coming year were continued from last year's slate and include: Bob Childress- Chief, Tom Bennett- Assistant Chief, Beverly Brown and Faye Gilliam - Callers, Joe and Dena Terstegge - Radio Dispatchers.

Fire Control continues to be a critical problem in the Cottonwood Community (see accompanying photo for an up-to-date refresher course on the danger of fire and the value and worth of volunteer citizens and the organized work of the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group). They quite literally saved one of Cottonwood's oldest and the most useful buildings in our community.

Linda Dennis, Dispatcher Supervisor for the Callahan Sheriff's office, spoke to the assembled volunteers about current fire control issues in the county. "All control burns must be reported to the sheriff's office (325) 854-1444 and must be put out by dark," she said.

Dennis also announced that the county is working on the possibility of installing a new

communication tower to improve communications throughout the county. The current pager system will be phased out in the future.

Cottonwood Youth Earn Prizes in Livestock Show

Cottonwood families were well represented in the recent Callahan County Livestock Show. Garrett Stephens won grand prizes for showing market lambs and swine. So did Dusty Cooper. Dayna Bennett won a third place ribbon for showing a European calf. Emma Bennett showed a black and white cross calf and Thomas Dimitri won a 1st place ribbon with his light weight Yorkshire pig. Megan Thomas placed third with her goat. All these animals were great looking and demonstrated the care and hard work of our Cottonwood youth. I'm sure there are some future successful livestock professionals for the future of Cottonwood Valley.

Bookmarks!

My new *Texas Almanac* lists 19 places in Texas, all named "Cottonwood". Only one, in Kaufman County, has a post office and is larger than our Cottonwood. According to the 2000 Census, that one has a population of 204 and our Cottonwood is listed with a population of 65. Many are listed in italics, which, I suppose, means they exist in "name and memory only".

Call for nomination entries for 2004 Jefferson Awards

Nationally, the American Institute for Public Service in Washington, DC (created by the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, the late Senator Robert Taft and Samuel Beard) created the Jefferson Awards Program in 1972 with the purpose of recognizing individuals who have made significant contributions to the community through public service. The Jefferson Award is a prestigious national honor that recognizes individuals throughout the country who perform great public service, largely without recognition. Winners receive a bronze Jefferson Award medallion specially crafted by the Franklin Mint.

Since 2001, The Abilene Reporter-News, Nonprofit Management Center and KTXS-TV have been the proud sponsors for the Big Country in recognizing the area's top volunteers at a "Precious Jewels" banquet. The 10 finalist of 2004 will be honored at the Civic Center on April 23, 2004 at the third "Precious Jewels" Luncheon. One of the ten recipients will be announced to represent the Big Country at a national awards ceremony in Washington D.C., June 16-18, 2004.

The Jefferson Award gives us the chance to recognize ordinary people who do extraordinary things. These unsung heroes are your neighbors, your friends, and your coworkers. They are people with jobs, families and busy schedules; yet they manage to "go above and beyond" to help our community.

Now, more than ever, please take a few minutes to nominate your special hero. By taking part you will be joining the Abilene Report-News, Nonprofit Management Center and KTXS-TV

in expressing your gratitude to these selfless people who give their time and devotion to a worthy cause and encourage others to get involved in our community.

If you know someone whom you feel is worthy of a Jefferson Award, please nominate him or her today. Simply fill out the nomination form detailing why you think someone who performed a significant, but unrecognized, public service should be considered.

The deadline for nominations is Monday, February 16, 2004.

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: You better hold on tight and not let go. I wonder what it would be like to have web feet.

"A Walk; Dislocated and Broken"

It hasn't been long since, in a column, this writer complained of the fact that one day just seemed like the other.

Whether anyone else took it for fact and not fiction I do not know, but (not to be irreverent) God was listening when someone else read it or God read it—OR! It could have just been a coincidence. However on a Wednesday before Christmas I met my destiny. Yep, folks, you read it here first; I broke both ankles and wound up hospitalized. Finally, the other half (Marvin) has a very quiet humble place to come to. Me (the mouth) is not; in there talking; and...talking...etc. I've heard it can go on for hours.

I'll tell more concerning the details of the fall in a later column. Right now I'd like to introduce you, my readers, to some of the people I met while in the hospital and some of the people who also helped care for me.

Each in his own manner, each in his or her own way, virtually endeared themselves to me, during my stay. (But don't tell them, I said so.)

One was very SVELTE; with a perky little nose... Another was light as a thistle or was it a feather. Maybe a sweater. Another was friendly and neat. One shared by grandmother's name and one shared the name of my aunts. Another was dexterous and interesting. Some wore a bun, and some a pony tail. Some were blondes and some were brunettes and brownettes. Sometimes a chaplain helped pass out the food.

You know me, I'm kind of partial to food and baths. They were always high on my list, the ones who passed out the food and the ones who promised and gave the baths. I always looked forward to that.

The one constant or trait they all shared and shared with my doctors, too, was CARE. They cared! They provided CARE and I received care.

Word to the wise: If you just must break both your ankles, don't do it so close to Christmas.

GARDEN TIPS

By JAMES NICHOLS

With the moisture we recently received, it would now be a good time to till up your garden spot and begin to get ready to put out onion plants.

You should start by removing all new and old vegetation. Till up the ground to a depth of six (6)

inches or deeper. Till in about one (1) inch of compost and organic fertilizer.

Line up your nice straight rows and plant your onion plants.

Remember to get your seeds ordered if you use seed catalogues.

LIBRARY NOTES



We're proud this week. Read the *Cross Plains Review*. We've made it again. I say we because what one Cross Plains student honors all of us.

This time it's Nathaniel Swift. He got his start with two brains for parents—John and Connie Swift. Connie helped in starting the children's program at the library and just took baby Nathaniel with her. Then he went right on into the children's summer program. We like to think we helped him get a good start. You see, the Swifts are going to Florida this weekend to see Nathaniel receive his wings. His degree from the U.S. Naval

Academy was in Aeronautical Engineering. Want to help us say, "Congratulations, Nathaniel!"?

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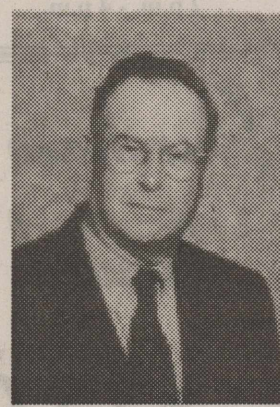
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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

Varsity Boys Basketball Report

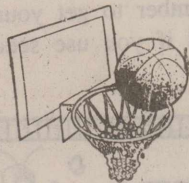
The Buffaloes won a game and lost a close one last week. The Buffaloes beat Gorman 78-69 and lost to Ranger 48-49.

The Buffaloes scored the most points they had all year in the game against Gorman. They created several turnovers with full court pressure. Scoring for the Buffaloes was Bennett 6, Goains 23, Williams 8, M. Allen 19, Dickson 5, R. Allen 1, Gardner 8, Thomas 1, Watkins 4, and Horton 3. Rebounding was led by Dickson and Goains with 9 each. M. Allen added 8. Steals were led by M. Allen with 8. M. Allen led assists with 5 and R. Allen added 4.

Gorman 15 15 5 24 69
CP 11 22 30 15 78

The Buffaloes dropped a hard fought game in Ranger 48-49. The Buffaloes played very well in this game, but were unable to pull out a victory. The Buffaloes were able to overcome a 14 point deficit in the first quarter. Scoring for the Buffaloes was Dickson 14, Bennett 5, Goains 11, M. Allen 10, R. Allen 4, Williams 2, and Gardner 2. Rebounds were led by M. Allen with 9. Bennett added 8. Assists were led by R. Allen with 4. R. Allen led steals with 5.

Ranger 18 13 5 13 49
CP 9 22 7 10 48



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Donnie Dillard, Bryan Bennett, Jim Cook and Monty Richards. Reggie Pillans was absent.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent, High School Principal, Elementary Principal, and guest, Matt Sowell.

Prayer was led by Donnie Dillard.

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bennett that the band be allowed to participate in Fiesta Flambeau Parade April 23-25 in San Antonio. Contingent upon board approval of sponsors. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by V. Dillard to accept the Technology Plan Addendum for year 7, presented by

Lady Buffs Split District Contests

The Lady Buffs bounced back from a tough week by defeating the Gorman Panthers 58 to 44 last Tuesday. This was a much needed district win and one in which the girls played very well. It was one of our best defensive efforts in a long time and a very solid offensive effort.

When you play Gorman, you have to deal with their excellent post player and we frustrated her a bit. Perhaps more importantly, we limited what her teammates were able to do as well.

Offensively, we had Kelsey Richards, Jesse Norris and Bree Dillard in double figures. Incidentally Jesse Norris had five three pointers in the contest.

The defensive effort was led by Stephanie Edington and Jesse James.

This win put us in position to keep our playoff hopes alive but a very poor outing on Friday against Ranger hurt us. Ranger defeated the Lady Buffs 46 to 35 in a game in which nothing went right. Our intensity and effort were lacking and we couldn't hit shots that we normally make. Ranger really came to play and unfortunately, we didn't.

Next action for the Lady Buffs is a non-district game against Meridian, a very good team with an all-state selection returning as a senior.

Submitted by
Coach Gill

Nine from Callahan County named to National Honor Roll

LYNBROOK, N.Y.—Nine students from the Callahan County qualified for induction into the Spring 2003 National Honor Roll.

The National Honor Roll recognizes high-achieving high school and middle school students. "Young people like these inductees, who work hard to attain academic success, deserve to be congratulated," says Lynn Romeo, Publisher of the National Honor Roll. "Honoring their achievements provides motivation and encourages them to continue striving. We're proud to include them in the National Honor Roll."

The students from Callahan County included: Kenneth Brigman, Eula High School; Chris Harris, Cross Plains High School; Samantha Clark, Clyde High School; Valerie Price, Clyde High School; Jennifer Sustaita, Eula High School; Judith Hartman, Cross Plains High School; Cassia Ratliff, Cross Plains High School; Thomas Dimitri, Cross Plains High School; and Marcus Williams, Cross Plains High School.

The National Honor Roll offers several benefits which can contribute to the success of its student members. By taking advantage of National Honor Roll's College Admissions Notification Service, high school inductees

can notify the admissions offices of as many schools as they wish that they have been inducted into the National Honor Roll and that they are interested in obtaining information about those colleges. (A copy of the student's biography is sent to the colleges along with that letter.) Each state governor and U.S. Senator receives a complimentary copy of the National Honor Roll Commemorative Edition, along with a list of the students who have been inducted in their states, and their mailing addresses. And complimentary copies of the book are sent to selected school libraries across the country.

The National Honor Roll contacts potentially qualifying students after reviewing information about their academic performance. Each student is asked to submit information about his/her GPA, interests, activities, and future goals. Only students with a B or better average are eligible. 61% of the inductees in the Spring 2003 National Honor Roll averaged an A- or better; 39% averaged B through B-. 27% were Seniors (Class of 2003); 38.5% Juniors (Class of 2004); 22% Sophomores (Class of 2005); 12% Freshmen (Class of 2006); and .5% Middle School. For more information, visit www.nationalhonorroll.org.

'Don't Mess with Texas' scholarship gives students a chance to letter in litter

ABILENE—As the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Don't Mess with Texas campaign heads into its 18th year, it's offering a unique scholarship opportunity to graduating high school seniors reared on its litter prevention message.

The Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship, sponsored by a donation from Dairy Queen, recognizes the achievements of high school seniors who have taken actions to prevent litter in their schools or communities. One \$3,000 scholarship and two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in the spring of 2004. Applications are due April 3, 2004, and are available through www.dontmesswithtexas.org or Texas high school guidance counselors.

To be eligible for this scholarship you must be a high school senior graduating in the spring of 2004 who currently resides and attends school in Texas and who plans to further your education at an accredited two- or four-year college or university (public or private) in Texas.

To apply for this scholarship applicants must write an essay of 300 to 350 words identifying a litter problem in the student's school or community and the

action he or she took to address it and attach two letters of recommendation, one from a school-related source and the other from a non-school-related source. They must also have a photocopy of the student's official high school transcript and complete a Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship application. The scholarship is TxDOT's latest effort to generate more youth involvement in the Don't Mess with Texas campaign. TxDOT research shows Texans ages 16-24 are the state's most frequent litterers and they are often the most difficult audience to reach.

The second annual Don't Mess with Texas Road Tour will take a truck full of games and prizes to Texas hotspots this summer, and a new Don't Mess with Texas Campus Cleanup (sponsored by Dairy Queen) will kick off at the state's colleges and universities in March 2004.



Local Schools to compete in MATHCOUNTS in February

KAPOW!! The Power of Problem Solving Texas Mathletes® Ready to Foil Numbers, Equations in 21st Annual Competitions Sponsored by Engineers.

Nearly 2,000 middle school students from across Texas, using their superhuman brain power, will bravely take on some hugely complex math problems during the 21st annual MATHCOUNTS in Texas Competitions.

A total of 22 local competitions will take place in February at locations around the state (See Website at www.tspe.org for more information). The competitors, who are known as Mathletes® due to their amazing mental agility, will vie for a chance to win an all expenses paid trip to the 2004 state competition in Austin on March 27.

The Honorary Chairman for the 2004 MATHCOUNTS in Texas Competition is Amber Reed, Market Development Manager for Middle Schools for Texas Instruments, Inc.

MATHCOUNTS is recognized nationally as a math enrichment program that promotes the development of problem-solving skills at the 6th, 7th and 8th grade levels. These are the skills necessary for Texas school students to perform well on the newly instituted TEKS achievement tests. The Mathletes® are coached by volunteer teachers using a MATHCOUNTS Handbook distributed at no charge to all public and private middle schools in Texas.

Richard A. Arvizu, PE, state

chairman for MATHCOUNTS in Texas for 2004, said he anticipates nearly 500 volunteer teachers and professional engineers will help with the program by coaching students and conducting competitions. About 17,000 volunteers nationwide will participate.

Arvizu, who is a professional engineer with the firm of Binkley & Barfield, Inc. in Dallas, also estimates that as many as 150,000 Texas middle school students were made aware of the MATHCOUNTS program this year.

Nationally, more than 500,000 students participate annually. More than six million students have participated since the program began in 1983.

MATHCOUNTS' Founding Sponsors are the CNA Foundation, the National Society of Professional Engineers and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. National Sponsors also include The Dow Chemical Company Foundation, General Motors Foundation, Lockheed Martin, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, NEC Foundation of America, Texas Instruments Incorporated and 3M Foundation.

MATHCOUNTS is hosted in Texas by the Texas Society of Professional Engineers and the Texas Engineering Foundation.

More information on the local MATHCOUNTS competitions is available from TSPE at (512) 472-9286 or on the Web at www.tspe.org.

Happy Birthday!

JANUARY 31
Leslie Ann Wyatt
Mrs. James Alexander
Billy Perry
Ione Breeding
Mrs. Vernon Bullard
Betty Duncan
Patty Ruth Carlile
Ellen (Reynolds) Steinle
Norman Beck

Junior Baugh
Vanda Anderson
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Linda Joy Sadler
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FEBRUARY 1
Billy Don Bennett
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FEBRUARY 5
Kali Phillips
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FEBRUARY 2
Sherri Pillans
Wilburn Newman
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Dale Bishop
Robert Callaway
Kathy Jo Fussell Kerns
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Johnny McCaghren
Sammy Gene Gardner, Jr.
Jonathan Nelson

FEBRUARY 6
Curtis Ray Shields
Mrs. Ivan Clark
Terry Cearly
Tommy Garrett
Norman Farr
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Billy Evans
Mrs. Jimmy Mobley
Junior Ford, Sr.
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Cory Pope
Richard Emmons
Dana Archer
Robin Johnston
Gay Helms

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Tommy Bates
Mrs. J.W. Beene
Mrs. Grenny Landsdell
May Marie Wetsel
Jennifer Brame

FEBRUARY 4
Mark Walker
Bob Childers
Walter O. Graham, Jr.

Clinic Told for Callahan County

The Texas Department of Health will be holding the following Immunization Clinics in Callahan County:

Monday, February 9th
Baird Cafetorium
400 West 7th
10 a.m. - 12 noon

Cross Plains Housing Authority
233 North Main
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11th
Clyde Community Resource Center
306 North 1st
10 a.m. - 12 noon
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WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY - Meat/Cheese Nachos, Corn, Salad, Fruit Crisp
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	THURSDAY - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Cheese Stix, Mixed Veggies, Garlic Toast, Strawberries & Bananas
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Students head list of most accidents and speeding violations

Doctors and attorneys not far behind...

A recent study that analyzed the driving records of more than 1 million Americans revealed students had far and away the most reported traffic accidents and speeding citations of any occupation. Medical doctors, attorneys, architects and real estate brokers were right behind students as most likely to be involved in a traffic accident.

The study was conducted by the Quality Planning Corporation, which assists insurers with statistical analysis in rating drivers for auto insurance. The data was obtained from the driving records of policyholders in every state over a 22-month period in 2001 and 2002.

Richard Mayer, chairman of the board of directors of the Insurance Council of Texas and an executive with the Republic Insurance Group in Dallas, said the study has its surprises.

"Insurers have known for years that students or drivers aged 16 to 21, experience the worst driving records of any age group," said Mayer. "What was surprising was the fact that medical doctors were ranked number two on the list of drivers most likely to have a traffic mishap."

Dr. Daniel Finnegan, President of the Quality Planning Corporation, said the work habits of medical doctors most likely has an affect on their driving performance. "Physicians are known for working long hours and we believe that fatigue plays a major role in their accident records," said Finnegan.

Finnegan said the results of other occupations high on the list could have been expected. "Attorneys typically demonstrate aggressive behavior, architects may pay more attention to buildings and landscapes than roadways and real estate brokers spend much of their work day on the road," said Finnegan.

The professions least likely to have accidents according to the study were farmers, firemen, pilots and politicians.

"I'm somewhat skeptical of our data on politicians, but farmers usually travel on less-traveled roadways, while pilots and firemen tend to use caution and pay more attention behind

the wheel than others," said Finnegan.

The top five occupations cited for speeding violations were students, enlisted military, manual laborers, politicians and architects. The least ticketed occupations were homemakers, librarians and law enforcement.

Dr. Finnegan said put your self in the shoes of an officer who issues speeding citations. "If they were traveling the same speed, who would most likely receive a speeding ticket, the young man in the sports car or the middle-aged woman in her station wagon?" said Finnegan.

The Insurance Council of Texas is the largest insurance trade association in the state consisting of more than 500 property and casualty insurers writing business in Texas.

*See below for a ranking of occupations involved in accidents and speeding violations.

Ranking of Accidents and Speeding Violations by Occupation.

STUDENT: 1st in accidents and 1st in speeding violations.

MEDICAL DOCTOR: 2nd in accidents and 20th in speeding violations.

ATTORNEY: 3rd in accidents and 25th in speeding violations.

ARCHITECT: 4th in accidents and 5th in speeding violations.

REAL ESTATE BROKER: 5th in accidents and 24th in speeding violations.

ENLISTED MILITARY: 6th in accidents and 2nd in speeding violations.

SOCIAL WORKER: 7th in accidents and 31st in speeding violations.

MANUAL LABORER: 8th in accidents and 3rd in speeding violations.

ANALYST: 9th in accidents and 21st in speeding violations.

ENGINEER: 10th in accidents and 12th in speeding violations.

CONSULTANT: 11th in accidents and 14th in speeding violations.

SALES: 12th in accidents and 11th in speeding violations.

MILITARY OFFICER: 13th in accidents and 15th in speeding violations.

NURSE: 14th in accidents and 35th in speeding violations.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR: 15th in accidents and 32nd in speeding violations.

SKILLED LABORER: 16th in accidents and 6th in speeding violations.

LIBRARIAN: 17th in accidents and 39th in speeding violations.

CREATIVE ARTS: 18th in accidents and 27th in speeding violations.

EXECUTIVE: 19th in accidents and 13th in speeding violations.

INSURANCE AGENT: 20th in accidents and 18th in speeding violations.

BANKING/FINANCE: 21st in accidents and 17th in speeding violations.

CUSTOMER SERVICE: 22nd in accidents and 10th in speeding violations.

MANAGER: 23rd in accidents and 16th in speeding violations.

MEDICAL SUPPORT: 24th in accidents and 30th in speeding violations.

COMPUTER RELATED: 25th in accidents and 9th in speeding violations.

DENTIST: 26th in accidents and 19th in speeding violations.

PHARMACIST: 27th in accidents and 34th in speeding violations.

PROPRIETOR: 28th in accidents and 26th in speeding violations.

TEACHER/PROFESSOR: 29th in accidents and 36th in speeding violations.

ACCOUNTANT: 30th in accidents and 22nd in speeding violations.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: 31st in accidents and 38th in speeding violations.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST: 32nd in accidents and 28th in speeding violations.

VETERINARIAN: 33rd in accidents and 23rd in speeding violations.

CLERICAL/SECRETARY: 34th in accidents and 37th in speeding violations.

CLERGYMAN: 35th in accidents and 8th in speeding violations.

HOMEMAKER: 36th in accidents and 40th in speeding violations.

POLITICIAN: 37th in accidents and 4th in speeding violations.

PILOT: 38th in accidents and 33rd in speeding violations.

FIREMAN: 39th in accidents and 29th in speeding violations.

FARMER: 40th in accidents and 7th in speeding violations.

Forage Seminar Planned

A special Forage Seminar is set for February 10th at the Cross Plains Community Center. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. There will be 1 hour of Laws and Regulations, 2 IPMs, and 2 General hours worth 5 CEU's. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals. These strategies will include management techniques on winter wheat, annual summer forages and existing bermudagrass pastures.

Speakers for the Seminar will include: Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist from San Angelo; Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist - San Angelo; Dr. Twain Butler, Extension Agronomist - Stephenville; and Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension Beef Specialist - Amarillo. Dr. Warrick will be discussing forage fertility strategies to maximize forage potential. Dr. Sansone will discuss Forage insects and their control. Dr. Butler will discuss forage analyses and what they mean as well as an update on his current forage research. Dr. Ted McCollum will discuss summer forage utilization by beef cattle. TDA will be on hand to give an hour of Laws and Regulation for pesticide applicators.

The Seminar and accompanying meal are Free to those that pre-register by February 6th. Registration at the door will be \$5.00 per person. This program is presented by the Extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman and Eastland Counties. For further information, or to pre-register contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-1518.

Robert Pritz, County Extension Agent

Hospice of the Big Country Announces "Hearts Remembered"

Hospice of the Big Country, a service of West Texas Rehabilitation Center, is hosting **Hearts Remembered**, a special event in conjunction with Valentine's Day. The event will be at the Mall of Abilene, Penney's Courtyard, First Coleman National Bank and Brookshire's in Sweetwater February 1-14.

Hearts Remembered is a unique way to acknowledge someone dear to your heart...whether in memory of a deceased friend or loved one, to recognize the birth of a baby, to celebrate an anniversary, or to just honor someone special.

For a donation of \$10, an angel holding a large red heart (like the one at the top of this page) with the honored person's name printed on it will be hung on a dramatic display of huge clouds suspended from the ceiling in Penney's courtyard at the Mall of Abilene. There will also be displays in the bank lobby of First Coleman National Bank in Coleman, and at Brookshire's in Sweetwater. Volunteers will be selling the angels at each location.

"Funds raised from this event will help Hospice of the Big Country continue our commitment to provide the best possible end-of-life care to the terminally ill. We provide our services to anyone who needs us, regardless

of their ability to pay, to the terminally ill in Taylor and the eleven surrounding counties," said Jo Ann Wilson, Volunteer Coordinator. "This amounts to approximately \$125,000 annually that we must raise to cover the non-reimbursed care we provide. **Hearts Remembered** is a beautiful way to honor someone special, and at the same time help someone who is unable to pay for our services," she said.

If you would like to purchase a heart, or hearts, visit on of the locations listed above, or send \$10 per name to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605, and specify the location you want them displayed. You may also call (915) 793-5450 for additional information.

Sponsors for **Hearts Remembered** are The Star Family of Dealerships, Elliott-Hamil Funeral Homes, Texas Cancer Center, National Central Pharmacy, KTXS-TV, Carter Home Medical Equipment Co., and Elmwood Funeral Home, and Memorial Park. Stevens Funeral Home and The Petal Patch in Coleman are also sponsors.

Founded in 1992, Hospice of the Big Country is a service of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

For more information call Jo Ann Wilson (915) 793-5450.

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Hunter Education Course Set for February 17 & 18 in Abilene

There will be a Hunter Education Course held February 17 and 18, 2004 in conjunction with the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and the Texas Farm Ranch Wildlife Management Expo. The class will be both nights starting at promptly at 4 p.m. and will last until 9 p.m. Pre-Registration is required. Class size is limited to 75. The cost is \$10, which includes a meal each night, hot chocolate and coffee.

State of the art laser equipment for practice, safety demonstrations, videos on hunting ethics, safety and trail skills will be presented.

To register please send: Name, age, address, phone number and a check payable to:

Ag Demonstration Account Taylor County Extension 1982 Lytle Way Abilene, Texas 79602 Payment must accompany registration.

For additional information please call: Taylor County Extension at 325-672-6048.

Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aid or accommodation are asked to contact the Taylor County Extension Service on week in advance of the program.

County Officials Attend Seminar

COLLEGE STATION-Jeanie Bohannon, County Clerk and Sharon Owens, District Clerk joined over 400 clerks' office personnel for the 32nd Annual County and District Clerks' Continuing Education Seminar at the Hilton College Station and Conference Center on January 12 - 15, 2004.

The annual continuing education seminar at College Station is sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, which is part of Texas Cooperative Extension. The Institute provides elected county officials with information and technical assistance and helps officials complete their state-mandated minimum continuing education requirements.

The theme of this year's seminar was: "The Voice of Experience...A Priceless Treasure." Included in the program were workshops on the appeals process, bond forfeitures, confidential records, unusual processes and filings and ethical behavior for county officials.

"Texas is one of a small number of states that requires all elected county officials to earn continuing education credits," explained Richard O. Avery, Director of the Institute. "The Institute provides education to county commissioners, judges, treasurers, tax assessor-collectors and county and district clerks through programs conducted here in College Station and across the State."

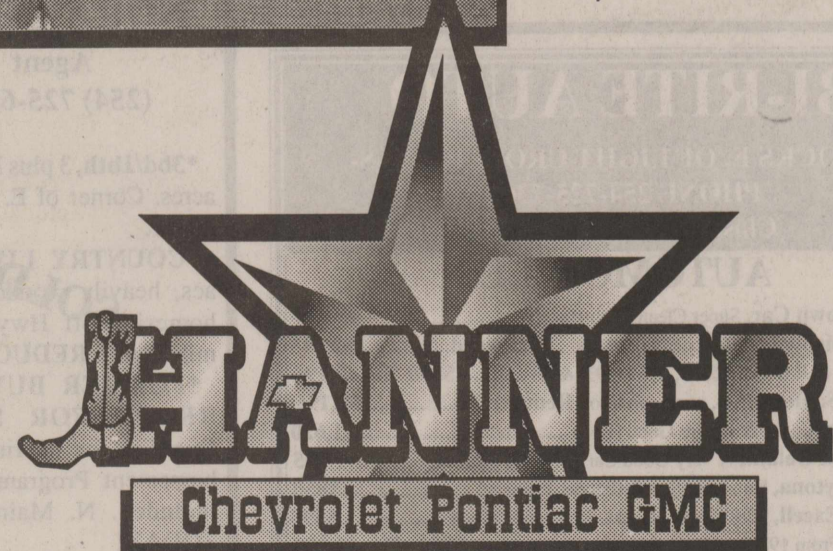
Clerks who attended all of the sessions during the seminar received 17 hours of credit.

Welcome Kelly Corn!



Hanner Chevrolet, Pontiac, GMC in Baird, Texas is pleased to announce further expansion of our Sales Department with the addition of Kelly Corn to our sales team. Kelly will serve as one of our sales managers.

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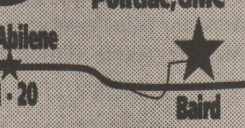
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The background information on these pictures is that of my wife, Margaret Stewart, on a D6C Caterpillar pushing cedar on the old Price place that she and her children own west of Cottonwood about two miles.

She graduated from Cross Plains in 1960 and moved to Strawn where she worked for the U.S. Postal system until retirement as Postmaster at Strawn three years ago. After retiring, she didn't have enough of government work and went back and go a contract route delivering mail in the Strawn area. I guess if you wanted to do the math you could come up with an age but you didn't get it from me.

Shortly before her retirement

was when I went by the post office to buy stamps and came out with a book of stamps, along with a dinner date with marriage and 5 step-children following, but that is another story with a happy ending.

She still has ties in Cottonwood and is there once each week to assist her three sisters who reside in the area to care for her mother, who had a stroke and is confined to home care. On these visits she finds time to care for livestock, make repairs as needed around the place, and kill cedar trees. She hates them, says they are worse than mesquite. At least grass will grow under a mesquite tree.

Every once in a while she gets a dose of poison oak—she can't get close to the stuff, as her eyes and

mouth swells shut and after that I get a few days of rest. She can't see or talk until she gets healed up. Every man needs a rest now and then.

Now that her family who are in the area, her sisters, Lydia Williams and Susan Hartman still live on the Albrecht homestead with Jeannie Foller living across the holler in the shadow of east Caddo Peak. Eddie Albrecht, the only brother, is of course in downtown Cottonwood. Can you imagine being the only brother growing up with a house full of sisters? I guess it wasn't too bad, I have one of them and I am the LUCKIEST MAN ALIVE!!

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Callahan Co. 2nd Annual Youth Hunt Termed As Successful

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in conjunction with the Callahan County Sheriff's Department held its second Youth Hunt to end the season on January 17, 2004. The weather put a wet damper on things as the hunters took to the fields. Breakfast was provided for the hunters by Thrifty's Convenience Store. The deer just wouldn't cooperate as a moist cold front moved thru. The hunters were glad to return to camp and the warm fires before being served hot brisket sandwiches provided by Mike and Ed's Processing in Cross Plains. The hunters returned to the fields but the hunt was cut short as rain moved into the area. Most hunters reported seeing a few deer, most of which stayed in the brush. Two hunters did bag their limits before the hunt was called. These hunts take a lot of effort and time to organize and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Callahan County Sheriff's Department would like to thank everyone for their donations, time and money it takes to have these hunts for our youth. These hunts are sponsored entirely by various organizations and individuals.

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TDA accepting nominations for Rural Heroism Award

AUSTIN—Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced today that the Texas Department of Agriculture is now accepting nominations for Texas Department of Agriculture's 2003 Rural Heroism Award.

Candidates must have performed a heroic, lifesaving act within Texas during 2003. The heroic deed should be related to farming or ranching and occur in a rural area. Automobile accidents or accidents caused by negligence will not be considered.

Nominations should include a written account of the incident and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of everyone

involved. If available, newspaper clippings and photographs should accompany all nominations.

Nominations must be post-marked by Feb. 16, 2004 and mailed to Lola Lemmon, TDA Safety Coordinator, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. For additional information on qualifications, you can contact Lemmon at (512) 475-1611.

The 2003 recipient will be announced March 22 at the Texas Safety Association's annual conference at the Omni Hotel in San Antonio.

American Cancer Society offers services to cancer patients

AUSTIN—In the fight against cancer, the American Cancer Society places great importance on cancer patient services—hoping to ease cancer's impact on people's lives. The fact that people are surviving cancer today more than ever before over 60 percent live at least five years—reinforces the need to help people get back into life's mainstream.

"Your American Cancer Society provides the latest information about cancer and guidance to local community resources," says Linda Schickedanz RN MSN CNS Chair of the Patient Services Committee of the Texas Division. "Programs, services and materials to cancer patients and their families are available at no direct cost through public contributions."

The American Cancer Society helps people with cancer and their families in every Texas community through a toll free number that is available 24 hours a day seven days a week. By calling 1-800-ACS-2345, a cancer information specialist can offer assistance.

Resources can also be found on the American Cancer Society's web site at www.cancer.org. With a click of the mouse, patients and caregivers can log onto the Cancer Survivors Network and seek support. The site offers discussion groups personal stories communication with other others via email, and resources such

as suggested books, articles and web sites. The Cancer Survivors Network can also be reached at 1-877-333-4673 (HOPE).

The Society offers limited tangible services such as medical equipment comfort pillows, and other gift items. Temporary housing is available in some cities for cancer patients who must travel for treatment and check-ups. Volunteer drivers transport patients through the Road to Recovery program.

Volunteers who have experienced cancer, visit patients and their families to support them in adjusting to their diagnosis. The Reach to Recovery program is for breast cancer patients and the Man to Man visitation program is a program which was created for prostate cancer patients. Visitors are also trained for visiting laryngectomies and ostomy patients. Support groups are held in hospitals churches, and other facilities that help cancer patients and their families. These include: I Can Cope, Coping with Breast Cancer, Dialogue, and Look Good...Feel Better.

Project Pride Needs You!!!

Project Pride would like to remind you to renew your membership or become a member. For a number of years, as an organized group, they have been instrumental in keeping their mission statement alive. Their By-Laws state, "Membership is open to all persons who are interested in making the community a cleaner, more attractive place to live and preserving and documenting the history of the Cross Plains community".

Planned projects for 2004 include: participating in the March Trades Day, working with the city and BFI in spring clean-up, maintaining highway signs near city entrances, helping fund printing of the "West Texas Travel Guide", maintaining and showing the Howard House Museum throughout the year and hosting the big Robert E. Howard weekend in June. Also, a get

acquainted tea is hosted each fall for school personnel with the public invited. In December a block long display of lighted holiday yard art is erected on West Highway 36 for all to enjoy. All this is done by volunteers and financed through donations, which are cheerfully accepted.

If you would like to be a part of these efforts they invite you to join them. Annual dues are \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per couple. You may mail them to P.O. Box 534, Cross Plains, Texas 76443 or come by the Justice of the Peace office building to see Betty Lewis, membership chairman. Please include your name, address and telephone number. Business meetings, open to the public, are held each second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library.

January is Birth Defects Prevention Month in Texas

January is Birth Defects Prevention Month. Each year more than 11,000 Texas children are born with a major structural birth defect. Birth defects are the leading cause of disability and infant death. As part of its mission to save babies from death and disability, the March of Dimes has introduced a special license plate benefiting the Texas Birth Defects Registry at the Texas Department of Health. The Registry exists to identify and describe patterns of birth defects in Texas and collaborate with

others in finding causes of birth defects, working towards prevention and linking families with support services.

For more information about the March of Dimes license plate, visit the Texas Department of Transportation's web site at www.txdot.state.tx.us, contact TxDOT at (512) 374-5010, or contact your local county tax assessor-collector. Join the fight against birth defects and help give every Texas baby the chance at a healthy start in life.

Big Country Crime Victims Crisis Center needs volunteers

The student listened closely to the message being presented by the special guest at school. Later, the student quietly told a school official about sexual abuse suffered in silence. "We were able to get help for that student," said counselor Charles Murphy. "If we help one student, it's worth it. We're making people aware," Murphy said. Murphy is the counselor at the junior high and senior high schools in Winters. He is just one of the dozens of educators and administrators in schools in the Big Country who invite Regional Crime Victim Crisis Center staff and volunteers year after year to present the WHO anti-victimization program. WHO ("We Help Ourselves") is designed to teach children in grades K-12 to avoid becoming victims and where to go for help if they are victimized.

Money to continue the prevention programs and crime victim assistance services in rural areas is uncertain as non-profit agencies all over Texas compete for state funds. CVCC will lose more than \$50,000 designated for help in rural areas when one of its governmental grants expires this summer. With an increase in requests for CVCC's prevention programs and victim assistance services in rural communities in this 22 county region, CVCC works continuously to find new sources of funding to pay the costs. The independent non-profit agency receives funding from state and federal grants, government and civic organizations, private foundations and public donations.

Prevention is less expensive than punishment or

rehabilitation, according to CVCC Executive Director Judy Kingery. "A majority of the clients we work with in area drug and alcohol treatment facilities were sexually abused as children," said Kingery. "And some children who are physically abused may grow up to be violent criminals, ending up in prison," she said. Preventing the abuse is the most cost-efficient solution for Texas taxpayers, Kingery said.

The number of crime victims served by CVCC increased 43% last year. The number of students receiving the WHO programs more than doubled. In response to the increases CVCC recently added a new counselor and an additional case manager, bringing the agency's staff to a total of six full-time professionals. The agency relies heavily on its volunteers, currently 54 victims assistance paraprofessionals and 23 certified WHO presenters, to help meet the increasing demand for services.

"Our highly-trained volunteers make our programs extremely cost-effective," said Kingery. "We couldn't do it without our volunteers."

Additional volunteers are needed for upcoming training classes for victims assistance and WHO certification. If you would like to receive an application, or if you would like more information, please call at 325-677-7895, or visit our website at www.regionalcrime.org.

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Producers will learn how to be more disciplined in executing their marketing plan. They will discover their own risk tolerance levels, tools to fit their tolerance levels, what causes them at times not to take action and activities they can do to increase their marketing discipline.

The seminar speaker will be Darrell D. Holaday, a private marketing/management consultant who previously served as manager of the Kansas Agricultural Marketing Association for Kansas Farm Bureau.

The registration fee for the workshop is \$75.00 per person. Pre-registration is required and the deadline is February 19. The fee includes materials, breaks and lunch. Registration forms are available at the Taylor County Extension office or by contacting Jason Johnson, Extension economist, at 325-653-4576.

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