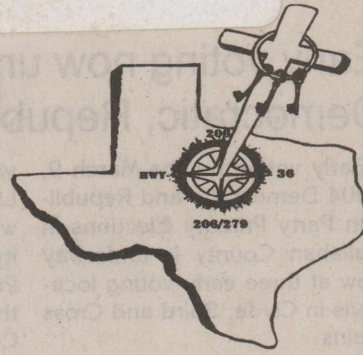


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EDITOR'S NOTE: Adelle Blakely of Clyde, a cousin of mine, sent me the following sayings she has collected over the years to comfort me. She appropriately calls them "Pearls of Wisdom". I felt that I needed to share them with our readers. See what you can glean from these wonderful words. **Vanda Anderson**

"Pearls of Wisdom"

Education is what you get from reading the small print, experience is what you get when you don't...

If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything...

If your heart is right, your mind will follow...

You can get what you want, but only if you give it your best effort...

Don't agonize, organize...

Happiness shared is multiplied, while sorrow shared is divided...

We can be only what we give ourselves the power to be...

Work is a God-ordained blessing...The reaping always follows the sowing...

Obedience is required for one's joy and well being...

There is a moral fiber in every person, unless he has destroyed it...

A problem ignored is a crisis invited...

Worrying is like rocking, you can do it but it doesn't get you anywhere...

Without sacrifice there can be no rewards...

You can not change what you refuse to acknowledge...

Look past the surface and prevailing breezes, see who he is at his core, then ask, "Is this really love?"

Dream, but don't make dreams your master...

We are all travelers in the wilderness of this world and the best we can find in our travels is an honest friend...

If you love something, set it free. If it comes back to you. It is yours, if it doesn't, it never was...

Give to the world the best that you have and the best will come back to you...

People who hide nothing, have nothing to hide...

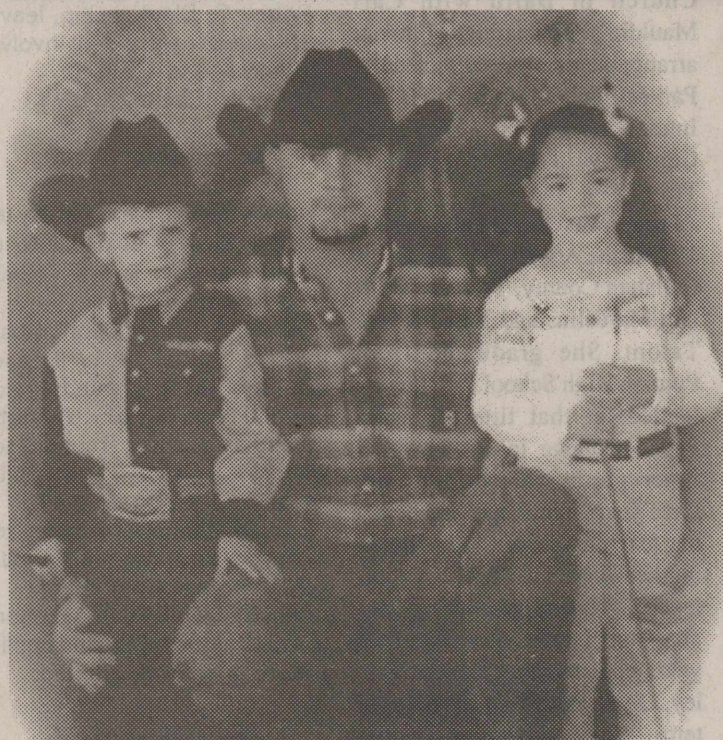
Never plunk down hard earned money until you have done "super investigative" work...

Strive to be realistic about all things, never take for granted important things...

If you want things done right, learn to do them yourself...

The shortest route to your financial freedom lies in knowing yourself. (Self discipline and hard work and what you need to "know" and "do" to achieve your goals.)

May the Great Spirit bless you with the knowledge of your inner strength and wisdom...



DUSTY HARGROVE

Pictured with son, Tristan, and his niece, Kelbi.

Services Held for Dusty Hargrove Saturday, Feb. 21

Dusty Hargrove's life was taken following an altercation at a private club in Rising Star, Eastland County, Thursday, February 19, 2004. Cheyne Brady Fox, 23, of Rising Star, was charged with murder and is in custody at the Eastland County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

Transported by ambulance to Brownwood Regional Medical Center, Hargrove passed away due to internal injuries according to the Brownwood Police Department.

Dusty Ryan Hargrove, age 24, of Cross Plains, was born February 10, 1980 to Jim and Cliffadean White Hargrove in Abilene, Texas. He grew up in Cross Plains and attended both elementary and high school here. He was a 1998 graduate of Cross Plains High School. Dusty was employed by Dustin Hinyard, Benny Free Farms and Jim Hargrove of KC Cattle Company, all of Cross Plains. He was a member of the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, February 21, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Joe Coppinger and Bay Kirkham officiating. Cord Woerner and Bill Boyd, high school football and basketball coaches of Dusty, delivered his eulogy. Close friends of Dusty, L.D. Whitehead and Landon Hill, of the 80 Proof Band, provided special music. Burial was in the Hyles and

Hargrove Family Cemetery in Callahan County, Texas. Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains was in charge of the arrangements.

Survivors include his son, Tristan Hargrove of Cross Plains; his parents, Jim and Cliffadean Hargrove of Cross Plains; two sisters, Kelli and husband, Frankie Hyles, of Cross Plains, and Kami Hargrove and Tad Timmons of Granbury; nieces, Mykea Douglass, Kelbi Hyles, Shana Hyles, Christin Hyles and a nephew, Cody Hyles, all of Cross Plains; aunt and uncle, Shirley and Bobby Pettijohn of Hamilton; uncle and aunt, Roger and Kathy White of Snyder; uncles, Don Hargrove of Comanche, Billy Hargrove of Baird and Steve Hargrove of Lake Brownwood; as well as a host of cousins, friends and loved ones.

Pallbearers were Jake Farrow, Dustin Hinyard, Jimmy Lee, Cooter Nickerson, Cody Reed, Eugene Ford, Daniel Purvis and Lynn Porter. Honorary pallbearers were Billy Wyatt, Kye King, Nick Graves, Casey Hamilton, Kevin Switzer, Dwayne Burnett and Kenny Horan.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club or the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show, both of Cross Plains.

Class of 1998 to Meet this Friday

The Class of 1998 will be holding a meeting this Friday, February 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the Rodeo Dance Floor in Treadway Park.

The group will be discussing

ways to help Dusty Hargrove's family with their loss and a dedication monument honoring his memory.

Your support is needed in this matter.

One Source Health Center Open House

One Source Health Center in Cross Plains will host an Open House on Wednesday, February 25, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 109 North East 2nd Street.

Everyone is invited to come by and get acquainted with Medical Director Dr. John Humphrey, Family Nurse Practitioner Lajeana Hayes, and the rest of the staff. Come see the completed renovations at the Cross Plains Clinic. The waiting room has been enlarged, new paint, new custom porcelain flooring, new roof, new awning over the front door, new cabinets and counter tops in nurse's station added, and easier accessibility to restrooms. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

Local Library Offers Giant BOOK SALE

The public library annex will be open this Saturday, February 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to allow everybody the opportunity to stock up on some great books at a great price.

As books are generously donated to the library and new books are purchased, older copies and duplicates are constantly being culled. This process allows the local library to maintain a tremendous inventory of reading resources for the total range of patron.

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CPISD School Board Has 3 Openings

The Cross Plains I.S.D. is accepting applications for a place on the ballot for the May 15, 2004 General Election. The deadline to submit an application is March 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.

There will be three places open for election this year. The 3-year terms of Susan Schaefer, Vicki Dillard and Jim Cook will expire.

Applications may be filed in the superintendent's office at Cross Plains I.S.D., 700 North Main Street, Cross Plains.

5th Sunday Singing at FUMC

Come on down for a good time of singing those good old country hymns you grew up with at First United Methodist Church Cross Plains. We are reinstating our 5th Sunday Night Singing which people loved and had fun with many years ago. We will start singing at 6 p.m., this coming Sunday, February 29.

Come and be a part, worship and praise God with us this Sunday evening!

Submitted by Mike Redd



HOWARD HOUSE TO BE FEATURED IN FORT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM— Jeff Guinn, journalist, and Jessica Kovrkounis, photographer.

Howard Drawing Attention to City

Jeff Guinn, journalist and Jessica Kovrkounis, photographer, from the Fort Worth Star Telegram, were in Cross Plains Friday visiting the Robert E. Howard House Museum and the Public Library gathering information pertaining to Howard's writing and his life in Cross Plains. A feature article is scheduled for publication in this coming Sunday's edition.

Friday morning members of Project Pride also met at the Howard House with John

Troesser, editor of a magazine, "Texas Escapes/Texas Geographic". Interest in Howard and his relationship to Cross Plains continues to mount. His home on West Highway 36, where he lived and wrote from 1919 until 1936, is owned and maintained by Project Pride and is open throughout the year by appointment. Arrangements can be made by contacting any member of the organization. Numbers to call are also posted on the front porch of the house.

"Free Gift" to the Community

You don't have to leave town for a splendid afternoon of music! Local sorority, Beta Sigma Phi, wishes to express their appreciation to the community for the continued support of its charitable endeavors throughout the year. Please mark your calendar for Sunday afternoon, March 7, at 3:00 p.m. for a special program in an "Afternoon of Music". A variety of instrumental music will be offered at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains. A reception will follow honoring the artists who perform.

Do you enjoy classical guitar? Then you will be thrilled as accomplished guitarist, Dan Mitchell from Abilene Christian University, plays the classical favorites as well as several other lighter selections. Piano duets from Abilenians, Lora Lynn Christensen and Sherry Frush, who are both well known for their performances in the Big Country will excite you with Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" as well as Mozart's "Sonata in D Major!" Broadway musical tunes will be showcased by Eastland's Nettie Wilson on the cello and Carol Stuard on the piano. And you won't want to miss one of Cottonwood's newest residents, Gail Randsdell, piano teacher, arranger and accompanist, who will play a lively medley of more well-known Broadway tunes—which are her own arrangements. Chairman of the event, Jacque Childress, says, "Please be with

us for this special afternoon which is sure to put a big smile on your face and a song in your heart! Beta Sigma Phi wants to provide this uplifting and FREE program as our expression of thanks to our community!"

Submitted by Mary Ann Chaffin

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Kiwanis Pancake Supper

Tuesday Night, March 23, 2004

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Early voting now underway for Democratic, Republican primaries

Early voting for the March 9, 2004 Democratic and Republican Party Primary Elections in Callahan County is underway now at three early voting locations in Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains.

Early voting for the Democratic and Republican Party Primaries is taking place at the Justice of the Peace office in Clyde, County Clerk's Office at the Courthouse in Baird and Justice of the Peace office in Cross Plains.

Early voting for the two party primary elections will continue through Friday, March 5.

The Democratic Party Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, March 9 at seven polling places in Callahan County. Precinct # 1 voting will be held at the Clyde Lions Club, Precinct # 2

voting will be held at the Eula Lions Club, Precinct # 3 voting will take place at the Baird Activity Center (Baird Light Plant), Precinct # 4 voting will be held at the Cross Plains Community Center, Precinct # 5 voting will take place at the Putnam Community Center, Precinct # 6 will vote at the Southside Baptist Church and Precinct # 7 voting will take place at the Oplin Community Center.

The Republican Party Primary will take place Tuesday, March 9 at the same voting locations, with the exception of the Putnam voting location. The Precinct # 5 voting location at the Putnam Community Center will instead take place at the Precinct # 3 voting site at the Baird Activity Center.

OBITUARIES



AL COPPINGER

A.G. "Al" Coppinger

A.G. "Al" Coppinger, 66, of Arlington, a retired train dispatcher for Santa Fe Railway Company, passed away Tuesday, February 17, 2004.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Moore Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, at Cottonwood Cemetery, Cottonwood, Texas, Callahan County.

A.G. "Al" Coppinger was born December 17, 1937 in Cross Plains, Texas. He was a member of the Woodland West Church of Christ in Arlington. He was a past President of the Arlington Genealogical Society, Vice President of the Trinity Valley Railroad Historical Association, Registrar and Charter President of the Arlington Chapter-Sons of the American Revolution and a member of the North Texas Chapter-National Railway Historical Society.

Survivors include his sons, Mike Coppinger and wife, Marie of Pineville, La, Kirk Coppinger and wife, Shelly of Plano, and Scott Coppinger and wife, Tina of Fort Worth; a daughter, Vikki Dupree and husband, Rick of Hurst; eight grandchildren, Mandy Coppinger, Kaylee Coppinger, Chalsea Kelly, Sierra Kelly, Dustin Dupree, Whitney Dupree, Colby Coppinger and Cade Coppinger; many cousins, nieces and nephews; and a long time friend, Claire J. Edwards of Arlington.

Rebecca Clausen

Rebecca Clausen, 91, of Brownwood, passed away Tuesday, February 17, 2004, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Rebecca was born August 30, 1912 in McKinney, Texas. She married Alwyn Clausen in August of 1939 in McKinney. She had been a Brownwood resident since 1940. She was a retired teacher and a member of First Christian Church. Mrs. Clausen was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, AAUW, Texas Retired Teachers Association, and Christian Women's Fellowship. Also, Mrs. Clausen was very active in Meals on Wheels and Good Samaritan Ministries for a number of years before he illness.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 20, 2004, at First Christian Church of Brownwood with Sterling Lentz and Dick Williams officiating. Burial was in Eastlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Davis-Morris Funeral Home.

Survivors include two sons, Alwyn D. Clausen and wife, Billie of Cross Plains, and Steve Clausen and wife, Margaret of Sonoma, California; foster grandchildren, Amanda Potter and husband, Chris of Cross Plains, and Jason Tomlinson of Abilene; great-grandchildren, Christa Potter, Kaylee Potter and Chloe Potter; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Al Clausen; parents, Charles Graves, Sr. and wife, Helen; and a brother, Charles W. Graves, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that contributions be made to Good Samaritan Ministries, Meals on Wheels, or a charity of their choice.

Jessie Marian Tatom Odom

Jessie Marie Tatom Odom, 91, of Baird, passed from this earth into everlasting life Saturday, February 14, 2004, at Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene. Services were held Tuesday, February 17, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Baird with Carl Mauldin officiating. Funeral arrangements were directed by Parker Funeral Home of Baird. Interment was in Kendrick Cemetery at Denton Valley, Texas.

Jessie was born February 1, 1913 in the Atwell Community of Callahan County, Texas to William Marcellus and Maud Rouse Tatom. She graduated from Putnam High School and then attended, at that time, Howard Payne College in Brownwood. After putting herself through three years of college, she began her teaching career, later finishing her degree at McMurry College in Abilene graduating Magna Cum Laude. She taught 19 years scattered over Denton Valley, Clyde and Baird school systems. While teaching at Denton Valley, she met and married Blain Odom on May 15, 1936 in Blackwell, Texas. Jessie continued teaching while she and Blain farmed and ranched 15 miles south of Baird on the Pecan Bayou. They remained there for the rest of their lifetime.

Jessie made quite a reputation as a girls' basketball coach, having taken teams to the state finals from Denton Valley and Bayou schools. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Baird, and several business and professional women's clubs.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, and her husband.

She is survived by her son, Mike Odom of Taos, New Mexico; and her daughter, Marian Scott of Baird; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews, all of whom were special to her.

Pallbearers were Jim Roy Hatchett, Benton Pruet, Frank Windham, Jr., Kenneth George, Robert Park, Barton Scott, Steve Odom and Tally Windham.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Baird or to the charity of your choice.

Jessie Derrell Bilbrey, Sr.

Jessie Derrell Bilbrey, Sr. of Cisco died Sunday, February 15, 2004, in the VA Hospital in Temple. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, 2004, in Kimbrough Funeral Home Chapel with Larry Roberts officiating and interment was in Bilbrey Cemetery directed by Kimbrough Funeral Home.

Mr. Bilbrey was born on January 22, 1924 in Sylvester, Texas to Jesse David and Minnie (Strother) Bilbrey. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of the American Legion Post 470 at Lake Brownwood. He worked as a carpenter and was a member of Daughtery Street Church of Christ. He married Georgia White on June 4, 1948 in Dumas, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Georgia Bilbrey of Cisco; daughter, Angie Honea of Cisco; two sons, Jesse D. Bilbrey, Jr. and wife, Deborah, of Rising Star, and Jimmy Dale Bilbrey and wife, Judy, of Cisco; brother, Gene Bilbrey and wife, Delores, of Gilmer; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Jimmy Leon Hare, Jr., driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Michael D. Sarmiento, DWI.
Robert C. Blankenship, leaving scene of an accident involving damage to a vehicle.
Lance H. Cockerell, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Jackie Isabell, plea of guilty to making alcohol available to a minor, 10 days in jail, \$243 court costs.

Latisha A. Gills, motion of dismiss to driving while license invalid (DWLI) granted, paid fine and court costs in JP court.

Douglas Bishop, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Donald Leonard, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Billy Ray Collins, Jr., motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Marriage Licenses

Thomas Dale Whitecotton and Carrie June Torregrossa, both of Baird.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Carmel Financial Corporation vs. Wilson H. Burleson, default on account.

Atlanta Postal Credit Union vs. Teryl and Dana Wise Rideout, foreign judgment.

Diane Sanders and Merl Sanders, divorce.

Nikki Higgins and Jason Higgins, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Chase Manhattan Bank USA, N.A. successor in interest to Provident National Bank vs. Matthew T. Bibik, final judgment, plaintiff to recover judgment from defendant in the amount of \$27,912.58 granted.
J. B. Hicks, et al, vs. Harold Hicks, et al, judgment on division of property granted.

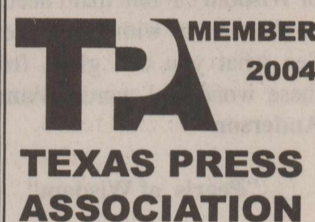
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Robert L. Diaz, order amending conditions of probation granted.

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PIONEER NEWS

The Quilting Ladies had another successful day quilting, all but two of our members were there. It was warm and cozy in our building. We worked on Jean A's "Barn Door" and Lou's "Butterfly". We will put in Lessie's top this week.

Earlene Burge and Jessica were in Brownwood Thursday evening to see the Globe Trotters and the PIPs perform. It was real entertaining. Grandson Cameron Chisholm performed with the PIPs. They were all really good. The following Sunday, they were again in Brownwood. They had a wonderful fish dinner at the Kenneth Chisholms. They served fish, fries, baked potatoes in the jackets, potato casserole, corn on the cob, tartare sauce and choice of drinks. Back home, they returned to work on their house. The next project is the kitchen floor. They are really pleased the way they are turning out.

Glenda Phillips went to see Kali and Krista's last ball games. Maybe she can go see some of the track and tennis meets they will be in. I bet she will be there. Glenda is very supportive of those grandchildren. Kali visited Glenda Saturday and ate lunch with her. Glenda went to the 1st birthday party, Sunday afternoon, for Ashley and Josh's triplets, three boys. They were so cute and good. They sat in their high chairs and their mamma and daddy handed them the gifts to help open. After the gifts were opened each one had their own little chocolate cake. They got into them with both hands. One got sleepy and began rubbing his eyes and ended up with chocolate icing all over his face. He was so cute. Of course, the cameras were flashing and videos running. You would never know that they had such a slow start in life, Tyler, Trevor and Truett are the grandbabies of Lanitta and David Sturiggill and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Harris. Maternal great-grandparents are Jr. and the late Dorothy Baugh of Cross Plains. Paternal great-grandparents are the late

Jesse Ray Harris and Betty Ann Harris and great-great grandparents the late J.B. Harris and Lorene now of Brownwood. Josh and Ashley congratulations on such sweet babies.

Glenda's uncle passed away six days after all of his nieces and nephews got to gather with him. He was writing his memoirs. Now, his children can finish it for him. His funeral was in Fort Worth. Glenda is so thankful that they all gather to be with him two weeks ago.

Cowan and Laverne Hutton have enjoyed member of their family dropping by during the week. They were happy to receive a phone call from their grandson Jamie who is Georgia. He and his family have recently moved to Savannah. They have moved into their house and getting settled in.

Lottie Sooter, a cherished member of the Pioneer community, now lives in Abilene at Mesa Springs. There was a Valentine's Day party for the residents of Mesa Springs and Lottie was elected "Queen". She said that when we come to see her not to forget to curtsy! Lottie is sure a "Queen" to all who have quilted with her, and have known her through the years. We are glad that Laverne shared that information with us.

Rising Star boys are still playing basketball. We hope they go all the way to state. "Go, Wildcats, Go!"

Baseball is starting now. There will be some games this week. Let us go out and support all the activities happening in our communities.

We had a nice crowd at the "domino party" Thursday night. Two tables enjoyed playing. There were also good eats. The next meeting at Pioneer will be March 4th. Come on out, enjoy the fun!

Word of Wisdom: The great tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer. Phillip Melancthon

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MARCH 1 - 5

MONDAY - BBQ Brisket on Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Ranger Cookie, Milk
TUESDAY - Chicken Spagetti, California Blend Vegies, Corn, Tapioca Pudding, Bread, Milk
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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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Certainly not as an act of "pointing a finger of guilt" — but is anything not to be learned from the death of one of our community's young adults last week?! Regardless of any other pros or cons — time, location, activity, and associates had to be factors in this untimely death. It could have just as easily happened to any one of those who were at the bar.

With so much lost in this happening, can at least something not be gained? Cannot someone learn from this to not make the same mistake(s). Is the person or persons who provide such establishments as the bar not at least partly responsible? — guilty? Is there not at least some "blood" on the hands of those who do not speak out against these things?

I don't think there were any acts of violence at places of Bible study last Wednesday night. I would like to recommend these as some of the safe places to spend time.

We certainly recommend and 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!

P.S. This article is endorsed by the parents of their and our loved one lost in death...

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Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT



A LOOK AT REALITY—Shown above is a young man who lives in Nava, Mexico just across the river from Eagle Pass, Texas. His captivating smile belies living conditions of most of the residents of the community. (Photo courtesy of Jean Draper)

Galen "Al" Coppinger Buried in Cottonwood

Galen "Al" Coppinger of Arlington and native of Cottonwood died Tuesday, February 17, 2004, and was buried in the old Cottonwood Cemetery on Saturday, February 21, in a plot next to his mother, Hazel (Clifton) Coppinger. He was the son of Audrey Coppinger who was killed in an oilfield accident just before Al was born.

The good ladies of Cottonwood served a delicious lunch after the service for the family and friends at the Community Center.

Al was very active in the Cottonwood Historical Association and participated with Claire Edwards in developing a directory for the Cottonwood Cemetery. He also was active in genealogical research, wrote a book about Cottonwood's Coppinger family, and served as president of the Arlington Genealogical Society.

Local kinfolks include Dorothy and Eddie Petty and Joe and Delma Coppinger of Cross Plains; an uncle, Parker Coppinger and wife, Susie, of Abilene.

Al Coppinger will be missed for a long time around here.

Quilting Club Hears Draper Story of Mission Trip to Mexico

My visit to last week's Quilting Club resulted in a raised awareness about poverty and living conditions south of the Border, as Jean Draper told about a recent mission trip she and Wendel took with other members of the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

They went to the Eagle Pass, Texas area for a seminar and classes to help prepare them for a longer mission trip to Nava, Mexico in June of this year.

On Friday, the group took a one-day trip to the town of Nava and to the church where they will be working in June.

"It was an eye-opener," said Wendel. "You just cannot believe the depths of poverty the people live in there." And it will be the

team's mission in June to help relieve the poverty conditions. They will be holding Vacation Bible School Classes, building facilities, and working on church property. They will be doing other work to help improve living conditions for the residents of Nava and helping them develop certain skills and ways to help themselves.

Jean Draper said she intends to take cloth scraps, needles, thread and other sewing supplies to help the women of the village work on quilts. Their work will be part of a River Ministry project of several churches in the Eagle Pass area. Rev. Tomas Dominguez of Eagle Pass will be speaking at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains this coming Sunday.

The Old Western Cattle Trail Made Dent in Callahan County Soils

Agnes Walker, of Hamilton, former public school teacher of history and popular speaker, recently spoke to the County Historical Commission and described the route of the Old Western Cattle Trail as it traversed northward from Coleman County within a few miles west of Belle Plains and made its way to Oklahoma and Kansas.

According to Walker's research, over 30,000 head of Texas Longhorns moved up the trail from Brownfields, Texas to Dodge City Kansas and stopped to graze a few days along the grassy plains between Putnam and Baird.

Cottonwood member of the Commission who heard the speech included R.T. Peevy, Judy Luter and Wallace Bennett.

CORRECTION: In the last issue of this column I misspelled Ivadell (Mitchell) Scarpelli's name. A memorial service will be held for her at the Parker Funeral Home in Baird at 2:00 p.m. this coming Saturday, February 28, 2004.

(Please contact Wallace Bennett about personal and news items for this column at (254) 725-7474 or e-mail csb@airmail.com.)

Asperger's Seminar In Abilene March 1st

"Abiding With Asperger's" seminar will be held Monday, March 1, 2004 at the Region 14 Education Service Center located at 1850 Highway 351 in Abilene.

The seminar is open for parents, grandparents, caregivers, and educators of children with Asperger's. Asperger's disease is similar to Autism.

The seminar will provide a different perspective from family members who have Asperger's or live with those who do.

There is no charge to attend the seminar or to take advantage of the childcare.

Speakers for the program include Donald Hughes, Superin-

tendent at Eastland ISD and the parent of a child with Asperger's. Also speaking will be Attorney Nancy Hughes, who is also the parent of a child with Asperger's. Lindsy Cavender, a senior at Hardin-Simmons who is diagnosed with Asperger's, will also speak as will Ann Cavender, housewife and mother of Lindsy Cavender.

Childcare will be provided at the First Baptist Church in Abilene. If you need childcare, you must contact the Ministry of Counseling at First Baptist Church at (325) 672-9999. Deadline for childcare registration is Monday, February 23.

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: Do ya or did ya sees the moment? I'll never tell—it might cause me sees-your moment of infamy.

"Seize the Moment"

I've had quite a bit on my "mind" lately. It really keeps me hopping trying to get some relief from my overloaded mind; before it falls off. The load; not my head.

My children arrived in Cross Plains shortly after Christmas and we enjoyed a wonderful late Christmas dinner, tree, gifts and all the trimmings. The day ended much too soon.

How come a lotta parents just can't wait for them to grow up and leave home? Then later, down through the years; you want them to stay on forever and never leave you again?

Could it be that you are just so much more vulnerable? You know the drill—your age, your

medical condition, your state of mind, etc. OR perhaps, on the other hand, it could be that after the children and all have left for college, marriage and parenthood, you missed them???? As a matter of fact, you just were so dog gone lonely that you were usually howling at the fence and trying to entice said fence over for a long chatty visit.

If lemon drops were pillows and clouds like butterflies fell low, I'd capture us a honeybee, and float sweet dreams: via you to me. Those are the lines of a poem that caught my fancy when I was a young girl.

Always remember: to try and tell your mother just how much you love her. Do it right away. Do not put it off until it is too late to let your mother know.

It's like the new advice of the 21st century and a little before. SEIZE THE MOMENT!!!

LIBRARY NOTES



Check It Out!

Be sure to follow the library check-out statistics as they are published. Remember that the number of books checked out does not always designate the number used. Many of the library users do their work in the library. The last checkout indicated a total of 138 morning checkouts and 213 afternoon checkouts, but we expect morning to increase as soon as folks realize the library is open.

Meet your friends here and give yourself a treat for lunch in town. If you are a bookworm being, be good to a friend by trying to get him/her to join the club. Help us make "the best little bookworm hole in Texas".

February 17-20 Statistics

Circulation:

Books	106
Lap	44
Internet Users	27
Total	177

Memorials:

Bette Cavanaugh In Memory of Carl McCary

Donations - Books:

Chris Savell
Linda and Latricia Chandler
Sandy Doss

Library Weekly Activity

Patrons	149
A.M.	70
P.M.	79
After 5 P.M.	11
Programs	38
Copies	72
Reference	23
Check In/Out Books	20
Calls In	25
Computer Users	27

RISING STAR NURSING CENTER

All of us here at Rising Star Nursing Center would like to say congratulations to the Lady Cats on a successful basketball season and to the power lifting team, way to go guys and gals. We are sending out good luck wishes to the boys' basketball playoff game coming up. Go Wild Cats!

The residents monthly birthday party was Tuesday the 24th. Special recognition was given to one of our residents who turned 104, Ruby Ezzell. Her family was here to help celebrate with us and made it a special day for Ruby. Other birthdays recognized were Ellie Elliott, Tommye Hearren and Nathan Foster. Louise Foster was also present and provided birthday cake for us. Gene Moore played the piano for us. Everyone enjoyed cake and punch, along with good music and fellowship.

Employees with birthdays this month are Rosalie Kerr, Paula Regian, Richard Troxtell, Veronica Robinette and JaDeana Renfroe.

Our thoughts and prayers for Hallie Hartley and Coy Rankin who are in the hospital.

Ellen Simpson, Verna Hargrove, Christine King, Pansy Read, Emma Kile and Mildred Free are all looking very pretty with their new perms and hair cuts. Our men also are looking very handsome with their fresh hair cuts. They are J.W. Starkey, Clyde Parnell, Jake Landess, Albert Starkey and Jack Smith. Our appreciation to Lilly Dillard and Connie Kirkham for keeping our ladies and gentlemen looking nice.

Love is HOMEMADE.

Spring Master Gardener training class to begin March 4

Applications for the Spring Master Gardener training are now being accepted. The 13 week horticultural training class begins Thursday, March 4, 6:00 PM, with classes being held at the Taylor County Extension office, which is located on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. There will be a Saturday field trip as part of this session's training. The cost of the class is \$65 per person. Limited scholarship assistance is available.

Master Gardeners are members of the local community who take an active interest in their lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers and

gardens. In exchange for their training, individuals are required to contribute 50 volunteers hours back to their community.

For additional information or to receive an application, contact the Taylor County Extension office at 325-672-6048.

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

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

February 19, 2004

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, Monty Richards and Reggie Pillans.

The following administrators and guest were also in attendance: Superintendent, High School Principal; Elementary Principal and guest, David Hagler.

Prayer was led by Monty Richards.

Minutes were approved as read. Motion was made by D. Dillard and seconded by Pillans that we table the letter jackets for academic challenge participants until further information is presented to the Board. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by V. Dillard that they renew the contract with food purchasing cooperative for 2004-05. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by V. Dillard that we have a joint school board election with the City of Cross Plains. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Schaefer that the election date be May 15, 2004; election site be the Cross Plains Community Center; Election Judge - Esther Kerr and she will appoint her alternate; and early voting clerk will be Debbie

Gosnell; absentee site will be the City Hall of Cross Plains. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by D. Dillard and seconded by Pillans to buy track equipment as presented by the Athletic Director. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by D. Dillard to accept TASB update 72. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Pillans to take TASB, DEC local off table. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Pillans that they accept TASB DEC local policy as presented by TASB. For 6 Against 0

They entered executive session at 8:52 p.m and was out at 10:32 p.m.

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Pillans to give David Hagler Athletic Director a 2 year contract for 2004-06. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by V. Dillard to give Margie Sowell, Elementary Principal, a 2 year contract for 2004-06. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by D. Dillard and seconded by V. Dillard to give Jimmie Cearley, High School Principal, a two year contract for 2004-06. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Pillans and seconded by Bennett to adjourn. For 6 Against 0

SCHOOL MENU

MARCH 1 - 5

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY - French Toast, Bacon, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Cinnamon Rolls, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY- Corn Dogs, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Spice Cake
TUESDAY- Chicken Nuggets w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Honey
WEDNESDAY- Meat-Cheese Nachos, Salad, Corn, Apple Crisp
THURSDAY- Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Cheese Stick, Mixed Vegies, Garlic Toast, Peaches
FRIDAY- Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply.

Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison.

Player from 50 states and 11 foreign countries attended the 2003 Camp. College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team.

The closest camp location is Commerce, Texas. For a free brochure, call (704) 373--0873 anytime.

Teachers/Principals Recognized by HEB

Much has been written about how to improve the public school system in Texas, but the conclusion of virtually every study is that superb teachers and principals are essential ingredients for success.

"If you have a great teacher, you have a great class. If you have a great principal, you have a great school. It seems simple, but it's one of the most challenging issues faced by our public schools: how to recruit and retain the best professionals in the business," Kate Rogers, director of public affairs for HEB, says.

H-E-B is a premier Texas company committed to finding a solution to that challenge. Two years ago, the San Antonio-based retailer launched its "Excellence in Education" annual awards program, which honors the states best teachers with more than \$400,000 in cash prizes and grants to be used at their schools. This year, for the first time, principals will be honored as well.

"The awards for teachers have been enormously well received since we began them in 2001," Rogers says. "When we realized that no other awards of this magnitude were geared toward principals, we made the decision to broaden our scope."

The theory behind the awards is straightforward-to locate top-quality candidates through an extensive nomination process and then to give winners substantial publicity and prizes. "It's well known that education professionals are paid less than they deserve," Rogers says. "Our awards are aimed at recognizing outstanding teachers and principals and to keeping them committed to careers in education."

Nomination forms may be picked up at any H-E-B store or found online at www.heb.com. Anybody may nominate a favorite principal or teacher or educator may also nominate themselves. Completed nomination forms must be postmarked no later than Feb. 20, 2004. H-E-B will mail detailed application packets to all of the nominees.

Principals with a minimum of five years experience as a campus principal and teachers of grades pre-K through 12 are eligible to apply. All nominees must be state certified public school professionals working within the H-E-B service area. Special area teachers performing instructional support services are also eligible.

Five regional panels including educators, administrators and community leaders will judge the entrants, selecting 45 finalists-15 principals and 30 teachers.

During National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3 to May 7, H-E-B representatives will travel across the state and surprise each of the 45 finalists in their classrooms.

Principals on the finalist list will be presented with a \$1,000 check for themselves and a \$2,500 school grant on the spot. Teachers who are finalist will each receive a \$1,000 check and a \$1,000 grant for their schools.

That is just the beginning of the process for these lucky finalists, Rogers says. Each person on the list will also receive an all-expense-paid trip to Austin in June. They will stay at the Four Seasons Hotel, participate in interviews with a statewide selection committee, take part in an educational forum and enjoy a special reception in their honor at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum.

"Finally, we will host the finalists at a gala awards ceremony on Friday evening, June 11 during which we will announce the nine winners-including three principals and six teachers," Rogers says. "Each of them will be featured in a terrific video honoring their work with students, and I can attest to the fact that there is rarely a dry eye in the house."

The grand prize winners will include three principals-one elementary, one middle school and one high school. Each will be given \$10,000 in cash and a \$25,000 grant for their schools.

The six winning teachers will include one elementary and one secondary teacher in each of three categories:

***The Rising Star Award**-honors exceptionally promising teachers with less than 10 years of experience. These winners each receive a \$5,000 check for themselves and a \$5,000 grant for their schools.

***The Leadership Award**-honors teachers with 10 to 20 years in the field. These winners each receive a \$10,000 check for themselves and a \$10,000 grant for their schools.

***The Lifetime Achievement Award**-honors teachers with more than 20 years of experience. These teachers each receive a \$25,000 check for themselves and a \$25,000 grant for their schools.

"We're really proud of the impact that this program has already had in just three short years," Rogers says. "We've had phenomenal feedback from previous winners who tell us that the awards have changed their lives. We truly feel that, if even one fantastic person decides to make a lifetime commitment to a career in education because of these awards, we've met our goal."

CVCC Tips to prevent kidnapping

"The tragic death of 11-year old Carlie Brucia at the hands of a kidnapper is proof that horrible things can happen anywhere. Our hearts go out to her family and friends," said Judy Kingery, Executive Director of Crime Victim Crisis Center in Abilene. "Even when parents do all the right things, teach their children all the right lessons, bad things still happen sometimes."

Kingery suggests some ways children, and even adults, can protect themselves:

- Never go with a stranger, even if they threaten you with a weapon.
- Fight, bite, kick, run. Do whatever you can physically in order to get away.
- Holler, even if the kidnapper orders you to be quiet. But here's the most important thing: holler, don't scream. Screaming sounds like noise or play.

Holler things like "help, leave me alone, he's not my daddy, I don't know this man (woman), he's trying to kidnap me" in order to attract attention.

Kingery says this kind of kidnapping by a stranger is relatively rare. "Compared to the thousands of children here who are injured by abusive family members or acquaintances, I can count on one hand the stranger abduction incidents we have seen in this area in the past 20 years."

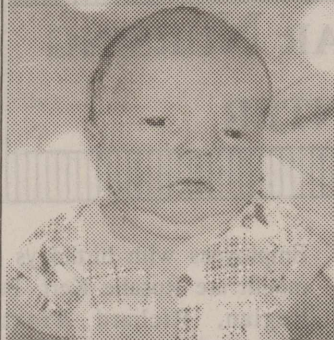
CVCC staff and volunteers teach these safety measures in the WHO "We Help Ourselves" programs presented to some 6000 students in Abilene and the surrounding area each year.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the WHO training program may call CVCC at 677-7895 for more information, or visit the website at www.regionalcrime.org.

Happy Birthday!

- FEBRUARY 28**
 Ricky Cavanaugh Shanks
 Charlotte Bishop
 Bobra Burkett
 Curtis Hines
 Mary Pancake
 Randy Foster
 Keith Watkins
 Susan McNeel
 Earlene Justice
 Rosalea G. McClain
 Barbara Stephens
 Joe Frenkle Mullins, Jr.
 Constantino Reyes
 Gwendolyn Joann Creech
- MARCH 3**
 Doug Hagemeir
 Gerry L. Holly
 Michael Bates
 Donna Kaye Chambers
 Grady Ramey
 Sue Carroll
- MARCH 4**
 Faye Franke
 Harvey Thomas
 Beth (Wood) Hilburn
 Vickie Steele Swinney
 Trey Bonner
 J.D. Moore
 Michele Aiken
 Chase Daniel Morgan
- MARCH 5**
 Mrs. Dwayne Wilson
 Dannes (Dickson) Turner
 Loy Don Black
 Benson Dale Clark
 John Prentice
 Sylvia Switzer
 Edith Sorrell
 Steve Hargrove
 Francis Stagges
 Mike Peacock
 Betty Fisher
 Gary Wayne Callaway
 Carol Meador
 Kelly Austin
 Kelbi Shecotah Hyles
 Bobby Clarkston
 Armando Duran
- LEAP YEAR FEBRUARY 29**
 Debbie Ann Perry
 Tanya Reed
 Mrs. Dwayne Gale
 Tiffany Leigh Price
 Rowdy Morris
 Bill Armstrong
- MARCH 1**
 Skeet Parker
 Kelly Michelle Stout
 Eddie Strickland
 Tom Sibley
 Dorthy Aiken
 Jay McCuin
 Minter B. Sheffey
 Lt. Col. (Retired) Rick Terrell
 William Christopher Clark
 Gage Connelly
- MARCH 2**
 Norma (Lee) Lawson
 Tony Wyatt
 L.B. Jones
 Lois Minton
 Gary McIntosh

To get your name on the Birthday Column, send your name and date of birth to *The Cross Plains Review*, P.O. Box 519, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. There is no charge for this service. To delete a name due to death or other reason send name and birth date (Month and Day) or Call (254) 725-6111.




IT'S A BOY!

David and Denese Watts would like to announce the birth of their first child, **William David Watts**.

William was born at Palo Pinto General Hospital January 23, 2004 at 10:47 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Frances Whiteley of Cross Plains and the late Raymond Wilson.

Paternal grandparents are Lynn Watts of Mineral Wells, and Fred and Barbera Watts of China Springs.



IT'S A GIRL!

Autum Shae Nickerson was born January 2, 2004 in Abilene Regional at 5:26 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds 6.9 ounces and was 20 inches long.

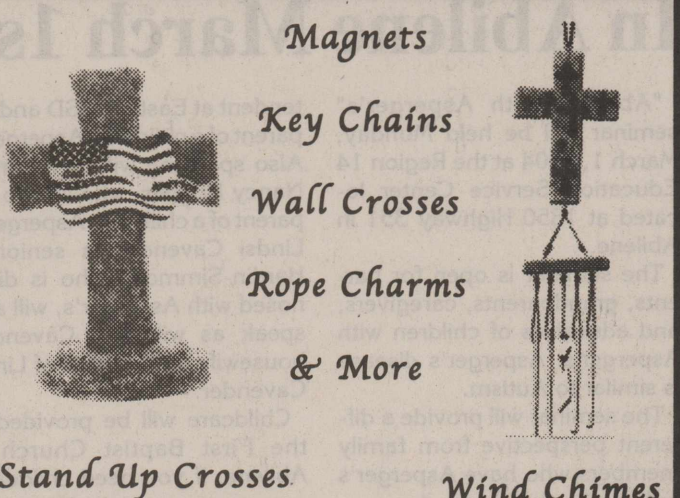
Her proud parents are Jenny Pancake and Willie Nickerson III both of Cross Plains.

Maternal grandparents are Randy and Phyllis Pancake of Cross Plains. Maternal great-grandparents are Jackie and Nelda Pancake of Cross Plains. Her maternal great-grandmother is Marie Dillard also of Cross Plains. Paternal grandparents are Willie Nickerson II and Annett of Cross Plains. Paternal great-grandmother is Dena Nickerson of Cottonwood.

She is also welcomed by a host of uncles and aunts, Jeremy Pancake of Farmington, NM; Jody Pancake and Stacey Box of Cross Plains; Kevin Nickerson and Jessica Wall of Cross Plains and Mary Jo Nickerson of Stephenville.

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 6, 2004

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. The minutes of the previous meeting were corrected by James Nichols. The minutes of December 2, 2003 read that by general consent the council agreed to have Debbie look into the easement and discuss with an attorney the matter of having the property owner refrain from placing permanent structures on the right of way. The minutes were changed to read the council agreed to have Debbie look into the easement and discuss with an attorney the matter of having the property owner refrain from placing permanent structures on the right of way.

Don Gosnell, Chief, gave the monthly police report. He reported 64 calls for service, 6 criminal mischiefs, 3 thefts, 3 assaults, 2 gas drive-offs, 6 disorderly conducts, 2 warrants served, with 38 warnings and 44 citations. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Debbie Gosnell presented the monthly Judge's report. She reported 44 citations for December with 22 remaining outstanding. There are 8 citations outstanding for November and 4 remaining outstanding for October. Collections for December were \$9,146.00. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

James Tidwell met with the council to discuss opening the south end of Avenue B that joins his property. He informed the council that he would like to have

access to his property by way of Avenue B so that he could avoid taking vehicles on Highway 36 through the light of the intersection and that it would be a direct route from his shop to his property at the end of Avenue B. Jerry Cassle moved to allow the opening of South Avenue B to Mr. Tidwell's property. Gene Dillard seconded and motion carried with James Nichols voting nay.

Mike Reed met with council to give them an update on the food pantry. He advised the council that the food pantry did receive a grant for approximately \$7,000 and approximately \$2,000 from local donations. He advised the council they had served approximately 59 families and 89 people during December. He thanked the council for their help.

Bob Harrell, Fire Chief, met with the council to discuss the Fire Departments need of matching monies for the grant they received for a new fire truck. He asked the council for a commitment of funds for the purchase. He informed the council the truck would not be ready for another month or so. Jerry Cassle moved to give the department \$10,000 for the purchase and to take the funds out of reserve. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Gene Dillard moved to pay the bills. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Gene Dillard moved to adjourn. Dean Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor
ATTEST:
Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

Basics of Calving By Local Veterinarian

It's late winter and you know what that mean, calving season. Although we have calves born year-round in Texas, the vast majority are born from February to May. Calving is a very stressful time in a cow's, and often the owner's, life. A little knowledge about the process can help a lot. A basic understanding of the signs of upcoming parturition, or giving birth, as well as the stages of labor is important. Spotting signs of dystocia, or calving difficulties, is important also.

There are several common signs of upcoming parturition. Relaxation of the pelvic ligaments that results in a raised tail appearance. The vulva swells and relaxes. The udder begins to enlarge. In cow, the udder usually enlarges in the last 2-3 weeks, though in heifers, it can occur several months before calving.

The first stage of labor usually lasts for less than 8 hours in cows. This stage can last up to 24 hours in a heifer. This stage is most noticeable in heifers. Signs of stage 1 labor include isolation from the herd, uneasiness or restlessness, and getting up and down frequently. It is during this time period that contractions begin, the cervix dilates, and the fetus enters the birth canal.

The fetus entering the birth canal triggers Stage 2. Intense straining, the appearance and rupture of the fluid sac, and finally the expulsion of the calf

characterize stage 2 labor. This can last from 30 minutes to 6 hours. Significant progress should be seen every 30 minutes or less in cows and 60 minutes or less in heifers.

Stage 3 begins after calf is delivered. The most notable sign is the passing of the fetal membranes, or after-birth. This should occur within 12 hours. Less notable, the uterus begins to shrink back to its pre-pregnancy size. This will take about 45 days.

Being familiar with signs of dystocia is imperative to minimizing death loss during calving. It is important to note that while observation is important, cows generally seek privacy or isolation during calving. Being too close or involved can often promote difficulties. As mentioned before, significant progression in labor should take less than 30-60 minutes. If no progression is seen in this period, the animal should be examined. Normal presentation of the calf is front feet first followed by the head resting on the forelegs. Any signs of abnormal presentation should prompt an immediate examination.

With a basic understanding of the calving process and common problems, calving season can be less stressful and result in more calves. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Curtis Creach at (254) 725-4359.

County Attorney Allen Wright recognized by Attorney General

AUSTIN—Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today announced a \$32,000 lump sum child support payment from one of the Attorney General's Most Wanted Child Support Evaders, in a case that originated in Brown County. William Osborn wrote the check which pays in full the child support debt he owed for his two children, after having been arrested in January in San Diego County, California.

"I am grateful to the San Diego Sheriff's Department and Callahan County District Attorney Allen Wright for their cooperation in tracking down Evader Osborn and making him pay his child support," said Attorney General Abbott. "Parents have a duty to support their children, and if they run from their obligation we will pursue them until that child support debt is paid in full."

Osborn, who was named to the list of Top Ten Most Wanted Child Support Evaders in October 2002, was arrested in January after investigators with the Office of the Attorney General provided a tip on his whereabouts to the San Diego Sheriff's Department.

The warrant for Osborn's arrest on charges of criminal non-support had been issued by the Callahan County District Attorney's office in November 2003. Osborn subsequently decided to pay the child support he owed in a lump sum, and last week the mother of his two children — ages 13 and 11 — received a check for \$32,689.58.

County Attorney Wright said his office was contacted by the Attorney General's Office to work on four cases, including

Osborn's case. He said his office still has two remaining cases pending.

Wright said on a tip, Osborn was arrested at a luxurious hotel in front of a packed ballroom where he was about to propose marriage to his fiancée. Wright said Osborn had the engagement ring in his pant pocket while being searched.

"We're glad to help out," Wright said of the arrest of Osborn.

In January 1997, a court ordered Osborn to pay \$406 a month to cover current support and \$8,969 in unpaid child support. He continued to fall further behind, and because of missed payments and the interest that accrued on unpaid child support his debt swelled to more than \$32,000. Charges relating to nonpayment of his child support now are expected to be dismissed, due to the fact that Osborn has fulfilled his child support obligation.

"I am gratified that these children now have a brighter future because Mr. Osborn finally paid the child support he owed," Attorney General Abbott added. "I hope other evaders will heed his example and begin supporting their kids."

Since Attorney General Abbott took office in December 2002, 32 Child Support Evaders have been brought to justice.

Photos of the Attorney General's Most Wanted Child Support Evaders—including Osborn—and criteria for being named an Evader are available on the Attorney General's web site www.oag.state.tx.us. Anyone with information about missing Evaders should call 1-866-EVADERS (382-3377) or e-mail evaders@cs.oag.state.tx.us.

Stenholm Receives Chamber of Commerce Award

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) has received the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's "Spirit of Enterprise" Award for his strong and consistent support of business issues during the first session of the 108th Congress.

Stenholm received word of the award in a letter from Tom Donohue, the president and chief executive officer of the world's largest business federation, representing more than three million businesses and organizations. "It is my pleasure to inform you that you have earned the U.S. Chamber's Spirit of Enterprise award for your support of pro-business issues during the first session of the 108th Congress," Donohue wrote.

Stenholm has won the Spirit of Enterprise Award 12 times since the U.S. Chamber began presenting it in 1988, and he has a 79 percent lifetime rating with the organization. He earned this most recent award based on his support of legislation that would make health insurance more available and affordable for small businesses and legislation that would address the litigation crisis. He also supported legislation that would reduce burdensome regulatory and paperwork requirements on businesses, as well as other pro-

business legislation supported by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

"I am honored to receive the Spirit of Enterprise Award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce," Stenholm said. "This award is especially meaningful because the U.S. Chamber represents many of the business men and women of West Texas. I always keep these folks in mind when I am voting on legislation that would affect them."

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce will present its Spirit of Enterprise Award to Stenholm and other qualified Members of Congress at a reception in the Capitol on Wednesday, February 25th.

The U.S. Chamber presents its award based on rankings it gives Members of Congress for key business votes, as listed in its annual publication, *How They Voted*. Votes included in the rankings are Chamber-designated "key votes," recorded floor votes on issues established as priorities by the Chamber's board of directors on which the Chamber communicates its position prior to the vote.

For a complete list of key votes and rating for individual members of Congress, visit the U.S. Chamber's Website at www.uschamber.com.

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Americans spend 10% of annual income on food

WACO—The Texas Farm Bureau is helping Texas farmers and food charities across Texas celebrate the eighth annual Food Check-Out Day on February 5.

Food Check-Out Day is based on statistics of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is symbolic of the date when the average American earns enough income to pay for a year's supply of food. According to USDA, Americans spend an average of 10% of their disposable income on food. For that "average American" this is accomplished less than 40 days into the year. By comparison most Americans work more than 100 days to pay state, federal and local taxes.

This year's Food Check-Out Day is 36 days into the year which indicates a drop in the already affordable price of food, despite trends that reveal Americans are dining out more and purchasing more expensive and exotic foods to cook at home.

"Food Check-Out Day has become an important day for communicating a critical message to the American consumer," said Kenneth Dierschke, president of Texas Farm Bureau. "Food is one of the most affordable components of our life-style. You

might even say food is downright cheap, except for the fact that there's real value in America's food supply."

Dierschke is a grain and cotton farmer from Wall, near San Angelo.

County Farm Bureaus across Texas will be partnering with the Ronald McDonald House and other local charities promoting special Food Check-Out Day events including: food drives school visits encouraging agriculture education, and news conferences in some cities.

Food Check-Out Day highlights the work ethic and efficiency of American farmers to provide quality, affordable agricultural products to the American marketplace. Americans spend a smaller percent of their income on food than any other country in the world. A 1998 study shows that it takes the average Japanese citizen 59 days to earn enough for a year's food while South Africans labor 99 days for the annual food supply.

"Food Check-Out Day is all about celebrating the bounty of the American food supply," Dierschke said.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We are trying to start a group here in Brownwood called Concerned Christians For America (CCFA). We are not political or denominational. We have a heartfelt desire to pray for our nation at this time because of all the controversial issues that have come to the forefront in the last 6 months.

CCFA had their first meeting at New Beginning's Church on Monday, February 16, which was Presidents Day. It was attended by about 21 people. We had a good time sharing God's Word, praying for the nation, and making plans for a God and Country March that we are now planning for April 24th to lift up God's Word over our nation. We are encouraging youth groups and children's churches as well as adults to get involved in making banners, signs, and flags that express slogans and scriptures that are near and dear to your hearts.

We have committed ourselves to speak only those things that lift up and edify our leaders and nation because God's Word says, "The power of life and death are in the tongue". There is so much negative rhetoric going on among the candidates right now and it is our prayer that the truth be revealed and every lie be exposed for what it is. The American people need to know the truth, so that they can exercise their God given freedom to vote intelligently. We love America and want God's best for her.

If you are interested in becoming a part of CCFA and what we are doing, come to our next meeting at New Beginning's Church at the corner of Belle Plain and Cordell (turn east on Belle Plain between Kroger and the Yamaha Shop). The meeting will be in the old part of the church with the entrance on Belle Plain. The date is Thursday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Also log on to our web site at www.brownwoodlive.com/ccfa to learn more about us or e-mail us at h.paulineandjim@gte.com or call Jim or Pauline Holloway at (325) 641-1301. The web site will link you into other important web sites to check out.

Thanks,
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Dear Editor:

I am a longtime resident of Cross Plains, but at the present time I am incarcerated in TDCJ. In here there is very little freedom. It is getting so bad that us inmates have almost lost the only freedom we have left. After doing some remembering and reminiscing, I came up with this poem about freedom that I would like to share with my friends, family and others around Cross Plains. Thank you very much for allowing me to share my thoughts with others.

"Freedom"

By Robert Lee

I see my rights slipping,
And my world disappearing.
I know the time is coming,
If it isn't already here.

As a child I said the pledge,
In honor of God and men.
Now it is no longer allowed,
Our freedoms ungrateful land.

At school we use to play daily,
Until all the schools changed
the name to moment of silences.
I believed, it would still be the same.

Praying at school graduations,
Was a tribute to God so dear.
It was more than a tradition,
Not that it matters here.

When soft porn can be displayed,
On the grounds of freedom of speech.
And is seen on TV everyday,
At this dismay of Christmas
who seek.

Not more or less but equal rights,
That had already been given.
But fear has deceived their sight.
They must see the life they're
live'in.

It may seem as much now,
But the times will come.
When legality will forbid the law,
To our Lord in Kingdom come.

We are called to stand together,
To stand steadfast and tall.
To continue to love each other,
Even those who may fall.

The Lord once said the
vengeance is mine,
And that I must believe.
But from now until the end of
time,
I will fight for my freedom of
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With Sincere Thankfulness,
Mark, Rachelle,
Aaron and Jesse Norris

CARD OF THANKS

A sincere thank you to everyone that called, came by, brought food, sent flowers, opened their arms to us and loved "T.E."

We were pleased to hear of the times Terry had helped or comforted someone who was in need. She truly had a heart of gold.

Special thanks to Bob and Dee Harrell who helped make the hard decisions easier.

Last, but not least, the assistance given by Mr. John Swift can never be repaid.

The Family of
Terry Brooks Norris

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We cannot tell you how much we appreciate the love and attention shown for Dusty and our family during our most trying time of our lives. We thank you for the food, the flowers, cards, money, phone calls and visits.

In a small town the kids are all ours; we watch them go to school, participate in athletics and they become one of your own.

We are so grateful for the words of Mr. C., Bay Kirkham, Cord Woerner and Bill Boyd. It made our hearts lighter and refreshed memories we will carry with us forever. Dusty's favorite things to talk about, were his days at Cross Plains School and the fun times at the rodeo arena, and his friends.

To all his friends who came to see us and served as pallbearers, honorary pallbearers, and to the Class of 1998; we are forever grateful.

L.D. Whitehead and Landon Hill, his singing buddies, what a beautiful musical tribute. We will always remember the two of you and Dusty sitting on our back porch "pickin' & grinnin'".

Thank you to the First Baptist Church for the wonderful lunch and to the ladies who served and prepared the meal for our families. Thank you Brother Ronnie White for offering your church for us. To Tim Dillard and his staff, the flowers were precious and beautiful.

To our wonderful friends and neighbors, Jean McWilliams, Connie Kirkham, and Mr. C. thank you for being at our house when we came home from the hospital. We will always remember your help and kindness.

To Mike Walker, Steve Wilson, Terry French, Jimmy McNutt, Eugene Ford, Roger and Frankie, we cannot thank you enough for preparing our family cemetery. Our hearts are lighter knowing his final resting place is near.

To the guys who were with us at the hospital we will never forget your love and compassion.

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* 93.85/A with 2,624 sq. ft. Brick home, Central H/A, fireplace, wood stove, glassed in sun porch, large trees, on pavement, guest house, 3 barns, creek, new fences, pond, some Coastal, good hunting, Western Eastland Co. \$280,000.
* 106/A, older 2 bd/ 1 bath farm home, pole hay barn, cross fenced. Approx 60/A. Coastal Bermuda, and 46/A brush, good hunting, water well, on pavement, Callahan Co. \$115,000.
* 113/A in Brown Co., 2/1 bath farm home, good condition, barn, pens, good fences, 3 ponds, water well, Large hill, 1/2 Coastal and 1/2 Native pasture. \$150,000
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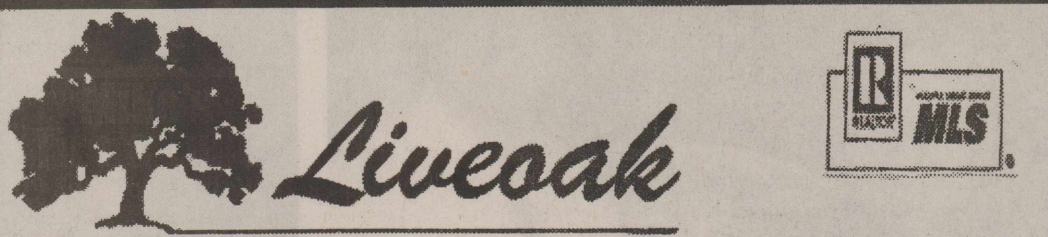
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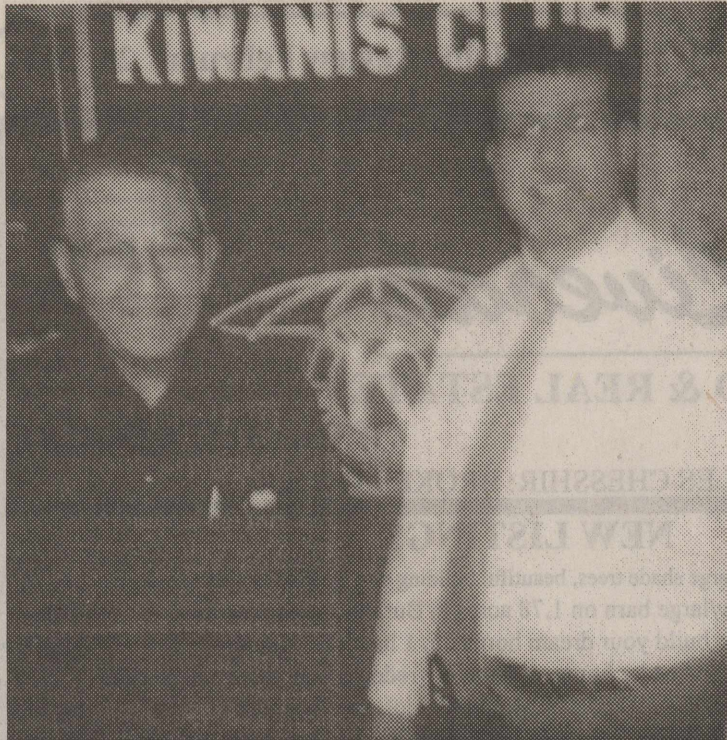
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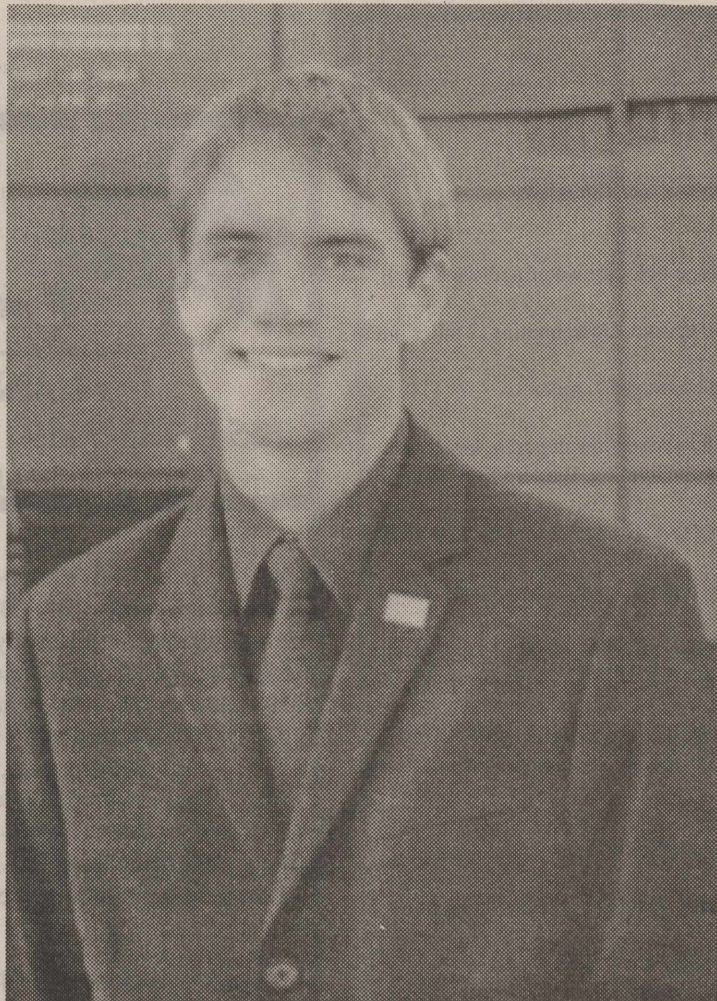
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KIWANIS GUEST SPEAKER—David Estes (right), President of Texas Heritage Bank, was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis meeting. Estes spoke about his introduction to Cross Plains and surrounding area. He was the guest of Ike Neal (left). The Cross Plains Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn. Everyone is welcome and new members are encouraged.



BRIAN ROBINSON
...2001 graduate of Clyde High School

Brian Robinson serving as President of University Ambassadors at Texas State

Brian Robinson, a junior organizational communication major, begins his second semester as President of University Ambassadors at Texas State University-San Marcos. Brian is a 2001 graduate of Clyde High School in Clyde, Texas. He is the son of Bob and Cookie Robinson both of Clyde.

The university ambassadors serve as the representatives of the university and as hosts to the university's guests. In the previous semester under his leadership the ambassadors have grown from only 15 to nearly 50 student leaders with origins from all parts of Texas. This prestigious student group is held in high praise by the

administration of the university. The goals of the organization are to establish a new standard of leadership among students, encourage personal growth, and represent the university with pride.

Brian considers it to be a pleasure leading a group of this magnitude at such a large university. In the summer, Brian will take the Student Coordinator position of New Student Orientation for Texas State, which he was selected for this past month. He anticipates graduating in 2005 with a B.A. in organizational communication and then plans to pursue an M.A. in corporate communication training and development. Texas State, formerly known as Southwest Texas State University, is the sixth largest public university in Texas with 26,300 students.



DR. DEVIN KOENIG AND CYNTHIA WHEAT

Wheat-Koenig to Wed March 6th in Eastland

Mr. and Mrs. R.G. "Buck" Wheat would like to announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Cynthia Suzanne, to Dr. Joe Devin Koenig on Saturday, March 6, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 215 South Mulberry Street, Eastland. A

reception will immediately follow at The Kamon Estate, 1304 Avenue L, Cisco. Dr. Koenig is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Oscar Koenig of Cross Plains. Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend the ceremony.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

"What we send into the lives of others somehow comes back into our own." I do not know who said that but it has proved true many times. I think you will like this story. Again the author is unknown.

His name was Fleming and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to eke out a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog.

He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved. "I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life." "No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied, waving off the offer.

At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

"Is that your son?" the nobleman asked.

"Yes" the farmer replied proudly.

"I'll make you a deal. Let me take him and give him a good education. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll grow to a man you can be proud of."

And that he did. In time, Farmer Fleming's son graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the nobleman's son was stricken with pneumonia. What saved him? Penicillin.

The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.

Someone once said what goes around, comes around. Jesus said it another way. "... give and it will be given to you. A good measure, shaken together and running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Luke 6:38

I thought that another person discovered penicillin, but I give you this as it is. BHW

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Tom Slagle to perform at Big State Jamboree Feb. 27

ABILENE Texas — Nashville-based singer/songwriter Leona Williams will headline the next Big State Jamboree musical review at the historic Paramount Theatre in downtown Abilene. Friday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Williams' songs have been recorded by Country music legends Willie Nelson, George Jones, Loretta Lynn, Moe Bandy, Tammy Wynette and Connie Smith. Her latest CD is entitled "Honorary Texan."

Williams' husband, songwriter and guitar player Dave Kirby, also will perform.

The monthly Big State Jamboree is a revival of a popular Abilene event that was held during the 1950's. The show blends performances by seasoned professionals with aspiring artists who have auditioned for the event. The result is a Grand Old Opry meets *American Idol* production that appeals to young and old audiences alike.

At the February show, the band of Clyde Head football coach Tom Slagle of Clyde, Texas, will perform music from his latest CD "Dream in a Song." Also to appear is Shane Keys, who has a new CD entitled "The Fiddle Perfect," as well as popular

Abilene singers Megan Cheek and Twyla Foreman. Megan is the front girl for the John Thomas Connelly show. The Christian singing Group Chord of 3 also will perform.

The Jamboree Band includes Shane Keys on fiddle, Clent Kniffen of Clyde on steel guitar, Dave Kirby on lead guitar; Jay Hayhurst of Clyde on bass guitar, and Kevin Taylor of the Red Stegall Band on drums.

Advance tickets to the show cost \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and teenagers 12 to 18, and are available at the Paramount Theatre. (325) 676-9620. Tickets at the door are \$8 while children 12 and younger get in free.

Tickets are available at Thrifty's Food Mart in Clyde, the Paramount Theatre, 99.7 KCBY, Dollar Western Wear, Smokin Joe's, and Jewels of Time.

Another musical event slated for Abilene that weekend is the Country Gold concert tour, which will feature Leroy Van Dike, Rex Allen, Jr., David Frizzell and Jimmy Fortune. Tickets for that Saturday, February 28 concert can be purchased at the Abilene Civic Center by calling (325) 676-6211.

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