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Hinge on the Cross



"Where Is Your Home?"

By Vanda Anderson Editor

The other day it occurred to me that my grandsons might be confused as to where their home was. They have been shuffled around over the past year and I'm sure they don't understand what is happening.

I asked them did they know where their home was? They looked at each other for a second and then replied in unison, "Stephanie's????" She is their baby-sitter.

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They must think they live with her and all the other little children and just visit us at night and on weekends. But if you think about it, they spend more hours per day at the baby-sitter. Thank the Lord they have a good one.

When I told Stephanie, she said her 3 year-old daughter Lexi thinks all the children live with them. She asks, "When will they be back home?"

I took Kyler to the baby-sitter, Lexi met us at the front door and asked, "You didn't bring Keegan?" He has been sick and went with his daddy for a few days. She was so disappointed, and I was surprised because he aggrevates her pretty good. He has even been guilty of biting her, p.m. but she got him back. This sounds like a typical female/ male relationship doesn't it.

When we drive up to the house every evening, the boys start saying, "There's Mimy's house." They call their grandmother's house "The Toy House" because she has so many toys on her front porch.

It makes you wonder where do we consider our "true" home. So many only live for the material things of this world and believe this to be their home. How many consider Heavenly Home as their real

Are you working hard to get ahead or working hard to get to Heaven?

REMEMBER **BOOKS Still Being Collected** at Review Office for U.S. Soldiers Serving in Iraq

Please remember to drop by spiritual, self-help or western Saturday. Events will begin at 2 wanting a copy, can pick one up books by the Cross Plains p.m. (weather permitting). The from either Dru Eppard or Tani Review for soldiers currently serving in Iraq.

already contributed to this worthy cause and their donations of books and funds for postage are appreciated. Ruby Cassle has picked up one large box of books for mailing. She was delighted with the response.

If you would like to correspond with the soldiers, call Ruby Cassle at (254) 725-7776 for further information.



A JOB WELL DONE BY SOLO & ENSEMBLE STUDENTS —On Saturday, February 5, 2005, these students from the Cross Plains High School Band participated in Solo & Ensemble at Angelo State University in San Angelo. These students competed very well and did a wonderful job. I am very proud of the work these kids have done. Participants were Benjamin Schaefer (front); Christine Shipman (back, from left), Renee Byars, Jacob Estes, Ashleigh Gallaway, Macayla Cook, Michaela Wallace, and Tiffany Holland. (Article and Photo provided by Band Director, Matt Sowell.)

February 11 first annual "2-1-1 Texas Day"

is a special day. It is the first Texas. Other members of the birthday of 2-1-1 in West West In case, just this morning when three-digit phone number, their health and quality of life

> 1-1 Texas Day celebrated in West Central Texas with an Open House at 400 Oak Street, 2nd floor, at the Taylor County Plaza from 2-4 There will be a special presentation at 2:11 p.m. Guests will see 2-1-1 agents in action and try their hand at matching needed services with available resources.

> 'We're dedicating the day to telling West Central Texas-area residents that 2-1-1 is the number to call when they don't know whom to call," said Ronnie Kidd, Advisory Council Co-Chair. "When you dial 2-1-1, a trained expert will listen to your needs and provide referrals to local community resources that can help with everything from finding food, housing, and childcare to crisis counseling, or substance abuse treatment."

> A call to 2-1-1 is free, answered seven days a week, 24 hours a day. When callers dial 2-1-1, they are connected to the area information center in their region. These trained experts have access to the most comprehensive database of community-based organizations, government agencies, and nonprofits that exists in Texas.

United Way of Abilene manages 2-1-1's West Central Texas area information center,

(Abilene) - February 11, 2005 one of 25 regional centers in Central Central Texas. 2-1-1, the free, collaborative effort are the City of Abilene, West Central Texas connects callers with services in Workforce Development Board their community and across the and Texas Health and Human state of Texas that can improve Services Commission. The West Central Texas 2-1-1 Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and

Throckmorton. The list of resources available through 2-1-1 is extensive. It can also make the job easier for service providers at nonprofits and community organizations; first response personnel like nurses, counselors and police; elected officials and community leaders. They can tell clients to call 2-1-1 to get the help they need. 2-1-1 can provide information on hundreds of

resources, including: Domestic violence programs Drug and alcohol treatment Elder care services

Emergency shelter, food and clothing

Family counseling services Housing assistance Legal help

Temporary financial and energy assistance

Disaster response and relief In 2004, the West Central Texas 2-1-1 call center handled 26,542 calls. The number is expected to be even higher this

For information and referrals, just dial 2-1-1 for more

Cross Plains Roping Club Playday to be this Saturday

first event will be Barrels, followed by Poles, Flags, Anyone interested in participating, please be there by 1:30 p.m. At our meeting Monday night, the club voted on, and revised our

Don't forget the Playday this By-Laws. Anyone needing or Pointer.

We also discussed the cookoff, individuals have Keyhole, and Scuda Race. and when it should be held. The date and other information on the cookoff will be posted here in upcoming news.

Submitted by, Tani Pointer

The Cross Plains Review Deadlines are as listed

Ads Noon on Tuesday-Articles Noon on Monday

State Bird and **State Flower Quilt Drawing** This FRIDAY

The drawing for the State Bird and State Flower Quilt will be Proceeds from the project will Development Corporation) to paint the outside walls. *

attend the official drawing.

DO NOT SEND OR GIVE

Cross Plains on Regional Council

Debbie Gosnell to represent

Cross Plains' official delegate on the Council for 2005. Alternate delegate for the city is Susan Schaefer.

The Texas Midwest Council convened in Abilene last week for its first meeting of the year. Representatives form cities throughout the region came together to network and hear about successful community projects around the region.

Texas Midwest Community Network provides marketing programs for tourism and economic development; networking opportunities for community leaders to find ways to enhance community development; and legislative awareness in monitoring issues that directly affect the communities in this region of the state. The organization was founded on the basis of communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot

Many of the member cities find themselves facing each other across a football field or over a basketball court during the course of a year. The region organization gives communities an opportunity to turn their rivalries into alliances to strengthen the economy and quality of life in the region.

TMCN was founded in 1994 and currently has a membership of 43 communities: Abi-Albany, lene, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, DeLeon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Jayton, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Paint Rock, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford. Sweetwater. Throckmorton, Tye and Win-

NOTICE to Area **Citizens Concerning** A Recent SCAM

of the Cross Plains Police SCAM. held at the American Legion Department that several local If you receive any type of Building on N.E. 1st Street at citizens have received an solicitations, either through the 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 10th. announcement stating that they mail or on the computer, do not are the recipient of a large lottery be donated to the American winning, and the company needs Legion Building and used as their bank account numbers funds for a matching grant and other pertinent financial (applied through the Economic information to complete the transaction.

The public is cordially invited to THESE PERSONS THIS

It has come to the attention INFORMATION. THIS IS A

respond. Throw away any type of

Submitted by **Cross Plains Police Department** Don Gosnell, Chief

February 16 is Texas Midwest Day in Austin

other citizens from the region in Shackelford, a full day of recognition and activities at the State Capitol!

This year marks TMCN's 6th biennial visit to Austin for the Legislative Session. The number of participants from the region has increased with each visit... and the more, the better! Texas Midwest Day is a way to demonstrate that rural citizens work together and have unique concerns and issues that need attention.

Make plans now to be in Austin on Wednesday, Feb 16th. To participate in the special day registration is \$15/person. (group rates for 20 or more registered through one community contact) Registration Deadline -Feb. 9th to receive TMCN Ambassador Badge and schedule in advance. Activities include recognition in the House and Senate, Photo Session with Legislators on the Capitol steps and "Texas Midwest Tailgate" reception for Legislators and State Officials. (Meals and travel arrangements not included) For more information call the TMCN office or check with your

local TMCN delegate. LEGISLATORS for the **TEXAS MIDWEST REGION** District 24-Senator Troy Fraser Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Hamilton, McCulloch, Mills, Tay-

Dist. 28-Senator Robert Duncan Coke, Concho, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Stonewall

YOU ARE INVITED! Join with Dist. 30-Senator Craig Estes Stephens, Throckmorton

Harvey Dist. 53-Rep. Hilderbran Callahan, Coleman, Concho, McCulloch, Runnels Dist. 59-Rep. Sid Miller Comanche, Erath, Hamilton, Mills Dist. 60-Rep. Jim Keffer Brown, Eastland, Shackelford, Stephens

Dist. 68-Rep. Rick Hardcastle (Haskell, Knox, Throckmorton) Dist. 71-Rep. Bob Hunter Nolan, Taylor

Dist. 72-Rep. Scott Campbell Coke, Mitchell, Scurry Dist. 85-Rep. Pete Laney Fisher, Jones, Kent, Stonewall

REGIONAL ISSUES

Several regional issues of concern for the upcoming Legislative Session were identified last April through discussion at five network luncheons held in the region. Approximately 150 local and county elected officials and representatives of local businesses and volunteer organizations attended luncheons in Clyde, Coleman, Hamilton, Haskell and Sweetwater.

Issues were listed and prioritized at each luncheon. The compiled list resulted in the following issues to be monitored during the 79th Session: Water, Unfunded Mandates, School Finance, Rural Economic Development Initiatives, Property Taxes, Rural Health Care, Energy Rates and Litigation Caps. Position statements will be submitted by TMCN to appropriate Committees and Legislators as needed during the Session.

these requests and delete any type of computer solicitations that you

Barbarian Festival Committee to meet Tuesday, Feb. 15th

The Cross Plains Barbarian Festival Committee will meet Tuesday, February 15, 2005 at 6:30 PM at Jean's Feed Barn.

Plans are underway for the 2005 Festival which is June 11th. There is a place for you if you want to get involved or volunteer the day of the festival.

For more information call Susan McNeel (254-725-6498) or Cindy Payne (254-725-6692).



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Hearts Remembered

Held in conjunction with them displayed. For additional Valentine's Remembered is designed to allow family and friends to publicly honor a special person in their life. For a \$10 or more, the name of the honoree will be writof First Coleman National Bank in Coleman. You may visit the location in Abilene or Coleman or send \$10 per name to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605, and specify the location you want

Day, Hearts information call (325) 793-5450.

Sponsors for Remembered are Star Family of Dealerships, Elliott Hamil Funeral Home and Cemetery, Texas Cancer Center, National Central ten on a red heart held by an angel Pharmacy, Elmwood Memorial and displayed on huge clouds at Park and Funeral Home, the Mall of Abilene. There will Community Memorial Funeral also be display in the bank lobby Home, and First National Bank Abilene. Coleman sponsors are Steven Funeral Home and The Petal Patch.

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

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Pastor: Donald Duke

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Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. 5 miles north of Rising Star - 1/2 mile east of Hwy 183 on CR 292

(254) 643-1027

Jerry Eckhart, Pastor

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Sunday School		9:45 A.M
Morning Worship		11:00 A.M
Evening Service		.6:00P.M
Wednesday Bil	ole Study & Prayer Time	7:00
	Gowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599	
	Church (254)725-6266	
Friendly Church	. Bible	Teaching

ROWDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 36 at Rowden - 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....11:00 A.M.

Pastor: Carl Mauldin Come Worship With Us!

NIMROD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	
Sunday Evening Worship	

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

Martha Elsie Nordyke

Martha Elsie Nordyke, age 91, of Duncan, OK, passed away January 29, 2005, at a nursing home in Duncan, OK. Funeral services were held 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 3, 2005 at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Ronnie White officiating. Burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery.

She born June 28, 1913 in Taylor County, Texas to Charley W. Proctor and Margaret (Woody) Proctor. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She is survived by a sister, Mickie Dillard of Cross Plains; as well as several nieces and nephews and cousins.

Lucille Stillwell

Lucille Stillwell, 87, of Ft. Worth, Texas died February 4, 2005 in the Watson Nursing

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 7, 2005 at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Earl Griffin officiating and Richard Massey assisting. Burial will be in the Blake Cemetery in Brown County, Texas with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Rising Star in charge.

She was born on May 8, 1917 in Anson, Texas to G.C. and Maggie (Garland) Steel. She married Cleddie W. Stillwell on June 20, 1940 in Ft. Worth, Texas. She went to school in Burnt Branch and graduated from Cross Plains High School. She was a homemaker and member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Marjorie West; and her husband, C.W. Stillwell.

She is survived by one son, Weldon Stillwell of Ft. Worth; one nephew, Oliver West of Rising Star; two nieces, Wanda Brown of Carrolton and Juanita Hollis of Clyde; and several cousins.

Glen Schulle

COLEMAN - Graveside rvices for Glen Schulle, 81, of Coleman, were held at 4 p.m. Sunday, February 6, 2005 at Santa Anna Cemetery with the Rev. Dick Schultz officiating. Services were under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Mr. Schulle died Friday, February 4, 2005, at Coleman County Medical Center.

He was born October 28, 1923, in Coleman County, a son of Phillip and Una Atkins Schulle. On October 3, 1942, he was married to Nadell Croft in Coleman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, two sisters.

Survivors include his wife. Nadell Schulle of Coleman; two daughters and sons-in-law, Glenda Sue and Henry Brooker of Coleman and Linda Darlene and Don Likes of Coleman; two brothers and sisters-in-law, J. P. and Mary Schulle of Cross Plains and Jimmy and Charlene Schulle of Bangs; three sisters, Edith Kuwaski of Hobbs, N.M., Freda and husband J.D. Howard of Lampasas, and Evelyn Studdard of Lampasas; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Let us HELP you **SURF** the WEB Call Vanda or Amber (254)725-6111



Steve Nathan Foster, Jr. Steve Nathan Foster, Jr., age 87, of Atwell Community, north of Cross Plains passed away Saturday, February 5, 2005, to theft by check granted, at Rising Star Nursing Center. insufficient evidence. Funeral services were held 1:30 p.m., Monday, February 7, 2005 at First Baptist Church with Burlie Taylor officiating, assisted by Ronnie White; burial was in

the Atwell Cemetery. He was born February 24, 1917 in Atwell, Texas to Steve Nathan dismiss to theft by check Foster Sr. and Ada F. (Maddox) granted, case improperly filed. Foster. He graduated from Draughn's Business College in Abilene and worked for Radford Wholesale Grocery in Cisco as a bookkeeper. He was a longtime farmer and rancher in the Atwell Community. He was a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge #626 and a member of the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

the fall of 1939 and they married May 24, 1940 in Sabanno, at the home of Edwin and Maumee

Mr. Foster was preceded in death by his parents, Steve and Ada Foster; and three brothers, Travis, Truett, and Ray Foster.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Foster of Cross Plains; three sons and daughters-in-law, James and Paulette Foster of Cross Plains, Steve and Anita Foster of Abilene, and Randy and Judy Foster of Cross Plains; two sisters, Vera Pillans of Abilene and Mary Barclay of great-grandchildren.

Kyle Foster, Blake Foster, David Foster, Stacy Johnson, and Neil

Christian Men's Fellowship **Breakfast this SATURDAY!!!!**

Our Fellowship breakfast will be meeting again at the Believers Fellowship Church, approximately 1 mile east of Cross Plains on Highway 36, this morning at 8 a.m.

The Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast is for all men of our community to have a chance to get together and fellowship, get to know each other better, share concerns and PRAY for our personal and community needs to-

The Fellowship Breakfast is every Saturday morning at 8 a.m., so make plans to attend every chance you get. For more information, please call H.D. Hopkins (254) 725-6355 or Matt McGowen (254) 725-7599.

Matthew 6:14— For if ye forgive men their trespasses your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Submitted by

West Tex Connect FEBRUARY SPECIAL! FREE SET-UP FOR BROADBAND INTERNET

Wes Tex Connect has been providing Broad Band Internet in Clyde for 3 years. 500 Chestnut, Abilene 325-673-1930

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Anthony J. Carlson, driving while intoxicated (DWI). Melissa A. Vasquez, driving while license invalid (DWLI). Calvin W. Curry, DWLI. Gregory L. Armstrong, theft by check.

Carol Prince, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

James Brown, order extending probation granted. Lois Johnson, order extending probation granted. Dan Polk, motion to dismiss

Jullie A. Anchondo, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50 fine, \$195 court costs, \$76.41 restitution.

JoAnn Camarillo, plea of guilty to theft by check, 3 days in jail, \$293 court costs.

Patrick A. Walsh, motion to

Texas Beef Council Web site Launched

Texas beef producers, agricultural media and anyone interested in the Texas beef checkoff program can keep up with the Texas Beef Council's marketing and educational efforts through Nathan met Louise Erwin in its new producer oriented web site, www.texasbeef.org.

"This new web site joins TBC's consumer-oriented recipe web site, txbeef.org, as 24-hour, seven days-a-week vehicles to get beef information to Texans," said Dick Sherron, M.D., a Beaumont, Texas, cattle raiser and chairman of TBC's communications committee. "We hope Texas cattle producers become regular visitors to this new site so that they stay informed of how their checkoff dollars are invested.'

The new texasbeef.org site carries the latest information on the Texas beef checkoff program including press releases Early; six grandchildren and nine and upcoming events. Visitors can also sign up on the web site Pallbearers were Tim Foster, to receive an email version of producer newsletter, Cattle Talk

Beef producers also can access texasbeef.org to get information on paying their beef checkoff dollars. And collection sites, such as auction markets, feed yards, packers and dealers/order buyers, can register to report their beef checkoff assessments to TBC via the new

James Glenn Lee, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, case improperly filed.

Marriage Licenses

James Derrick Dunn and Crystal Lynn Montoya, both of

David Lee Starbuck of Baird and Cynthia Pitts Monsey of Clyde.

Jose Ernesto Rangel and Violeta Vasquez, both of Cross

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Minutes

Kenneth Ray Bodine and Sandra Dell Bodine, divorce granted.

Last week's Courthouse News should have listed Tommy L. Phillips, Sr. as receiving a DWI.

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N. Main (Hwy. 206) Cross Plains, Texas Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. Rev. C. Michael Redd, Pastor

"The Color Purple"

Sunday's Sermon



The Cottonwood Quilting Club has changed the date of its Annual Rehab Dinner from August to March 18, 2005. That is a Friday night, so mark your calendar, now. So you won't forget that important date.

The date was changed from August because it was too hot and consolidated with Cross Plains in the quilting club likes the cooler weather in March.

Local Author Gets Call To Who?

Dr. Lou Rodenberger What?

Guest Speaker, Meeting of Ft. Worth Westerner Corral Where? Fort Worth Westerner's

Corral meeting, Ole South

Pancake House, Ft. Worth When?

Why? She puts a new, sharper edge on West Texas history

The Brick

Read this line very slowly and

If God brings you to it, He will

A young and successful ex-

ecutive was traveling down a

neighborhood street, going a bit

too fast in his new Jaguar. He

was watching for kids darting

and slowed down when he

thought he saw something. As

his car passed, no children ap-

peared. Instead, a brick smashed

into the Jag's side door! He

slammed on the brakes and

backed the Jag back to the spot

where the brick had been thrown.

Why did you do it?"

new car and that brick you threw attention!"

to do," He pleaded. "I threw the not.

brick because no one else would

his face and off his chin, the

youth pointed to a spot just

around a parked car. "It's my

chair and I can't lift him up."

hurt and he's too heavy for me."

let it sink in.

bring you through it.

know if she ever went to school Texans. "West Texas" is almost girl. Her parents taught school back in the 1930's. Last Chance group of writers.' 1939 or '40.

Make A Speech In Fort Worth to college in Denton, Texas, State Historical Association,

She co-edited, with Sylvia Ann which is now on-line. Grider, "West Texas Women . . . her own stories.

As one biographer wrote, Dr. Lou Rodenberger is a noted "Using books, articles and appearance before the Westerners Historian, Author and Educator personal appearances she is a Corral members.

Moved beyond words, the

driver tried to swallow the rap-

idly swelling lump in his throat.

He hurriedly lifted the handi-

capped boy back into the wheel-

chair, then took out a linen hand-

kerchief and dabbed at the fresh

A quick look told him every-

"Thank you and may God bless

Too shook up for words, the

man simply watched the boy

push his wheelchair-bound

brother down the sidewalk to-

It was a long, slow walk back

to the Jaguar. The damage was

speaks to our hearts. Some-

God sends you flowers every

every morning. Face it, friend -

Send this to every "beautiful

laughter without sorrow, sun

thing was going to be okay ...

scrapes and cuts.

ward their home.

Barb's Cues

ByBarbaraHolmesWorcester

out from between parked cars you," the grateful child told the

The angry driver then jumped very noticeable, but the driver

out of the car, grabbed the near- never bothered to repair the

est kid and pushed him up dented side door. He kept the

against a parked car shouting, dent there to remind him of this

"What was that all about and message "Don't go through life

who are you? Just what the so fast that someone has to

heck are you doing? That's a throw a brick at you to get your

is going to cost a lot of money. God whispers in our souls and

The young boy was apologetic times when we don't have time

"Please, mister.. please, I'm to listen, He has to throw a brick

sorry but I didn't know what else at us. It's our choice to listen or

stop..." With tears dripping down spring. He sends you a sunrise

brother," he said. "He rolled off person" you wish to bless. God

the curb and fell out of his wheel- didn't promise days without pain,

Now sobbing, the boy asked without rain, but He did promise

the stunned executive, "Would strength for the day, comfort for

you please help me get him the tears, and light for the way

back into his wheelchair? He's GOD BLESS US ALL

He loves you!

and friend. She grew up in one-woman spokesman for the Cottonwood. Actually, I don't literary success of fellow West in Cottonwood, but I think maybe a nationality of its own. As a she did. Lou was a Last Chance melting pot of varied cultures, the region known as West Texas with there, and her father was a teacher its harsh, yet loving environment and coach at Cottonwood during and special independent attitude its hey-day as a Basketball team has produced an outstanding

Lou Rodenberger is now professor emeritus at McMurry After graduation from Cross and is a fellow in the Texas Plains High School Lou went Institute of Letters, The Texas then to Texas A&M where and is past president of she met her husband, Charles. The West Texas Historical She later became a professor Association, and past president of at McMurry University in the Texas Folklore Society. Her Abilene, and then became a lady credit line appears many times in the "New Handbook of Texas,"

She and husband Charles A Tradition of Their Own." This do not live in Baird. That is book covers over 160 years of just the mail route they live Tonight, Feb. 8, 2005, 6:00 p.m. creative efforts by West Texas on. They, actually live just Women, and includes 29 well north of Cottonwood in the old known writers, including one of Cedar Bluff (Last Chance) school district.

This will be Lou's second

Fall 2004 Graduates at **Tarleton State** Announced

STEPHENVILLE, TX.— There were 467 baccalaureate degrees and 131 Masters degrees awarded during winter commencement exercises Tarleton State University in Stephenville and Tarleton Central Texas in Killeen.

Locally known graduates from Tarleton State University in Stephenville were Amanda Gail Hagler with a BSN-Nursing, the daughter of Donnie and Barbara Dillard of Cross Plains; and Mary Josephine Nickerson with a BS-Biology, the daughter of Willie B. Jr. and Annette Nickerson of Cross Plains. Both students are graduates of Cross Plains High

Spring Craft Show Set for March 19th at Lake **Brownwood**

A Spring Craft Show will be held Saturday, March 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the First National Bank parking lot, 7151 Highway 279, Lake Brownwood. The craft show will be sponsored by the Lake Community Brownwood

Development Council. For more information please call (325) 784-7009, (325) 998-1532 or (325) 784-7080.

OTES Check It Out!

Behind the Books

I just discovered that we got something else from the French besides "fine wines and French fries". Valentines. Yep, the very first one was written about 400 years ago by a French nobleman who was imprisoned in a tower in England. He missed his wife very much and wrote her many love notes. Part of one such note reads....."Wilt thou be mine, love? Ay or no?"

As to why these notes became known as Valentines----you'll have to find the book in the library to see the answer. And when you find the right book, you'll find a note from me.

CU-BW

Statistics January 31 - February 4

Circulation:		
Books	60	
Internet Users	10	
Total	70	
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Joan McCowen		
Scarlett Koettel		
Library Activity Repo	ort	
Patron:	46	
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P.M. **Programs:** Copies: 27 Reference:

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"Love Fund" Open for Livia

A Love Fund has recently been established at Texas Heritage Bank for Livia Sky Busby, daughter of Tiffany Guise and Shawn Busby, and granddaughter of Fred and Donna Smoot (managers of 36 West Motel), all of Cross Plains. Fourteen month-old Livia has been diagnosed with XLH Rickets, Sagittal Synostosis. secondary to XLH Rickets. She will be undergoing surgery consisting of plagiocephaly

The family would appreciate your contributions to assist them during this difficult time. Prayers on behalf of Livia and her family are requested.

Ex-Student Addresses Requested

of the head and face.

The Pioneer Ex-Students need current 911 addresses so they can update the address files.

Please send to: Pioneer Ex-Students Association c/o Frances Grider Taylor 908 Ave. A Cross Plains, TX 76443

You may also call at 254-725-6739.

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Quips, Clips & Comments

By Kay Mosley

been busy this winter. She hasn't had much time to be mischievous, but, you can bet your bottom dollar that she is primed and ready to go now.

"My Tell-Tale Story"

You have probably read several of my columns in which I reported both humorous and hilarious things children have said. Here is a story about something I said as a small child that moved a few rocks around, if not a mountain, and what I said almost got me in dutch.

I was raised in a Christian home and my parents were members of First Baptist Church of Cross Plains. At Sunday School one morning, the teacher was saying that everyone should come to church. Not just the children. She said people used all kinds of ex-Almanac said the moon was parsnips to harvest dill. Some paws said they couldn't come 'cause they had to train their hunting dogs or plow the west 40, and all such as that. About that time, that little light bulb went off in my head.

I raised my hand and the teacher called on me. I had just remembered a comment I heard my mother make to one of my aunts. "Teacher," I said, "I know

******************* Note: Apple Orchard Annie has why my mother is not coming, because the last time she came she said the preacher's wife wouldn't even speak to her."

Well, talk about a big ruckus. The preacher's little daughter, Emily Jo, was in my class and she evidently rushed home immediately after the morning service and told what I had said. Therefore two days had passed, and Mama had a personal apology from the preacher's wife and a personal invitation by the pastor to attend worship services.

And, Mama had a few words for me, too. She said, "You do not repeat what you hear one person say to another. Only if it is said directly to you. You shouldn't have told others what you heard me tell your aunt." I never forgot her words.

My mother was Iris Dennis. She always loved Cross Plains and referred to it as God's Country. cuses, such as, it might rain the Mother passes away in October cistern wouldn't be uncovered, or of 2000. She was 88 years old. they needed to go fishing, or the She and Daddy (J.E. Dennis) time didn't feel right, or the are buried in the Cross Plains Cemetery. My dad passed away right to plant taters or turnips or in March of 1978 at the age of 67. He had been in failing health for

I'm sure I must have shocked them many other times over the years with things I would say. I just don't happen to know what they were. My sister Ann could probably shed some light on some of it. Suraly, she must have some sort of tell-tale story on me. Oh, An-n-nn, someone has some questions for you!!!

RISING STAR NURSING NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT

We will be having our Valentine Virginia Payne, to our facility. Party, Monday the 14th at 2:00 p.m. Lewis Fortune and his band extended to the Foster family. members will be providing the May the love of friends bring you entertainment. Cookies and comfort and may God's love give punch will be served. The King you peace. We love you, Louise. and Queen will be announced and crowned. Family and friends are welcome to come.

Several residents showed their cooking talents this week. We made and decorated heart shaped cookies, that looked very pretty. We welcome our new resident,

Our sincere sympathy is

Hearts are winging on their way, From Sweetheart City U.S.A. **Bringing Love** right to your door, From Cupid's Bow in '05 Happy Valentine's Day!

SENIOR CITIZENS MIDNU

FEBRUARY 14 - 18

MONDAY - Beef Vegy Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Soup, Pimento Cookie, Crackers, Milk TUESDAY Cacciatore, Buttered Pasta, Cookie, Bread, Milk

Bread, Milk

WEDNESDAY - Meatloaf, Lemon Pudding, Crackers, Milk

Cheese Cheesecake, Bread, Milk, Sandwich, Pears, Oatmeal THURSDAY - Chicken & Dumplings, English Peas, - Chicken Buttered Carrots, Chocolate Spinach, Cherry Gelatin, FRIDAY - Chef Salad, Ham, Cheese, Egg, Baked Potato,

> 2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

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BREAKTHRU

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



From the Internet

My sermon this past Sunday morning was from Hebrews 6:1-6, wherein the writer talked about ones who "crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame." I pointed out that Jesus' first crucifixion had a noble reason. It was God's means of redeeming a lost world. But a "re-crucifixion" of Christ due to ones forgetting the privileges of being a Christian, hence turning his/her back on Christ and His Christianity, breaks God's heart! — and brings no good results (unless it becomes a warning for another).

Jesus went to the cross to "take care of business" — His Father's business! Whether our name is Judas, Pilate, Pharisee, Peter, Paul, Bob or whatever — we "have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory" (Roman 3:23), and "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Somebody had to die for them — die for us — so Jesus did. It is so sad when one who has taken advantage of His crucifixion "re-crucifies Him" by falling away.

The real thrust of the sermon was for us to stay appreciative of the privileges we have as Christians so that we would never be the cause of such a senseless thing. We encourage you to share in periods of Bible study and worship. We really do care about you, too.

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



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C.P. Student Review

Lady Buffs Win Two **More District Games**

Buff basketball team held off closed the door on them. Ranger and Gorman this week to put them in position to Gorman 53 to 29 also shaking make the playoffs. However, off a sluggish first half. We they have to defeat Albany for struggled to make our shots in that to happen.

The girls shook off a poor that area after halftime. first half to defeat Ranger 56 to 32 behind 12 three pointers. our district and it's a fight for Nicole Clark had 8 of those second between our Lady Buffs to help give the Lady Buffs and Albany. Congratulations to the victory. We struggled de- our girls for putting us in a fensively in the first half but position to make the playoffs. the girls got things figured

The Cross Plains Lady out after the half and really

The girls then defeated the first half but improved in

At this point, Eula has won

Submitted by, Coach Gill

Ten Star All Star Basketball **Camp Now Taking Applications**

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FEBRUARY 2005 PTO CALENDER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH: End Of 4th Six Weeks **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH:**

Valentine Parties THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH: FBC Children's Choir To Sing @ 3:15 **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND:** TAKS Writing, 4th Grade **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD:** TAAKS Reading, 3rd & 5th Grade

RONNIE FOX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR **BAIRD ISD**



We know of no one in recent years who has been more devoted or given more unselfishly of their time and energy to the Baird Schools than Mr. Ronnie Fox.

He worked closely with the Baird Athletics Department and all the **Baird Coaches to ensure** that all aspects of Baird

Schools were covered in the Baird Banner. Mr. Fox announced the 7th and 8th grade football home games, kept stats on all football games, and visited the school every Monday and Tuesday,

talking with the coaches and collecting information about the school.

Athletics "Football" was his first love, but "Baird Student of the week" in the elementary school was his idea and he was just as concerned that the school lunch menu be printed.

He also took time to visit should a student want to

Mr. Fox was a truly remarkable individual and in his

honor, the **Ronnie Fox Memorial Scholarship**

Fund for Baird ISD has been established at the First National Bank of Baird,

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Cisco Junior **College Notes** President's List for Area

Area Cisco Junior College students who on the recently released President's List for the fall semester of 2004 include:

Clyde Jessica Smith Elizabeth Tarrant Leslie Tyree **Cross Plains** Remington O'dell **Rising Star** Jarrad Hoggett Maria Reyes.

Students making the President's List have made a straight "A" record on a 4.0 system.

Housing/Food Make up Cost of Attending College

Room and board is not a discrebudget. Students must eat and have somewhere to live- and four-fifths of college students do not live with family and must pay rent. However, they do have some discretion in their choices, which will affect how much they must pay for food and housing. The stereotype of the student who drives an SUV coexists with that of a student who lives with six roommates and subsists on instant noodles.

Based on areas where their students tend to live, Texas universities estimate the cost of food and housing to be \$5,759 for the 2003-2004 academic year, or \$640 per month. The USDA estimates that an adult can eat with \$196 per month if all meals are prepared at home, leaving \$420 per month for rent and utilities. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development says the average nine-month cost of rent and utilities for a one-bedroom unit in areas where Texas universities month. Sharing housing lowers that amount, while students living alone and single parents will pay more.

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SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 14 - 18 BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Sausage-N-Blanket, Assorted Juice TUESDAY - Pancakes, Sausage, Assorted Juice WEDNESDAY - Muffin,

Yogurt, Assorted Juice THURSDAY - Cereal, Graham Crackers, Assorted Juice FRIDAY - Cheese Toast, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY- Chicken Nuggets w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Cookie TUESDAY - Pizza, Raw Vegies, Corn, Rosy-Applesauce WEDNESDAY-Beef-Vegy Soup, Raw Vegies, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Peaches THURSDAY-Beef Fajita, Salad, Refried Beans, Pudding FRIDAY-Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Pretzels w/Peanut Butter

Free Immunization Clinic in Abilene Feb. 17th

On Thursday, February 17, parents in the Abilene-area will have a valuable opportunity to safeguard their children against vaccine-preventable diseases and give them a sound basis for a lifetime of good health. That's because an immunization collaboration is again bringing the Caring for Children Foundation's "Care Van" mobile immunization clinic to Abilene to offer free childhood immunizations to area children, ages newborn to 18 years. For these children who received their 1st and 2nd Hep B from the Care Van in 2004, it is now time for their final Hep B shot.

The brightly painted, kidfriendly Care Van will be located at Geoffrey's Toys 'R Us, 3850 Ridgemont Drive, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All children in Taylor, Jones, Haskell, Callahan and the surrounding counties are eligible. Parents should bring their children's immunization records to the clinic. In addition to the Immunization Clinic, a Health Fair with several organizations who provide services to families will be a Geoffrey too. Special costumed guests will be making appearances through out the evening to entertain and educate children and their parents.

The immunization clinic and health fair is being offered through a collaboration of the Taylor-Jones-Haskell County Medical Society; Taylor-Jones-Haskell County Medical Society Alliance; Anson Jones Memorial Medical Foundation; Abilene Intercollegiate School of Nursing; United Way of Abilene; 2-1-1 Texas A Call for Help; Coca-Cola; the Caring for Children Foundation of Texas, Inc; and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, Inc.

Vaccines are among the greatest public health achievement of the 20th Century. As the years go by, fewer and fewer among us remember the fears that once surrounded the deadly, paralytic disease of polio since the introduction of half-century ago of a vaccine that turned back the tide of the polio epidemic. People tend to believe that such diseases have been eradicated, when in fact, they merely have been controlled through safe, effective vaccines. It's important to reare located is \$4,414 or \$490 per member that controlling vac-

cine-preventable diseases through timely immunizations remains Priority One for ensuring the public health.

Even in 2005, unvaccinated children are highly susceptible to numerous common childhood diseases, such as diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis A, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, pneumococcal disease, chicken pox, influenza, bacteria meningitis and polio. Because the greater Abilene are saw 29 cases of chicken pox, seven cases of hepatitis B and seven cases of pertussis (whooping cough) in 2002, it's critical that parents bring their children to the free immunization clinic on February 17.

According to the Texas Department of Health (TDH), one in four Texas children is at risk of contracting a vaccine-preventable disease. The key to resolving this statewide crisis is to provide broad access to routine, affordable immunizations. The Care Van Program has been an important part of the solution to improving immunization access and the overall health of communities.

Immunizations protect children, families, schools and communities. Children who are not appropriately immunized not only are in danger themselves, but they also increase the likelihood that others will get diseases. That's why it is so important for every chid to be vaccinated on time, every time. Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, Texas Commissioner of Health, says children should receive 80 percent of their childhood vaccinations buy the time they are two year old. Parents must take responsibil-

ity for ensuring that their children are up-to-date on vaccinations. They can do this by talking with their doctors, contacting their local health department or calling the TDH Immunization Division at 1-800-252-9152 for information on childhood immunizations.

One of the most important things patents can do for their children is to ensure that they have timely, age-appropriate immunizations. Gaining access to those immunizations can sometimes be a problem for parents in the Abilene area, but that won't be the case on Thursday, February 17. We encourage as many parents as possible to take advantage of this important opportunity to give their children a healthy start in life: Bring your children and their immunization records to the Care Van at Geoffrey's Toys 'R Us from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 in p.m. It's a gift of love that will last them a lifetime.

Submitted by Mary Cooksey. Director 2-1-1 Texas A Call for Help Community Resource

Hunter Education Course in Abilene Slated for Feb. 22

Every hunter born on or after September 2, 1971, must suc- or cessfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course. Minimum age to receive your certification is 12 and cost is \$10. Hunter education teaches hunting safety, skills and responsibility and is the first step in a lifelong commitment to conser-, * vation and sportsmanship. Your responsible efforts will safeguard hunting opportunities and adventures in the great outdoors. The traditional Hunter Education course is a minimum of 10 hours over two days. On Tuesday, February 22 beginning at 5:00 p.m. a course is scheduled in Abilene at the Taylor County Extension Office.

Please call the Extension office at 672-6048 for more information and to register.

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County and District

Owens, Callahan County District Clerk, and Jeanie Bohannon, Callahan County Clerk, joined county and district clerks from all over the State of Texas for the 33rd Annual County and District Clerks' Continuing Education Seminar at the Hilton College Station and Conference Center on January 10 - 13, 2005.

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

The theme of this year's semi-

COLLEGE STATION - Sharon nar was: "Strength in Unity - Out of Many, We are One." Included in the program were workshops on the rules and regulation of mental health cases, unusual filings for county and district clerks, managing juvenile cases and an update on the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

"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 16 hours of credit.

Attorney General Abbott files brief urging Supreme Court to uphold **Ten Commandments Monument**

In a brief filed today with the U.S. Supreme Court, texas Attorney General Greg Abbott urged the Court to uphold the placement of a Ten Commandments monument on the Texas Capitol grounds. Attorney General Abbott, who will personally argue Van Orden v. Perry for the State of Texas on March 2, rejected the plaintiff's argument that the monument is an unconstitutional establishment

"The First Amendment was never intended to remove all religious expression from the public square," Attorney General Abbott said. "There is no doubt the Ten Commandments are a sacred religious text, but neither can we deny their significant impact on the history, culture and laws of Texas and the rest of the country. This monument is an excellent example of how to display the Ten Commandments within the parameters of the First Amendment and I hope the Court will use Texas as a model for the

In the brief, Attorney General Abbott argues the Ten Commandments monument is not an endorsement of religion, as the plaintiff contends. The Legislature accepted the six-foot. granite monument in 1961 from the Fraternal Order of Eagles to commend their work with youth. It was also placed on the Capitol grounds to acknowledge the Ten Commandments' historical impact on American and Texan law and

The monument is one of 17 memorials that adorn the grounds of the Texas Capitol and celebrate various people. events, and ideals important to

the culture and diversity of Texas. The monument sits halfway between the Capitol and the State Supreme Court building, signifying the secular impact of the Ten Commandments on the state's legal insti-

After sitting unchallenged for more than 40 years, Thomas Van Orden sued the State of Texas in 2002 claiming the monument was an unconstitutional establishment of religion. The federal district court rejected his argument, ruling the state's reasons for placing the monument were constitutionally secular. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit upheld the monument in 2003, and Van Orden appealed that decision to the Supreme Court.

Federal appeals courts are deeply divided on whether Ten Commandments displays violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. Attorney General Abbott said he hopes the Supreme Court will use the Texas case and a related one from Kentucky-McCreary County v. ACLU, which will be argued the same day-to clear up confusion on the issue.

Abbott continued, "The Supreme Court already recognizes the importance of the Ten Commandments in our nation's history and their impact on our laws. Carvings of Moses and the Ten Commandments appear throughout the Supreme Court building, including the very chambers where we will be arguing this case. Like these sculptures, the Texas monument is constitutional, and I hope the Supreme Court will make that clear when

it rules on this case.'

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access, scholarships and

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education and a co-payment utility plan. WHO QUALIFIES?

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Households with the highest energy cost and lowest income. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR CEAP, CSBG OR OTHER PROGRAMS AVAILABLE IN YOUR COUNTY, THE LOCAL OUTREACH CENTER HAS COMMUNITY MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS: BRADY - 601 W. 10TH

Street - Monday @ 2:00

BROWNWOOD - 1500 Dublin - Tuesday @ 2:00

CLYDE - 511 S. 1st Street - Tuesday @ 2:00 p.m. COMANCHE - 1005 S Austin - Monday @ 2:00

COLEMAN - 720 W. 10th - Tuesday @ 2:00 p.m. EASTLAND - 300 N Lamar - Thursday @ 2:00

WINTERS - 601 W. Pierce - Thursday @ 2:00 p.m. Submitted by: Hanna Adams Community Services Coordinator

Sign-up for EQIP funding ends March 18

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas announced that farmers and ranchers wishing to be considered for 2005 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) should make sure they sign up by the close of business Friday, March 18, 2005.

EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill to provide a gram for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and/or management practices on eligible agricultural land.

In 2005 Texas will receive approximately \$64 million in EQIP financial assistance funds and approximately \$5.5 million in Ground and Surface Water EQIP funds.

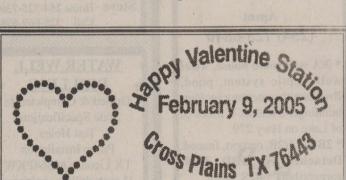
The funds will help improve the natural resources on private working lands in Texas, said Dr. Larry Butler, Texas NRCS State Conservationist. They will be used to solve locally identified resource problems in each county and will also fund special statewide concerns recommended by the Texas State Technical Committee such as water quality, water and air quality, wildlife habitat, and treatment of invasive species. This program offers cost share and incentives payments to producers applying approved

conservation measures.

Butler explained, using national and state EQIP priorities, counties working through a Local Work Group chaired by the local Soil and Water Conservation District recommended local resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, and cost-share rates and/or incentive payments. This group also recommended cost-share rates for beginn farmers. In 2005, producers who meet the criteria as a Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher can receive 90 percent cost share for eligible practices. The group also recommended an application ranking process to prioritize applications for funding. We have reviewed and concurred in all of their recommendations.

Beginning immediately after March 18, 2005, all applications will be ranked and those selected for funding will be approved. A conservation planner will develop a contract and conservation plan for each contract that is approved. Producers who have been awarded contracts can then begin implementing the approved conservation practices this year. Local NRCS field offices have complete details for their

Additional information and access to ranking criteria, practices, and cost share rates for EQIP can be found at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/pro-



POST OFFICE PICTORIAL CANCELLATION **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Cross Plains U.S. Post Office will again be offering a special cancellation for Valentine's Day. Bring your valentines for your valentine and we will "sweeten" them for you. Save the date!

February 9, 2005



KIWANIS CLUB TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2005—Mary Barton was the guest speaker at this week's Kiwanis meeting. She gave a very informative talk on The American Diabetes Association. She is a community representative for this area. Mrs. Barton was introduced by Dale Bishop. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend the Kiwanis meeting at Noon every Tuesday at Jean's Feed Barn.

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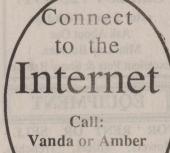
Wrangler Belles **Audition Told**

Auditions for the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles are scheduled for Sunday, February 13, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the CJC gymnasium. Students who are accepted into the group will be recipients of an activity grant ranging from \$1,600 to \$2,000 per year.

The open auditions consist of learning a short jazz dance and kick series. Evaluations are based on learning and performing ability in a group situation. Solos are not required and formal dance training is not a prerequisite.

The Cisco Junior College dance group is a close-knit organization with an emphasis placed on positive attitude and individual growth. The small, friendly campus provides a family atmosphere that the girls truly miss as they depart for large universities, for beginning a career, or for pursuing their personal educational goals.

The Wrangler Belles actively promote the college through numerous appearances around the Big Country. This organization also provides training in professionalism, individual character, poise and self-esteem. Any young woman who would like to audition for the team should contact Debbie Baker at Cisco Junior College (254) 442-5140, to confirm an appointment for the audition. Young ladies who are unable to attend this audition should make arrangements with the director to audition at another time.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees is holding a public hearing, requesting a waiver from Texas Education Agency for a early start date for the first day of instruction during the 2005-2006 school year. The school district plans on starting school on Monday, August 15, 2005. If a school district plans on starting school earlier than the week, which August 21st falls, a hearing and waiver are required. The community meeting will be held Thursday, February 10, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school

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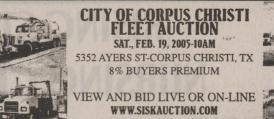
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Oil & Gas production reports may be filed online, electronically or on CDs with state after February 11

Companies will have the convenience of filing oil and gas production reports online, electronically of on CDs with the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) after February 11. About 154,500 oil and gas production reports are filed each month with the RRC.

"Paper production reports will continue to be accepted by the commission, but online, electronic or CD reports are encouraged to be filed electronically or online," said Chairman Victor Carrillo. "This is a significant milestone in our ongoing effects to modernize our filing procedures for the benefit of industry, landowners and Texans at large.

Commissioner Michael Williams said, "This technology reduces the cost of government to the benefit of Texas taxpayers. And the state's producers will spend less time doing paperwork and more time producing energy for Texas consumers.

When turning in the required reports, companies have three options if they are not filing paper production reports. They may use the commission's online system to file over the Internet using a web browser; they may upload files through the commission's Electronic Data Interchange; or they may submit production reports on CRs for electronic processing. The new filing will be effective

for January 2005 production

reporting as well as for any production reports, including late or corrected reports, filled after the close of business (5:00 p.m. central time) on February 11.

To be eligible to file electronically, oil and gas operators or persons filing on their behalf, must complete and submit to the commission a Security Administrator Designation (SAD) Form. After receiving a SAD Form, the RRC will issue to each designated security administrator a User ID that will enable this used to access and update the Commission's electronic filing security system as well as assign additional user ids and electronic filing authorizations to other company employees.

Also in Phase 1, improvements will include the RRC implementing a new oil and gas production report, Form PR, which combines and replaces Form P-1 (oil production report) and P-2 (gas production report). The new Form PR also will allow for more efficient processing through Optical Character Recognition (OCR) scan-

For more information about filing reports electronically, please visit the Texas Railroad Commission website at www.rrc.state.tx.us; contact the RRC's Production Unit of the Permitting/Production section at 512-463-3905; or email productionreportinginfo@eec.state.tx.us.

Free Redbud trees offer

Foundation during February

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

Redbuds have clusters of rosy pink flowers in spring, and dark green summer leaves turning to yellow in the fall.

The trees will be shipped postbetween March 1 and May 31 arborday.org.

Ten free American redbud trees with enclosed planting instrucwill be given to each person who tions. The six to twelve inch ioins The National Arbor Day trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE REDBUD TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February paid at the right time for planting 28, 2005. Or go online to

Applications taken for Spring Master Gardener training

Applications for the Spring Master Gardener training class are now being accepted. The 14 week horticultural training class begins Thursday evening, March 3. 2005 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and runs through June 2. Classes will be held at the Taylor County Extension office, which is located on the grounds of the

Taylor County Expo Center. The cost for the class is \$75.00, with limited scholarship assistance 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 hours of volunteer service back to the commu-

For additional information, contact the Taylor County Extension office at 325-672-6048.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or na-

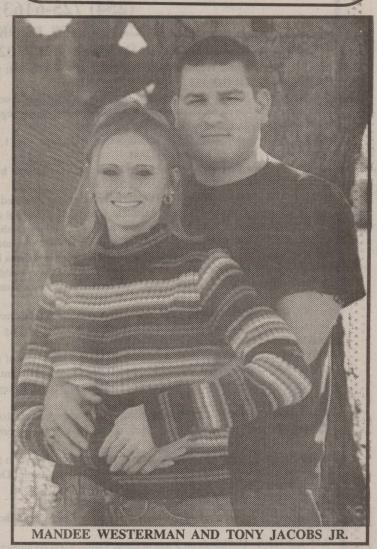
Wildland Fire **School Offered** in Brownwood

Registration is now underway for the 4th annual Central Texas Wildland Fire School. The school will be held February 11-13, 2005 at the Camp Bowie Military Reservation in Brownwood, Texas. The sessions are sponsored by Texas Forest Service and the Dam Volunteer Fire Department.

Detailed information and registration can be obtained on line at www.tamnu.edu/ticc. The cost for the weekend courses is \$50.00 payable to the Texas Forest Service. Breakfast and lunch meals will be provided by the Dam Volunteer Fire Department at a cost of \$10.00 a day. Barrack lodging is available at no additional charge.

Tuition Grants are available through the Forest Service under House Bill 2604. Contact Rick Bochm at 979-458-7351 for grant information.

Class and registration information is available through Texas Forest Service by Nick Harrison at 325-676-5827 or Dam Volunteer Fire Department by Mona McCombs at 325-7848 - Cross Plains Review February 10, 2005



Westerman-Jacobs to Wed March 12th

Goldstar EMS in Brownwood. L.D. Westerman of Rising Star. Saba.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Westerman, Tony is a 1997 graduate of San both of Rising Star, are pleased Saba High School, a 2001 graduto announce the engagement and ate of TSU Killeen, and is curapproaching marriage of their rently working towards a masters daughter, Mandee Niccole, to Mr. in criminology. He is currently Tony Jacobs Jr., son of Mr. and employed with the Brownwood Mrs. Tony Jacobs Sr., of Cedar Police Department. He is the grandson of Manuel Soto of Mandee is a 2001 graduate of Round Rock, Pauline Soto of San Rising Star High School. She is Saba, and Virgil Jacobs and currently employed with Joyce Dixon both of Arkansas.

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