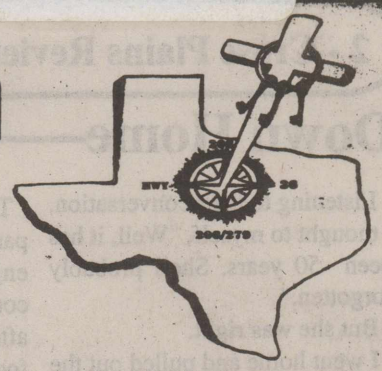


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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Deborah Griswold, a former employee of the *Cross Plains Review*, faxed the following information to bring our readers up to date on an important issue. It seems the words containing God's name were omitted from the World War II Memorial. I guess they thought no one would notice, or perhaps care???????

My dad said he spent a lot of time praying when he served in Okinawa in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. He felt like that was the reason he was able to return home. I can't understand why anyone would go so far as to actually change historical facts, but more than that to omit our Heavenly Father.

How many offenses will have to be made before we stand up for what is right?????

"The Omission of God from the New World War II Memorial"

Today I went to visit the new World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. I got an unexpected history lesson. Since I'm a baby boomer, I was one of the youngest in the crowd. Most were the age of my parents, veterans of "the greatest war" with their families. It was a beautiful day, and people were smiling and happy to be there. Hundreds of us milled around the memorial reading the inspiring words of Ike and Truman, that were engraved there.

On the Pacific side of the memorial, a group of us gathered to read the words President Roosevelt used to announce the attack on Pearl Harbor: "Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked."

One woman read the words aloud: "With confidence in our armed forces, with the unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph."

But as she read, she was suddenly angry. "Wait a minute," she said. "They left out the end of the quote. They left out the most important part. Roosevelt said: 'so help us God.'"

"You're probably right," her husband said. "We're not supposed to say things like that now."

"I know I'm right," she insisted. "I remember the speech." The two shook their heads sadly and walked away.

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Services Held for Former City of C.P. Municipal Judge

James Sanford Irwin, 83, of Kerrville, formerly of Cross Plains, died Saturday, February 26, 2005, at a hospital in Kerrville.

Memorial services with Masonic Rites, courtesy of Kerrville Masonic Lodge #697, A.F. & A.M. and Cross Plains Masonic Lodge #627, A.F. & A.M. will be 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 3, 2005, at the Kerrville Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Arlie Lammers officiating. Interment with military honors will be 1:15 p.m. Thursday, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. Arrangements are under the direction and personal care of Kerrville Funeral Home in Kerrville.

Mr. Irwin was born June 19, 1921 in Wichita, Kansas to D.J. and Clara Irwin. He graduated in 1939 from P.S.J.A. High School in Pharr, Texas. He married Mary Frances Rexrode on May 5, 1941. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant at Midland/Odessa Air Base as a Bombardier, and served in the 8th Air Force in England as Squadron Bombardier, and flew numerous missions over Europe including D-Day. He was discharged in 1945 as a 1st Lieutenant. He worked as a salesman in Corpus Christi and Lubbock for Sears Roebuck & Co. He then opened his own furniture and appliance store in 1959. In 1978 he moved to Cross Plains and had a furniture repair and upholstery shop. He was Municipal Judge for the City of Cross Plains for 10 years. Mr. Irwin was a lifetime



James Sanford Irwin

member of the Christian Church, a Mason and a Shriner. He was a Past Master of Cross Plains Masonic Lodge #627, A.F. & A.M. a member of Lubbock Scottish Rite, the Suez Shrine, and the Brownwood Order of the Eastern Star. He played in the Brownwood Oriental Band for 25 years. Survivors include his wife, Mary Frances; daughters, Sandra Harmon of Kerrville, Lynn O'Keefe of Arlington, VA, and Jamie Colley of Odessa; brother, David Irwin of Kerrville; 7 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Office of Development, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, Florida 33607-1460.

The family invites you to leave a message or a memory at www.kerrvillefuneralhome.com by selecting obituaries, select "sign guestbook" at the bottom of the individual memorial.

Kiwanis Pancake Supper Next Thursday, March 10

Just one week away, on Thursday night, March 10, is one of Cross Plains' great "Social Events" of each year—the **Kiwanis Pancake Supper!!!**

It is a night for great food and great fellowship. The price for so much eating and fellowship is only \$4 per person. That's all the pancakes and sausage you can eat, along with tea, coffee or water.

Where can you get an eating deal like that? A serendipity is that you can take part in helping the Kiwanians with their many programs of help during the year, too numerous to list but including, sponsoring the **Key Club of Cross Plains High School**. Key Club members will be joining the Kiwanians in serving, helping to meet your every need!

The date, again, for the Pancake Supper is Thursday night, March 10, beginning at 5 p.m., continuing until 7 p.m. The place

is at the Cross Plains School Cafeteria. Now this is only a few days away, so if you haven't purchased your ticket(s) yet, be sure and see a Kiwanian and buy them now. Buy more than one ticket and bring a friend or two—maybe give one to someone whose budget is stretched too thin already.

If you wait to pay at the door, you just might be talked into paying more and/or making a donation (in addition to the ticket) toward the projects that the Kiwanis Club helps throughout the year.

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains thanks you in advance for your support. See you at the Pancake Supper!

Friday Final Day to File for School/City Election

Applications for the Cross Plains I.S.D. school board election will be closed as of 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 4th.

Incumbent Bryan Bennett has made application, as well as Dr. Scott Childress, for the full 3-year terms of Monty Richards and Bennett. Applicants previously announced are Frankie Hyles, Rickey Thomas, Bewel Neff and Tony Wyatt. Burlie Taylor and George Mathews have applied for the one year

term. A ballot position drawing will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in the superintendent's office. If applicants cannot be present, they may appoint someone to draw for them, or someone will be appointed to draw in the Cross Plains I.S.D.

Gary Fulcher and Scarlett Koettel and incumbents, Edwin Weiss, James Nichols and Gene

Dillard, have made applications for the three 2 year terms on the city council. David Reed has withdrawn from the election.

Friday is also the deadline to apply in the city council election.

Ballot position drawing is set for March 8, at 1:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

Early voting for both elections begins April 20th and ends May 3rd at the City Hall during their regular office hours.

Ribbon Cutting Set for Thursday, March 3, for NEW BUSINESS

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be honoring Gozzy's Pizza Place with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, March 3rd, at 11:00 a.m. welcoming them to the business community.

Gozzy's Pizza Place is owned by Jody Gosnell and is located at 240 N. Main (the former WTU building). It opened Monday, February 28th.

All chamber members are encouraged to attend the ceremony as the continued growth of the community is celebrated.

Project Pride Meeting Next Tuesday

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly business meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, at the Cross Plains Public Library.

The public is welcome.

Texas Fiddlers Concert at C.P. Rescheduled

Due to a conflict in scheduling, the Texas Fiddlers concert scheduled for this Saturday, March 5, at the Cross Plains Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 2nd.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused, and will happily refund ticket money to those making such a request.

The original tickets purchased

Ladies Night Out "Salad Supper" Scheduled for Monday, March 7th at FBC

The First Baptist Church of Cross Plains cordially invites you to attend a "Salad Supper" to be held on March 7 at 7:00 p.m.

"Little Known Facts to Help Our Earthly Temples" is the theme of the program to be presented by motivational speaker Suzanne Starr. She resides in Abilene, having been a teacher in the public schools for 26 years. For the past 6 years she has been a health educator for Hendrick Cancer Center, educating thousands of local and area residents about the importance of screenings,

prevention and early detection of cancers.

Please invite all your friends and neighbors to come hear some "little known" facts to help our "earthly temples" avoid some of the harms that plague our society. All women of the area are invited.

Exercise Class Set at FBC on Monday Nights

Do you want to feel better mentally and physical? Then join us every week for a women's low impact exercise class. The classes, held on Mondays from 6-7 p.m. in the Family Life Center gym, are taught by Marla Childers.

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There is no charge for the class.

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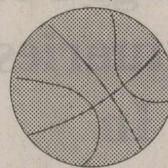
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Stephan Londerholm, Albany, Sr.

2ND TEAM:

Michael Closs, Baird, Sr.
Garrison Forman, Eula, Jr.
Russell Thomas, Cross Plains, Soph.
David Gaumont, Ranger, Jr.
Scott Reid, Eula, Jr.
James Chavira, Albany, Sr.
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Down Home

Listening to their conversation, I thought to myself, "Well, it has been 50 years. She's probably forgotten."

But she was right. I went home and pulled out the book my book club is reading, "It's Flags of Our Fathers" by James Bradley. It's all about Iwo Jima. I haven't gotten too far in the book. It's tough to read because it's a graphic description of the battles in the Pacific.

But right there it was on page 58. Roosevelt's speech to the nation. It ends "so help us God."

The people who edited out that part of the speech when they engraved it on the memorial could have fooled me. I was born after the war. But they couldn't fool the people who were there. Roosevelt's words are engraved on their hearts.

Who gave them the right to change the words of history??? People today are trying to change the history of America by leaving God out of it, but the truth is, God has been a part of this nation since the beginning. He still wants to be...

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OBITUARIES

Betty Frances Edwards

Betty Frances Edwards, age 68, of Cross Plains, passed away Tuesday, February 22, 2005, at the Brownwood Nursing and Rehab Center in Brownwood. Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 25, 2005, at the Cross Plains Cemetery with Mike Redd officiating.

Betty was born September 30, 1936 in Pioneer, Texas, the daughter of W.B. "Bill" and Edith (Hamby) Dillard. She operated a day care center for children in her home in Cross Plains for many years. She was also instrumental in establishing the Food Pantry in Cross Plains. Betty was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church. She was dedicated to praying for others and motivated those around her, also.

Survivors include her two daughters, Vivian Wooten of Cross Plains and Tonjia Davis of Abilene; two sons, John David Edwards of Abilene, and Gadayous Edwards and wife, Melina, of Mesquite; three sisters, Barbara E. Dillard, Margaret Clark and husband, Tommy, and Patsy Watson and husband, Donald, all of Cross Plains; a brother, Eugene Dillard of Cross Plains; 7 grandchildren, Jared Wooten and Levi Wooten of Cross Plains, Becky Collier and husband, Jason, of Nimrod, Abigail Edwards of Mesquite, Jessie, Kyle and Joshua Davis of Abilene; and three great-grandchildren, Jordan, Jacob and Jody Collier of Nimrod.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Pallbearers were Jared Wooten, Levi Wooten, Jason Collier and Michael Collier.

Cora Robertson

Cora Robertson, age 88, died Saturday, February 19, 2005, at Grace Presbyterian Village in Dallas. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 28, in Stevens Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Burkett Cemetery under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

She was born Cora Byers on September 26, 1916 in Burkett, Texas, a daughter of Manton and Carrie Tabor Byers. She grew up in Burkett and Louisiana, where she also attended school. On June 28, 1941 she married Doc Robertson in Alexandria, Louisiana and he preceded her in death on July 13, 1995. Cora trained at Charity Hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana and was a registered nurse. For a number of years she lived in Robert Lee, Texas. For the last six years she resided with her son and daughter-in-law.

Survivors include a large close family including one son and daughter-in-law, Don and Paula Robertson of Lancaster; three grandchildren, Rene' and husband, Michael Lazachik of McKinney, Steven and wife, Stephanie Robertson of Mesa, Arizona, and Dana and husband, J.B. Shoaf of Centralia, Washington; six great-grandchildren, Alyssa, Kyle, Ryan, Aimee, Haley, Brittany; four sisters, Velma Byers and Esther Byers, both of Burkett, Fay Hagar and husband, Ray of Abilene and Bernice Byers of Green Bay, Wisconsin; two brother, Charles Byers and wife, Norma of Merkel and Tom Byers and wife, Betty of Coleman.

Lorine Evelyn Bryson

Lorine Evelyn Bryson, age 91, of Cross Plains, passed away Tuesday, February 22, 2005, at her daughter's home in Ovalo. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 24, 2005, at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Ronnie White officiating. Burial was in the Pioneer Cemetery.

Lorine was born December 26, 1913 in Palestine to Luther Lucas and Emma (Wilson) McKenzie. She married Joe Bryson in Coleman County, Texas in June 1931. They lived in the Pioneer community until his death in June 1964. She was a homemaker and member of First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

Survivors include two daughters, Joan Parker and husband, Jerry, of Abilene, and Katie Williams and husband, James, of Ovalo; three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, three brothers and three great-grandchildren.

Ruby Frances Ezzell

Funeral services for Ruby Frances Ezzell, 105, of Rising Star, was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 26, 2005, at Higginbotham Funeral Home with Richard Massey officiating. Burial followed in the Rising Star Cemetery.

Mrs. Ezzell died Thursday, February 24, 2005, in the Rising Star Nursing Center.

She was born February 24, 1900 in Nickel Hill Community near Rising Star, to Guy Thomas and Annie Melissa (Morrow) Brashears. She married W.W. "Bill" Ezzell on September 26, 1920 in Baird. She lived in Eastland County all her life. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, R.T. Ezzell Sr; four brothers; and seven sisters.

Survivors include seven grandchildren, R.T. Ezzell of Rising Star, Anna Ezzell of Rising Star, Linda Worley of Hewitt, Willie H. Ezzell of Rising Star, Linda Worley of Hewitt, Janet Murphree of Sidney, Benny Ezzell of Owen and Bryan Ezzell of Iowa Park; 12 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Paul Brashears of Cisco; daughter-in-law, Olena Ezzell of Rising Star; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Rising Star Foundation, West Texas Rehab or a charity of your choice.

Johnny Robert McCorkle

Johnny Robert McCorkle, 84, of Abilene, passed away Thursday, February 24, 2005. Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, February 28th, at North's Memorial Chapel officiated by Eddie McCorkle and Jodie Weeks.

Johnny was born January 6, 1921 in Lueders, Texas to Robert and Eron McCorkle. On February 18, 1939 he married Ida Mae Crawford in Hawley, Texas. He was an Army veteran of World II. He was employed as an electrician and retired in 1981. He was a Christian, a member of the VFW, the American Legion and the National and Texas State Guard.

Preceded in death by his wife of 60 years; his parents; a daughter, Carolyn Patterson; and two brothers, Douglas McCorkle and James (Jimmy) McCorkle.

Survivors include one son, Eddie McCorkle and wife, Phyllis of San Angelo; one daughter, Beverly Ferguson and husband, Ron of Abilene; eleven grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; and two aunts, Daisy Holcomb of Cross Plains and Imajean Brooker of Abilene.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Raymond Campos, Jr., driving while license invalid (DWLI).
Christopher B. Jenkins, possession of marijuana.
Casey B. Jenkins, possession of marijuana.
Leehaywood Palmer, possession of marijuana.
Anthony D. Villanueva, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
William C. Darraugh, criminal trespass.
Travis J. Fowler, criminal trespass.
Michael R. Whitmire, criminal trespass.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Laura K. MacArthur Philips, motion to dismiss motion to withdraw as surety granted.
Donald McNeil, Jr., plea of guilty to unlawfully carrying a weapon, 1 year probation, \$600 fine, \$243 court costs.
Cedric Kirk, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.
Cedric Kirk, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Dallas Co. granted.

Nathan Ballard, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.
Christy Cagle, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.

Jared South, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.

Matthew Moreno, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.

Ryan Akers, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.

Brandi Walton, plea of guilty to theft of service, 1 year probation, \$200 fine, \$293 court costs.

Brandi Walton, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Lubbock Co. granted.

Alonda Gaines, plea of guilty to driving while license suspended (DWLS), 1 year probation, \$200 fine, \$293 court costs.

Alonda Gaines, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Dallas Co. granted.

Ralph Garcia Rodriguez III, motion to dismiss to DWI granted, failure to timely prosecute.

Isidra Serrano, motion to

dismiss motion to-revoke probation granted.

Astra D. Smittle, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictment

Michael Robert Lynch, possession of a controlled substance.

Royce D. Petty, Jr., possession of a controlled substance.

Michael B. Harris, possession of a controlled substance.

Shane E. Harris, possession of a controlled substance.

Joseph B. Mobley, burglary of a habitation.

Raul Rojas, possession of a controlled substance.

Kevin Lee Hass, DWI with child passenger.

Gregory J. Robertson, DWI.

Bobby B. Straley, possession of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture controlled substance.

Alfredo Mendez, Jr., aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Civil Filings

Patria Rynah Martin and Jimmy Kirk Martin, divorce.

Oleta Fay Knight and David Lee Knight, divorce.

Marion Perkins vs. Metropolitan Direct Property and Casualty Insurance Co.; Metropolitan Property and Casualty Insurance Co.; and Metropolitan Group Property and Casualty Insurance Co., damages.

Rhonda Ross and Tim Owen Ross, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Frances McDowell and Matthew McDowell, divorce granted.

The State of Texas vs. \$16,111.00 in US currency, final order granting summary judgment for the State of Texas.

In the matter of the guardianship of Ira Roy Akers, Jr., order for sale of personal property granted.

William Ford III and Monica A. Romo, divorce granted.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Dates To Remember

Please don't forget March 18, 2005. That's the date the Cottonwood Quilting Club will hold its annual Rehab Dinner as a fund raiser for the West Texas Rehab Center in Abilene, Texas. The dinner is a fund raiser usually held in the fall, however, is being changed to this March Date in order to avoid conflicts with other things usually being scheduled.

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will meet this coming Thursday in the Cottonwood Community Center and each Thursday in March. Bring your quilting needles and join the Cottonwood Quilting Club.

Cottonwood Connections

Dorothy (Thompson) Ramey called last Saturday from San Antonio to straighten out the kinship of Mrs. W.A. Brock, Mrs. A.E. Ellis and Mrs. J.G. Jones, whom I had mentioned in an earlier column and had called to ask R.T. Peavy how they were related.

Dorothy said they were sisters! And Mrs. Jones happened to be her grandmother.

I have always thought it

strange and interesting that Dorothy Thompson married Grady Ramey and therefore became Dorothy (Thompson) Ramey, and Dorothy Ramey married Gloster Thompson and thus became Dorothy (Ramey) Thompson. Therefore the two Dorothy's just exchanged last names and went right on living.

I am in receipt of a letter from Betty Jones Kinnard Odstroil of San Angelo, who moved to Cottonwood in 1941. She had evidently read an obituary in the Abilene Reporter News concerning the death of Mrs. Hazelwood Coppinger.

Betty was the only student in the third grade and her teacher, Miss Lois Hazelwood (later Mrs. Lois Hazelwood Coppinger) requested she move up to the 4th grade.

Said Betty, "I was so proud of me!" She went on to tell about her very young impression of "Miss Hazelwood," as she was known to most of us.

"She was married that year and became upset that we were still calling her Miss Hazelwood. She proclaimed the next one of us who did that would have to

stick his/her nose in a (chalk) ring (drawn) on the (black) board.

A classmate, Nellie B., was the first to call her by her maiden name. As she went to the board, some of us students laughed, so we all had to put our noses in a ring that day. As far as I know, that was the only time I was ever punished in school."

Betty continued, "(later) A former classmate from Cross Plains, Betty Mayhew Graves, told some of us that she wanted to be a sweet old lady. One of the group told her that to be a sweet old lady, one had to be a sweet young lady. Because Mrs. Coppinger was a sweet young lady, I am certain she was a sweet old lady as well."

Thanks for the memory, Betty Jones Kinnard Odstroil! I was finishing high school in Cross Plains that year and joined the U.S. Navy the next fall. But I do remember "Miss Hazelwood".

(For personal or news items for this column, please contact Wallace Bennett at 254-725-7474. E-mail: csb5@airmail.net. Snail mail: 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas, 76443.)

LIBRARY NOTES

Behind the Books

Calling all you science fiction buffs!!!! I just noticed a whole bunch of new SC-FI books being processed in and knew you would be interested.

Does Linda Faustein ring a bell?? Several of the new ones are written by her. There were mystery and true crime stories in the work area also.

Ya'll can check 'em out in the new book section real soon now. CU-BW

Statistics February 21-25

Circulation:	
Books	100
Interlibrary	0
Internet Users	31
TOTAL	131
Memorials: Class of 1969	
In Memory of Nathan Foster Donations - Books:	
Helen Tillotson	
Activity Report	
Patron:	75
A.M. (Include LAP and LAPSIT)	19
P.M.	56
Programs:	32
Copies:	41
Reference:	3
Check In/Out Books:	48
A.M.	19
P.M.	16
Calls In:	3
Internet Users:	31

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: My assistant, Apple Orchard Annie, says: "Next year, I thing I'll be a peach tree."

"Antique Cars"

Do you remember those old timey cars they had back in the 20's, 30's and 40's? I remember at least a little bit.

Some you had to crank to start the motor. That in itself was quite a workout. Then, if, and when you had a flat, you had to get out of the car and get the pump out of the turtle shell (now called a trunk).

Inside the tire was the inner tube, which had a valve on it. You had to put on the gauge (which was attached to the hose on the pump) and make sure it was fastened onto the valve on the inner tube securely. Place the pump upright on the ground, placing your feet on each side

of the pumps' flat phalanges, then grasping the T-shaped handle, pump it up and down at a steady pace until the tire was completely aired up.

As soon as you remove the gauge be sure to replace the cap on the valve quickly not to lose any more air. Be sure to replace the cap on the valve quickly not to lose any more air.

To start many of these old cars, you didn't need a key. There was the well-oiled starter button right on the dashboard. All it took was your finger pushing that starter button...and of course a little gasoline to provide the accelerator.

You know something has just occurred to me in the past few minutes as I was working on this column. So, do you suppose that I am the antique and not the car? H-m-m-m makes you stop and take stock doesn't it?

CALLAHAN COUNTY DPS REPORT

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 20, 2005 through February 26, 2005 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—83
Complaints—102

DWLI—1
Failure to Identify—1
Possession of Controlled Substance—1
Vehicle Accidents
There were five vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies had a very good quilting day on Tuesday. This Tuesday should find us finishing Christy's top. It is another beautiful quilt. Lou's top is coming right along. Cindy Payne's top is ready to start on. It is a blue pinwheel.

Say, the area is very proud of those Rising Star Wildcats basketball team. They just came up a little short the last game, but quite a successful season.

Charlene Chesshir has had a rough time lately. She had a week of stomach flu a couple of weeks ago. Then she took a fall last week. She didn't break anything but she was sore all over. Doug and Christy Dallas and Nancy Rogers came over Sunday and went to church with Charlene. She likes for them to come. They brought lunch. Boy, that helps! Jim and William were here also,

so they all had a good visit. Christy drove Charlene to Abilene Monday for a dental appointment, she was supposed to see the pain specialist but he was out sick. A lot of sick people around the country.

Earlene Burge and Jessica were very happy for their company Monday. It was Rudolph Brown's birthday. Rudolph and Sara were here from Denton, and Betty Granmon and Kathryn Brown came from Ft. Worth. They brought all the trimmings for chicken and beef fajitas, which were delicious. Also, a chocolate cake and they had pecan pie. At least, they had a very good lunch and visit. They were sorry to see everyone leave. It is so nice to see brother and sisters, family, get together.

Earlene and Jessica have another dog. He is a beautiful

white dog. Their other dog disappeared a few months ago.

Cowan and Laverne Hutton made an early trip to Abilene on Monday for an appointment. They made it back home in time for Cowan to eat at his favorite place to eat, "Laverne's Cafe". If you have ever eaten at this cafe you will know why Cowan likes it so much. YUM! Good Vittles!!

Laverne has spotted some wild plums in bloom.

Frankie Smith is home after having gallbladder surgery. Her daughters were here with her. Jean Fore is looking in on her. Don't you know the musical and the places these two girls go miss them!

How about all that good rain! This country is wetter than I have seen it in a long time. We should have some beautiful wild flowers! See you next time!

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Grand Ole Oplin March Line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin would like to invite everyone out each Friday night for an evening filled with good ole country music and lots of dancing.

On March 4th we've invited the band Touch of Country to come out and entertain you all (Muddy Creed is taking the night off but they'll be back the next first Friday). On March 11th Roland Smith and the Roadrunners will be joining us playing your favorite country tunes, on March 18th Texas Touch will be here playing the

kind of music that will make you want to get up and dance, and on March 25th Muddy Creek will be returning playing all of your country favorites.

The Grand Ole Oplin is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Our dances begin at 7:30 p.m., and end at 10:30 p.m. Admission is only \$4.00 per person. Smoking and alcohol is not allowed. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break.

So gather the family and all

your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin and don't forget your dancing boots.

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MARCH 7 - 11

MONDAY - Pork Chops w/ Gravy, Diced Potatoes, Broccoli, Applesauce, Bread, Milk
TUESDAY - Beef Vegy Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Mixed Fruit, Ranger Cookie, Crackers, Milk
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If it's "like it use to be" — if a person joins the military service and doesn't have a middle name, all his/her paper work will say "John" (or "Jane") "NMI Doe." In other words, if you don't have a middle name in order to have a "middle initial" then it becomes "NMI," standing for "no middle initial." Perhaps one purpose/reason for that is the same as someone explained about a child: "A child's middle name is so he'll know when he's in trouble!"

Most of us can relate to that. I was "Robert" to my mother — until I did something wrong — then I was "Robert Eugene!" I knew immediately that "her foot was about to come down!"

I wonder how many times God, though He knows us on a "first name" basis, would be calling us by our first and middle names if He did so every time we did something wrong? Actually, if we're really in right relationship with Him, He "forgets our middle name." John says, "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). The strength of the word "cleanses" in the Greek is "continuous action," hence "He keeps on cleansing us from all sin." He "forgets our middle name."

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Recognizing excellence in Texas schools

March is Texas Public Schools Month. Each district can choose any week during the month (most choose a week that coincides with Texas Independence Day) to celebrate the successes of public education in Texas. This year our recognition of public education comes at a time when the Legislature is deep in debate about how to fund education and provide teachers with adequate resources. On a deeper level, they are also considering the focus and purpose of public education and its value.

To consider the task before the Legislature and to recognize the significant accomplishments of the state's public school educators thus far, let's look at the numbers.

There are 4.3 million students in Texas. To really absorb this, let's think about it this way: If students in Texas' public schools were their own country, that country's population would be greater than 114 of the 235 recognized countries in the world. Its population would outsize the populations of Ireland, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Costa Rica and many more.

The overwhelming size and scope of the system is important when you consider what is being accomplished in our public schools. According to the Texas Education Agency, approximately 98.7 percent of all rated Texas school campuses were deemed academically acceptable or higher for the 2003 school year.

If we were talking business here, a company with 4.3 million employees garnering an approval rating of 98.7 percent, well let's just say the stock wouldn't be cheap.

Still, the Association of Texas Professional Educators, the largest educators' group in the state, would love to see 100 percent of all campuses at the academically acceptable level or higher. And we continue to pursue that lofty goal by pushing an education platform that benefits every student in every classroom as well as educators.

During this month, we are reflecting on what has been accomplished and what lies ahead. And it seems we have even more accountability results to examine. The Texas Education Agency has released a final report on the Adequate Yearly Progress federal benchmark.

This benchmarking system was created as part of the No Child Left Behind Act. It calculates school ratings based substantially on how specific populations of students perform on the TAKS test.

For example, in order to meet the federal NCLB standard, close to 50 percent of students in six categories must pass the reading portion of the exam. Those six categories are African American, Hispanic, white, low income, special education and limited-English-proficient.

Looking at the 2003 TAKS results, Texas public school students surpassed the requirements in all categories, the average student scoring 85 percent. The lowest average passing rate was that of the low income category - still, those students passed reading at a 78 percent clip.

The federal benchmark also calls for a graduation rate of at least 70 percent for high schools. Guess what? Texas registered at 84.2 percent.

And finally, elementary

schools must have an attendance rate of 90 percent to meet the federal standards. Again, Texas was well ahead of that requirement with a 95.6 percent elementary attendance rate.

At a time when the value of public education is being called into question at the Legislature, let's take a step back and congratulate our schools and teachers for a job well done. We have outstanding teachers who are committed to their students and their profession. Our hope is that the members of the Legislature keep our past successes in mind as they make momentous decisions that will determine the future of public education in Texas.

After all, by national standards, Texas schools are funded at a very average level, and still there is great success. Imagine what we could accomplish in Texas if the funding were above average.

Randall Inglehart
ATPE State President
Randall Inglehart has served ATPE for many years in numerous capacities. Beginning as the San Antonio local unit treasurer, he later became president of the local unit. Inglehart was also vice president and director of Region 20 ATPE. He has served on several ATPE state committees and was the ATPE state vice president in 2003-04, state secretary in 2002-03 and state treasurer in 2001-02.

Inglehart received his bachelor of arts degree from St. Mary's University and his master's of education degree from Our Lady of the Lake University, both located in San Antonio. He has been a public school teacher for more than 20 years.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

THE TABLECLOTH

The brand new pastor and his wife, newly assigned to their first ministry, to reopen a church in suburban Brooklyn, arrived in early October excited about their opportunities.

When they saw their church, it was very run down and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve.

They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, painting, etc., and on December 18 were ahead of schedule and just about finished.

On December 19 a terrible tempest - a driving rainstorm hit the area and lasted for two days.

On the 21st, the pastor went over to the church. He saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster about 20 feet by 8 feet to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary just behind the pulpit.

The pastor cleaned up the mess on the floor, and not knowing what else to do but postpone the Christmas Eve service, headed home. On the way he noticed that a local business was having a flea market type sale for charity so he stopped in. One of the items was a beautiful, handmade, ivory colored, crocheted

tablecloth with exquisite work, fine colors and a Cross embroidered right in the center. It was just the right size to cover up the hole in the front wall. He bought it and headed back to the church.

By this time it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus. She missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus 45 minutes later.

She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder, hangers, etc., to put up the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and it covered up the entire problem area.

Then he noticed the woman walking down the center aisle. Her face was like a sheet. "Pastor," she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?" The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials, EBG were crocheted into it there. They were. These were the initials of the woman, and she had made this tablecloth 35 years before, in Austria.

They were well-to-do people in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was going to follow her the next week. She was cap-

tured, sent to prison and never saw her husband or her home again.

The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth; but she made the pastor keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home.

What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve. The church was almost full. The music and the spirit were great. At the end of the service, the pastor and his wife greeted everyone at the door and many said that they would return.

One older man, whom the pastor recognized from the neighborhood, continued to sit in one of the pews and stare.

The man asked him where he got the tablecloth on the front wall because it was identical to one that his wife had made years ago when they lived in Austria before the war and how could there be two tablecloths so much alike.

He never saw his wife or his home again all the 35 years in between.

The pastor asked him if he would allow him to take him for a little ride. They drove to Staten Island and to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier.

He helped the man climb the three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment knocked on the door and he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine.

True Story - submitted by Pastor Rob Reid

MARCH 2005 PTO CALENDER

MONDAY, MARCH 7TH:

Moms & Muffins 7:30-8:00 AM

THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH:

Spring Pictures

FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH:

End Of Cookie Dough Fund Raiser

School Out Early, 2:00 PM

M-F, MARCH 14-18TH:

Spring Break

THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH:

Easter Party; School Out Early, 2:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH:

School Out For Good Friday

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SCHOOL MENU

MARCH 7 - 11
BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY - French Toast Sticks, Sausage Links, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY- Corn Dog, Tator Tots, Bake Beans, Spice Cake
TUESDAY - Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Pears
WEDNESDAY- Chicken Crispadora, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Fresh Fruit
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The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information.

Participants will also view "A Call to Service," a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free.

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OKLAHOMA/TEXAS DISTRICT OF KIWANIS UPDATE— Truman Hazelrigg (left), Lt. Governor for District 12 of Oklahoma/Texas District of Kiwanis, was the guest speaker for the local club on Tuesday, February 22nd. The Lt. Governor spoke to the club about some of the changes that are taking place within the district. He also showed a video of the Texas/Oklahoma Foundation and the very important work they are doing with young people in the region. He challenged the local club to help support the foundation by pledging \$3 per member. The program chairman for last week was Dr. Richard Chaffin (right). Everyone is always welcome to the weekly Kiwanis Club noon meetings on Tuesdays in the east room at Jean's Feed Barn. There is good fellowship, good food and a good program of interest and information each week.

District VIII Texas Garden Clubs Spring Meeting to be Held at Breckenridge

The spring meeting of District VIII Texas Garden Clubs will be held in Breckenridge on March 4 and 5 at the Breckenridge Fine Arts Center, 207 North Breckenridge Avenue. Host clubs are Breckenridge Garden Club, Haskell Garden Club and Stamford Garden Club. Billie Sue Offield is Chairman.

Registration and pre-convention activities will begin on Friday night March 4 with a Dutch treat dinner and entertainment at The Market Place, 117 North Breckenridge Avenue.

On Saturday, March 5, the meeting will be held in the Fine Arts Center beginning at 8:50 a.m. with a continental breakfast, followed by the executive committee meeting. A general business is scheduled for 10 a.m. with Alma Fesher, District VIII director of San Angelo presiding. New officers will be installed and a luncheon at 12 noon will be followed by a program.

Theme for the convention is "My Garden Is a Pleasant Place 2005".

Submitted by
Joyce Poage
Publicity Chairman



CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER visits with Callahan County Judge Roger Corn and Republican County Chairman Pat Chrane during his visit to Baird. Also in the photo, Jeremy Brown from the Abilene District Office for Congressional District 19.

Congressman Randy Neugebauer visits Baird on Saturday, February 26

Congressman Randy Neugebauer stopped in Baird Saturday morning to visit with citizens and give updates on national issues currently at the forefront in Washington.

A large group of residents joined the Congressman and his wife Dana for coffee and conversation at the Whistle Stop Cafe.

He provided the latest information on social security, health insurance and federal budget concerns and then spent time answering questions.

Some of the questions he addressed dealt with cuts in the national budget that could effect community development block grants for rural cities, energy issues related to cost of gasoline and ag issues regarding cattle imports from Canada.

Congressman Neugebauer was keeping a very busy two-day schedule of visiting rural communities throughout the southern part of Dist. 19. In addition to he and his wife, three staff members accompanied him to meet constituents and make themselves available whenever needed.

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For more information contact the Natural Resource Conservation Service office in Baird, Texas at (325) 854-1349 Ext. 3. The office in Baird is located at 141 W. 4th, Suite B. Order forms and information may also be obtained at the Albany, Texas NRCS office. The number is (325) 762-2552 Ext. 3.

Commissioners okay resolution in opposition to limit local control

Callahan County Commissioners voted to approve a resolution in opposition to efforts to limit local control of county government, being considered by the 79th Texas Legislature.

The commissioners took the action Monday, February 28 during the commissioners' court regular monthly meeting at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and second by Commissioner Doris Grider, commissioners voted 5-0 to adopt the non-binding resolution. The resolution follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Texas Legislature has begun its 79th Regular Session and is expected to address the method by which public education is funded, and

WHEREAS the State of Texas has during the past decade retreated from its historic level of funding for public education, thereby requiring local school districts to increase property taxes to fund education, and

WHEREAS sixty percent of the average taxpayer's property tax burden is due to school taxes

while only 14 percent is due to county taxes, and

WHEREAS Texas homeowners and businesses need meaningful property tax relief, and

WHEREAS the Governor's proposal to lower the existing cap from 10% to 3% on all property appraisals is not a true solution to the school property tax problem, and

WHEREAS appraisal caps would diminish local control and tie the hands of county officials and limit their ability to provide essential services to address the needs and emergencies of their citizens, and

WHEREAS county government is already struggling to meet the demands of underfunded and unfunded state mandates such as indigent health care, indigent defense and federal mandates such as the Help America Vote Act and the Clean Air Act, and

WHEREAS artificial appraisal caps result in a shift of taxes from rapidly appreciating properties to those remaining relatively stable in value, and

WHEREAS reducing appraisal caps will not necessarily result in a reduction of property taxes but will result in severe impacts on county services, and

WHEREAS undermining a property tax system based upon fair market value is questionable public policy and will result in a distorted, inequitable taxation scheme under which identical homes could be taxed at vastly different amounts,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners Court of County does hereby express its opposition to efforts to limit local control and does hereby urge the 79th Legislature to reduce the school property tax burden by again assuming the state's historic share of support for public education.

SIGNED THIS 28th day of February, 2005.

(s) Roger Corn
County Judge
(s) Harold Hicks
Commissioner, Precinct #1
(s) Bryan Farmer
Commissioner, Precinct #2
(s) Tommy Holland
Commissioner, Precinct #3
(s) Doris Grider
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(s) Jeanie Bohannon
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