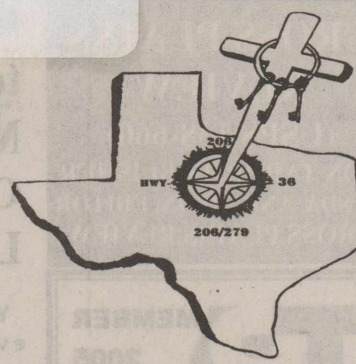


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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** You know that I love the written words from "Author Unknown", so here are more. It is obvious whose principles these are based on.

The subject matter is "remembering". While most of us relate that word to recalling pleasant experiences from the past, this listing emphasizes more important suggestions.

We can all benefit from the wisdom shared herewith—basic information for a more joyful life.

My favorite is the very last one. It just happens to be my personal philosophy, too. Without the relationships formed with others, what would life consist of???? Decide which one you like or the one you need to apply to your life. **Vanda Anderson**

"Remember"

- \* Remember that your presence is a **present** to the world.
  - \* Remember that you are a **unique and unrepeatable** creation.
  - \* Remember that your life can be **what you want** it to be.
  - \* Remember to take the days **just one at a time**.
  - \* Remember to **count your blessings**, not your troubles
  - \* Remember that you'll **make it through** whatever comes along.
  - \* Remember that most of the **answers you need are within** you.
  - \* Remember that **decisions** are too **important** to leave to chance.
  - \* Remember to always **reach for the best** that is within you.
  - \* Remember that nothing **wastes** more energy than **worry**.
  - \* Remember that **not getting what you want** is sometimes a wonderful **stroke of luck**.
  - \* Remember that the **longer** you carry a **grudge**, the heavier it gets.
  - \* Remember **not to take things too seriously**.
  - \* Remember to **laugh**.
  - \* Remember that a little **love goes a long way**.
  - \* Remember that **happiness** is more often found in **giving than getting**.
  - \* Remember that **life's treasures** are people, **NOT THINGS!!**
- May God bless your day with peace, joy and love that surpasses understanding.

## Mozelle Bryan Richardson

is being honored today,  
**Thursday, April 28, 1:00 to 4:30 PM**  
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The variety store has been in continuous operation at the same location for over 50 years.

You are cordially invited to go by, help celebrate her many years of service to the community and wish her well with her retirement plans.



1st PLACE IN TABLE DESIGNS—Mary Ella Weaver



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## Local Flower Show Winners Announced

Cross Plains Garden Club Flower Show was held at the Senior Citizen's Center on Main Street Sunday, April 17, and the title of the show was "Treasures of Ancient Egypt".

The winners of the annual event

are as follows:

- Design Division**  
**Tables:**  
Mary Weaver - 1st place  
Joyce Odom - 2nd place  
**Arrangements:**  
Mary Weaver - 1st place  
Joyce Odom - 2nd place  
**Horticulture**  
Joyce Odom - Horticulture of Excellence, Award of Merit and 5 blue ribbons, 5 red, 1 yellow and 1 white  
Eva Fleming - 13 blue ribbons and 1 red  
Barbara Powell - 2 blue ribbons and 1 red  
Mary Weaver - 8 blue ribbons, 2 red and 1 yellow  
Betty Beggs - Won Arboreal, 2 blue ribbons and 1 red  
Sandy Lusk - 3 blue ribbons and 1 red  
Cecil Barton - 1 blue ribbon  
**Mary Weaver - Sweepstakes in Design**  
**Joyce Odom - Sweepstakes in Horticulture**

See Photos on Page 6

## Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration April 29

Parents are asked to register their children who will enter Pre-Kindergarten next fall. Cross Plains Elementary offers Pre-Kindergarten to all children who will be four years of age on or before September 1, 2005. Pre-Kindergarten will be offered if a sufficient number of four-year olds register for the program. Determination of whether Pre-K will be a 1/2 day program or a longer program will be based upon enrollment numbers.

Students who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2005 are eligible for Kindergarten. Kindergarten is a full day program. Kindergarten is a basic part of the Cross Plains School system and the service is available to all students. If your child is currently enrolled in Pre-K at Cross Plains Elementary, you will not have to go through the screening process. If your child has not been enrolled in Pre-K, and will be attending Kindergarten in the fall, please register for screening.

Early childhood screening will be conducted the same time as regular Pre-K and Kindergarten screening. The early childhood program is a program to help

those children ages 3-6 who show to be developmentally delayed or handicapped in any way.

Early Childhood, Pre-K and Kindergarten screening will be conducted Friday, April 29, 2005 at Cross Plains Elementary School. Please call the Elementary Principal's Office at 725-6123 to make an appointment for your child. The screening will take about sixty minutes. Each student's hearing, vision, speech, motor skills, language ability, and developmental growth will be evaluated at this time. Parents will be given a report on their child's progress at the time of the screening.

Parents are reminded that, in order to enter school in Texas, the student must have a state approved birth certificate and a current immunization record.

- Immunization requirements:  
**Hepatitis B** - 3 doses by age 4  
**DTap** - 4 doses with one on after, 4th birthday  
**Haemophilus Influenza Type B-1** dose on/after 15 mos., unless a series is completed @ 12 mos.  
**Polio** - 3+ doses with one on or after 4th birthday

- Measles-2 doses on/after 1st birthday  
Rubella-1 dose on/after 1st birthday  
Mumps-1 dose on/after 1st birthday  
Vaccelia-1 dose on/after 1st birthday

**Please bring the birth certificate, immunization record and social security number for the child at the time of registering.**

Estimado Padre o Guardian:  
El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Cross Plains ofrecera un programa de pre-kindergarten si hay quince ninos que cualifiquen para tal servicio. Para poder ser elegible para este programa, un estudiante debe tener al meno cuatro anos de edad y satisfacer por lo menos uno de los siguientes requisitos:

- incapacidad de hablar y entender ingles
- desventajas educacionales
- sin hogar.

Si usted cree que su nino(a) que usted conozca satisface uno o mas de estos requisitos, por favor se comunic con la escuela.

Sinceramente,  
Margie Sowell  
Director de la Escuela

## Alice Roby Launches Lecture Series for Library

Dr. Scott Childress introduced his dream of a lecture series to the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Cross Plains Public Library with "there's a tremendous resource right here in our midst who has a fascinating story to share - let's create the format for that to happen".

The fascinating resource was Alice Roby who, when approached with the idea of sharing her story, promptly replied that, "I was ranch manager, not a public speaker". However, one of her daughters, Connie Kirkham, readily agreed to help with the speaking part and the Lecture Series was launched.

Over 75 folks attended the evening in the Community Center last week. One fellow had driven over from Gordon just to meet the driving force behind one of the earlier ranches that had utilized the artificial insemination process in their cow/calf operation. Our own Lois Garrett was delighted that she was able to attend after being virtually "house-bound" for several months.

Mrs. Roby had managed the 15,000 acre Weldon Edwards Ranch near Spur for 15 years before retiring in 1991. Without the extensive collection of newspaper and magazine articles attesting to her accomplishments, folks might have had difficulty imagining the diminutive, beautifully coiffed, attractively attired, elegant lady

doing everything that was necessary for her success.

Now, imagine if you will, a day that starts at 3:00 AM and ends way past dark. And during that day, you cook three full meals for various ranch hands, spend several hours with detailed record-keeping of upwards of 2000 head of cattle, spend several hours out on the range taking care of everything from checking fences, trimming the feet of bulls, vaccinating, tagging, tattooing, spraying, checking for new calves and cattle in heat. Then you can throw in making denim eye patches for cattle with the pink eye!! And you can procure and freeze colostrum for emergency use with new calves.

It was all in a day's work for the dynamic bundle of confidence and energy!

Mrs. Roby is a believer in the idea that if you love to do something, always give it your best shot. When she determined that the AI program was the best process for the ranch, she went off to Texas Tech to learn all about it. Then she set a regimen for herself with bar bells to build up her arm strength in order to do the injections.

When asked if the ranch had utilized computers to maintain all the necessary records, Mrs. Roby just laughed. Connie hastened to explain that her mother had this innate ability to mentally keep track of every cow's number,

which calf belonged to which cow, which cows were in heat and which cows were due to deliver. With a mind like a steel trap, why bother with a computer?

Her large family in attendance all agreed that while it may be true that Mrs. Roby didn't do anything that other women couldn't also do, she did it with such style and class and never lost her femininity.

A video copy of "Woman Watch" featuring Mrs. Roby will be donated to the local library in the near future. Those who were unable to attend the first of the Lecture Series are encouraged to check out the video to see what they missed.

Thanks to Alice Roby, ranch manager extraordinaire, the Lecture Series is off to a great start. Watch the library news for additional local folks with a story to tell.

Submitted by Arlene Stephenson

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**Community Shower For  
Margie Duncan,  
Matthew and Dakota**  
(Home was destroyed by fire April 11, 2005)

**Sunday, May 8th  
2-4 p.m.**

**Cottonwood Community Center**  
Everyone Is Invited

Selections At  
Higginbotham's and Johnson's Dry Goods

## Callahan County Nutrition Employee Appreciation Party

Katie Dunn, Project Director of the Callahan County Nutrition, will host an employee appreciation party from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 1. The Board of Directors will co-host this event. It will be held at the Baird Center, 401 Chestnut, Baird.

The public is invited to come for cake and punch and to meet the people who operate this program successfully each year. You will also want to welcome aboard the new site manager, Bruce Bell, who now operates the Baird Center. He joins Vickie Burns (Clyde) and Kathy Anderson (Cross Plains).

Other employees are Jana Abels, Tammy Held and Pete Beasley.

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**Promise Helpers to Meet in Clyde May 10th— Callahan County Ladies Invited**

You are invited to spend an evening praising and worshipping God. Come have dinner and enjoy visiting with other ladies from the county. We bring a dish to share and fellowship with old friends and meet new friends. Enjoy a short testimonial from an area lady. The heart of the evening follows in small group prayer time, addressing personal concerns and needs. There is also time for Praise reports. Promise Helpers meets at the Clyde High School Library, 500 N Hays Road between FM 18 and I-20 on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. We are looking forward to meeting you there May 10, 2005.

Submitted by Mary Molina, President; Mary Trimmings, Vice-President; Nancy Moerls, Sec./Treasurer

**Scarlett Koettel For City Council Vote May 7th**

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**OBITUARIES**



ARVIN NELSON BRASHEAR

**Arvin Nelson Brashear, Sr.**

Arvin Nelson Brashear, Sr., age 74 of Cross Plains, passed away Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 23, 2005 at First Baptist Church; burial will be in the Cross Plains Cemetery; with Burlie Taylor officiating, assisted by Ronnie White.

He was born in Atwell, Texas on May 15, 1930 to Robert Nelson

and Obara C. (Foster) Brashear. He proudly served in the U.S. Marines. Arvin met Sarah Mitchell and married September 21, 1951 in New Burn, NC. They made their home in Abilene, Texas for most of their married life retiring to Cross Plains. Arvin retired from Dowell Oil Company in the position of sales service engineer. He was a member of Cross Plains First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sarah Brashear of Cross Plains; son Arvin and wife Roxanne Brashear, Jr. of Littlefield; daughters Patricia and husband Kenny Henderson of Abilene; Kathy and husband Doug Wood of Keller; sisters Blenda and Oran Bains of Cross Plains; Bobbie Purvis of Abilene; 6 grandchildren, Scott Henderson, Ashley Rodgers, Jason Brashear, Amy Springmeyer, Jeff Wood, Grant Wood and 2 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Billie Mathews and brother James Lynn Brashear.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to the First Baptist Church Remodeling Fund, P.O. Box 130, Cross Plains or the charity of your choice.



Donna Turner

Donna Turner, 79, of Clyde, died Friday, April 22, 2005 at a local hospital.

Services were held Sunday, April 24, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mike Terrill officiating. Burial followed in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Turner was born March 5, 1926, in the Dressy Community near Cross Plains to John and Mollie Diantha (Wingfield) McGee. She graduated from Cross Plains High School and Draughts Business College in Abilene. She loved flying, and while piloting a plane and checking out pipelines for Hines Flying Service out of Lea County

Airport in Hobbs, NM, she buzzed a cowboy, scattering his cattle. The cowboy was William D. "Pete" Turner, who became her husband on May 17, 1948, in Abilene. They moved to Clyde from Abilene in 1957. She served as Den Mother to Cub Scout Troop 227 and was a member of Cherry Heights Baptist Church. She worked at the Clyde Nursing Home and Houston's Cafe. She later worked for 17 years as Dr. Lawrence Gayao's nurse.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two sisters, Rene Hyman and Dessa Higgins.

Survivors include: one son, Johnny Turner of Clyde; one daughter, Dianne Jones and husband Rick of Clyde; three grandsons, Brad Jones of Abilene, Josh Jones and wife Aerin of Amarillo and Mark Turner and wife Krysta of Potosi; one granddaughter, Melanie Turner Weaver and husband Jamey of Abilene; eight great-grandchildren, Christopher Weaver, Kirkland Weaver, Taylor Jones and Jon-Derek Simon; and three sisters, Lois Vaughn and Marie Dillard, both of Cross Plains, and Judy Alexander of San Diego, California.



LAVINA INGRAM SHEPHERD

**Lavina Ingram Shepherd**

Lavina Ingram Shepherd Cross Plains Class of 1949 Lavina Mae Shepherd, 73, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend passed away March 18, 2005 at a medical center in Grapevine, Texas.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Cross Plains, Texas with Michael Ingram officiating, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home. Burial followed at Cross Plains Cemetery. John Ingram, Payton Piercy, Stephen

Hays, Harry Piercy, John Palmer, and Steve Hays will serve as pallbearers. Mitchel Ingram will serve as honorary pallbearer. The family received friends at a visitation 5:30 - 8 p.m. Monday, March 21, at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory, Abilene, Texas. Local arrangements were made by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

Lavina was born to Sam and Laura Ingram on December 3, 1931 in Cottonwood, Texas. She married Roy Harvel Shepherd. Lavina was a homemaker and long time Avon Representative; a distinguished member of Avon President's Club; and a member of St. James United Methodist Church.

Lavina was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Survivors include three daughters, Judy Piercy and husband, Harry, of Grapevine, Texas, Janice Hays and husband, Steve, of Tuscola, Cindy Palmer and husband, John, of San Antonio, Tex- as; brothers and sisters, Mitchel Ingram and Christine Webb, both of Abilene, John Ingram of Midland, Texas; precious grand- children, Sandy Livingston of Houston, Texas, Stephen Hays of Tuscola, Payton Piercy of Grapevine, and Jacqueline Fassett of San Antonio, Texas.

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**COURTHOUSE NEWS**

**COUNTY COURT**  
Roger Corn, Presiding

**Misdemeanor Filings**

Nancy C. Kilough, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Olden D. Green, Ct. I - deadly contact, Ct. II - reckless driving. Cynthia M. Wheeler, theft by check.

Laura M. Goodwin, theft by check.

**Marriage Licenses**

Bryan Kent Davis and Colleen Danielle Astleford, both of Clyde.

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

**Criminal Indictments**

Lavern L. Smith, aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Jason Lynn Kilough, engage in organized criminal activity (burglary of a habitation).

**Criminal Minutes**

Donna M. Adams, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$241 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Timothy Ivan Malony, order discharging defendant from probation, no deferred adjudication.

**Civil Filings**

Ex parte, Delphine Godbolt, writ of habeas corpus/bond reduction.

In Re: the Charley Tom and Peggy Eugena Sansom Straley testamentary trust for Kim Elaine Straley Farmer, termination of trust.

Jennifer Ann Galloway and Roger Dale Galloway, divorce. Darrell William Nelson and Theresa Beatrice Nelson, divorce.

Ismael Flores vs. Ennis Surratt and J. H. Strain & Sons, Inc., damages.

**Civil Minutes**

Bombardier Capital Inc. vs. Donald Boyd and Patricia Boyd, default judgment granted, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$55,982.53 from defendant granted.

Janet Kay Youngblood an adult, order granting name change.

Kenneth Lee McSwain and Missy McSwain, divorce granted.

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## COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

I saw and chatted with Conner Elliot at the Library meeting in Cross Plains last week. It is always a pleasure to see him because he reminds me of some incident that happened in old Cottonwood and makes me laugh.

### Clean Up Cottonwood

April 30th is clean-up day at the cemetery. Everyone show up at 9:30 with shovels, work-gloves, wheel-barrows and any tools you think we might need. There's brush to cut, dirt to move and plenty of work. Call Beverly Brown (254-725-7369) for information about details.

Don't forget that May 7th is the date of the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Cottonwood Historical Association (Cottonwood Cemetery Association). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. New residents especially are encouraged to participate and begin planting routes in your community. Bring old photos, memorabilia, and other items you want to show off.

The meeting will commence at 10:00 (come early if you want to do so, and stay late). The dinner will start at 12 (or thereabout). Bring a covered dish, an apple pie would be nice. Coffee, bread, and meat, brisket and sausage, will be furnished by the association.

### Baptist Church Busy With

#### Things Of The Spirit

Friday night, April 29, 2005,

will be the next membership class at Matt and Sonda McGowen's home. "We will meet and eat at 6:00 p.m. and discuss the core values and how you can plug in into the vision of Cottonwood Baptist Church," wrote Matt in his Sunday Bulletin.

### Time Marches On, And On

Wallace and Carol Bennett visited Ft. Worth last Saturday to attend a 50th reunion of the graduating class of Texas Wesleyan University. It was a pleasant time and the good old memories were kept alive.

However, I overheard some old cliché's that were kept alive also, "my how time flies", "the clock keeps ticking," "don't get around much anymore," and "whatever happened to old so and so."

I could not help but to reflect on the fact that I had attended the 50th reunion of the 1942 graduating class of Cross Plains High School, and that was not too long ago.

And, I just want to remind all you young hoot's out there that it is absolutely true; time does march relentlessly onward. So, don't forget to enjoy it.

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

## PIONEER NEWS

We had another short crowd at quilting this week. Only five of us in the morning and six in the afternoon! Laverne Hutton came for a little while after lunch. We still have several out because of illness. Hopefully they will be back soon.

We are still working on the same quilt tops. Olena's "Log Cabin" is getting rolled up fast. It possibly will come out of the frame this week.

Only a bit has been done on Earlene's "Flower Garden". All the girls sang "Happy Birthday" to Earlene Burge. She brought a beautiful bouquet that her daughter, Jessica, fixed for her.

Laverne reported that Cowan is doing really well except for sleeping. That is still a problem with him.

Sorry, I gave the wrong date for

"game night". It is always the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. It should be coming up this week, the 28th. Come on out, maybe someone will be there! They always have a good time. You can always call Earlene or Frankie to find out the time.

Well, we missed the rain again this time, so maybe with the Lord's help, it will be out time next. The bluebonnets are about to have done their do. They are forming their seeds. Other wildflowers will be taking their place. The roads to Brownwood from Rising Star and from Cross Plains are still beautiful.

We are short of news this week, so talk to you next time!

**Word of Wisdom:** The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1

## LIBRARY NEWS



### Behind the Books

I found new territory to explore this week and ended up on the librarian's desk.

In addition to the fresh flowers and pretty "stuff", I saw a calendar just full of notes and dates of activities going on over here. My, oh my—what opportunities!

We have the Farmer's Market twice a week, the Flea Market twice a month, Laspsit and LAP weekly for the little munchkins, the Read Aloud Cafe coming for the older readers in July, the Genealogy group, meet the Author and the new Lecture series for adults, the Robert E. Howard Days in June.

And just think how many volunteers it takes to make all this happen? But there's always a place for more.

Come, check us out and find your place today.

CU-BW

### Statistics

April 18-22

<b>Circulation:</b>	
Books	79
Interlibrary Loan	0
Internet Users	13
<b>Memorials:</b>	0
<b>Donations:</b>	
Jack Lacy	
Betty Kinnard	
<b>Donations books:</b>	
Donna Ames	
Delany Ames	
Vicky Worley	
<b>Activity Report</b>	
<b>Patron:</b>	68
A.M. Lap 5	18
Lapsit 4	
Other 9	
P.M.	50
<b>Programs:</b>	31
<b>Copies:</b>	22
<b>Reference:</b>	6
<b>Check In/Out:</b>	45
<b>Calls In:</b>	4
<b>Internet Users:</b>	13

## RISING STAR NURSING NEWS

BY LINDA MERRITT



A WISH COME TRUE—Pearl Anderson (right) who is assisted by Linda Merritt, Activity Director, got her wish answered when she walked among the beautiful Bluebonnets.

A wonderful sight to behold indeed—God's beautiful creation. We took the residents on a field trip last week to admire the pretty bluebonnets and Indian paint brushes on Highway 183 toward May. Some comments made from the residents:

Kay Mosley said she would like to lie down in them.

Pearl Anderson's wish was to walk out in them.

Willie Phillips wanted to sit in the flowers.

Opal Brooks comments was only one word, beautiful.

There was a lot of ah's, oh's and ooh's.

Congratulations to the Rising Star High School girls and boys track teams. Go Wildcats!

Lorene Jennings, Zelda Milam, Sadie Ewin, Opal Brooks and Ellen Simpson are all

looking mighty pretty with their new perms. Thanks to Lily Dillard.

Our best wishes and congratulations to the Cross Plains girls and boys track teams. Go Buffs!

We had our residents birthday party last Friday. Those with birthdays were Theresa Lewis and Pauline Howard. Employee April birthdays were Johnnie Elliott and Angela Kerr. Our appreciation to Gene Moore for playing the piano and to Angie Williams for making the cake.

The Nursing Center will be having a benefit garage sale Saturday, April 30, starting at 8:00 a.m. This is to help out a fellow employee who is having health problems.

**Friendships are woven with ribbons of LOVE.**

## QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

### "Good or Bad—It's Hair Day"

In the long ago days of yore, when you had some place special to go like a party, a dance, out to dinner in the city, a soiree, a wedding, a tea, church on Sunday, etc., you didn't have the option of going to the hairdresser. Usually, you had to do your own hair, unless you had a daughter, a cousin, a friend to assist you.

Some of the wealthier matrons had the heavy curling irons that had to be heated on the fire. A lot of common folks, however, rolled their hair on rags. You took clean white strips of cloth and rolled it up as close to the head as possible, then tied the ends together. It curled overnight and then you untied the rag strips and removed the strips of cloth from your hair.

That done, brush and comb the hair and wind a curl around your finger. In this manner you can form some long curls and some smaller curls, similar to pin curls. All in all you get a clean-cut, natural looking curly hair style.

Other women chose to wear buns, does, French rolls, braids formed into buns and fastened sometimes above each ear or criss-crossed the top of their head and fastened in the center. Occasionally, tortoise shell side combs were used to secure or fasten the braids into place. Other times, ribbons or flowers were used in the dressing of hair.

Many women of the matronly age, for convenience sake, simply wore their hair straight and done in a do-not on top. If they left the house, they wore a hat.

## GARDEN TIPS

BY JAMES NICHOLS

### "Tomatoes Determinate VS Indeterminate"

Another consideration in choosing tomato vines is whether the vines are determinate or indeterminate.

Determinate plants stop growing once the flower buds emerge. Because of the more retained size, many determinate varieties need no staking are caging, but providing support can improve the quality of the fruit.

All the fruit will ripen in a short period of time, usually a week to ten days. They can be a boom if you are canning, but for the gardener who prefers to have a fewer number over a period of time. Indeterminate varieties are better. The vines continue to grow and set fruit through the growing season, and won't quit until the weather turns too cold or too hot to sustain fruiting and growth, or kills the plant.

## MA & PA

BY JAMES NICHOLS

### "Thurber"

In 1888 William Knox Gordon, a young railroad engineer while surveying between Thurber and Dublin, accepted the post of mining engineer for the coal company in 1889. He advanced quickly to the post of general manager of the coal company and held the position for nearly 20 years.

Thurber was one of the most ethnically diverse town in West Central Texas with twenty different nationalities or racial groups represented, including Italian, Polish, English, German, Austrian, Irish, Chinese and Black. Some 500

Italians and more than 100 Polish coal miners—some from the old countries and others from Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio coal fields worked there at the height of the coal boom.

With the adoption of Prohibition in 1919 the Italians in Thurber imported grapes from California to make wine. Since it was illegal to teach someone how to produce wine, the labels on the bricks of dried grapes circumvented the law by giving detailed instructions on how not to produce wine. Those who preferred the harder liquor, clandestine stills turned out corn whiskey known locally as white mule.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MAY 2 - 6

<b>MONDAY</b> - BBQ Brisket, Baked Beans, Potato Salad,	Milk
<b>TUESDAY</b> - Lima Beans & Ham, Beets w/Orange Sauce, Mixed Greens, Chocolate Cookie, Cornbread, Milk	<b>THURSDAY</b> - Salisbury Steak, w/Gravy, Yellow Squash, Mashed Potatoes, Apricots, Bread, Milk
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Chicken & Dumplings, Buttered Carrots, English Peas, Peaches, Bread,	<b>FRIDAY</b> - Chef Salad, Ham, Egg, Cheese, Baked Potato, Raspberry Gelatin, Crackers, Milk

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## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
Cross Plains Church of Christ  
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In another cartoon, the pulpit and podium are positioned over a water tank and there's a large bull's-eye on an arm that sticks out to the side — just like with a dunking booth at the carnival. Each one in the "audience" has a baseball — and the preacher is behind the pulpit with a horrid look on his face! Need I say more? It's not just if he preaches too long, he'd better not say the wrong thing(s) either! The more people he offends, the more chances he has of being dunked!

One doesn't really have to be a preacher to be in that predicament. I have seen children, wives, even husbands, and employees who were afraid of saying anything for fear they might say the wrong thing or say it "wrong." They've "hit the water" all too often already!

Not wonder James wrote, "Let every person be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" (James 1:19). And Paul: "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one" (Colossians 4:6). In other words, "put the baseball down and remove the bull's-eye and water tank; replace it with some fruit of the Spirit: love, peace, kindness, goodness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23).

We encourage you to share in periods of life-changing Bible study and worship with us. We really do care about you, too!

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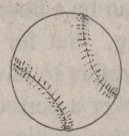
## C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



**FFA INVITATIONAL**—Jake Snell, an FFA student from Cross Plains High School was the 11th high individual in the Invitational Dairy Foods contest held recently at Tarleton State University. There were 271 high school students from across Texas who competed in the Invitational Dairy Foods judging at the FFA Career Development Event held at Tarleton. Pictured at left is Tarleton faculty member Deana Gage who was contest director. (Tarleton News Service photo)

## Baseball Parade

Saturday, May 7th  
11:00 AM



Opening Ceremonies  
At The Baseball Field  
Following Parade

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## SCHOOL MENU

MAY 2 - 6

### BREAKFAST

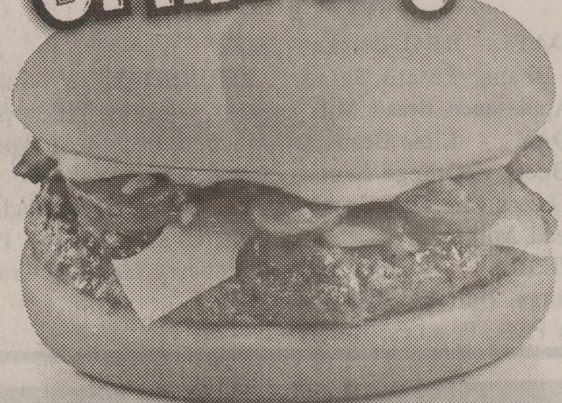
**MONDAY** - Sausage, Biscuit, Gravy, Assorted Juice  
**TUESDAY** - Fresh Toast Sticks, Sausage Links, Assorted Juice  
**WEDNESDAY** - Muffins, Yogurt, Assorted Juice  
**THURSDAY** - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice  
**FRIDAY** - Donuts, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

### LUNCH

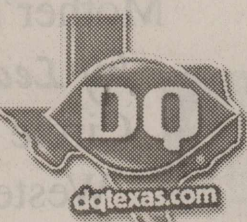
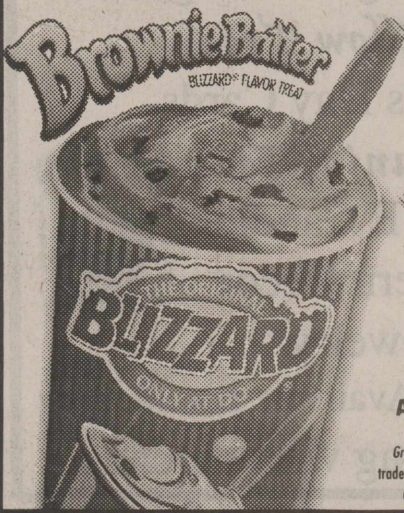
**MONDAY**- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Rosy-Applesauce  
**TUESDAY** - Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Meadow Blend Vegies, Rolls, Pears  
**WEDNESDAY**- Meat-Cheese Nachos, Salad, Pinto Beans, Apple Crisp  
**THURSDAY**-Fish or Hot Pocket, Blackeyed Peas, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Mix Fruit  
**FRIDAY**-Beef/Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce-Tomato-Pickles, Fries, Rice Krispie Treat

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April 28, 2005

## Texas A&M University at Galveston's Sea Camp

Now in its 20th year, Texas A&M University at Galveston's Sea Camp will begin offering sessions in May to youngsters who are interested in the ocean and marine life.

Sea Camp is geared to students ages 10-18 and it offers rewarding and enriching experiences to campers who attend the week long sessions, which start May 29 and run through July 30. Since its beginning 20 years ago, more than 10,000 campers from all over the world have enrolled in Sea Camp programs where the beach and ocean are the classrooms.

"We now offer 15 different program topics and enroll between 700 and 900 each summer. This truly is a one-of-a-kind camp, the only one like it in Texas. Sea Camp teaches kids about marine and estuarine environments and why these are important in their own lives," says Judy Wern, Sea Camp director.

Camps will include nautical archaeology and oceanography, marine mammal workshops, coastal camping, fish camp, advanced fish camp, ecology and biology of the area and costal photography during which campers will make their own post cards, produce mini-portfolios and display their best work during an exhibit.

Also returning is a family sea camp for campers 8-18 and their family members.

Sea Campers will live in residence halls on the Texas A&M at Galveston campus and costs range from \$725 to \$775, except for international camps. A \$150 deposit is required and registration in some Sea Camps sessions is limited. For more information, call (409) 740-4525 or go the Sea Camp website at [www.tamug.edu/seacamp](http://www.tamug.edu/seacamp) <<http://www.tamug.edu/seacamp>>.



I SPY—Do you see anyone that you know? These are some of our Seniors hunting Easter eggs back in 1993.



ALL GROWN UP—Cross Plains High School 2005 Seniors hunt Easter eggs.

## Junior High Girls District Track Results

By Coach Dillard

Cross Plains, Goldthwaite, Evant, Gorman, and Ranger competed Tuesday, April 5th in the Jr. High District Track Meet.

Cross Plain Girls "A" Team placed 2nd with 138.33 points, Goldthwaite was the District winner with 200 points in the 8th grade division.

**Triple Jump**-2nd-Emily Harris, 27'10 1/2"; 5th - Amanda Dunaway, 26'1 1/2"

**Shot Put**- 2nd - Maria Gonzales, 31'11"; 5th-Ashleigh Galloway, 26'6"; 6th - Tawni Nichols, 25'11 1/4"

**Long Jump** - 2nd - Emma Bennett, 12'10 1/4"; 5th-Emily Harris, 12'1 1/2"; 6th-Terrah Augustine, 11'10"

**High Jump**-2nd-Emma Bennett, 4'4"; 4th-Krista Phillips, 4'2"

**Discus**-1st-Ashleigh Galloway, 74'2"; 3rd-Maria Gonzales, 68'7"

**2400 Run**-2nd, Mandy Rose 10.59.28

**400 Relay**-3rd-Terrah Augustin, Emma Bennett, Krista Phillips, Emily Harris, 59.93

**800 Run**-5th-Tawni Nichols, 3.35.02

**100 Hurdles**-3rd-Emily Harris, 20.65; 4th-Amanda Dunaway, 23.34; 5th-Melissa Black, 24.24

**100 Dash**-5th-Tiffany Holland, 15.75

**800 Relay** - 3rd - Terrah Augustine, Tiffany Holland, Krista Phillips, Emma Bennett, 2.09.78

**400 Dash**-6th-Emily Foster, 1.30.81

**300 Hurdles** - 4th - Amanda Dunaway, 1.10.90; 5th - Melissa Black, 1.16.18

**200 Dash**-6th-Tiffany Holland,

33.84

**1600 Run**-2nd-Mandy Rose, 6.54.29

**1600 Relay** - 2nd - Terrah Augustine, Emma Bennett, Krista Phillips, Emily Harris, 5.09.00

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The "B" Team placed 4th with 32 points in the 7th grade division.

**Triple Jump**-3rd-Tara Brown, 21'6"

**Shot Put**-2nd-Cierra Odom, 24'1/2"

**Discus**-2nd-Cierra Odom, 49'10"; 3rd-Callie Cooper, 49'9"

**100 Dash**-6th-Tara Brown, 17.78

**200 Dash**-5th-Tara Brown, 37.90; 6th-Callie Cooper, 41.11

This was another great year for the Jr. High Girls Track program. These young ladies worked hard and it paid off.

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## School Board Minutes

April 21, 2005

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

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tension, High School Principal Jimmie Cearley and guest, Tina Thomas.

Prayer was led by Monty Richards.

Minutes were approved with corrections.

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bennett to remove the auditorium seats from the table. Fro 6 Against 0

Donnie Dillard came in at 8:00 p.m.

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Bennett that they accept the bid from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for refurbishing of the auditorium seats for \$50,754.60. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by D. Dillard and seconded by Cook to accept the Drug and Alcohol Deterrence Policy as presented subject to approval of the School Attorney. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Pillans to canvass votes of May 7, 2005 election on May 16, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. For 7 Against 0

10:20 p.m. entered Executive

Session

Out of Session at 11:50.

Motion was made by Pillans and seconded by V. Dillard to accept the resignation of E. Barry Gil for 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by D. Dillard to act on letters of assurance for secretaries and aides as follows: Krisi Reed, Charlou Cowan, Lurene McNutt, Marilyn Tension, Tonja Walker, Annette Nickerson, Carolyn Morgan, Brenda Montgomery, Debra Childers, Natoschia Tension and Mack Taff.

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by V. Dillard to act on letter of assurance for Patricia Cook, aide. For 6 Against 0 Cook abstained

Motion was made by D. Dillard and seconded by Pillans to act on letter of assurance for auxiliary personnel as follows: Custodian/Maintenance - Robert Gilpin, Gaynelle Callaway, Billy Bell, Homer Parson and Stephanie Strickland; Bus Mechanic - Truett Horton; Cafeteria - Barbara Barnett, Deborah Thomas, Inez King and Lorna Muniain; Bus Drivers Fred St. Peter, Bill Robinson, Bud Dillard and Teresa Koenig. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Bennett to adopt pay scale for all at-will employees. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by D. Dillard to adjourn. For 7 Against 0

Scrapbooking  
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The First Baptist Church is pleased to be offering FREE scrapbooking classes on the 4th Monday of each month, the first of which will be April 25th.

The "come and go" classes, which will be taught by Karen Richey, will be held in the Family Life Center from 4 to 7 p.m.

Supplies needed will be your personal pictures and album, if you have one. Karen will have some supplies available for use. For more information call Karen (254) 725-7572.

All ladies of the community are welcome, so please come join them for an evening of fun with scrapbooking.

50 Year Reunion  
Planned for the  
Cross Plains HS  
Class of 1955

The Cross Plains High School Class of 1955 will have their 50 year reunion on Saturday, April 30, at the Cross Plains Community Center. The building will be open at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and snacks.

Friends are invited to drop in and say hello between 2 and 4 p.m.

The class will have a catered supper at 5:30 p.m.

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## Entries Needed for the Barbarian Festival Parade on June 11th

A great Barbarian Festival is anticipated this year to celebrate the seventh annual parade and festivities.

Everyone is invited to participate in this year's parade which consists of several categories. The current categories include the following, yet are not limited to the following:

- Floats
- Motorcycles (small/large)
- Clowns
- Riding Clubs
- Tractors
- Decorated Children's

### Bicycles.

If interested in participating in the Barbarian Parade, please contact Verna Matthews (254) 725-7287, Debby Whiteley (254) 725-6201 or Patricia (Vaughn) Phillips (25) 725-6133 for further information.

If unable to contact by phone, please write to:  
**Cross Plains Barbarian Festival**  
 P.O. Box 741  
 Cross Plains, Tx. 76443.  
 The parade will begin at 9:30 a.m.

## Majority of Texas voters want Sept. 1 or later school start date

April 4, 2005 (Austin, Texas) - A recent statewide survey shows an overwhelming majority of Texas registered voters support a school start date of September 1 or later and the majority also support school districts having the option to lengthen the school day and shorten the school year.

The Texas Interested Citizens Statewide Voter Opinion Survey, conducted by The Eppstein Group, found that 67 percent of the state's registered voters favor requiring all Texas public schools to begin their school years after Labor Day or during the first week in September.

Fifty-four percent of those polled favored allowing local school districts the option to lengthen the school day by 15 to 30 minutes to give students the option of a longer summer vacation or more flexibility with school breaks.

The survey also shows that Texas voters believe the quality of education in public schools is the single most important issue facing the state.

Tina Bruno, executive director of Texans for a Traditional School Year said she was not surprised to hear Texans support a September 1 or later school-start date. "Survey after survey shows Texans support a

later school start date and do not support the trend in Texas to begin school early in August."

The majority of the 42,000 respondents to the web based school calendar survey sponsored by the School Start Date Task Force also supported a September 1 or later school start date, with the greatest number of respondents supporting a post-Labor Day school start.

A 1999 Texas Poll showed the majority of Texans supported a uniform school start date for all Texas public schools and the majority thought the school year should begin around September 1, again with the greatest number of respondents supporting a post-Labor Day school start.

Currently, Texas law prohibits public schools from beginning instruction earlier than the week of August 21. However, the bill also allowed the Texas Education Agency to grant waivers to districts wishing to begin the school year earlier than law recommends.

The statewide telephone survey of 1001 randomly chosen Texas registered voters was conducted February 21-24, 2005. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 3.2 percent.

## A SOLDIER'S THOUGHTS

By JERRY P. BIGGERSTAFF, JR.

### "Manic Monday"

Everyday is Monday. It is like the ground hog sees his Monday shadow everyday. Everyday is the same; just like the last. Nothing changes here.

The chow is the same—the same—the same. I just wish for Taco Bell or Taco Bueno, or heck, even McDonald's. They have a Burger King on the other side but it is always so crowded that I have not eaten there yet.

I came here with some money in my pocket and still have some money in my pocket. There is just nothing. I work till late because nothing matters. It is just life.

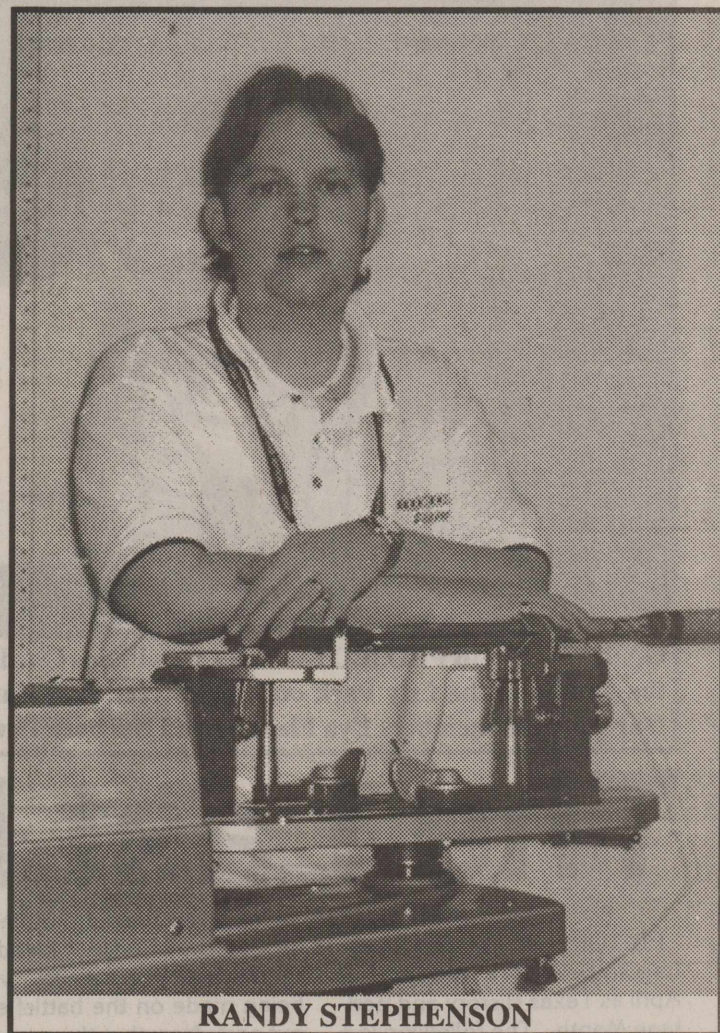
I know we have it good. I have been to the other side of the camp. Those guys have it rougher than we do by far. They live in tents in a dusty nasty place. The bath-

rooms are separate, so if you need to shower or whatever, you have to walk.

I thank God that we are where we are, but wish we were somewhere else. I am here for a reason whether it is understood or not. I know that I exist for a reason and the only thing I can say is that I exist. I exist so others in this country can exist.

Existence is a strange thing. Why are we here? Death comes to all whether it is quick and meaningless or slow and painful. It is just a fact of life. For the first time, however, I can say that I existed for a reason and God only knows if my existence will be longer or shorter than I hope.

This comes on Monday, the eve of Monday, and the day before Monday and you guessed it, yesterday was Monday, too.



RANDY STEPHENSON

## Texas to celebrate statewide Arbor Day April 29

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Texas will celebrate the state's 116th official Arbor Day April 29, with events that recognize the way trees enrich and stabilize the environment.

Houston will host the official state celebration with a ceremony beginning at 11 a.m. in MacGregor Park. Jim Hull, State Forester and director of the Texas Forest Service, will act as Master of Ceremonies.

"Arbor Day celebrates the importance of trees and the contribution to our environment made by planting and nurturing trees," Hull said. "Houston was selected as this year's host city because of its strong commitment to support and promote tree programs benefiting its citizens."

During the celebration, Houston will be recognized as a Tree City USA for the 20th consecutive year, and the state winner of the Arbor Day Poster Contest will be announced.

While the purpose of Arbor Day lies in the future, historians trace its origins back to the fifth century when Swiss villagers gathered to plant groves of oak trees. Adults turned the event into a festival, and children were given treats as a reward for their help planting trees.

The first Texas Arbor Day was on February 22, 1889. W. Goodrich Jones led the citizens of Temple in a mass meeting to

call for a tree planting campaign along the streets of the city. One year later, the first statewide observance of Arbor Day was held in Austin. Through the efforts of Senator George Tyler of Belton, February 22nd was legally named Arbor Day to encourage tree planting in Texas.

In 1989, the Legislature passed a resolution moving Texas Arbor Day to the last Friday in April to align with the traditionally observed national Arbor Day, but Texans are encouraged to conduct local ceremonies anytime from November through April.

Communities across Texas can recognize Arbor Day by celebrating the ways trees enrich lives and stabilize the environment. Some activities communities can undertake are planting pecan trees (the state tree of Texas), conducting tree identification hikes within the community and planting trees on school campuses, in parks or along roads. Other activities might include encouraging neighborhood organizations to adopt and care for street and community trees.

For more information about ways to celebrate Arbor Day in your community, visit the Texas Forest Service web site at <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu> < h t t p : / / texasforestservice.tamu.edu / >

## Stephenson gets to String in Florida

Randy Stephenson of Dallas was pleasantly surprised recently when he was contacted by the coordinator of the Luxilon Tennis Stringing Team to see if he would be interested in working at the Nasdaq 100 Tournament in Key Biscayne.

Stephenson was able to take advantage of the opportunity and spent 10 long days working along side professional stringers from around the world. The Luxilon Company provided the technical equipment support for all of the players who do not have personal stringers.

One highlight of Stephenson's time in Florida was working again

with some of the stringers he'd met at The Wimbledon two years ago. In addition to his friends from Japan and Canada, Randy was privileged to work with racquet technicians from China, Germany, England, Czech Republic and from the Luxilon headquarters in Belgium.

The Luxilon Company is a world leader in the manufacturing of polyester/monofilament fibers that are used in the medical, aerospace and clothing industries as well as for tennis racquets.

Randy is the son of Tom and Arlene Stephenson of Cross Plains.

## Post Office offers options to send Mother's Day gifts

This year, the Postal Service's™ Web site offers the Mother's Day mailer a quick, easy, and convenient way to create custom-made greeting cards with personalized text—featuring photos of the children or grandchildren, and sent with a gift card to a favorite store.

The entire greeting can be composed on a personal computer, using the Postal Service's NetPost Card Store/Gift Card combination at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com). A few clicks will upload a photo and let the user select or create the perfect sentiment. A few more clicks can add a gift card from a variety of nationally recognized retailers. Payment can be made by credit or debit card. Within days, a beautiful hard copy card and gift card will be delivered right to Mom's mailbox. NetPost Card Store also offers images and designs to help make Mom's card extra special.

The Postal Service Web site also offers gift items for sale—from wall art to books. A supply of postage stamps makes a useful gift for the practical mom or the mom who has everything. The new Spring Flowers stamps are sure to brighten any day. Save Mom a trip to the Post Office™!

Those who already bought Mom a gift and just need to mail it can do so right from the comfort of home. With a credit or debit card, [usps.com](http://www.usps.com)'s popular

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For last minute shoppers, it's possible to mail gifts or cards from a Post Office as late as May 7 using Express Mail® service, and it will still arrive at Mom's on her big day. Express Mail® service offers guaranteed overnight delivery to most locations. There's no extra charge for Sunday delivery.

Those who can't grace Mom with their presence on Mother's Day can grace her with a gift by having it arrive on her special Sunday. Beautifully decorated Ready Post® boxes, padded envelopes and bubble wrap add to the charm of a package. They are available in most Post Offices.

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Remember to bring in two milk caps for your two free weeks at Curves in Clyde. This offer is good from May 1 to June 30, 2005. Please call 325-893-9110 for an appointment and complimentary figure analysis.

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## Happy Birthday!

### APRIL 30

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Virginia Wolfe Whitehead  
Cameron Phillips  
Erin Sinkey  
Cordell Grant

### MAY 1

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Martha Jo Sparks  
Amy Jo Dean  
Tom Dewbre  
Veronica Holmans  
Clint Connelly  
Vickie Ringhoffer  
Amy Jo Hart

### MAY 2

Brenda Switzer  
Steve Foster  
Richard Wilson  
Joe Pope  
Linda Kay Kelly  
Bruce Hubbard  
Terry Fortune  
Jerry Fortune  
Kenneth Hopson  
Michelle Milder  
Travis Crockett

### MAY 3

Dorland Cross  
Karen Covington  
Edith Hinesly  
Debby Johnson  
John Allen Matthews  
Rev. Bill Reed, Sr.

### MAY 4

Tammy McKenzie  
Tiffany McKenzie  
Gary Kelly  
Chris Porter  
Ector Mireles, Sr.

### MAY 5

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Loyd Havens  
Jane Reagan  
Harold Jones  
Lena Scott  
Karla Kay Hester  
Mrs. Cliff Clark  
Veronica (Cowan) Plagens  
Mrs. Oscar Koenig  
Bobby Cearley  
Lea Ann Cavage  
Mrs. Rhoda Lawson  
Judy Jackson  
Ruben Pippens  
Nancy (Larkin) McQucca  
Eddie Duncan

### MAY 6

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**GARDEN CLUB PROJECT**—The Cross Plains Garden Club placed a birdhouse near the gazebo at the City Park on Main Street. Bob Carter (right) built the birdhouse. Garden Club members Eva Fleming and Barbara Powell are also pictured.

## The Last Battle

By: Mike Konczak

**EDITORS NOTE:** The Texas Legislature has recognized April as Texas History and Heritage Month. The following is a true snippet of Texas soldiers during this period. The Sons of Confederate Veterans representative Mike Konczak presented this article for publication. The Sons of Confederate Veterans wish to honor the brave men and women of the South regardless of race, creed, color or sex.

On April 9, 1865 at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia, Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to U.S. Grant's Union Army. Less than four weeks later, on April 26, General Joe Johnston surrendered the Confederate Army of Tennessee to the Federal Army. The war between the States was over in the East, but out in the Confederacy beyond the Mississippi, the Confederates had at least one fight left in them.

In the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas, the events of the East seemed distant. For almost a year, the mainland of the Valley was under the control of Colonel John S. "Rip" Ford's Confederate Cavalry of the West, while the Federal Army encamped on nearby Brazos Island. Both Ford and his Federal counterpart, General Lew Wallace, felt that while the big battles were being fought out East it was pointless to continue day-to-day operations in South Texas. So a truce existed in which the two armies left each other alone. While Confederates and Federals were slugging it out in Virginia and the Carolinas, a calm took place in South Texas.

But when Lee surrendered, things started taking a life of their own. Complicating matters was that Colonel Theodore H. Barrett replaced Wallace. When the ambitious officer received work of Lee's surrender,

he felt it was his duty to march on to Brownsville. Besides, future political careers were being made on the battlefields out east. Now that the war was ending, Barrett was running out of time. He figured being known as the "Victor of Brownsville" would enhance his political future. On May 11, 1865 an expedition left Brazos Santiago for the mainland and glory.

The Confederates on the mainland were not as isolated from war news as one thought. They two had learned not only of Lee's surrender, but that Joe Johnston and Lincoln's assassination. But Texas veteran Rip Ford was in no mood for surrender. A veteran of the Mexican War and numerous Indian campaigns, Ford and his men had reclaimed the Rio Grande Valley. They had no intention of just handing it over.

The odds were against him. Ford only cavalry and six 12-pound cannon but no artillery crews. To make matters worse, his immediate superior, General Slaughter, wanted to abandon Brownsville without a fight. Ford responded, "You can retreat and go to hell if you wish. These are my men, and I am going to fight." So the Cavalry of the West rode out to fight its last battle.

The demographics of the opposing forces represented almost every group involved in the larger conflict. Ford had German, Anglo and Hispanic Texans in his command, while the Federals had an infantry regiment from Indiana and the Sixty-Second U.S. Colored Infantry. Thrown into the mix were German and Tejano troopers of the 2nd US Texas Cavalry.

Just to make things a little more interesting, members of the Imperial Mexican Army who were occupying Matamoros strengthened Ford's command. Feeling board, the

French and Austrian soldiers crossed the River and volunteered to serve as artillery crews for the Confederate cannon.

The Federals had already advanced up river and fought several small skirmishes with Ford's pickets on May 13th. At a series of sand dunes that ran between the Boco Chico Road and the Rio Grande, Ford's main body caught up with the advancing Federals. Outnumbered, Ford called out to his men, "We have whipped the enemy in all our previous fights. We can do it again."

The Confederates proceeded to do just that. They swept down on the Union lines, turned their flanks and sent the Federals back toward the coast in confusion. Only the black troops fought in order, providing a rear guard while the rest of the army ran for the sea. Only once back on Brazos Island did they stop. The last battle of the War Between the States, known as the battle of Palmito Hill, had been fought and it was a clear Confederate victory.

Despite later claims and lore, Ford's men did not kill wounded Federal soldiers, particularly those of the 2nd US Texas Cavalry or the black regiment. On the contrary, all prisoners were treated as such and released. The Confederates retired to Brownsville. With in a week, word was received that the Trans-Mississippi Department of the Confederacy, including Texas, had surrendered. The cavalry of the West disbanded and only then did the Union Army march into Brownsville.

When the Federal commander asked where Rip Ford was at, someone pointed to a house in Matamoros flying a large flag. Upon closer examination it was determined that Ford's new home was flying a Union flag—that of the Indiana Regiment he had routed at Palmito Ranch.

## Sales & use tax totals rise in 3rd quarter of 2004 year in Callahan Co.

The Texas sales and use tax analysis for Callahan County has been reported for the third quarter of 2004 by State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn's office on Monday, April 18.

Strayhorn reported gross sales, for all industries in Callahan County, for the third quarter of 2004 at \$18,562,841 which was 14.6 percent higher than the gross sales of \$16,197,318 reported during the third quarter of 2003. Gross sales are the total amount of all sales, leases and rentals of tangible personal property and all labor and service charges made during the reporting period.

Use tax purchases for the third quarter of 2004 for all industries in Callahan County amounted to \$45,598. Use tax purchases are the cost of all taxable items removed from inventory for personal or business use and all purchases on which no Texas sales tax was paid or use tax accrued.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax in the third quarter of 2004 in Callahan County was \$7,348,675. The amount subject to state sales and use tax is calculated by taking taxable sales and adding use tax purchases. The number of business locations in Callahan County, with a sales and use tax permit which filed a return, was 267. There were 264 permits issued during the same quarter the previous year.

The gross sales for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the third quarter of 2004 was \$11,76,852 which is 11.4 percent higher than the 2003 third quarter gross sales of \$10,560,366.

The use tax purchases for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the third quarter of 2004 was \$14,417.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax for the third quarter of 2004 was \$5,281,718 for the retail trade division in Callahan County.

The number of reporting outlets in the retail trade division in Callahan County totaled 136 for the third quarter of 2004. There were 140 reporting outlets during the same quarter in 2003.

### Callahan County DPS Report

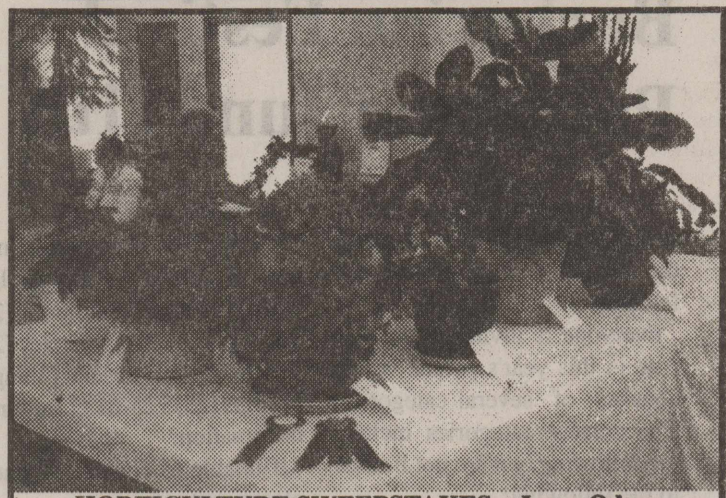
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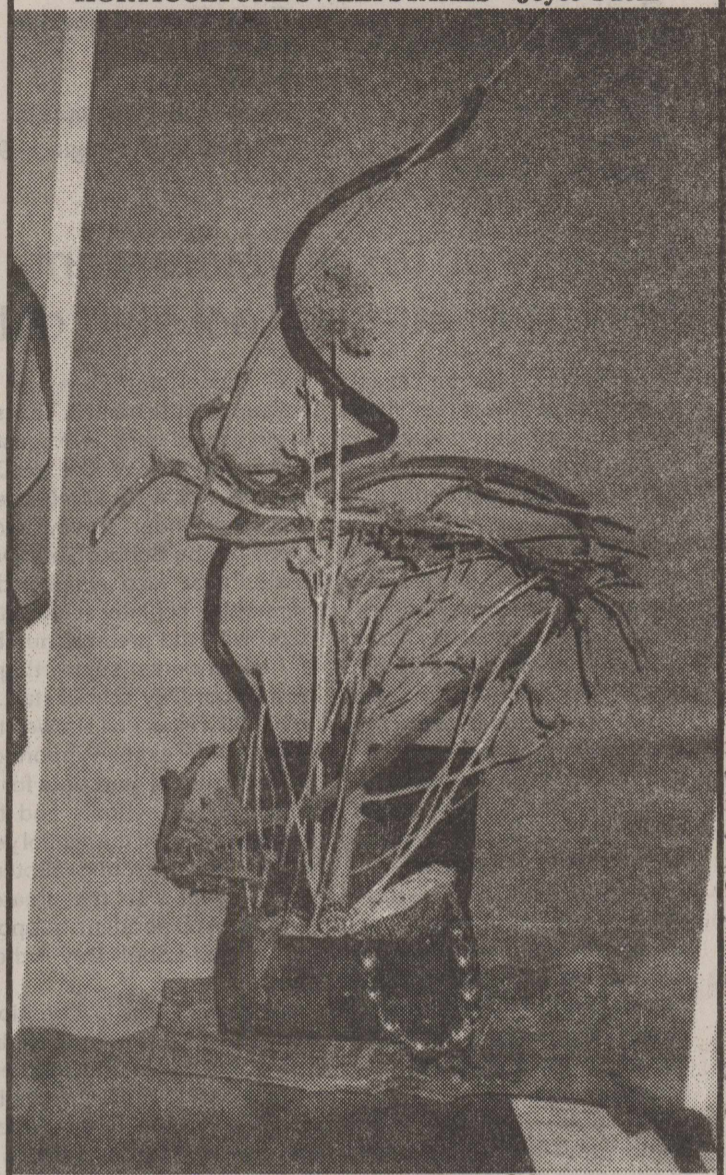
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There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.



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- \* High School Principal at Cross Plains from 1994 to 1997. On Board of Education from 1999 to 2002
- \* Director of Enrollment Management at Ranger College 2002-2003
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## The Legislature must reaffirm the right of just compensation for landowners

By SUSAN COMBS

Embedded in the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution is a fundamental protection for American land and homeowners: private property cannot be taken for public use without just compensation.

Public entities are entitled to take property when there is a demonstrable public good examples include condemning property for use as road right-of-ways, new schools, flood control and the like. If private property is taken this way, the people who own the land are guaranteed a just compensation. In 1995, we passed SB 14 to accomplish that purpose.

As environmental regulations in some parts of our state have grown more stringent over the last two decades or so, the definition of what constitutes "takings" has blurred. We are now at a critical point where some types of environmental regulations are, in effect, takings, because they cause dramatic devaluation of private property.

If such regulations are for the betterment of the general public, then the landowner who pays a dear price in loss of value should, under both our state and federal constitutions, be compensated fairly. Unfortunately, that is not the case in Austin.

In 1992, our Capital City's electorate passed the Save Our Springs ordinance, a stringent anti-growth and land-use law labeled "water quality" protection. In addition, the city passed regulations over residents of the ETJ who couldn't vote "for" or "against" the ordinance. Over

the ensuing years, SOS, as it is widely known, has been used as a tool to prevent growth and devalue real property. SOS requires that many Austin-area developments not exceed 15 percent "impervious cover," regardless of scientific evidence that clean-water standards can readily be met at higher percentages of build-out.

SOS has been challenged all the way to the Texas Supreme Court, where it was ruled constitutional under Texas law. In that ruling in 1998, the Supreme Court noted that SOS was directly responsible for a 90 percent reduction in the value of land. By any reasonable person's definition, that is a taking.

The bottom line: If it is constitutional for public entities such as the City of Austin to take private property for the public good, then the City of Austin should pay the landowners a fair price for that property. To no one's surprise, the city is not rushing to write checks to anybody.

It was easy for the rest of Texas to ignore SOS—most of us thought it was just Austin being Austin and that this extraordinarily destructive law would never apply to the rest of Texas.

Well, take a deep breath Texas homeowners and landowners: SOS may be headed your way. There is a legislative effort underway which would extend SOS-type standards to a swath of Texas that encompasses 10 counties.

If a landowner decides to develop a piece of property, a river authority would have the authority to adopt impervious cover limitations on the land. Land

that Texas families have been counting on to pay for their children's college educations or for retirement will be devalued, virtually overnight.

Who will pay the landowners for this loss of value? A river authority? The counties where the farms and ranches are located? The sad truth is that no one is currently required to pay for this devalued land.

The issue of paying landowners a fair price for "takings"—and of defining exactly what constitutes a taking—is front and center at the Legislature this session, as elected leaders debate a bill aimed at solving this problem. Our legislators have a chance to ensure that our right of just compensation is codified in Texas law. Sen. Todd Staples (R-Palestine) and Rep. Robby Cook (D-Eagle Lake) are both carrying legislation to clarify the definition of a taking and to ensure landowners are fairly compensated if their private property is taken by a public entity.

The Legislature has an opportunity to reaffirm a right we've all taken for granted: owning and enjoying private property. The time is now, and the stakes are great. Let's preserve a value Texans hold dear: no taking of private property without just compensation.

The Hon. Susan Combs has served as the Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Texas since 1999. She served two terms in the Texas House of Representatives and is a fourth-generation Texas rancher. She was the House author of the state's private property rights legislation.

## Cross Plains Roping Club Would Like to Say, "THANK YOU"

With the changing times and rising costs, putting on an event such as the CPRC May 21st Turkey Creek Cook Off, PSBR and Open Bull Riding, and Dance featuring Jim Sadler, is near impossible without the help of sponsors. So we asked, and they responded. And because of their generosity, we are able to bring this event to our town. We'd like to thank everyone who sponsored or donated to this event.

Our Gold Card Sponsors, those who have donated over \$300 for this event are: KEAN 105 of Abilene, Welch Stone Products of Brownwood, Texas Heritage Bank of Cross Plains, The Park Car Wash, also of Cross Plains,

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Thank you for all for supporting this event. If we've forgotten anyone, please contact Dru Eppard and let her know.

We'd like to thank Rickey Walker and the PSBR for working with us on putting the Bull Riding together. Also, thank you Jim Sadler for playing at the dance. Don't forget that fiddle!!

Submitted by  
Tani Pointer

## Hybrid vehicles benefit consumers and nation as a whole

Austin, Texas—With gasoline prices at record highs, world oil supplies coming into question and ongoing concerns about air quality, hybrid vehicles aren't just for the green at heart.

Conservatives with an interest in increasing fuel stability, enhancing national security and limiting emissions regulations can now look to hybrids for some assistance. If they can get one, that is.

Hybrid vehicles, with their power supplied by a combination of gasoline and electricity, get gas mileage that is often twice as good as comparable conventionally powered vehicles. Since less gasoline is required to go the same distance, the hybrids help reduce reliance on imported crude oil. In 2004, imported oil accounted for 63% of US consumption; this figure is projected to rise to 77% by 2025. Given the essential role that energy plays in national defense, the reductions in this projection offered by the widespread use of hybrids would improve national security. Moreover, a significant amount of U.S. oil imports are now derived from countries that are at best, unstable, and at worst, antagonistic to U.S. interests. Decreasing our dependence on energy supplies from these countries would mean sending less money to countries that support terrorist groups and would help to make our nation more secure. Finally, decreasing consumption of imported oil also makes the U.S. economy less vulnerable to

fluctuations in the world oil market.

On Earth Day, it is also important to note the environmental promise of hybrids. If hybrids can achieve widespread use, automobiles as a whole should have less impact on the environment without sacrificing convenience. In addition to reducing air emissions from the cars themselves, the use of hybrids reduces air emissions, water discharges and hazardous waste generation from refineries by slowing the demand for gasoline. This could have significant benefits. First, for Texas areas such as the DFW region where the failure to meet the federal ozone standards is largely tied to mobile sources, the widespread use of cleaner hybrid cars could help to meet the standard in a less burdensome manner. Second, the improved environmental performance of hybrid vehicles could lessen the need for additional environmental regulations in other areas. To our credit, harmful emissions in the U.S. have been generally decreasing over the past decade. Despite this trend, governments around the world continue to consider further limiting emissions. Hybrids are a practical alternative to this command and control approach.

Finally, in these days of high gasoline prices, hybrids promise significantly reduced gas costs to consumers. For example, the Ford Escape Hybrid potentially the 30% lower annual gasoline bill and 50% better

fuel economy compared to the conventional Ford Escape.

Perhaps most important, hybrids can fulfill these promises now. Taking full advantage of hybrids allows us the time necessary to complete development of vehicles that will have no gasoline consumption and near-zero emissions.

With such significant benefits and seven different models to choose from—with at least eleven more expected within the next two years—hybrids sound too good to be true. And in fact, there is one big problem: automakers in Detroit and Japan seem unable to catch the hybrid wave. Although Ford and GM are now producing hybrids for select markets, they are not meeting the demand. In fact, no hybrid manufacturer is currently satisfying demand—delays ranging from a few weeks to months are common.

Hybrids are part of a solution to U.S. energy woes that includes increased development of domestic resources, diversification of resources, additional conservation measures, and research and development. It is therefore disappointing that more hybrids aren't on the road and aren't even available. Hybrids offer so many positives—both for consumers and the nation as a whole—that manufacturers need to respond to the high demand by increasing their supply so more people can enjoy the benefits that a hybrid brings.

## Blood Drive at First Baptist Church in Abilene May 4

First Baptist Church in Abilene will host a Meek Blood Center Spring Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 4 from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Donors should report to the church parlor just off the North 2nd Street entrance. Donors must be age 17 or above and should bring a photo ID.

### FACTS ABOUT DONOR ELIGIBILITY

Provided by Meek Blood Center

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Course schedules are listed on the CJC website. Classes begin June 1 and end July 7. Summer II will begin July 11 and end August 11.

Visit the CJC website at [www.cisco.cc.tx.us](http://www.cisco.cc.tx.us); click on the Student Information link; then Campus Connect for instructions on using Campus Connect's online registration process. To register for courses you must be exempt from the Texas Success Initiative or be college ready in all three areas.

For more information, call the Cisco campus at (254) 442-5000 or the Abilene Educational Center at (325) 794-4400.

## WTU retail energy files request for price-to-beat

WTU Retail Energy L.P. announced today that it had filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) seeking approval to level the seasonal adjustments to its Price-to-Beat fuel factor rates. If approved, WTU Retail Energy will have one fuel factor rate, rather than four seasonal rates for its Price-to-Beat rates.

"Providing our customers with a single fuel factor will help level out the seasonal adjustments customers face four times a year, which will provide less fluctuation to their bills throughout the year," said Phil Tonge, president of WTU Retail Energy. "If this request is approved by the PUCT, customers will receive the benefit of lower rates during the high-usage summer months."

The existing seasonal fuel factors were initially established when WTU Retail Energy was

under the ownership of AEP, and the Price-to-Beat rate became effective with the onset of deregulation. A fuel factor is a mechanism established by the PUCT intended for all affiliated retail electrical providers to adjust their Price-to-Beat rates to reflect current market prices of electricity. This Price-to-Beat rate is set by the PUCT and charged on each customer's bill based on kilowatt-hour usage.

**About WTU Retail Energy**  
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Bids must be submitted on or before 12:00 noon, June 7th, 2005, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after 12:00 noon, June 7, 2005, will be returned unopened. All Bidders or their agents are welcome to be present at the bid opening. For additional information you may contact Skip Casey or Wes Hays, Clyde CISD, 325-893-4222 or scasey@clyde.esc14.net.

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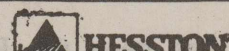
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Cross Plains will hold a public hearing May 3, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall for the purpose of adopting the 2005/2006 annual budget. All citizens are encouraged to attend. <sup>4-31c</sup>

### GARAGE SALE

**IN COTTONWOOD**, North of Methodist Church, April 29th & 30th, 8 to 2; Above ground pool w/deck & patio table, Dining table w/4chairs, small appliances, books, PC games, exercise glider, small girls clothes 2T-8. Much more! <sup>6-1p</sup>

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Lowers quality of breast milk. Decreases immune response. Decreases insulin response.

And here's the most disturbing fact.... HERE IS THE PART THAT IS VERY INTERESTING! Margarine is but ONE MOLECULE away from being PLASTIC...

This fact alone was enough to have me avoiding margarine for life and anything else that is hydrogenated (this means hydrogen is added, changing the molecular structure of the substance).

You can try this yourself: Purchase a tub of margarine and leave it in your garage or shaded area. Within a couple of days you will note a couple of things:

\* No flies, not even those pesky fruit flies will go near it (that should tell you something)

\* It does not rot or smell differently because it has no nutritional value; nothing will grow on it.

Even those teeny weeny microorganisms will not find a home to grow. Why? Because it is nearly plastic. Would you melt your Tupperware and spread that on your toast?

From the Internet.

## Butter Vs. Margarine

Margarine was originally manufactured to fatten turkeys. When it killed the turkeys, the people who had put all the money into the research wanted a payback so they put their heads together to figure out what to do with this project to get their money back. It was a white substance with no food appeal so they added a yellow coloring and sold it to people to use in place of butter.

DO YOU KNOW...the difference between margarine and butter? Read on to the end...gets very interesting!

Both have the same amount of calories.

Butter is slightly higher in saturated fats at 8 grams compared to 5 grams

Eating margarine can increase heart disease in women by 53% over eating the same amount of butter, according to a recent Harvard Medical Study.

Eating butter increases the absorption of many other nutrients in other food.

Butter has many nutritional benefits where margarine has a few only because they are added!

## Applicants needed for the Leifton Hunter Scholarship

The Leifton Hunter Scholarship Fund was established by Leonard Wilson in memory of Leifton Hunter, a 1998 graduate of Cross Plains High School. A graduating senior will be awarded a \$250.00 scholarship to assist with tuition, books, and/or fees to further his or her education.

### Requirements:

1. The scholarship is open to any graduating senior who has enrolled or plans to enroll in a college, university, vocational or

technical school.

2. Please write a one-page essay about one of the following topics:

A. Explain how a particular individual has significantly influenced your life.

B. Fully describe this sentence. "I am a \_\_\_ year old male/female growing up in the United States in 2005 and I am most hopeful/pessimistic about...."

C. Describe a challenge that you have successfully overcome and how it has affected your life. What challenges do you anticipate facing after graduation?

### Selection:

Selection will be based on school and community involvement, financial need, and completion of a brief essay.

### Application:

Applications are available from Laci Bean, the English teacher at Cross Plains High School.

### Application Deadline:

The application deadline is May 6, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. Please return the application with the essay attached to Dannes Turner at Texas Heritage Bank.



KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—James R. Brown (right), Game Warden, gave a very informative program. Mr. Brown was the guest of Benny Callaway (left).



ABOUT ALICE ROBY—Connie Kirkham, right, was the guest of program chair, John Kilgore for the April 19 Kiwanis Club meeting. Kirkham told about her mother, Alice Roby, who will be the featured lecturer at a new program by the Library. She also explained the origin of Project Graduation, an alcohol-free, drug-free, tobacco-free party for graduating seniors with free prizes to celebrate their graduation in a safe manner and thanked the Kiwanis for their support. The Kiwanis meet every Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn and the public is invited.



LUNCHEON— Dannes Turner (from left), Mark Norris and Debbie Gosnell were able to attend the Comanche luncheon.



TEXAS MIDWEST COMMUNITY NETWORK LUNCHEON AT RANGER— Visiting with Robert Noreiga (left) of Cisco are Susan Schaefer and David Estes.

## Local Leaders Attend Regional Luncheons

Cross Plains community leaders attended two regional network luncheons last week hosted by Ranger and Comanche. The luncheons are part of a five-luncheon series sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network. The topic of discussion at the luncheons focuses on local leadership as the key to insure quality of life and a strong economy for future generations.

Community leaders from surrounding cities discussed the importance of developing a regional vision. Each community was urged to define their respective local vision and to be ready to present it at a regional summit meeting in July when the regional vision will be defined.

Cities attending the Ranger luncheon included Abilene, Benjamin, Carbon, Cisco, Cross

Plains, Eastland, Gorman, Ranger, Munday, Thurber, Stephenville, and Sweetwater. Cities attending the Comanche luncheon included Abilene, Blanket, Brownwood, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Gorman, Hamilton, Ranger, and Santa Anna.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization founded in 1994 for economic development, tourism development, regional awareness & promotion, education, and legislative action. It is an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." For more information about TMCN call 325-676-0329 or 800-845-3563 or visit [www.texasmidwest.org](http://www.texasmidwest.org)

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