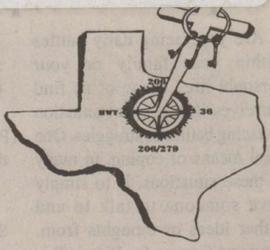




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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following relates how most of us feel about the happenings in our life. Don't you wonder what God's game plan really is???? However, if we knew in advance, we wouldn't be able to cope. I don't know about you, but my life has been nothing like I anticipated; and complicated doesn't even begin to describe things. How about you???? I certainly hope the other side of my work in progress appears much better. Sometimes we even ask, "Is this all there is?" That's when you have to turn to the Lord to fill that gap. He is the ONLY thing that will satisfy. Hopefully you will enjoy this meaningful story. **Vanda Anderson**

"God's Embroidery"

When I was a little boy, my mother used to embroider a great deal. I would sit at her knee and look up from the floor and ask what she was doing. She informed me that she was embroidering. I told her that it looked like a mess from where I was, the underside. I watched her work within the boundaries of the little round hoop that she held in her hand.

She would smile at me, look down and gently say, "My son, you go about your playing for a while, and when I am finished with my embroidering, I will put you on my knee and let you see it from my side."

I would wonder why she was using some dark threads, along with the bright ones and why they seemed so jumbled from my view.

A few minutes would pass and then I would hear Mother's voice say, "Son, come and sit on my knee."

This I did, only to be surprised and thrilled to see a beautiful flower or a sunset. I could not believe it, because from underneath it looked so messy.

Then Mother would say to me, "My son, from underneath it did look messy and jumbled, but you did not realize that there was a pre-drawn plan on the top. It was a design. I was only following it. Now look at it from my side and you will see what I was doing."

Many times through the years I have looked up to my Heavenly Father and said, "Father, what are you doing?"

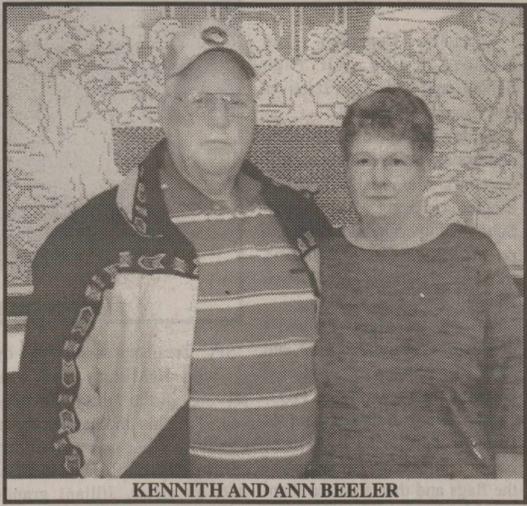
He has answered, "I am embroidering your life."

I say, "But it looks like a mess to me. It seems so jumbled. The threads seem so dark. Why can't they all be bright?"

The Father seems to tell me, "My child, you go about your business of doing My business, and one day I will bring you to Heaven and put you on My knee and you will see the plan from My side."

Author Unknown

**Athletic Banquet
Award Photos To
Appear In Next
Week's Paper**



KENNETH AND ANN BEELER

Cross Plains Cemetery receives an Historical Designation by the Texas Historical Commission

At the suggestion of Jimmielee Payne, the cemetery association pursued the idea by asking Kenneth and Ann Beeler to research the beginnings of the cemetery and complete the required forms to obtain the designation.

The Beelers discovered that the cemetery lies on land originally patented to James Knight on December 7, 1854. After passing through several hands, the 320-acre tract was bought in 1857 by George G. Steele, an Alabama doctor. His heirs eventually subdivided a portion of the acreage and donated the original

cemetery site to the Cross Plains Cemetery Association in 1905.

The trustees of the association at that time were S. F. "Fos" Bond, H. L. McDaniel and S. C. "Sam" Barr.

The designation has been recorded in the county clerk's office in Baird and as soon as the recorded documents have been returned to the State Historical Association in Austin, a metal marker will be ordered to be placed at the cemetery.

The Cross Plains Cemetery Association would like to thank the Beelers for all their hard work.

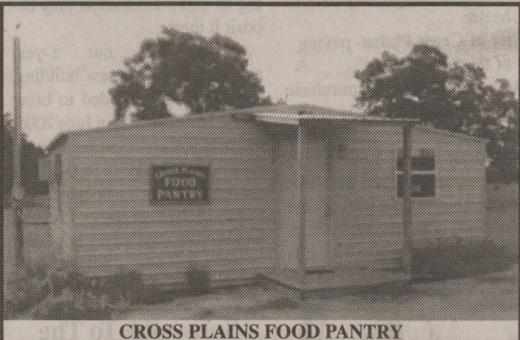
Howard Days Banquet Friday Evening June 10

Howard Days in Cross Plains are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11. Two days of activities are planned and the public is invited. The Howard Museum will be open both days for tours with Howard scholars and fans from all over the nation visiting. Look for a full schedule printed elsewhere in this paper.

Theme for 2005 is "Let His Name Not Fade...Interpreting Robert E. Howard in Books, Films and other Media". Wandering Star publisher,

Marcelo Anciano of London, England, is this year's honored guest and will be speaking at the banquet Friday evening, June 10, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Tickets are available for \$10 each and may be purchased at the Texas Heritage Bank or Cross Plains Public Library. If this is not convenient you may call (254) 725-4993, (254) 725-6562, (254) 725-6498 to make other arrangements. **Deadline for purchase is June 7.**



CROSS PLAINS FOOD PANTRY

Cross Plains Food Pantry Serves Large Number of Local Folks

Jesus said in Matthews 25:35-40, "...for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink;...."and "inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

In today's world, jobs are sometimes lost, a lay-off occurs, a "bread winner" gets sick, unexpected bills come up, a fixed income doesn't stretch far enough and there just sometimes is not

enough left at the end of the week or month's paycheck to buy adequate food for the family. Many of us have been in this position at sometime in our lives—if we haven't, we should be grateful that we have been so blessed!

First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains takes the commandment of Jesus seriously to feed the hungry. Being the major

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The Cross Plains Roping Club Cook-off, Bullriding Noted as a Huge Success

We had a great turn out for the Turkey Creek Cook-off. Thirteen teams put their grilling skills to the challenge and results follow:

Brisket

1st Place-B & W Towing, Clyde; 2nd Place-Bar-B-Que Buds, Abilene; 3rd Place-BS Cookers, Abilene

Ribs

1st Place-Smokin Bones, Abilene; 2nd Place-Bar-B-Que Buds, Abilene; 3rd Place-B & W Towing, Clyde

Chicken

1st Place-Smokin Bones, Abilene; 2nd Place-Dana's, Cross Plains; 3rd Place-Bar-B-Que Buds, Abilene

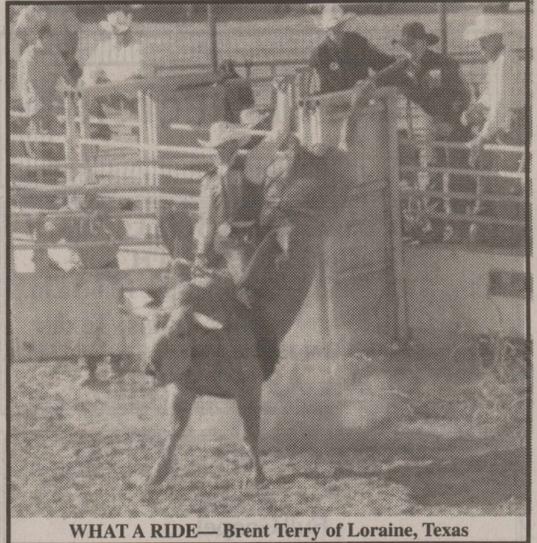
Chili

1st Place-Sutton & Son, Cross Plains; 2nd Place-T-N-T, Burkett; 3rd Place-Dana's, Cross Plains

Beans

1st Place-B & W Towing, Clyde; 2nd Place-2 Girls & A B-B-Q Pit, Cross Plains; 3rd Place-Sherman Traylor, Coleman

People's Choice: T-N-T, Terry Fortune, Burkett
Showmanship: B & W Towing, Clyde
Friendliest Cook: Hillbillies & Hippiess, Hawley



WHAT A RIDE— Brent Terry of Loraine, Texas

Thanks to the judges, Rolan Jones and Loma Muniain, for a great job with the cook-off.

We appreciate everyone who came out and participated in the People's Choice vote. There was a lot of good food to be enjoyed by all! Thanks to Rick Potter for the handmade plaques.

The bullriding was also a big success. The PSBR started the

show with the Top 20 bullriders. They had some salty bulls at hand! We soon saw what these guys were all about, a great group of men!!

Tommy Browne of Clyde took 1st place and won a buckle presented by Big Country Dodge of Clyde; 2nd place-Tom Messick;

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Barbarian Festival at Cross Plains Next Weekend June 10th and 11th ***Fun For the Whole Family***

Come to Cross Plains, home of Robert E. Howard, creator of Conan the Barbarian, for a fun filled weekend, Friday and Saturday, June 10th and 11th.

The Robert E. Howard House Museum, presented by Project Pride, will be open both days, with Howard enthusiasts and scholars from all over the nation attending. Writing, panel

discussions, tours of the area and banquet will take place on Friday, with much more on Saturday.

The Barbarian Festival, sponsored by the Barbarian Festival Committee, will kick off Saturday morning with a Parade down Main Street at 9:30 a.m., followed by a fun filled day of Car, Tractor and Motorcycle Shows, Food, Games, Arts and

Crafts and Live Entertainment, from Class of '57 and Texas Tornadoes. There will be something for the entire family!

For more information, call (254) 725-6498 or (254) 725-6692.

Remember..... Friday and Saturday, June 10th and 11th, Cross Plains, Texas.

Farmer's Market to Open June 4th at Cross Plains Public Library Don't Miss It!!!!

Saturday, June 4, will find vendors bringing in their fresh vegetables to sell in front of the local facility. Shoppers are encouraged to come by 7:30 a.m. to get the "pick of the day".

The market will continue every Tuesday and Saturday mornings, with the exception of the Barbarian Festival on June 11. The Library will be supporting the activities of the Barbarian committee and its efforts to benefit the community on that day and thus, will not have the available space for the market.

Both the Childress and the Joy Farms are planning to have some early produce ready with a lot more variety available as the season progresses.

Other interested vendors may call 725-4993 or 725-7478 to reserve a space or just show up on June 4 to take an available area.

The weather is finally cooperating and the Cross Plains Public Library is ready to launch its Farmers Market.

Six foot spaces rent for \$5.00 each Saturday or Tuesday.

Vendors and buyers are encouraged to participate in this project designed to be a win-win idea for everybody.

First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School to Begin Sunday June 5th

Do You Like A Parade???? How About Free Snowcones??? This Friday, June 3, the First Baptist Church is hosting a parade to promote our Vacation Bible School. The parade will begin at 6:00 p.m. as volunteers and workers for Vacation Bible School will travel through the community looking for children to enroll in the program and will end at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church where registration will take place and FREE snowcones will be served.

Vacation Bible School will begin on Sunday, June 5th, and go through Thursday, June 9th. Classes will start each night at 6 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. There will be classes for ages 3 years through 6th grade. Additional classes will be available for 7th through 12th grade students also.

This year's Vacation Bible School will have a Ramblin' Road Trip Which Way Do I Go? theme will find us "traveling" to various places in the United States. Plan to come with us as we discover Kansas, Chicago, Washington D.C., Knotts Berry Farm and Yellowstone Park.

Each night promises to be lots of fun with Bible study, games music and snacks geared toward the

theme of finding our way with Psalm 25:4 as our guide. Thursday night will be family night where parents can see projects their children have been working on; a RV campsite will be enjoyed with hotdogs being served. Please call First Baptist Church at (254) 725-7629 if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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"Support Groups for Women"

Are you facing daily battles within your family or your personal life? Many of us find ourselves in that exact situation — facing battles or struggles. One ideal means of coping, in many of these situations, is to simply have someone to talk to and gather ideas or thoughts from. "Support Groups for Women" is simply a time to come together, vent and gather ideas on how to cope with, and overcome, your own battles.

These support groups are open to anyone in the community. We hope to see you there.

The support groups currently being offered are as follows:

- Cancer Survivors**
June 14th, 7pm, First Baptist Church, Old Fellowship Hall
Facilitator-Kathy Purvis
(Please note that after June 14th, this class will meet the second Thursday of each month.)
- Rebellious Teens**
Second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7pm, First Baptist Church, New Fellowship Hall
Facilitator-Mary Dunn
- Grandparents Raising Grandkids**
Fourth Tuesday of each month, 7pm, First Baptist Church, Old Fellowship Hall
Facilitator-Helen Parsons

OBITUARY

Freedra May Vanzant

Freedra May Vanzant, daughter of Will and Pearl Lee, was born November 25, 1930, near Oplin, Texas. She departed this life Wednesday, May 18, 2005, in her home in Lebanon, Missouri, at the age of 74 years, 5 months and 23 days.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

On November 13, 1959, she was united in marriage to Russell E. Vanzant and together they shared the last forty-five years.

She was raised in West Texas and graduated from high school in Putnam. She lived in Odessa for several years where she worked as a grocery store cashier. She made her home in California for a time before moving to Camdenton, Missouri. She and Russell owned and operated the Big Oak Motel in Camdenton for several years. They eventually retired and made their home in Lebanon for the last 25 years. Throughout her life, Freedra was a devoted homemaker to her husband and family.

Freedra worshipped the Lord in her own way, followed the Baptist faith, and kept her Bible close to her at all times.

She greatly enjoyed being outdoors where she liked fishing, hunting and working with the cattle. She loved animals of all kinds and particularly enjoyed riding horses.

Freedra was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt, and was a caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate her life and her accomplishments and will cherish the memories she created for her family and friends.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 8, 2005

This was a special called meeting of the Cross Plains City Council for the purpose of working on the 2005/2006 budget. All members of the council were present.

After careful review of the budget and changes made, by general consent the council agree that the proposed rate increases to the water, sewer and garbage charges would be as follows:

Water rates would increase \$1 for the first 1,000 gallons. Sewage would increase .50 cents. Sanitation charges would increase \$2.95.

The council set a public hearing for the purpose of going over the budget with the public and adopting the 2005/2006 budget for March 31, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall building.

Terry Lichty moved to adjourn. Jerry Cassle seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

First Eastland County Casualty of Iraq War Honored at New Memorial

SPC Tyler L. Creamean was honored by the Rising Star Foundation with a flag lowering ceremony on May 24th. He is the first soldier from Rising Star and Eastland County to be fatally injured while serving in Iraq.

Creamean, age 21, was a member of the 1st Brigade 25th Division 73rd Combat Engineers Stryker Brigade out of Ft. Lewis, Washington. He was deployed to Iraq in October 2004.

Specialist Creamean had attended Rising Star High School, and had many relatives and friends in the area.

Weldon Hill gave the welcome address at the ceremony for the Veteran's Memorial and Johnny Singleton, Rising Star High School Superintendent, read a poem written by Creamean's former classmate, Kristina Butler.

Sgt. Jolene Morris, Tyler's cousin, SFC Daniel Jameson, and SPC Shane Stalnacker, National Guard Soldiers with the HQ3-112th Armor Battalion out of Brownwood, assisted by Skipper Ezzell and Donald Jaynes raised the flags and then lowered them to half-mast, honoring the fallen soldier.

Food Pantry

Sponsor of the Cross Plains Food Pantry is a joy and privilege and the rewards for our involvement are too numerous for words. It doesn't take more than a single smile of relief or a simple "thank you" from the recipients to warm the heart.

It's been a busy and growing time for the Food Pantry. As most of you know, a grant was applied for in September 2003 for a new building to house this mission. Bids were obtained in October 2003 and on March 24, 2004 a generous \$10,000 grant was received from the Dodge Jones Foundation of Abilene. Additional monetary donations came in from the city and various individuals toward the building fund. One month later, a brand new building was delivered from Hawk Portable Builders in Clyde.

The building arrived. So, what to do next? Many things still were necessary for opening our new facility. God does provide and the following donations came through as needed to get us up and running:

- Steve Fortune - hauling and spreading of the caliche
- Allen Bland - plumbing, carpentry and underpinning
- Bill Porter - underpinning
- Freddy Tatom - caliche
- Lewis Fortune - caliche
- Lerlene Fortune - caliche
- CP Housing Authority - large upright freezer
- Richard Chaffin - electric heater
- City of Cross Plains - paving of the parking lot.

Being qualified to purchase food at below wholesale prices from the Abilene Food Bank is a tremendous help. **Your cash donations make this possible.**

The generous people who donate pork, beef, venison deer meat, fresh eggs and miscellaneous groceries provide a welcome ad-



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dition to the recipients. Two large canned for drives were conducted by employees of the U.S. Post Office and Cross Plains Elementary teachers and students. Members of the church of Christ collected and donated cake mixes and other special items; the Cottonwood Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church made financial contributions. Donations from the Special Community Thanksgiving Service offering were vital to making holiday baskets an added delight to the recipients.

Of course no ministry can be successful without faithful volunteers who give of their time, energy and strength. Regular volunteers are Tom and Arlene Stephenson, Johnnie Bland, Sharon Ames, Carol Bennett, Richard Chaffin, Donna Castleman and the big responsibility belongs to the Director, Judy Porter.

Each and every month approximately 75 individuals or 35-40 families are served. Almost every month there is at least one "Emergency" distribution, which is a possible one-time-only need. What a rewarding service to our community.

Thank you one and all every gift you give to those less fortunate. The Cross Plains Food Pantry now has a separate checking account at Texas Heritage Bank, account #265225. Anyone wishing to make a donation may deposit it there.

As we mark our 1-year anniversary in our new building, all client are reminded to bring needed information in June 2005, for yearly recertification. We are located at 441 NE 9th St. (north of the water tower) and open from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. on the first and last Wednesdays of each month.

Submitted by
Mary Ann Chaffin

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Gracie Jenkins, also of Rising Star.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Tyler's name may be sent to the Rising Star Foundation for the War Memorial, Rising Star Cemetery Fund, First Baptist Church of Rising Star, or the Red Cross.

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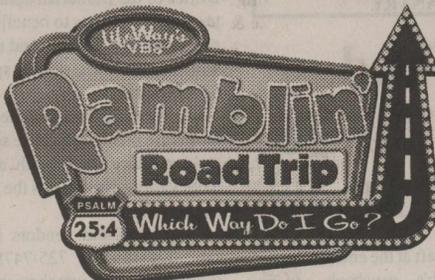
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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies enjoyed another very busy day of quilting on the "Flower Garden" and the "Broken Star" tops. Nearly all our bunch were there at some time during the day. Hopefully, in June all will be able to quilt.

Do not forget that June 11 is the Pioneer and surrounding community reunion. It will be at the Community Center in Cross Plains. Opens at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and visiting. Lunch will be served at noon. Come early and stay late!

The domino players had a good turn out at the Pioneer Community Center on Thursday. They all had a good time! Don't forget every second and fourth Thursday is the days to be there. Lots of fun and food!

Sandy Hutton spent Saturday in Abilene at six-year old grandson, Dodge Honea's baseball game and six-year old Racheal Young's gymnastic exhibition. Early Sunday, Shanna and Dodge surprised J.D. and Sandy by coming down and going to church with them and spending the day. It was very enjoyable for all of them.

Glenda Phillips has been going to see Krista play softball. Kali

invited Glenda to the Ag banquet. They had a delicious meal. She went with Allen and Janice Sunday afternoon to Janice's niece's baccalaureate then they all went to Kali's baccalaureate Sunday night. These grandchildren keep Glenda busy. She enjoys them so much.

Jean Fore and Frankie Smith attended the musical at Brownwood Lion's Club on Saturday night. Sunday Frankie traveled to Ranger for the Ranger Band Concert. It was very good. She also visited with her sister Mrs. Dorothy Rogers and several of Dorothy's children.

We have been having some great rain this week. Very good for the Coastal grass and other crops being planted about now (sure miss the peanuts). We love the rain but might not be to good on the wheat!

Congratulations to all the school graduates! Most have put in about 13 years of hard work. Now it is off to seek their fortunes!

Word of wisdom: Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding. Proverbs 3:13

LIBRARY NOTES

Behind the Books

Wow, another of my "very favorite" times of the year is upon us. That's the Robert Howard Days—with visitors from all over the country coming in to see me. Well, OK, they come in to see our very rare, very valuable, original manuscripts of Howard's writings, but maybe they'll wave at me on the way in. I especially want to see the guy who's coming all the way from LONDON, ENGLAND to little ole' CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS!

Does it get any better? Just imagine—in one week's time, I get to see my friends poking around among the books, computers, the Flea Market "stuff", the Farmer's Market "veggies" and my new friends from who knows where!!!!

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Chad and Kim Cunningham	
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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JUNE 6 - 10

MONDAY - Smothered Cauliflower, Apple Cobbler, Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Bread, Milk
THURSDAY - Pinto Beans & Ham, Hominy, Turnip Greens, Gelatin w/Fruit, Cornbread, Milk
TUESDAY - Oven Baked Fish, Coleslaw, Potato Wedges, Apricots, Hushpuppies, Milk
FRIDAY - Beef Stew, Tossed Salad, Pineapple & Cottage Cheese, Sugar Cookie, Cornbread, Milk
WEDNESDAY - Chicken & Dumplings, Peas & Carrots, Cornbread, Milk
2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84)
Begins at 5:00 p.m.

BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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A traveler stopped to watch a lumberjack occasionally jab his sharp hook into a log and remove it from among the many that were floating down a mountain stream. When asked about this, the lumberjack explained: "These logs may all look alike to the untrained eye but a few are quite different. Most of them grew in a valley where they were protected from the strong winds, hence their grain is course. These I single out grew high on the mountains there they were lashed and buffeted by the strong winds, so they grew stronger and have a fine intricate grain. We save them for the choice lumber; they are too precious to use as plain lumber."

We have a tendency to seek the "smooth road" of living and to avoid the "bumps and grinds." The Master Teacher says, however, "Blessed are they who mourn. Blessed are they who have been persecuted and reproached." In each instance, He promises the greater blessing (Matthew 5:4, 10-12).

If some load, some sorrow, is upon your life — if some distasteful task is yours to perform — if some heavy cross has been placed upon your weary shoulders — it just may be that God is preparing you for some higher purpose. Yours may be a choice work or building — beyond the capacity of "plain lumber."

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

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
 Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Graduation Came Fast

Last Friday night's graduating seniors from Cottonwood area included Dayna Bennett, daughter of Bryan and Debi Bennett; Marie Besselaar, daughter of Joe and Jane Besselaar; Dusty Cooper, son of Curtis and Lindy Cooper; and Thomas Dimitri, son of Rusty and Dana Dimitri.

Carol and I were lucky to have two granddaughters graduating from high school. Ashley Bennett, of Mansfield and Cottonwood, was present to see her sister, Dayna graduate. Then all the Bennetts were off to see Ashley graduate from Mansfield High School on Saturday. It was a significant difference from Cross Plains' 30 graduates to Mansfield's 480 graduates; with limited seating for families at the Arlington Convention Center. So we got to hear two fine Valedictory Addresses, and two fine Salutatory Addresses. It was the same content as the ones in Cross Plains, full of hope and newfound freedom as the students faced the future and embraced the entire world.

We also heard two wonderful addresses entitled "Main Speeches" from the older, wiser, faculty types as they tried to put the brakes on for the students and warned them of their responsibility and duties to the world of adulthood. Such talk was quickly brushed off as the students continued in their revelry of freedom.

Let me tell all you folks in

Cottonwood that it was exactly the same when I graduated from high school in Cross Plains.

Quilting Club Finishing Raffle Quilt

It is the sound of snick, snick, and sew, as members put the finishing touches on the quilt to be raffled off on July 4th at the Cottonwood Celebration of Independence Day. I hope to have a photo next week after we get all the graduation pictures out of the camera.

Tickets for the raffle are on sale and will be sold at the Cross Plains Barbarian Festival. So come by the Cottonwood Quilting Club booth.

Quilting days for June are on Thursdays, 2nd, 9th, 15th, 23rd and 30th. Quilting and chatting start at 10:00 a.m. Chatting and eating start at 12:00 a.m.

Fire Control Unit Elects Officers

Joe Terstegge was elected as president and Fay Gilliam was re-elected secretary-treasurer at the meeting last Thursday night as the Fire Control Unit continued its work of providing fire control and assistance for emergency situations. Next training meeting will be on Monday, June 20.

(To place 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.)

Annual Atwell Cemetery Meeting Successful

The Atwell Cemetery Association and Memorial Day Meeting was held Sunday, May 29, for the annual meeting. Several were in attendance, with the farthest coming from Wisconsin. The oldest was 89.

The association voted to change the meeting time to 11:00 beginning next year.

The program was presented by Beverly Ross and James Foster. Beverly lead the gathering in patriotic and gospel singing. James presented a map of the

community and told where those from the community had lived throughout all these years.

The following donations had been made to the cemetery fund this past year:

Jones Family - Essie Jones Alexander, deceased; Bobbie Davis Jones Mims; and Jessie Alice Jones Peak - \$400.
 James Brown - Memory of Bill and Glenna Kirkham \$200
 Ellowayne Tatom - Memory of Powell Foster \$20
 Sallie Foster - Memory of

Powell Foster \$100
 Grave Permit - Powell Foster \$50
 Willis Purvis Estate - \$12.99
 Vernon Foster - Memory of Buster Foster \$25
 Vernon Foster - Memory of Nathan Foster \$25
 Paul Brashear - Memory of Nathan Foster \$100
 Grave Permit - Nathan Foster \$50
 Grave Permit - David Arnold \$50
 Paul Brashear - Memory of

Ruby Ezzell \$10
 James and Wilma Lawrence - Memory of Nathan Foster \$20
 Don and Camilla Scott - Memory of David Arnold \$50
 Elva Dupriest, Doris Goble, Eddie Dillard - Memory of Ebb and Valeria Rouse \$50
 Betty Jo and Audian Paxton - \$50
 Darwin and Pauline Purvis - \$50
 Ferne Hutchins - \$25
 Scott Family - \$30.
 Submitted by Barbara Black

The Cross Plains
 Home of Robert E. Howard 1919-1936



Robert E. Howard Days Cross Plains, Texas June 10-11, 2005

Two Day Schedule

Friday

9:00 - 4:00 REH House Open For Tours
 10:00 - 11:00 Walking Tour CP Cemetery
 Rusty Burke--Pavilion
 11:30 - 12:30 Lunch--Pavilion (provided)
 12:30 - 2:00 Bus Tour--Alton McCowen--Pavilion
 1:00 - 5:00 Cross Plains Library--Howard Stuff
 2:30 - 3:00 Caring For A Howard Collection--Paul Herman--Pavilion
 3:00 - 4:00 Booksigning Panel--Bill Cavalier (Moderating)--Pavilion
 4:00 - 5:00 Writing A Howard Biography--Rusty Burke & Mark Finn--Pavilion
 7:00 Banquet--Community Center (casual dress)
 Silent Auction.
 Keynote Speaker, Marcelo Anciano of London, England
 "Let His Name Not Fade..Interpreting Robert E. Howard in Books, Films, and other Media"
 Tickets \$10, Purchase At Library, Texas Heritage Bank or call 254-725-4993.

Saturday

8:00 - 10:00 Stamp Cancellation--Post Office
 9:00 - 11:30 REH House Open For Tours
 9:00 - 5:00 Barbarian Festival On Main Street
 10:00 - 11:30 "Pigeons From Hell" Screening--Rusty Burke, Marcelo Anciano, Michael Scott Myers Commentary--High School
Lunch On Your Own At Festival
 12:30 - 2:00 Bus Tour--Alton McCowen--Pavilion
 1:00 - 3:00 Cross Plains Library--Howard Stuff
 2:00 - 2:30 What Would REH Have Done Had He Lived--Bill Cavalier--Pavilion
 2:00 - 4:00 REH House Open For Tours
 3:00 - 4:30 Wandering Star Panel--Marcelo Anciano, Rusty Burke & Jim Keegan--Pavilion
 Leave From Pavilion for Sunset on Caddo Peak. Meal Hosted by Caddo Peak Ranch
 5:00



Postal Cancellation
 Design by Bill Cavalier

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

"The Time of My Life, The Springtime"

Apparently, a case of Spring Fever has made its way into my old body and aged bones. My reason for thinking this is; something is making me want to kick up my heels and dance around on the lawn in the sunshine. Since it is my nature to be a sedentary person, I figure that the "something" causing this has got to be Spring Fever.

Recently my daughter Melody, came down from Lubbock and brought all of my grandchildren, Zach, Paige and Summer. Great Gatsby, did we ever have fun. Zach is 18 and Paige and Summer are 8 and me, why I'm just the same age of each one of them.

We had lunch at Staghorn. Zachary and I had steak and shrimp plates. Summer had French fries and Paige had spicy fries. I shared my shrimp and steak with them.

While they were here at the house, Paige read almost a whole book aloud and showed me and Summer the pictures. One thing I enjoyed doing was sitting outside on the porch in the sunshine.

Zachary is so grown up now. He assisted me in getting from my

bed into the wheelchair and then pushed me into the living room; then from the wheelchair to my lift chair. He wheeled me out to sit on the porch and from the restaurant back home.

I enjoyed spending time with my daughter. We talked, visited, looked at pictures, took naps and she gave me a haircut. She is a licensed beautician.

We all picked on Marvin and aggravated him. Paige and Summer keep him in line. They kept him laughing and he kept them laughing, too.

The girls were good little nurses aides. They took turns doing the accu-checks for my blood sugar levels, under Grandad's thumb.

All too soon they had to return to Lubbock and I to the nursing home. Zachary helped Marvin do some work on the fish pond. They did some cleaning and moved and re-situated some of the plants and flowers. Zach also helped Marvin put in some rocks and cement blocks.

Grandad is a pretty good pie maker. He made us two pies—one buttermilk and the other toasted coconut. They were really delicious.

All in all, it was some great days!!!

C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



CLEARING THE BAR—Thomas Dimitri clears the bar at the State Track & Field Meet in Austin. Thomas Cleared 14'9" to capture 3rd and a Bronze Medal. Way to go Thomas!



ATTEMPTING A THROW—Kelsee Richards is seen here competing at the State Track & Field Meet May 14th. Kelsee's best attempt was 38' 7 3/4" which placed her 4th overall in the shot. Great job Kelsee!

Dimitri to play in FCA All-Star Game

Thomas Dimitri has been honored to play in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Game. He will be playing Saturday, June 4, 2005, 6:30 p.m. at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

Come Support Thomas during this game as he represents our community and school with pride. Good Luck Thomas!

Submitted by Coach Wyatt

Help Send Boys Basketball to TCU Team Camp

The varsity boys basketball team will be going to TCU team camp June 12-14. They need your support. On Friday, June 3, they will have a Free-Throwathon at the gym at 10:00 a.m.

The Free-Throwathon gives the community a chance to donate money to their favorite Buff basketball player. You can either donate a straight amount or you can sponsor a player for every

shot that he makes. Each player going to the team camp will shoot a total of 100 free throws.

All the money raised on Friday will go toward hotel expenses and the cost of the team camp. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Everyone is invited to attend and cheer on your favorite basketball player while he shoots his free throws.

Is Your Child Interested in Joining a Local 4-H Group?

If anyone is interested in enrolling his or her child in 4-H, call (254) 725-7699. Children from 5 years to 18 may participate.

The group will be located in

Cross Plains and they plan to have a very fun and educational time.

They will also be looking for any parents to volunteer their time.

Callahan Co. Sheriff's Posse Ranch Rodeo Sat. June 11th

The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse 2005 Ranch Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th, beginning at 6:00 pm, at the Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Arena in Baird, following the Baird Trade's Day events downtown.

Ten teams are entered in this year's competition. The first team sponsored by Clyde Farm and Ranch Supply is The Good Old Boys: Charlie Palmer, Michael Palmer, Randy Ross, Ronnie Welch, and Duane Farr. Team two sponsored by Callahan County Veterinary Clinic is 5-D: Damon Albus, Josh Allen, Dee Bland, Jody Gerngross and Wes Ashlock. Third team sponsored by Metal Mart, is G Ranch: Michael Seaton, Casey Clark, Wes Ashlott, Juan Navarone and Hunter Willikins. Team number four sponsored by Hanner Supercenter, is Goldsmith Ranch: Steve Goldsmith, Chase Goldsmith and others. Fifth team sponsored by Callahan County Farmer's Coop, is Hash Knife Cattle Co.: Jason Gerngross, J.J. Hampton, Jud Wilson, Marty Fry and Monty Gill. Sixth team sponsored by Estes Real Estate is the Parachuting Cattle Company: Casey Walton, Cody Walton, Greg Pricinger, Eric Wipple and Cody Lawrence. The seventh team sponsored by Thrifty's Food Mart and Clyde DQ is Broken 2:

Jake Saunders, Mel Matthews, Paul Holton, Cory Carruth and Josh Carruth. Team number eight, sponsored by Parker Funeral Home is Wineglass Two Ranch: Tim Roberts, Mike Roberts, Bo Trojcek, Jody Kelley and Wade Trojcek. Team number nine, 1st National Bank of Baird, is the Silverbrook Ranch Team headed up by Doug Smoot and the tenth and final team sponsored by First Financial Bank, is TJ Cattle Company: Kris Scitern, Jimmy Johnson, Chaad Johnson, Mich Magin and Juan Navarette.

The Six White Horses from Hardin-Simmons University will lead the Grand Entry and each of the cowboys and their teams will be announced.

The events in the Ranch Rodeo are chores Cowboys do on a working cattle ranch.

Fifty cowboys, working in ten, five men teams will perform: Team Roping, Calf Branding, Sorting, Trailer Loading and a new one this year...the steer tagging or rather untagging, instead of milking a cow the cowboys will have to rope the steer and pull a tag from it's belly!

There will also be boot races and goat races for the younger generation.

Tickets will be \$5.00 per person, \$3.00, children under six are free!

Watch for more details next week.

Tour of the Peanut Country Bike Ride Set for Saturday, June 11

The 7th annual Tour of the Peanut Country Bike Ride will be Saturday, June 11. The ride sponsored by the Gorman Lions Club and Gorman Volunteer Fire Department, will start from the City Park promptly at 8 a.m. with no starters any later than 9 a.m.

There are four distances to choose from: 9 mile, 29 mile, 45 mile or 100K. These courses will all have several rest stops with water, Gatorade, fruit, cookies and peanuts to replenish the riders. There will also be Sag Wagons available should anyone have any mechanical trouble or need medical assistance.

Anyone interested in registering may do so by phone at (254) 734-3810. Registration will open on tour day at 6:30 a.m., at the Start/Finish at City Park. Entry fees are as follows: \$22 for individuals, tandems \$20, Families of 4 or more \$20, Clubs (4 or more members) \$20. Each rider receives a Tour of the Peanut Country t-shirt and a goodie bag. For more information call (254) 734-3810 or (254) 734-3637.

All proceeds from this ride benefit the Gorman VFD and the Gorman Lions Club for local projects and scholarships.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

No Nursing Home For Me

About two years ago my wife and I were on a cruise ship through the western Mediterranean aboard a Princess liner. At dinner we noticed an elderly lady sitting alone in the main dining room. I noticed that the staff, waiters etc. seemed very familiar with this lady. I asked our waiter who she was, expecting to be told that she was the owner of the ship. He replied that he only knew that she had been on the last four cruises back to back.

One evening I stopped to say hello. We chatted and I said "I understand you have been on the last four cruises." Yes that is true she stated. "Its cheaper than a nursing home."

I checked and the average nursing home cost about \$200.00 per day. On the Princess I can get a senior discount for \$135 per day. That leaves \$65.00 a day for: Gratuities which will be only \$10 per day.

I will have as many as ten meals a day if I can waddle to the restaurant.

Princess has as many as three swimming pools, a workout room, free washers and dryers and shows every night.

They will treat you like a customer not a patient.

TV broken, Light bulb needs changing? No problem.

They will fix everything and apologize for your inconvenience.

You get clean sheets and towels every day and you don't even have to ask.

Just name where you want to go. Princess will have a ship ready to go.

So don't look for me in the nursing home. Just call shore to ship.

From the Internet.

As far as traveling, I promised to give you my surgery date. It is June 27, at Emory Hospital in Atlanta. I have "Cues" done ahead so the column should go on.

FOR INTERNET SERVICES CALL VANDA OR AMBER 254-725-6111 CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

Winners of the Library Writing Contest Listed

The annual Creative Writing Contest, Spring 2005 sponsored by the Cross Plains Public Library is open to all students, K-12, in the Cross Plains school district. The judging is done by a retired high school or college level teacher, and all names are removed from the entries before they go to the judge.

Ribbons are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each grade, and trophies are awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Best Overall.

The Friends of the Cross Plains Library once again thank the administrators, teachers and students for their participation.

Winners are as follows:

Class Winners

As they have in the past contests, these young writers have exemplified that they have imaginations and can tell stories and create poems that show originality and thought. Congratulations to both the writers and their good teachers!

Kindergarten:

It is always such fun to see this age group's drawings (great imaginations) and what they dictate in the stories that the drawings illustrate. For real honest-to-goodness originality in creating stories, I think these kids can't be beat. It's a temptation to give their artwork awards. I really enjoyed judging these illustrated stories that prove kids this age aren't yet too saturated with pop culture.

- 1st Place -K1 "Smiley Face" Tristan Potter Hargrove
- 2nd Place -K1 "King and Queen at Play" Mackenzie Byrd
- 3rd Place -K2 "Eggs" Caitlyn Bland

First Grade:

Many of these young writers are good storytellers, which made choosing winners a difficult job. Judging was based on thoughtfulness, originality and author's skill in storytelling.

- 1st Place -1B "I Found Two Magic Apples" Zach Thompson
- 2nd Place -1B "I Found a Very Old Diary" Kristen Savel
- 3rd Place -1A "I Found Big Gold Ring" Colton Bradley

Second Grade:

These entries were well written for second graders. The winners

understand the value of including detail in their tales and they know what good stories must do to capture attention.

- 1st Place-"I Found Museum" Kiefer Steinle
- 2nd Place-"Trail of Crumbs" Cheyenne Bomar
- 3rd Place -"Leprechaun with a Secret" Bronc Dillard

Third Grade:

Some very good detail in these entries. The writers are especially good at remembering to describe surroundings as well as activities.

- 1st Place-"My Trip to Houston" Colton McWilliams
- 2nd Place-"My Trip to Austin" Christa Potter
- 3rd Place-"The Flood" Shelby Thomas

Fourth Grade:

These poets capture their emotions and observations with understanding of the power of poetry to do just that. Their haiku stanzas each make a picture or a point.

- 1st Place "Swirling gray terror" Riley Lawrence
- 2nd Place "Swimming through darkness" Griff McConal
- 3rd Place "White, roaring, growling" Sara Hagler

Fifth Grade:

These were unusually strong in the writers' ability to create great imagery. The essay defining a hero is very good at making the author's point. The chair essays demonstrate original thought.

- 1st Place "A Young Hero" Zoie Walker
- 2nd Place "The Chair that Might Not Live" Zoie Walker
- 3rd Place "The King's Chair" Rachelle Allen

Sixth Grade:

I think what appealed to me most in these entries were the authors who worked hard to express meaning as well as develop their topic. I also enjoyed their creation of several different kinds of creative expression.

- 1st Place "Ben Saves the Day" Toni Moore
- 2nd Place "If Poem (If kids could teach school)" Hayden Wyatt
- 3rd Place "The wind in my face" (haiku) Toni Moore

Seventh Grade:

When students work so hard on their stories, it shows, and most of the stories are imaginative, the poems expressive of true emotion—so this was not an easy judgment. Those I finally chose are very carefully written, it's obvious, and give the strong impression that some exceptional talent is at work here.

- 1st Place "Finding Atlantis" Cole Luter
- 2nd Place "All I Heard was 'Swoosh!'" Amanda Dunaway
- 3rd Place "Now I am nothing..." Tiffany Bell

Eighty Grade:

The expression of real emotion in these entries is exceptional. Examining thoughts and emotions by writing about them is a good thing here. I found each of the choices quite moving.

- 1st Place "The Day" Joe Dalton Wyatt
- 2nd Place "Lonely Days" Mandy Rose
- 3rd Place "My One Dream" Nathan Koettel

Best of the Best:

1st Place - Cole Luter
Grade 7 - "Find Atlantis"
This writer creates an adventure story with excellent detail and obvious knowledge of the subject. Detail is excellent. Well written.

2nd Place - Riley Lawrence
Grade 4 - "Swirling grey terror" (haiku)

This poet understand the need to create a complete image in a haiku poem—the detail chosen creates strong imagery indeed.

3rd Place - Zach Thompson
Grade 1B

"I Found Two Magic Apples"
Imagination and ability to tell a good story are evident in this adventure. Those magic apples really have a lot of power and the young writer sets out to prove it.

The judge can say once again what she said the last four years. I enjoyed all of these entries, and I wish each author could have been first. Choices were made on how imaginative, original, and well structured as a story, essay or poem each entry was. Wit, attention to detail, and original thought were also a consideration.

Watch for the publication of the top three winning entries in the Cross Plains Review.

Immunization Clinic Set for Callahan County Residents

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold Immunization Clinics in Callahan County as follows:

Monday, June 6th
(please note the date change)
Baird Cafetorium
400 W. 7th
10 a.m. - 12 noon
Cross Plains Housing Authority Office
233 North Main
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, June 8th
Clyde First Baptist Church
216 Austin
10 a.m. - 12 noon
and
1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Please bring child's Immunization Records
For more information call (325) 754-4945

Rowden/Bayou Reunion is Saturday in Clyde

The Rowden/Bayou Reunion will be held Saturday, June 4 at the home of Les and Faye Henderson located at 1702 Alamo in Clyde.

It is time to see who is aging the best, visit with friends and classmates, reunion officials said. The reunion will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the meal will be served at 12:00 noon.

Dale Gibbs will bar-b-que for the reunion again. Everyone else should bring a covered dish. Les and Fay will cook the beans.

For more information contact Pat and Dale Gibbs at 325-672-2522 or Katie Dunn at 325-854-2403.

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

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Monica Elena Moreno, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Christopher L. Moore, motion to dismiss to open container - alcohol granted.

James Joseph Connally, motion to reinstate bond granted.

Richard Caldwell, plea of guilty to theft, 3 days in jail, \$300 fine, \$293 court costs, \$895 restitution.

Cory D. Wilsher, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$100 fine, \$165 court costs.

Grant Burgess, plea of guilty to failure to identify, 1 year probation, \$200 fine, \$243 court costs.

Grant Burgess, transfer request from Taylor Co. to Erath Co. granted.

Michael Wayne Noey, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.

Stephanie Wilkinson, plea of guilty to theft by check, 2 year probation, \$250 fine, \$293 court costs, \$206.64 restitution.

Stephanie Wilkinson, transfer request from Taylor Co. to Tom Green Co. granted.

Michael Wisniewski, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated - 1st (DWI), 1 year probation, \$750 fine, \$343 court costs.

Tommy Phillips, plea of guilty to DWI - 2nd, 2 year probation, \$900 fine, \$343 court costs.

Matthew Roth, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.

Timothy Reed, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$350 fine, \$243 court costs.

Timothy Reed, transfer request from Taylor Co. to Collin Co. granted.

Luis Ramirez, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 2 year probation, \$700 fine, \$243 court costs.

Luis Ramirez, transfer request from Taylor Co. to El Paso Co. granted.

Everett Riddell, Jr., plea of guilty to deadly conduct, 2 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$293 court costs.

Franklin Brown, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 2 year probation, \$700 fine, \$243 court costs.

Franklin Brown, transfer

request from Taylor Co. to Greensboro, NC granted.

Adam McGill, Sr., plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 18 months probation, \$800 fine, \$343 court costs.

Adam McGill, Sr., transfer request from Taylor Co. to Greensboro, NC granted.

Brandi Hicks, plea of guilty to theft by check, 2 year probation, \$250 fine, \$293 court costs, \$497.30 restitution.

Gregory L. Armstrong, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50 fine, \$215 court costs, \$66.67 restitution.

Darla Watson, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50 fine, \$257.25 court costs, \$89.97 restitution.

Marriage Licenses

James Robert Thompson and Shirley Pugh Snodgrass, both of Cisco.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Oliphant Financial Corp. vs Ricky L. Monsey, default on account.

Larry Conway and Kathy Conway, individually and as next of friends of Jake Conway, a minor vs. Edward Adams and Aaron Adams, damages.

Civil Minutes

Jody Scott Kent and Kandice Lynn Kent, divorce granted.

Thornton Capital Advisors Inc. vs. Stephen L. McDowell, order granting plaintiff's motion for default judgment.

Wells Fargo Financial Texas, Inc. formerly known as Norwest Financial Tx. Inc. vs. Audra L. Sewell, final default judgment, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$8973.40 from defendant granted.

Criminal Indictments

Scotty E. Wright, tampering with evidence.

Robert Alcantar, unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Elias P. Alcantar, unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Johnathan C. Harris, Ct. I - aggravated assault against public servant, Ct. II - possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.

Bobby D. Fambro, engaging in organized criminal activity, burglary of a habitation.

Franklin Brown, transfer

Happy Birthday!

JUNE 4

Tommy Lynn Porter
Tommy Mac Connelly
Wayland Blair
Kenneth Smith

Teresa (Potter) Kennedy
Tonjia (Potter) Foster
Theresa Cheshier
Camile Newton Glasshoff

JUNE 5

Kreede Abigaile Orum
Mrs. Jay Hughes
Sarah Weiser
Noel Ingram
Eddy Joe McAnally
Bill Stephens
Maudie J. Brown
James Bryan Hutchins
Russell Steele
Gene Bush
Staci Watson
Jeri Woodruff

Winnie Flippin
Zula Elliot
Bobby Johnston
Donna (Erwin) Ames
Carlie Bludworth
Fred Smith
Rolan Bryan
Thomas Bryan
Carl Smith
Matthew Shane Smith

JUNE 6

Genie Penn
Mrs. Ray Purvis
Mary Callaway
John M. Lapata
Michael Gregory
Johnny Smoot
Greg Rogers
Debbie Markham
Edward Pancake

Mrs. O.M. Bailey
Daney Ratliff
Rita McKee
Charles Ray Green
David Adams
Celeste Taylor
Charity Renee Waggoner
Bill Steele
Nancy Childers

JUNE 7

Harold Merrill
Roger Williams
Mrs. Billy Wright
Nan Ree (Elliot) Rice
Ricky Smith
Sheila Teeters

Charles McCord
Beth Arnold
Troy Seals
Cynthia Smart
Bill Watson
Scotty Elliot
Robert McMillan
Mrs. H.L. Ford
Brandi Adams
Samantha Hutton
Scott Brame

Helping Hearts-
Helping Hands
Now Accepting
Applications

The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative is accepting applications for persons requesting assistance with repairs on their homes for the annually Helping Hearts, Helping Hands project in the fall. The purpose of this organization is to utilize local volunteers to supply minor home repairs such as painting, plumbing, insulation and other types of work for those area residents that are elderly, handicapped or low income.

Applications will be available at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center, located at 108 N Main, Cross Plains City Hall and Texas Heritage Bank. Aide in filling out these applications will be available at the Senior Citizens' Center on Tuesday, June 14, 2005 and Wednesday, June 29, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Appointments for assistance in completing applications can be made by calling Pat Stephens at 254-725-6819. Completed forms need to be returned to Texas Heritage Bank or Cross Plains City Hall. Deadline for applying is August 1, 2005.

Submitted by Pat Stephens

Area Students
Participate in
Cisco Junior
College
Graduation
Exercises

Cisco Junior College held its annual commencement exercises in the Harrell Fine Arts Auditorium on Friday, April 29, 2005. Ninety-two students representing both the Cisco campus and the Abilene Educational Center received their Associate degrees.

Students who were awarded diplomas were:

Baird

Matthew D. Beschoner, AA
Clyde

Jessica M. Smith, AAS
Maxyves J. Verzele, AA

Cross Plains

Patricia I. Cook, AA
Rising Star

Johnny A. Wells, AA
Penny R. Winfrey, AA

Coby Rowley - Dean's List
Clyde

Kenneth Brigman, Jr. - Dean's List

Jeffrey Hines - Dean's List
Audrey Miller - Who's Who

Kimi Pilgrim - Dean's List
Vivian Shaw - Dean's List

Anthony Smith - Dean's List
Jessica Smith - President's List;

Co-recipient Outstanding Student in Criminal Justice, Abilene Campus

Elizabeth Tarrant - President's List

Leslie Tyree - President's List

Cross Plains
Danielle Rivard - Dean's List;

Outstanding Student in Business Administration, Cisco Campus; Blue Jackets;

Lynn McDaniel Award; Who's Who

Joel McCready - Dean's List; Phi Theta Kappa;

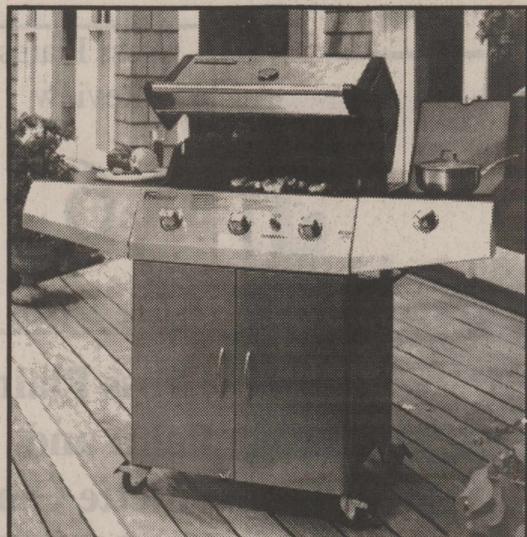
Co-Recipient Outstanding Student in Auto Technology, Cisco Campus

Remington O'Dell - President's List; Who's Who

Carrie Rogers Hutton - Who's Who

Emily Winfrey - Dean's List; Blue Jackets; Who's Who

Rising Star
Jarrad Hoggett - President's List



MAN WHAT A BEAST—Burkett Volunteer Fire Department is selling tickets on this Brinkmann Gas Grill.

Burkett VFD Fund-Raiser Taking
Place, Buy Your Tickets NOW

The Burkett Volunteer Fire Department is having a fund-raising raffle for a nice Brinkmann Gas Grill. The grill has stainless steel and steel construction, cast iron burner features, 45,000 BTU's, 605 square inch cooking surface and electronic ignition. This would be a great addition to your cooking outdoors, a great gift or extra grill for the cabin. This is the Brinkmann Gourmet Series Gas Grill.

The tickets are for sale at Mel's Crafts and Flowers in Coleman; T-N-T Quickstop in Burkett, and

Ray's Barber Shop in Cross Plains. The volunteers of the Burkett Volunteer Fire Department will also sell tickets at the Cross Plains Barbarian Festival June 11.

The costs of the tickets are: \$1 each; 6 for \$5; 15 for \$10; or 35 for \$20. The drawing for the grill will be July 4th.

Your help is greatly appreciated. For further information or to make a tax deductible donation contact the BVFD at P. O. Box 324, Burkett, Texas, 76828.

Submitted by
Teresa Veteto

Pioneer Cemetery
Work Day was
Very Successful

Saturday, May 21, was a good day and many folks from the community and surrounding area were there to help clean the cemetery and make preparations for the Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 30th.

Your work and support are sincerely appreciated by the community. Memorial Day is a day filled with colors of our country. Red, white and blue banners and flag are seen all over our cemetery. Jim Fleming has also said there will be the balloon release as last year. After the ceremony flags will be placed on all veterans' graves. Refresh-

ments will be served.

Community members and friends who helped included: Laverne Hutton, J.D. Hutton, Joe and Roxie Phillips, Audrey and Jewell Purvis, Edward Pancake, David Pancake, Bill and Jo Veda Watson, Jim McCowen, Bob McCowen, Jim and Charlene Fleming, Frankie Smith, Vince and Betty Meiron, Don and Wanda Nelson, James Alexander, Mae Jones, Glenda Phillips, Jessica Stultz, Reuben and Ruby McCowen, Mack Flippin, Helen Wardroup, Susan Cooke and Susan Wardroup.

CJC Award Recipients

Cisco Junior College conducted its 37th Awards Ceremony on Monday, April 18. Each spring semester, CJC recognizes and honors these members of the student body who have proven themselves to be outstanding students and persons. Students were recognized in several categories that included scholastic and extra-curricular achievement.

Honors and criteria for award recipients include:

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges - selected by members of each department and their department head. Students must be second year students who will have completed 30 semester hours by the end of their third semester. Students are chosen for their scholarship ability, participation and leadership in academic and extra-curricular activities, citizenship and service to their school, and potential for future achievement.

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Penny Winfrey - Dean's List by achieving a 3.5 gpa.

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The Blue Jackets are a hostess group for the college and are selected on the basis of scholarship, attitude, leadership, personality and responsibility.

The Lynn McDaniel Award is dedicated to the memory of Lynn McDaniel who was a student at Cisco Junior College from 1985 to 1987.

The following area students were recognized:

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County minds it own bee's wax

Over 70 emergency services personnel and community members attended an Africanized Bee Seminar held at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird Monday, May 23. The seminar, sponsored by the Callahan County Extension Office, was conducted due to a number of bee encounters in Callahan County—including one bee attack which resulted in the death of a Baird woman near Putnam.

Callahan County Extension Agent Robert Pritz said the seminar was held to help local emergency service personnel deal with the ever-increasing number of calls received about bee attacks.

Bill Baxter, Apiary Inspector for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, is in charge of licensing bee keepers in the state. Baxter's office in College Station also follows the spread of Africanized bees in Texas.

Baxter reported Callahan County was classified as an Africanized bee county in September 1998 and all bee hives in the county were quarantined.

Baxter presented a slide show on the importance of bees to our lives by pollinating many of the fruit, vegetable and nut crops people consume.

He told how commercial bee operations now move many bee hives from state-to-state to pollinate crops and increase the population of bee hives during the winter months. Baxter said many bees spend most of their lives on a semi-tractor trailer moving from state to state. Each semi-truck trailer is capable of holding 408 bee hives stacked four high. He said these commercial bee hives are moved to crops located in the large producing states of California, Washington, Florida and Texas. Baxter said when these semi-tractor trailers move from state-to-state the drivers can only stop at certain locations and only for a brief time.

Baxter said California almond producers pay as much as \$100 per hive to pollinate almond trees in the state.

Baxter said many of these commercial bee hives are placed in the East Texas pine trees during the winter months to pollinate and increase their bee populations for springtime. He said these commercial bee operations come into the state in November and are moved out-of-state in May. Baxter said North Dakota and South Dakota commercial bee operations come into Texas during the winter months. He said up to 100,000 hives move into Texas during the winter months and can double their colony numbers by coming to the state. Baxter said bee hives are moved from every state of the union, except for Hawaii and

from some 27 foreign countries. He said bees are not brought in from Hawaii because all of the queen bees come from Hawaii. He said these commercial bee operations "requeen" new hives from known genetic sources.

Baxter said the bee lab in College State determines whether a honey bee has been Africanized or not. He said you cannot tell a European honey bee from an Africanized bee just by sight. He said there is no charge to identify whether a bee hive is Africanized or not. Baxter said his bee lab needs approximately 50-100 individual bee samples to determine if the colony is Africanized. He said to put the sample inside a nonbreakable container filled with alcohol.

Baxter said Africanized bees are not going away and we are just going to have to live with it. He reported most wild honey bees tend to build hives in old iron barrels. He said bees tend to locate near iron.

Baxter said bees that swarm onto a tree branch should not be killed and nine out of ten times, the bees that swarm will be gone by the next day. Swarming is the natural means of honey bee dispersion. A new honey bee colony is established after a swarm leaves an established colony to seek a new location.

Baxter said Africanized bees tend to nest low to the ground.

To keep bees out of your home, Baxter recommends sealing all outside cracks in a home and said using expanding foam material for larger holes tends to work. He said bee hives also tend to congregate around water lines because the bees need some water source. He said honey bees just love to locate in mobile homes between the floor joists. Baxter recommends cleaning up outside the home to keep contents away from the outside wall of the home.

Baxter said bee hives can form in old oilfield iron such as well heads and irrigation equipment. He said bees also love bird houses. He said bees can move into a new hive within 10 minutes.

He said if you suspect a bee hive inside the wall of your home, never seal the hole on the outside, because the bees will find their way inside the home.

Baxter said Africanized bees are just like European honey bees, except their just a little meaner.

Baxter told those in attendance the County Extension Agent does not remove bee hives. He said to deal with an unwanted hive, make sure you have a plan to deal with the colony.

He said bees tend to swarm during the wet part of the season. Baxter said if you have a bee hive near your home, you



DISCUSSING BEE HABITS—Over 70 people filled the District Courtroom at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird to listen during a special Africanized Bee Seminar sponsored by the Callahan County Extension Office. The seminar was given to



SEMINAR SPEAKERS—Speaking during the Africanized Bee Seminar held Monday, May 23 at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird were from left to right: Bill Baxter, Apiary Inspector for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Mike Whalen with the Abilene Fire Department; and Charlie Price with West Texas Pest Control. Pictured at the far left is County Extension

Agent Robert Pritz. The seminar was held to teach community members and emergency service personnel important facts about honey bees. Over 70 attended the seminar.

should deal with it now rather than later. He said queen bees can lay 1,000 eggs a day and bee colonies can become too large and will then break away to form a new hive. Baxter also said one different colony of bees can move in and out of a hive in the same day.

He said dozer equipment operators are at risk and recommends all dozer operators keep a bee mask nearby their equipment. Baxter recommends using Seven dust to kill the bee hive and said using the product in the early morning hour works best. He said dust inside the hive for five to seven straight days to kill the hive. He said after the hive has been destroyed, be sure and seal up the hole to prevent another colony from moving into the hive. Baxter does not recommend using wasp or hornet spray to destroy a bee hive.

The bee expert said when stung by a number of bees, start running. He said how far depends on how far your body tells you to run. When annoyed by a bee, don't swat at it, Baxter said, you'll just make it want to attack.

Mike Whalen with the Abilene Fire Department, reported on how the City of Abilene responds to bee calls. Whalen said the Abilene Fire Department does not respond to all calls. He said the department only responds when someone or an animal is being stung. He presented the Abilene Fire Department's Standard Operating Procedure to the various emergency service personnel in attendance at the meeting.

Whalen said the Abilene Fire Department uses Class A fire fighting foam to kill the bees.

He said the Abilene Fire Department does not exterminate bee hives, unless they have stung people. He said bee keepers do that. Whalen said the department only uses the fire fighting foam to rescue a patient from a home. He said the fire department also does not break into the walls of the home to locate the hive.

Whalen said individuals wanting to destroy a hive can use Dawn brand dish washing soap works well inside a sprayer can. Baxter, however said soap won't work inside the hive inside a wall because all of the bees are not exposed to the soap.

Charlie Price, who owns West Texas Pest Control, said exterminators charge between \$50 and \$100 to remove a bee hive, depending on the situation. Price, who is also a bee keeper in Albany, said he will offer advice for free on how to remove an unwanted bee hive.

The audience was told once a hive has moved into a residence, the only way to get rid of the hive is to kill it.

Extension Agent Pritz said paying for the exterminator to get rid of the hive is cheaper than losing a loved one or a pet.

If stung by a bee, Baxter said use something like a credit card

to scrap the stinger off the skin. He said don't pinch the bee stinger and pull it out, because more venom will go into the body. If your allergic to bee stings, get to the hospital quickly, or carry an adrenaline kit with you. The Abilene chapter of the American Red Cross has bee sting packs for sale. For a normal, healthy person to receive a deadly dose of bee venom, it would take about 10 stings for each pound of body weight, or 1,500 stings for a 150-pound person.

Something honey bees do besides pollinate crops for people, the bee venom also appears to help a person's arthritis.

Clyde veterinarian Dr. Monty Ancinec also spoke during the seminar about how bee stings affect animals. He said bees attack dogs, cats, goats and horses, but do not appear to attack cattle. Dr. Ancinec said he believes the bee won't attack cattle because their skin is probably too thick to penetrate.

Again, the best defense, the instant that bees appear to be attacking, run away. Try to get inside a car or building where the bees can not follow. If possible, wrap your head—leaving an opening for your eyes—with clothing or other material while running. Regular honey bees will chase you about half the length of a football field. However, Africanized honey bees may pursue you three times that far.

Some of the emergency services attending the seminar included: Baird Fire Department, Clyde Fire Department, Clyde Police Department, Callahan County Sheriff's Office, Citizens Emergency Medical Service and Cross Plains Fire Department and Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service.

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Cross Plains Paint and Palette Club has Officially Disbanded

The Cross Plains Paint and Palette Club has had a lengthy history in the community, but has officially disbanded. The members would like to thank all the merchants and individuals who supported their efforts in the past.

The club donated the remainder of their funds to the Cross Plains E.M.S. (\$225.00) and the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department (\$25.00).

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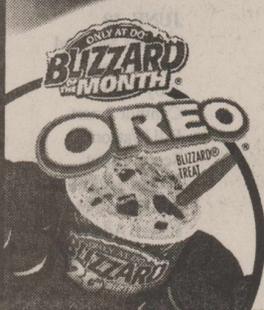
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ALISA HAIL

Studios, home of the Nicktoons, opened in March 1998 in Burbank.

Alisa is a graduate of Cross Plains High School. Her parents are Dianne and Curtis Stahnke of Cross Plains; David and Beth Hail of Rowlett. Noah and Bobbie Johnson of Cross Plains are her grandparents.

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When I was young, I wanted to be a writer but gave up on it after high school. I just did not know where to start or if college was required. I wish I would have stayed in college and finished. I could be a writer for a newspaper or just be successful.

I know that the job that we do here is important but how is success measured? It is measured by the amount of money that you have in the bank or the number of

possessions that you have? To me, success is measured by the number of people who love you and the number of friends made during your lifetime. I guess that by my own definition I am successful. I have a wife who tells me that she misses me on a daily basis. A son who said, "I don't know what I would do if my dad does not come home." An a younger son who cries for me on occasion thinking that I will not come home.

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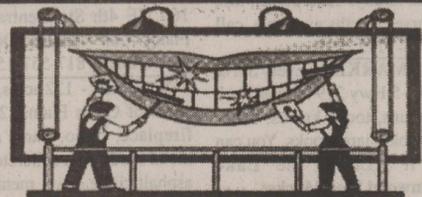


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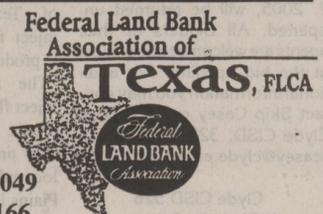
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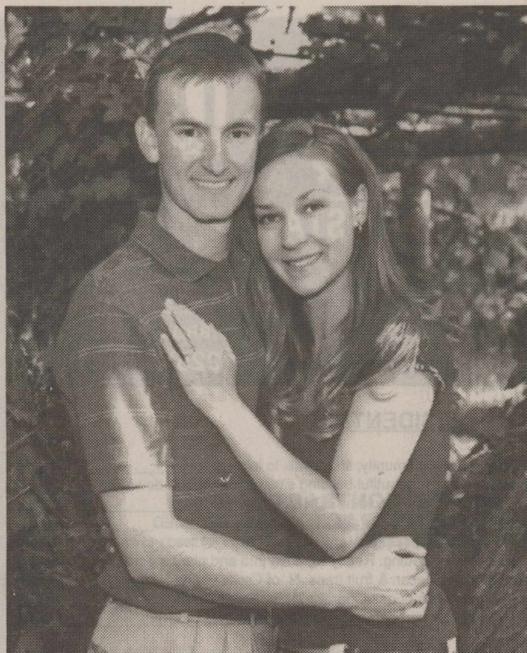
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Engagement announced

Lloyd Ray and Evelyn Hughes of Baird, along with Gary and Robbie Hicks of Merkel, are very pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Erin Leigh Hughes and Bradley Scott Hicks.

Erin is a 1999 graduate of Baird High School and a 2003 graduate of McMurry University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She is currently attending Hardin-Simmons University and will graduate in December 2005 with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

Erin is the granddaughter of Earlene Smith Hughes and the late M.L. Hughes of Baird, Paul Grohman and the late Grace

Perry Grohman of Abilene, and the late Franklin Smalley of Abilene.

Brad is a 1998 graduate of Merkel High School and a 2002 graduate of McMurry University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. He graduated in December 2004 from Hardin-Simmons University with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

Brad is employed by Work and Rehab in Abilene. He is the grandson of John Swenson and the late Nealy Swenson of Avoca and Ben Hicks and the late Elizabeth Hicks of Merkel.

An August 20, 2005, wedding is planned at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Abilene, Texas.



MR. AND MRS. CARL L. KING

Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. King to Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary June 4th

Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. King of Cisco will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on Saturday, June 4, 2005 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Cisco Church of Christ fellowship hall.

Carl King and Sylvia Lacy were married on June 7, 1955 in Durant, Oklahoma. They have two children, Donna Irby of Cisco and Kibb King of Allen, Texas. Their grandchildren are

Joshua Irby and wife Amanda of Mesquite; Serena Irby and Jacob Irby both of Cisco; Rebecca Venable and husband William of Lubbock; Brooke, Brian, Cameron and Collin King all of Allen. They also have one great-grandchild, Jackson Venable, of Lubbock.

We cordially invite all friends and family to join us on Saturday to celebrate this wonderful occasion.



CELEBRATING THEIR 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Joe and Delma Coppinger

Former Residents Recently Honored with 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Joe and Delma Coppinger recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married May 12, 1955, at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. They were honored at a special dinner and celebration at the Carson House Inn and restaurant in Pittsburgh, Texas, hosted by their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Coppinger. They will continue to celebrate with a trip to Branson, Missouri.

Joe has pastored churches in California, Arizona, and Texas. He also taught school for twenty-four years most of that at Cross Plains High. Delma spent over twenty years in bank management.

After retirement they moved to Longview where they are enjoying the blessing of staying active in Christian ministry. Joe is serving at Fellowship Bible Church as director of Senior Adult Ministries and is teaching part time at Christian Heritage High School.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

To whoever "borrowed" the window unit air conditioner from the place on Avenue A in Cross Plains.

I hope your summer is more comfortable because of your appropriation of my air conditioner.

You had my sympathy. I felt sorry for anyone who had no AC and was forced to "borrow" one so they could endure the Texas summer heat. I don't feel any sympathy for you, now since you have an AC.

I don't feel sorry that I no longer have the unit. I am pleased that someone will enjoy their summer, thanks to me. I am disappointed that they didn't

come to me to find out if I would sell or donate.

By the way, if the unit breaks, don't come to me for repairs. You took it, you fix it.

Jerry Biggerstaff, Sr.

Dear Editor:

We appreciated the excellent assistance of the Cross Plains E.M.S. concerning my uncle, Sonny Clark, on Sunday at Daisy Holcomb's birthday party.

I was impressed by their skills and caring.

Cross Plains is fortunate to have such a great service for their community.

Bobby Clark
Beeville, Texas

VETERAN'S NEWS BY TOM IVEY

MEMORIAL DAY 2005

Editor's Note: This article by Callahan County Veteran's Service Officer Tom Ivey was inadvertently left out of last week's newspaper. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

May 30 is the traditional day for the observance of Memorial Day and comes on Monday this year permitting a long holiday weekend. The custom of decorating the graves of fallen soldiers and sailors began during the American Civil War and continues to the present. The Baird and Moran American Legion Posts will be out placing our American Flags on the graves of fallen Veterans. The annual Memorial Day ceremony will be conducted at the Belle Plaine cemetery south of Baird.

This year please also make an effort to express your gratitude to those who are presently serving in our military forces. With-

out their dedicated service we might be speaking a different language or practicing a different religion. Let these men and women know that you are grateful for their actions.

Many of our Veterans have answered the last call in recent months and you are urged to express your condolences to the families of these Veterans: J.D. Gorman-USAAF, Raymond Ward Higgins-USAF, Arvin Nelson Brashear-USMC, Ernest J Ward-USMC, Orval T Burnett-USN, Bill Graham Harris-USN, James L Haslam-USN, F.L. "Bill" Hinson-USA, J.W. "Dub" Baulch-USN, Jerry F Peel-USA, Fred Frank Davis-USA, Alvin Walter Odell-USA, Walter Jay Hanner-USN, Leonard Wade Kelly-USA, Robert E Alewine-USAF, Robert A Bennett-USAF, Jerry A Phillips-USA, and Burton E Andrus-USA.

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Cross Plains Roping Club—

3rd place-John Foster; 4th/5th place split between Brent Terry and David High; 6th-Mackey Elliott; 7th place-Cory Ramsey.

Michael McCorkle of Lampasas took the Open Bullriding with a score of 91 points and was presented a buckle from Big Country Dodge of Clyde. Thanks to the stock contractors-Dickey Williams, Mackey Elliott, Jerry Lindley and Jeff Gorley for great bulls! Even in the oppressing heat the bulls were more than ready to buck. The bulls won this time, we invite all of ya'll back to even the score. Thanks to all the men who worked behind the scene, gate men, chute men, riggers and derriggers, etc. Thank you Cole Britton and Curtis Johnson for judging the PSBR and Open Bullriding. Thanks to the Cross Plains EMS for braving the heat and being available. Tani Pointer (our secretary) would like to give a special thanks to Renea McWhorter (PSBR Secretary) for her help with entries, payouts, ect. I (Dana Hall) would like to give Rickey Walker a special thanks also. His passion and enthusiasm for the sport of bullriding became infectious to me, our club members and our sponsors. Rickey and the PSBR took a great interest in Cross Plains and our club, we look forward to hosting them again and again.

I can't say enough about the bullfighters, Travis Wilson and Josh Huspeth (this is the ultimate extreme sport). They made it look easy. I think you have to be a little crazy and brave to ride a bull but to chase, taunt and dive at bulls and protect bullriders leaves me speechless! My hat goes off to ya'll! These were some of the best, bullfighters I've ever seen. Rod Middleton and Ricky Adams did a heck of a job in the arena with the bulls, their work was cut out for them. The bulls were hot,

moody and stubborn but they got the job done! Way to go Cowboys! Jimmy Hargrove made us all feel at home announcing this event. He has a way with words and always finds the comical side of things. Thanks Jimmy for your personal touch.

After the bullriding we all enjoyed a night filled with great music from the Jim Sadler Band. He kept everyone entertained and dancing. What a great way to end the days events! See ya again Jim. Thanks to the DPS, Callahan County Sherriff's Department, and Don Gosnell for being there!

I would like to close in thanking everyone for coming out and showing your support for the Cross Plains Roping Club. I'm proud to be a member of the Club and I'm proud of all of our hard working members. The men who worked on everything before the event (chutes, plumbing, electric, carpentry, etc.), good job! The ladies of the concession stand, great food! What a team effort from ALL OF YOU! I must thank our sponsors one more time, this event cost a lot of money and we couldn't have done it without you: Texas Heritage Bank, The Park Carwash, Big Country Dodge of Clyde, KEAN 105, Welch Stone, Ron Conway's Bitter Creek Ranch, Jones Real Estate, Cross Plains Grain & Peanut, Rancher's Choice Realty, Cross Plains Equipment Rental, The Cross Plains Review, The Cross Plains EDC, Blessed Automotive, Cross Plains Frozen Foods, Potter's Game Tables, Higginbotham's, Big Mack's Auto, AEP, Moss Bros. Ranch, 36 West Motel, Johnson's Dry Goods, Gozzy's Pizza, Village Market, The Staghorn Cafe, Bugbusters, and Taste of Texas.

Our next meeting will be next Monday, June 6, 2005 at 7p.m.

Submitted by
Dana Hall

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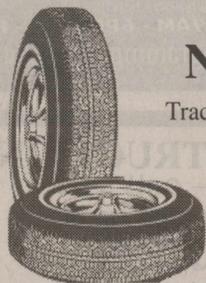
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