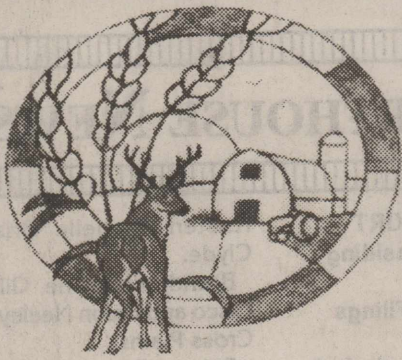


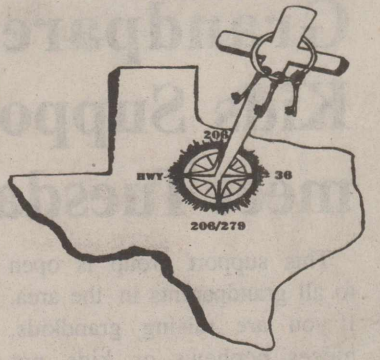
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## DOWN HOME

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** You need to be able to read this listing with an open mind and with true humility. It will probably "ring your bell" on several issues, if you are completely honest with yourself.

It is difficult to see ourselves in the true light of our being. There is a wealth of GREAT instruction and wisdom here-with. See how you scored!!!!!!  
**Vanda Anderson**

"The Greatest"

- The highest aim in life- To know God and do His will!
- The most enriching good habit- Complimenting Others
- The most destructive bad habit- Worry
- The greatest joy- Giving
- The greatest loss- Loss of Self-respect
- The most satisfying work- Helping Others
- The ugliest personality trait- Selfishness
- The most endangered species - Dedicated Leaders
- Our greatest natural resource- Our Youth
- The ugliest look- A Frown
- The greatest "shot in the arm"- Encouragement
- The greatest problem to overcome- Fear
- The most effective sleeping pill- Peace of Mind
- The most crippling failure disease - Excuses
- The surest way to limit God- Unbelief
- The most powerful forces in life- Love
- The most dangerous piranha- A Gossiper
- The Greatest Life-Giver- The Creator
- The worlds most incredible computer - The Brain
- The worst thing to be without- Hope
- The deadliest weapon- The Tongue
- The two most power-filled words- "I Can"
- The greatest asset - Faith
- The most worthless emotion- Self-pity
- The most beautiful attire- A SMILE!
- The most prized possession- Self Esteem
- The most powerful channel of communication- PRAYER
- The most contagious spirit- Enthusiasm
- The most urgent need- Salvation
- The greatest attribute of Jesus- OBEDIENCE
- The GREATEST - GOD

Author Unknown

## American Legion to Meet Thursday

The American Legion members will meet Thursday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on N.E. 1st Street in Cross Plains.

This is a regular meeting but important issues will be discussed. All members are urged to attend.



**COURTHOUSE NEEDS "PRESERVING"**—Callahan County Commissioners have hired The Williams Company to submit a

courthouse grant application to the Texas Historical Commission to preserve the County's

courthouse in Baird. The courthouse was constructed in 1928 and is need of restoration.

## Commissioners hear from architect on courthouse preservation program

Anyone who's been to the 42nd District Courtroom at the County Courthouse in Baird during the summer months knows how unbearable the courtroom can get. The Callahan County Courthouse was constructed in 1928 before air-conditioning was available.

The District Courtroom is so unbearable, District 42nd District Clerk Sharon Owens says Callahan County tries not to hold an type of jury duty during the summer months because its too hot.

Owens made the comment during discussion of a possible courthouse restoration grant through the Texas Historical Commission (THC).

Callahan County Commissioners met for over two hours Wednesday morning, June 15 with Kim Williams and Jason Jennings with The Williams Company at the county commissioners' courtroom in Baird. The commissioners' court earlier in the month approved a contract for the Courthouse Restoration Master Plan with The Williams Company Architects of Austin. The Williams Company will be paid \$12,500 to complete the master plan and submit the grant application to the Texas Historical Commission.

Under the contract, The Williams Company will complete the master plan by the next round of

grant funding deadline in September 2005.

Williams met with the commissioners' court to discuss the grant application process. Attending the meeting were Judge Roger Corn, Commissioner Tommy Holland, Commissioner Harold Hicks, Commissioner Doris Grider, County Treasurer Dianne Alexander, County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon, District 42nd District Court Clerk Sharon Owens and Callahan County Historical Commission Chairman Reggie Pillans.

Williams stated each county in Texas can receive up to \$4 million in THC grant money to courthouse restoration. Before Callahan County can receive any grant money for restoration, The Williams Company will be performing a master plan to submit to the THC.

Callahan County has terminated a previous contract with an architect for a master plan and will resubmit a new master plan through The Williams Company. Williams told the commissioners' court he believes they will be able to use a lot of the data from the previous architect to springboard the new master plan. Williams said because of Callahan County's courthouse age and condition, the county would not have received any grant funding from the previous rounds.

Williams said the grant application process is highly objective and rather complicated. He said the THC is not just going to give away \$4 million in a "brown paper bag" to the winning counties to do with the money like they please.

Williams gave the commissioners some of his background work with the THC. Williams said he's been involved with courthouse restoration in Texas for 24 years. Williams was involved with the Jones County and Shackelford County courthouse restoration projects which have been funded by the THC. Jones County received a grant for outside restoration, while Shackelford County received grant funding to restore its clock tower.

Williams said THC funding by state legislators for courthouse preservation had been cut off, but a dormant fund which the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) had for such projects, has now been discovered and those funds would be channeled through the THC. Williams said the THC is now in round five of the courthouse restoration funding. Williams said the same funding is being used to renovate the railroad depot building in downtown Baird.

Williams said the Texas Historical Commission will be meeting July 15 and hopefully,

See Courthouse Page 8



**CONTRIBUTION MADE TO LOCAL AMERICAN LEGION HALL**—The Cross Plains Garden Club donated \$500 toward the beautification of the American Legion Hall in Cross Plains. This money was made by selling chances on a quilt. Pictured are Barbara Powell (from left), Mary Ella Weaver, Rusty Reed, Donald Beeler, Julene Franke, and Eva Fleming (President of Garden Club).

## GO WILD—READ! Register Now for Pre-School Program at Local Library

The latest addition to the local library activities is a summer reading program for pre-schoolers. "Go Wild—Read" is a program especially designed for 3 to 6 year olds, and will include finger plays, action songs, story time, crafts and snacks. The program will run June 27-July 1, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. each afternoon.

Pre-registration is necessary to ensure adequate supplies and snacks; thus parents are encouraged to contact the library during the week of June 20-24. You may call the library, (254) 725-7722, to register your children.

Sue Bennett will direct the week long fun with help from Tabitha Martineau, Brittani Lidey and

Kathleen Terstegge. Parents, guardians, grandparents and older siblings all have a crucial role in the success of this program. The children will be checking out 5 books each day and older family members are encouraged to read and share the books with them. Such quality time spent with young readers will help develop a life long love of reading.

The week promises to be a lot of fun with a lot of prizes for each participant. Be sure to get your children registered so they can join the fun.

Submitted by  
Arlene Stephenson

## Family VBS at Church of Christ June 27-29

The Cross Plains Church of Christ will host a Family Vacation Bible School Monday through Wednesday nights, June 27-29, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The VBS is mainly for children age 3-6th grade but there will be a very interesting class for teen and adults also.

The theme for the Bible Study is "In Search of the King." Lesson will be "Follow the King," "Believe the King," and "Share the King."

After an opening assembly in-

cluding singing and a skit in regard to the night's lesson, the children will move between "stations" for lesson application (with puppets), crafts, and refreshments (with more singing). Each night's closing assembly will include another visit by the puppets to help everyone remember the night's lesson.

Transportation will be provided for anyone who needs a ride. Please call 725-6117 or 725-6700 for transportation or questions regarding the Family VBS.

## Former Christ Teacher at LWM

International ministers Jim and Jeane Hodges will be ministering Sunday, June 26th at 10:00 a.m. at Living Water Ministries.

Jim is the President of Federation of Ministers and Churches Inc. and was a former teacher and speaker at Christ For The Nations.

All are invited to attend. A nursery will be provided.

Living Water is located on Highway 36 West in Cross Plains.

## West Texas Rehab Club Lamb/Goat Sale on Saturday

The West Texas Rehab Center will be having their annual Club Lamb and Meat Goat Sale on June 25, at the Wylie FFA Show Barn. The Goat Sale will be at 3:00 p.m. and the Lamb Sale at 6:00 p.m.

The Rehab Center has lambs and goats that have been donated by some of the top show lamb and show goat breeders in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The animals will be at the Wylie FFA Show Barn on Thursday, June 23 for your viewing.

The Annual Jackpot Show will be held on December 10, 2005 for only the animals that are purchased at these sales. Prizes and buckles and money will be given to the exhibitors that return to the Jackpot Show.

For further information contact Danny Isbell (325) 793-3507.

## Love Fund Established for Miquel Alaniz

A love fund has been established for Miquel Alan Alaniz, 4 1/2 month old son of Michael and Sarah (Davis) Alaniz of San Antonio, at the Texas Heritage Bank. He is currently hospitalized in San Antonio on a respirator after he quit breathing.

Sarah is the daughter of Mary Davis Hull and Allan Davis and the granddaughter of Sid and Sally Davis of Cross Plains and Merilyn Aiken of Ranger.

Your support during this time would be appreciated by the family and they also request your prayers.

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# Grandparents Raising Kids Support Group to meet Tuesday, June 28th

This support group is open to all grandparents in the area. If you are raising grandkids, nieces, nephews, or kids not your own, meet with us. Meeting will be from 7-8 p.m., Tuesday, June 28, First Baptist Church, old fellowship hall, southeast end of the building. For more information call Helen Parson, 725-4422.

Raising your children's kids leaves grandparents facing financial, school, legal, medical, and emotional issues at a time in life that that should be simpler, not more complicated. Your friends are retiring, traveling and enjoying their grandchildren and sending them home. As grandparents raising grandkids, you have young children and

their day to day problems. Grown children and their attitudes can effect you positively and negatively.

Do you know the difference in being a guardian, managing conservator, or just having custody? What rights does a grandparent have to make decisions regarding the child that lives with them? How do you handle sickness or medical emergencies for a child that is not your own?

Join other grandparents (our numbers are growing), in a local support group. Learn from others how to face each day, and to find joy in these children and this responsibility that has been placed on us.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Vanda:  
 On behalf of all of the guests who came to town last weekend, I'd like to thank residents for their hospitality and many kindnesses. I have been coming to The Caring Community for six years straight, and I never tire of Cross Plains.

This year, one of the highlights of the weekend was having the opportunity to visit the Cross Plains Cemetery and pay my respects to the many friends I once knew who have left us, including Morris Cavanaugh, Joe Hanke, Jack Scott, Billie Ruth Loving and Joe Howser. I miss them all.

And a special thank you to the church that responded to the

church that responded to the theme of the Howard weekend, "Let His Name Not Fade..." with a sign that read "Jesus Christ, Name Above All Names, Lord Over Cross Plains." While no doubt intended as a slap in the face to godless Howard fans, it may surprise you to know that many of us are devout Christians and agree heartily with those sentiments. We come to your lovely town to celebrate the words of a favored author, but never at the expense of The Word.

God bless Cross Plains and its people.

Leo Grin  
 Los Angeles, California

Dear Editor:  
 I read with great interest the chilling expose' of Robert E. Howard's true sentiments and outlook regarding humanity and death in last week's paper. The quote, "Barbarism is the natural state of mankind. Civilization is unnatural. It is a whim of circumstance. And barbarism must ultimately triumph," is particularly disturbing.

It saddens me that Howard was drawn to the dark side of the underworld, of demons, sorcery and horror, and that the ultimate end to embracing this dark philosophy catapulted him into the inevitable pit of suicide. It seems Howard's life was a short story of hopelessness, depression and finally death. It appears he lived a frustrated tragic life and his legacy is washed with darkness and despair.

I find it strangely satirical and perplexingly paradoxical that this wonderful city, that was given the name **Cross Plains**, (the representation of ultimate life, joy, hope and triumph over all death and destruction), holds a festival each year to honor and uphold a man whose life and writings defiantly manifest every belief and action contrary to those values. The irony of that is staggering and deserves to be re-evaluated.

The community of Cross Plains is worthy, valuable and deserves a yearly celebration that promotes life, not death. What kind of legacy are we unknowingly passing on not only to our children, but to our children's children about the sacredness of life, or lack thereof?

I know that this will not be a popular letter, and I apologize for any offense that it may trigger, but let's at least be willing to take a deeper look at the underlying current here and decide if promoting barbarism is really what we want to be known for as citizens of Cross Plains.

Mrs. Deborah Lowitzer

## Reckless drivers need not fear any prosecution here

Dear Clyde Journal:  
 I write because I don't know what else to do. Please feel free to edit my letter without changing my message if this is too long. My heart is broken.

It's been almost four years since I last hugged my husband and our daughters kissed their dad. J.D. was killed on June 25, 2001, four days before our 49th anniversary. We were on I-20 heading to the cattle sales just outside of town and were hit from behind. I believe that the speeding man who hit us was distracted and his trailer overloaded. The collision caused our truck to cartwheel and land 1300 feet from the impact. J. D. was killed instantly. I ended up at the hospital.

The man who hit us was charged and indicted with criminally Negligent Homicide by the Callahan County District Attorney and grand jury. The case lingered for three and a half years. The D. A. was voted out of office and the new D. A. dismissed the case. Apparently,

my husband is not important to either the old or new D. A. But he is important to me, to our family, to the "kids" that he taught for over 37 years in Abilene and Eula public schools, and to the community in Scranton where he grew up. The D. A. could not commit the time and effort to seek justice for my husband and for our loss. The excuse is that the D. A. is a "one man show" in Callahan county and apparently not equipped to try such a case.

The man who hit us has never been held accountable for his actions. My question is, who is important enough to have his killer prosecuted by the Callahan County D. A.? Reckless drivers who take lives need not fear any prosecution. Innocent citizens are the ones who must live with the fear of losing a loved one and losing the opportunity for justice.

Thank you for hearing me. This June would be our 53rd anniversary.

Julia Pittman  
 Abilene, Texas

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## COURTHOUSE NEWS

### COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, Presiding

#### Misdemeanor Filings

Amy Shiree Cox, theft by check.  
 Justin L. Nichols, driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
 David T. Campos, assault.  
 Brandon L. Monville, driving while license invalid (DWLI).  
 William Paul Frazier, theft by check.  
 Deborah Harper, theft by check.  
 Gayla Mendez, theft by check.  
 Byron Lang, theft.  
 Del Ray Graham, theft.  
 Pedro Garcia, DWI.

#### Misdemeanor Minutes

End of term order discharging defendant under misdemeanor probation; Kent Bryan Fambro, Isidra Martinez Serrano.  
 End of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication; Douglas Q. Bishop, Stacie Denise Oglesby, Cari Bennett, Laura K. MacArthur.  
 Lisa Dela Rosa Keith, judgment revoking probation.  
 Russell Harnack, plea of guilty to assault, 1 year probation, \$300 fine, \$193 court costs.  
 Jason Knapp, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.  
 Zachery S. Warren, order extending probation granted.  
 Jose A. Salcedo, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$100 fine, \$160 court costs.  
 James Graham, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Dallas Co. granted.

#### Marriage Licenses

Jason Eric Moran of Baird and

### Kristen Michelle Briscoe of Clyde.

Brandon Wayne Gilliam of Cisco and Falon Neeley Bass of Cross Plains.  
 Steven Edward Earixson and Kayla Nicole Harris, both of Clyde.  
 Shane Colby Shockley and Jessica Cathleen Stayton, both of Clyde.

### 42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

#### Civil Filings

Keith Alan Crider vs. Travis Wayne Taylor and Sonya Lynn Smith, damages.  
 Sandi Jean Waters and Christopher Lynn Waters, divorce.

#### Civil Minutes

In Re: The Charley Tom and Peggy Eugena Sansom Straley testamentary trust for Kim Elaine Straley Farmer, order terminating trust granted.  
 Jenee Mechell Beeman and Jim Tom Beeman, divorce granted.  
 Emily Gale Johnson and Jeremiah Lance Johnson, divorce granted.

#### Criminal Indictments

Kimberly Hicks, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

#### Criminal Minutes

Wendy Sue Barron, order extending probation granted.  
 Cathy L. Gutkowski, order amending conditions of probation granted.  
 Bobby D. Fambro, motion to dismiss to theft granted, case re-indicted.

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## PIONEER NEWS

Wow! We did finish the "Flower Garden" and the "Broken Star" quilts. They were both sooo pretty! Now we are finished for the summer. We will not meet again until September. It is good to have a break but we will be just as glad to see each other in September. On our last day of quilting all of our members except one was there. It has been a long time since that has happened. Here is hoping all have a very good and safe summer.

The community has lost another very special member. Kenneth Brooks was everyone's friend. He will certainly be missed by all. Our sympathy goes out to Lou and family and Mona and family.

Glenda Phillips is still going to watch Krista play softball. They have two make up games which will be played Friday and Saturday night at Comanche. Logan helped Glenda pick up pine cones one day. She says there are a lot more to pick up. Logan, those cones will help us get a fire going in our wood stove at the Community Center next winter. Thanks for helping Glenda!

Norma Jean Hunnington Whitley of San Antonio spent the weekend with Jean Fore. They attended the Pioneer Reunion. Boy, did they have a great time!

Cowan and Laverne Hutton visited in Brownwood with Lavon and Imogene Hutton. They recently moved from their farm near Winters to Brownwood. Diann, Lavon and Imogene's

daughter, came by and visited with Cowan and Laverne. One day last week one of Cowan's cousins, Deloros Woods of Fort Worth ate dinner and visited with the Huttons. Laverne's brother, Bob Dean, attended the Pioneer School Reunion.

Earlene Burge and sisters from Fort Worth, Kathryn and Betty, came down to the Pioneer Reunion. Betty and Earlene attended the Pioneer School. Kathryn started at Cross Plains. Jimmy McCowen and Frances Taylor did a very good job attending to business and May Jones took care of the registration and meal tickets. The coffee mugs with a black panther were very nice. Jo Veda Watson gave the Cemetery Report. When Betty, Kathryn and Earlene got home, Jessica had the grill going and hamburgers started. DeeAnn and Andrew came with their son, Cameron. Jon and Lesley Ochoa and son, Matthew, also came. They had a wonderful cookout before Betty and Kathryn had to start home. It was a great weekend!

Pioneer Baptist Church attended a Singsong at Gateway Baptist Church in Comanche Saturday night. About fourteen members from here attended.

This will be the last article until September, unless someone will call in some news or will bring it to me. See you later!

**Word of Wisdom: The future is that time when you'll wish you'd done what you aren't doing now.**

## RISING STAR NURSING NEWS

BY LINDA MERRITT

It is now officially summer and it feels like it's going to be a hot one—come soon fall. Let's all think rain.

We would like to thank the May Extension Education Club for the nice shower robes. The aides and residents are really enjoying them.

The employees treated the Rising Star Senior Citizens by catering a hot dog luncheon with trimmings and watermelon last Thursday. Each month a birthday cake, made by Angie Williams, and a gift basket is given to a

lucky person who has a birthday. Betty Raybon was the lucky person for June. Congratulations Betty!!!

Residents birthday party was Tuesday afternoon. Those with birthdays were: Zelda Milam and Ellen Simpson. Employees with June birthdays are: Ellena Fox, Darla Moore, Maria Maldonado and Danee Clark. Our appreciation to Gene Moore for the piano music. Zelda had a special guest her niece Dannes Turner to help her celebrate.

**If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.**

## CROSS PLAINS GARDEN CLUB

BY Joyce Odom

The Cross Plains Garden Club met for a called session at the Dairy Queen on June 10 at 2:00 p.m.

Eva Fleming called the meeting to order and the following was taken care of, correspondence was read from Cross Plains E.M.S. acknowledging a memorial for Irvin W. Gage; also a note from Lucille Payne for a gift certificate for judging the Flower Show.

Barbara Powell gave update on the upcoming yearbook.

Julene Franke, treasurer, gave a financial report.

Mary Ella Weaver will select a book for the library, an ongoing project of the club.

It was voted to title the Flower Show "Sunshine to Shadow."

The members present were: Eva Fleming, Julene Franke, Sandy Lusk, Mary Ella Weaver, Lena Gage, Barbara Powell and Joyce Odom.

Eva wished each a good summer and pleasant days. Meeting adjourned.

## LIBRARY NOTES



### Behind the Books

Just a few more days to get those little pre-schoolers registered for my summer reading program. Have you remembered to sign up your 3-6 year old? Sure hope so as we are going to have SO much fun singing songs, playing finger games, making things, eating AND LISTENING TO STORIES.

You have the rest of this week to get registered at the Library, then next week (June 27-July 1) we'll "Go Wild—Read" every afternoon from 1:30 - 2:30 P.M.

I'm looking forward to seeing ya'll there. Please don't disappoint me.

CU-BW

### Statistics

June 13-17

<b>Circulation:</b>	
Books	44
Interlibrary Loan	1
Memorials:	0
<b>Donations:</b>	
Lloyd B. and Ann Wilson	
<b>Donation-Childrens Resource</b>	0
<b>Donations - Books:</b>	
Ann Beeler	
<b>Library Activity Report</b>	
Patron:	65
Programs:	13
Copies:	40
Reference:	1
Check In/Out Books:	21
Calls In:	2
Internet Users:	28

## BURKETT NEWS

BY LOVERA STRICKLAND

Anna and Wade Golson's descendants gathered Saturday, June 4th, at Coleman Park for a day of visiting and re-connecting.

"Locals" from Coleman were Michelle Wilkovich, Tim, Suzanne and Lauren Golson; Beth Kleiber and Liz Golson of Burkett; Jacob Golson and Kala Golson and Jaden of San Angelo; Steven and Amber Kleiber, Brenna and Kenzie of Cross Plains; Emma and Matt McKinney, Alice, Kevin and Jessica McKinney of Goldsboro; Dawn Hill, Cheyenne and Garrett of Farwell; Logan Wilkovich of College Station; Randy Golson, Tony and Susan Golson and Courtney of Midland; Pete Golson of Rankin; Josh Bird of New Braunfels, Stormie Price, Brian and Robin Culwell of Novice, Tiffni Darden and Wyatt of Eastland, Kelsay Wilkovich of Lewisville, Misty Golson and Mitchel; Travis Johnson and Sam and Jack of Hamilton, and Jake and Kathy Golson of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

Dawn Hill, Cheyenne and Garrett visited with her parents, Bob and Beth Kleiber and attended the gathering at the

Coleman Park.

Marsha and Matt Turney spent Wednesday night and Thursday with Lovera Strickland.

Memorial Day weekend visitors in Lovera Strickland's home were Don and Kathy Tinney and Jonelle and friend, Tad, of Lefors; Darryl and Kathy Tinney of Lawton, OK; Jackie and Julie Strickland, Jared, Staci, Dee and friend, Dwight Moses, of Somerville.

The Burkett-Adams Cemeteries have received several new donations: Miriam Kuebler (In Memory of Cora Robinson) \$20; Burkett Church of Christ \$25; Charles Byers \$50; Christine Dempsey (Martin Ray Dempsey, B. Johnson and Wright family) \$25; Matt and Betty Morrison (In Memory of Cora Robinson) \$50; Dumas Beeler \$25; M/M Billy Jack Noles (In Memory of Opal Gray) \$25; M/M Grady Harris (In Memory of Opal Gray) \$100; Carl Edington \$20; Roy and Lela Young \$100; Virginia Shewmaker \$50; and Louise Howard \$2.

The Cemetery Board greatly appreciates your donations for the upkeep of the cemeteries.

## 85th Pioneer/Area School Reunion Well Attended

The 85th annual reunion of Pioneer and surrounding area schools was held on June 11 at the Cross Plains Community Center. Seventy-four registered but more joined us for lunch.

Forty-two students were from Pioneer, one from Peak, one from Liberty and one from Deer Plains. Does anyone remember when and where these schools existed? If so, drop me a note at 908 Avenue A, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Awards were presented as follows:

**Oldest Woman - Jean Fore**  
**Oldest Man - Shorty Lewis**  
**Most Family Members Present - the Curry Family with ten**  
**Longest Distance Traveled - Phil Harris and wife, Baton Rouge, LA area.**

They were awarded coffee mugs with a black panther engraved on the side.

A memorial service was conducted by Jim McCowen and Jean Fore. We lost sixteen exes this last year. They will be missed.

Business meeting and election of officers were presided over by Jim McCowen. Officers were re-elected: Jim McCowen, President, May Alexander Jones - Vice President and Frances Grider Taylor - Secretary/Treasurer.

Our next meeting will be the first Saturday in June 2006.

This was a very fun time this year. Lots of visiting and a few jokes and laughter.

See you all next year!

Submitted by  
 Frances Grider Taylor

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## COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

### July Offers Great Opportunities for Heat and to Meet Friends—Old and New

Did you notice the heat-wave that arrived just in time for summer of 2005? Don't forget the July 4th Independence Day celebration at Cottonwood Community Center starting at 10:00 a.m. on that day. The day offers an opportunity to get together as a community and enjoy the patriotic music, a reading of the Declaration of Independence and other presentations by the citizens of Cottonwood.

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will draw the winning ticket for their fund-raiser quilt during this celebration. If you have not bought a ticket, get 'em while they last. All members of the club are selling tickets.

Quilting days will be Tuesdays, July 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th.

### Fire Control Unit Will Meet

The Cottonwood Fire Control Unit will meet on July 19 at 7:00 p.m.

### Coppinger Family

Joe and Delma Coppinger of Longview visited family and friends in Cottonwood this past weekend. It's always a pleasure to talk to Joe because he brings up so many fond memories of

Cottonwood, and the old Cottonwood Methodist Church, where we all attended in our youth.

Joe and Delma came to visit with friends at the First United Methodist Church pot-luck dinner after church services on Sunday. I ask Tom Stephenson if he knew Joe's father and mother, and he said he did, and he told me this story.

He sold a used automobile to Uke one day for a certain amount of money and after a few days, Uke came by, sat down, and wrote a check to Tom for \$25.00. He said, "I made such a good deal when I sold that car, I thought I would share some of the profits with you."

That was a characteristic act of Uke and Alice Coppinger, honest and friendly. And that's the stuff Joe Coppinger and his sister, Dorothy Petty, are made of.

Ellen Simpson celebrated her 90th birthday Saturday, June 11, 2005, with a party hosted by her children and families at the Baptist Church in Cottonwood. All her Cottonwood friends enjoyed the visit with Ellen. The party was hosted by Rev. Paul Simpson and family of Claremore, Oklahoma; Marion Simpson of Abilene; and Vernon Simpson of Giddings.

## QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

### "Amid Wildflowers in Cross Plains"

Lately, I've been spending some time doing quite a bit of thinking. Evidently, while I was lost in thought; certain others were working. You know it really shows. Just drive around slowly in Cross Plains and look.

A lot of rubble, deserted and deteriorating house, abandoned automobiles and trash are being cleared away, cleaned up and sorted out. Cross Plains is really looking good. Don't you agree??

The spring flowers have already bloomed in many different color, pastels mostly, such as pink, white, blues, yellows, lavender, gold, and amber. Neatly mowed and trimmed lawns look great!

In my opinion, the most beautiful flower in the world is the Texas Bluebonnet. I am probably biased, but I sure really love and admire those Texas Bluebonnets. They are so dainty and lacy looking. There are many lovely wildflowers in Texas, particularly the Big Country area and on up to Austin, etc.

The Standing Cypress is a gorgeous wild flower that I first saw when I was a small child about 3 or 4 years old. It grows in long leaf covered stems about 3 feet

high with tear-drop shaped red petals strung up and down amid the leaves. Their red blooms dip and sway in the breeze.

Many, many more of the flowers of the wild grow near here as well, as along the side of the highways and roads. Just to list a few: Buttercups, Daisies, Indian Paint Brushes, Blackeyed Susans, and Indian Blanket. Thistles have lavender colored blossoms and many others including the illustrious and well known Sunflower.

In this area of Texas people pretty much tend to consider the larkspurs and some flocks as wild flowers...and I agree, they do grow rampant in this area. But, up at Lubbock and other parts of Texas, if you wish to grow, you must get some seed and plant them. The same thing the next year, if you want the same flowers it will be necessary to purchase seed and plant again.

Meanwhile, jog, walk or drive around our cheerful community of Cross Plains and gaze upon all the area that have and are being cleaned up. Lots of flowers are in full bloom right now, so the tour will be colorful.

See you next week in the Review.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

### JUNE 27- JULY 1

MONDAY - BBQ Chicken, Spagetti, Green Beans, Tossed Raisin Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Salad, Peach Cobbler, Bread, Pears, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk

THURSDAY - Sloppy Joe on Bun, Potato Wedges, Pickle Spear, Melon, Cookie, Milk

FRIDAY - Not Available

WEDNESDAY - Chicken

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**CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY**  
2004-2005 PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL  
5TH SIX WEEKS

**First Grade:** Kelli Bennett, Colton Bradley, Tucker Brown, Blayne Childers, Rebekah Crockett, Teagan Fortune, Michael Foster, Laramie Gambrell, Megan Hagler, Brayden Kennedy, Debra Land, Billie Pointer, Hunter Thomas, Chance Thompson, Charles Thompson, Justin Whiteley, Seth Wyatt  
**Second Grade:** None  
**Third Grade:** Wyatt Gambrell, Meagan Roberts, Shelby Thomas  
**Fourth Grade:** Katharine Goode  
**Fifth Grade:** Lauren Goode, Ashley Jamison, Zoie Walker  
**Sixth Grade:** Shawna Lewis

**CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY**  
2004-2005 "A" HONOR ROLL  
5TH SIX WEEKS

**First Grade:** Caden Creach, Zachary Gartman, Shelby McWilliams, Evelyn Morales, Nicholas Pfoh, Inez Salazar, Shyler Tillery  
**Second Grade:** Cheyenne Bomar, Bronc Dillard, Taryn Estes, Kelbi Hyles, Brenna Kleiber, Morgan Manley, Alma Meza, Jurnee Thomas, Mikera Walker, Allanta Wheeler  
**Third Grade:** Christa Potter, Tristen Stephenson  
**Fourth Grade:** Cheyenne Cowan, Victoria Creamer, Riley Lawrence, Griff McConal  
**Fifth Grade:** Rachelle Allen, Shelby Ames, Ryder Foster, Payton Porter, Rosa Salazar  
**Sixth Grade:** Delany Ames, Savana Wyatt

**CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY**  
2004-2005 "AB" HONOR ROLL  
5TH SIX WEEKS

**First Grade:** Darrin Ames, Sean Armer, Elissa Cantu, Dalton Gilliam, Autumn Kelly, Sarah Perry, Kaitlyn Potter, Kristin Savell, Zachery Thompson  
**Second Grade:** Kristen Bland, Jamie Devance, Kaitlyn Koettel, Kaylee Potter, Kiefer Steine  
**Third Grade:** Brooklin Cantu, Blakelyn Hennington, Jaden Kennedy, Chance Perry, Justin Willis  
**Fourth Grade:** Joe Holland, Tony Skidmore  
**Fifth Grade:** Samantha Dickson, James, Sullivan, Kenzie Taff, Austin Thomas, Justin Thomas  
**Sixth Grade:** None

**CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL**  
2004-2005 PRINCIPAL HONOR ROLL  
5TH SIX WEEKS

**7th Grade:** Emma Bennett, Melissa Black, Tiffany Holland, Zach Snell  
**8th Grade:** Jacob Estes, Emily Harris, Krista Phillips, Mandy Rose  
**9th Grade:** Tiffany Walker  
**Sophomore:** Thomas Estes, Russell Thomas, Michaela Wallace  
**Junior:** Travis Golsen, Jesse Norris, Jake Snell  
**Senior:** Dayna Bennett, Thomas Dimitri, Stephanie Edington, Lori Hail, Kali Phillips, Kelsey Richards

**CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL**  
2004-2005 "A" HONOR ROLL  
5TH SIX WEEKS

**7th Grade:** Nathan Creamer, Amanda Dunaway, Kayla Lawrence, Amber Parker, Ben Schaefer, Cody Sliger  
**8th Grade:** Sheena Apple, Tawni Nichols  
**9th Grade:** Hailey Biggs  
**Sophomore:** Colton Manley  
**Junior:** Brittany Adams, Rainey Bacon, Ryan Payne, Chance Watkins  
**Senior:** Christopher Beaty, Mitchell Byrd, Brandon Horton, Eddie Rose

**CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL**  
2004-2005 "AB" HONOR ROLL  
5TH SIX WEEKS

**7th Grade:** Emily Foster  
**8th Grade:** Terrah Augustine, Ashleigh Gallaway, Renee Salazar  
**9th Grade:** J.J. Callaway, Macayla Cook, Jennie Lewis, Starla Schaefer, William Poole  
**Sophomore:** Karen Scott  
**Junior:** Forrest Creamer, Levi Wooten  
**Senior:** Karen Ross

## Cross Plains Sports Camp Coming Soon

The coaching staff at Cross Plains High School would like to invite you to attend the **Cross Plains Summer 2005 Sports Camp**. The staff will be on hand for instructions of all positions and the fundamentals required for successful play. Coach Hagler would like to encourage all incoming 7th graders to attend the camps.

The camps will be held July 25, 26, and 27th. Session I-Football, 8:00-10:00 at Football Field. Session II-Basketball 10:15-12:00 in Gym Foyer. Boys and Girls may attend both sessions. The camp is for incoming 3rd-9th graders. The cost of the camp is \$20 per session or \$35 for both, all checks should be made out to **David Hagler**. Campers will receive a T-shirt. Water will be provided and participants may bring their own drinks.

Campers should wear shorts and shoes with rubber cleats (if possible for the Session I football camp). They also will need to wear a non-marking soled shoe (Session II basketball camp).

You can register through July 1st by picking up a form at the Superintendent's Office. Before participating in the Cross Plains Sports Camp, the **SIGNED**

release form must be returned to the Cross Plains Superintendent's Office. No exceptions will be made.

Submitted by  
Coach David Hagler

Lordy, Lordy  
Look Who's  
**40**



Happy Birthday  
Love,  
Your Family

## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Burlie Taylor, Frankie Hyles, Jim Cook, Scott Childress and Reggie Pillans.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent, High School Principal, Elementary Principal and guests, David Hagler, Curtis Cooper, Susan Holland, Davy Crockett, Kim Crockett, April Wheeler, Susan Hartman, Annette Nickerson, Nora Odom, Tonja Walker, Rhonda Hinten, Mitchell Atchley, Kathy S. Purvis, Gene Dillard, Colleen Anderson, Charlene Fleming, Connie Ricci, Ed Brady and Charlie Scott.

Prayer was led by Reggie Pillans. Minutes were approved as read.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded Hyles to contact Debbie Gosnell regarding acting as recorder for school board meetings. For 5 Abstained 2 - Susan and Vicki

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by V. Dillard to allow Living Water Ministries to use the auditorium for conference October 9-12. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Hyles to accept Texas Primary Reading Inventory Report as presented by Margie Sowell. For 7 Against 0

The Public Report on 2004-05 TAKS Results was presented by Ed Brady. You may view these at the high school office.

Discussion was held regarding Susan Schaefer working with, and any conflict of interest with Cam Gulley preparing the audit for C.P.I.S.D. Susan advised the Board that she does per diem work for Mr. Gulley but does not participate in the audit for C.P.I.S.D.

Motion was made by Pillans and seconded by Taylor to remove the auditor item off the table. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by V. Dillard to accept bid of \$7,350.00 for auditor of 2005-2005. For 6 Schaefer abstained

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Childress to accept contract from Global Training Co. for drug dog at \$190.00 per visit. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Hyles to accept TASB workers compensation program. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Hyles that the Board follow the appraisal system for administrators per TEA recommendations. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Hyles to accept Resolution # 1-05 as presented For 3 Against 4 Schaefer, Cook, Pillans, Dillard **Motion Failed**

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Schaefer to send Resolution to attorney for review. For 5 Against 2 Pillans and Childress

Proposed Resolution as follows:

Cross Plains ISD  
Harassment, Oppression and Retaliation  
Resolution No. 1-05

**Concerning:** The Cross Plains Independent School District Board of Trustees has approved new School Board Policies DIA and FFH prohibiting harassment and retaliation of employees or students; and

**Whereas,** the Cross Plains Board of Trustees abhors harassment, oppression and re-

tialiation against any employee or student; and

**Whereas,** the Cross Plains Board of Trustees assures any employee or student that any form of harassment, oppression or retaliation is prohibited from occurring in the work environment or in a setting which may affect the workplace; and

**Whereas,** the Cross Plains Board of Trustees has the responsibility to assure employees and students are not harassed nor retaliated nor oppressed against for reporting issues pertinent to their welfare or for the furtherance of the educational purposes of the Cross Plains Schools; and

**Whereas,** as employee or student has the unobstructed opportunity to report the matter to their immediate supervisor if harassment, oppression or retaliation exists or if they believe that harassment, oppression or retaliation has occurred; and

**Whereas,** if the complaint is against the Superintendent, the report shall be given to all School Board Trustees; and

**Whereas,** if the complaint is against another supervisor and if the person reporting feels that retaliation or oppression will occur, the report shall be submitted to the Superintendent and all School Board Trustees; therefore,

**Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees treats harassment, oppression and retaliation as a very serious matter and directs its employees to report any such behavior to the appropriate authority and expects the investigation to be professionally and ethically conducted according to Policy and all applicable laws; and

**Be It Further Resolved,** that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all faculty, staff and students.

Approved for forms and substance:

Jim Cook, Board President  
Reggie Pillan,  
Board Vice President  
Susan Schaefer,  
Board Secretary  
Vicki Dillard, Board Member  
Burlie Taylor, Board Member  
Frankie Hyles, Board Member  
Scott Childress, Ed.D.,  
Board Member

**(This Has Not Been Approved)**  
Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Pillans to table Disciplinary Alternative Education Program until superintendent gathers further information. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Hyles and seconded by Childress that all high school athletics be 8th period. For 2 Against 5 Cook, Schaefer, Dillard, Pillans, Taylor  
Executive Session started at 10:30 p.m. and was out at 11:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by V. Dillard to accept the resignations of Billie Clausen with regrets and appreciation for years of service and Tammy Carty. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Taylor to hire Kim Cassidy as elementary teacher with 10 month probationary contract for 2005-06. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Hyles and seconded by Childress to hire Kent Smith, Brandon McDowell, Donnie Dillard, Jr. as teacher/coach with 10 month probationary contract with stipend of \$5,000 for 2005-06. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Taylor to adjourn. For 7 Against 0

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT—Karen Ross

## 2005 Barbarian Festival Scholarship Recipient

The Barbarian Festival Committee is proud to announce Karen Ross as the 2005 recipient of the Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating Cross Plains High School Senior. Applications are judged by out of town judges who are not acquainted with the applicants. Requirements for the scholarship were based on a one page essay describing interest, accomplishments, future plans and goals, class rank, GPA, honors received, offices held and community involvement. Also, two academic and personal references were required.

Karen, daughter of Charlie and Beverly Ross, was involved

in cheerleading, golf, basketball, track, PALS, NHS, Key Club, FFA, FCCLA, FCA, First Baptist Church Youth, VBS and Mexico Mission Trips and was elected class officer for three years. She also received many popularity honors including Football Sweetheart, Most Likely To Succeed, Most Dependable, and Most Friendly to name a few.

Karen plans to attend Texas Tech University majoring in English with a minor in Education to eventually teach high school English.

The Barbarian Festival Committee would like to thank all sponsors and supporters of the festival who help to make this scholarship possible.

## 6 from Cross Plains area on National Honor Roll

Lynbrook, N.Y.—Six students from the region covered by Cross Plains Review qualified for induction into the 2004/2005 National Honor Roll.

The National Honor Roll recognizes high-achieving high school and middle school students. "Young people like our inductees, who work hard to attain academic success, deserve to be congratulated," says Lynn Romeo, Publisher of the National Honor Roll. "Honoring their achievements provides motivation and encourages them to continue striving. We're proud to include them in the National Honor Roll."

Those from Cross Plains area named to the National Honor Roll included: Mitchell Byrd, Vecy Carpenter, Forrest Creamer, Brandon Horton, Naomi Isbell, and Karen Scott.

The National Honor Roll offers several benefits which can contribute to the success of its student members. For students in the 2004/2005 school year, National Honor Roll Awards For Academic Achievement, which will be awarded in September. National Honor Roll's College Admissions Notification Service notifies the admissions offices of as many schools as the inductees designate that they have been

accepted into the National Honor Roll and that they are interested in obtaining information about those colleges. (A copy of the student's biography is sent to the colleges along with the notification.) Each state governor and U.S. Senator receives a complimentary copy of the National Honor Roll Commemorative Edition, along with a list of the students from their state who have been inducted into the National Honor roll. And complimentary copies of the book are sent to selected school libraries across the country.

The National Honor Roll contacts potentially qualifying students after reviewing information about their academic performance. Each student is asked to submit information about his/her GPA, interest, activities, and future goals. Only students with a B or better average are eligible. 67% of the inductees in the 2004/2005 National Honor roll averaged an A- or better; 33% averaged B through B+. 41.0% were Seniors (Class of 2005); 29.0% Juniors (Class of 2006); 10.0% Sophomores (Class of 2007); 9.5% Freshmen (Class of 2008); and 2.5% were from the Class of 2009.

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42 TOURNAMENT WINNERS ANNOUNCED—20 players participated in the tournament held June 11th at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center. Proceeds from the event benefitted the Senior Citizens' Center. Champions were Lida Harper (from left) and Benny Callaway; 2nd place was Eddie Faye Dillard and Troy Crockett; and 3rd place was P.C. Davis and Jackie Dale Thomas.

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### 2004 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) Callahan County Water Supply Corporation (325) 893-3841

#### OUR DRINKING WATER IS REGULATED

by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and they have determined that certain water quality issues exist which prevent our water from meeting all of the requirements as stated in the Federal Drinking Water Standards. Each issue is listed in this report as a violation and we are working closely with the TCEQ to achieve solutions.

**WATER SOURCES:** The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves, naturally-occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present at source water before treatment include: microbes, inorganic

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#### Special Notice for the Elderly, Infants, Cancer Patients, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems:

Some people may be more vulnerable to chemical contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the EPA'S Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)

#### Public Participation opportunities

Date: 4th Monday of each month.

Time: 7:00 P.M.  
Location: 218 North Access Road of Interstate 20, Clyde, Texas  
Phone Number: (325) 893-3841

Where do we get our drinking water?

Our drinking water is obtained from Surface water sources. It comes from the following Lake/River/Reservoir/Aquifer: LAKE BAIRD, and CITY OF ABILENE SOURCES: LAKE FORT PHANTOM and LAKE O.H. IVIE

The TCEQ has completed a Source Water Susceptibility for all drinking water systems that own their sources. This report describes the susceptibility and types of contaminants that may come into contact with the drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. The system(s) from which we purchase our water received the assessment report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, please contact us.

All drinking water may contain contaminants. When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Secondary Constituents**  
Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

#### About the Following Pages

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

Year	Contaminant	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Limits	Turbidity Limits	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2004	Turbidity	.29		0.3	NTU	Soil runoff.

**Total Organic Carbon (TOC)** None detected Possible Source Naturally present in environment

Total Coliform NOT DETECTED

Fecal Coliform NOT DETECTED

#### VIOLATIONS

Violation Type	Health Effects	Duration	Explanation	Steps to Correct
MCL VIOLATION - TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	Some people who drink water containing HAAs in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.	10/1/2004 to 12/31/2004	Part of our water tested out of compliance. City of Baird installed an ammonia injection facility in November of 2004. This will bring the water into compliance	
MCL VIOLATION - TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM)	Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.	7/1/2004 to 9/30/2004	Same as above	
MCL VIOLATION - TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM)	Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.	10/1/2004 to 12/31/2004	Same as above	

#### Secondary and Other Not Regulated Constituents (No associated adverse health effects)

Year (Range)	Constituent	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Limit	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2002	Aluminum	107.000	107	107	50	ppb	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2004	Bicarbonate	155.500	138	173	NA	ppm	Corrosion of carbonate rocks such as limestone.
2002	Calcium	86.850	66.7	107	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2004	Chloride	42.500	19	66	300	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element; used in water purification; byproduct of oil field activity
2002	Iron	0.038	0.011	0.065	0.3	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; iron or steel water delivery equipment or facilities.
2002	Magnesium	25.000	22.3	27.7	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2004	pH	7.450	7.1	7.8	NA	units	Measure of corrosivity of water.
2002	Sodium	127.750	95.5	160	NA	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; byproduct of oil field activity.
2004	Sulfate	70.500	48	93	300	ppm	Naturally occurring; common industrial byproduct; byproduct of oil field activity.
2004	Total Alkalinity as CaCO3	127.500	113	142	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2004	Total Dissolved Solids	216.000	216	216	1000	ppm	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.
2002	Total Hardness as CaCO3	319.500	258	381	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring calcium.

#### Inorganic Contaminants

Year (Range)	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2002	Arsenic	4.150	3.8	4.5	10*	0*	ppb	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes. <small>* These arsenic values are effective January 23, 2006. Until then, the MCL is 50 ppb and there is currently no MCLG.</small>
2002	Barium	0.184	0.12	0.249	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
2003	Fluoride	0.150	0.1	0.2	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2003	Nitrate	0.365	0.15	0.58	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
2002	Selenium	13.100	12.9	13.3	50	50	ppb	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines.
2002	Gross beta emitters	6.650	4.2	9.1	50	0	pCi/L	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.

#### Organic Contaminants NOT TESTED OR REPORTED, OR NONE DETECTED

Year	Disinfectant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Disinfectant
2004	Chloramine	2.435	0.2	4.7	4	4	ppm	Disinfectant used to control microbes.

#### Disinfection Byproducts

Year (Range)	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2004	Total Haloacetic Acids	64.313	1	150.4	60	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2004	Total Trihalomethanes	135.775	36.1	277.8	80	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

#### Unregulated Contaminants

Year (Range)	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2004	Chloroform	79.500	59	100	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2003	Bromoform	4.700	4.7	4.7	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2004	Bromodichloromethane	53.000	34	72	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2004	Dibromochloromethane	26.350	7.7	45	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

#### Lead and Copper

Year (Range)	Contaminant	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2001	Lead	4.6000	0	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
2001	Copper	0.5460	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

## A SOLDIER'S THOUGHTS

By Jerry P. Biggerstaff, Jr.

"Please call my name." I said it over and over again to myself. All soldiers going on R and R (rest and relaxation) line up in formation. I am sure all of them were thinking the same as I. I group. 2 groups. Then I hear my name. Last group departs at 0310 the next day. It figures that I would get this one.

The thoughts and feelings of home slowly fade back to the realization that this was still a military operation and like many military operations it fell into the "hurry up and wait" category. As I sit in a wait status, I imagine the airport at home. I have been told that people stop and shake your hand and tell you thank you for what you do. This seems awesome but not as awesome as the thought of the bright colors.

Multicolored clothes and just the colors of the airport the brilliance of life re-visited if only for a short time.

Our flight is called to yet another formation and then I return again to hurry up and wait. Since departure was not for 17 hours, we traveled back to the camp. I could not help but feel a sense of depression knowing that I would have to return to this place in 2 short weeks. This dusty tan and at times dark green place had come to haunt me. The roles have reversed and now I feel as if I am separated from my family and that my fellow soldiers were just that, soldiers.

After lunch and a few last minute adjustments to my gear, we returned back to the airport. I called it an airport, but it is

nothing more than a bunch of tents and some tall cement barriers for protection. Mortars could be heard earlier in the day and they seemed to be getting started up again. It seems that most Thursdays were like this; Friday being a holy day for the Iraqi people.

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#### ABBREVIATIONS

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units.

MFL - million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)

pCi/L - picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

ppm - parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/l).

ppb - parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/l).

ppt - parts per trillion or nanograms per liter.

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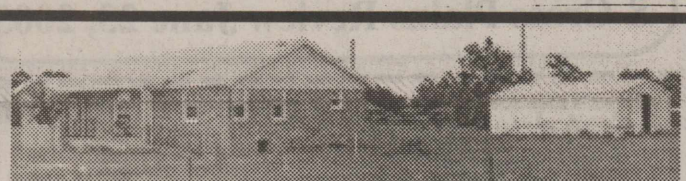
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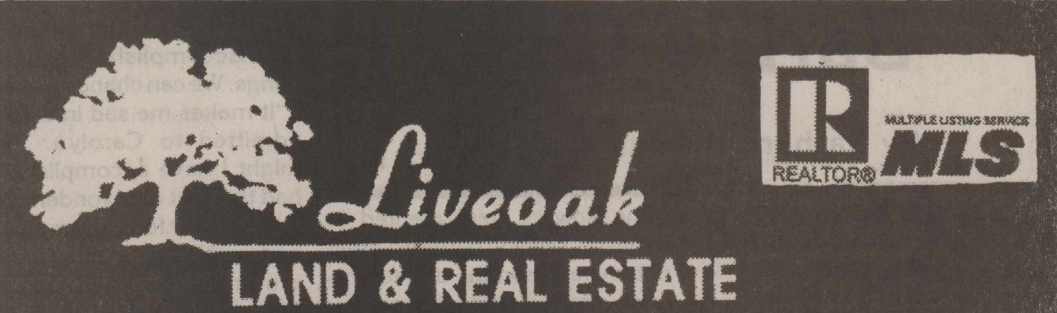
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# Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

**THE HIBISCUS ARE IN BLOOM, DRIVE BY AND SEE THEM**

The Daffodil Principle:

Several times my daughter had telephoned to say, "Mother, you must come to see the daffodils before they are over. I wanted to go, but it was a two-hour drive from Laguna to Lake Arrowhead. I will come next Tuesday," I promised a little reluctantly on her third call.

Next Tuesday dawned cold and rainy. Still, I had promised, and reluctantly I drove there. When I finally walked into Carolyn's house I was welcomed by the joyful sounds of happy children. I delightedly hugged and greeted my grandchildren.

"Forget the daffodils, Carolyn! The road is invisible in these clouds and fog, and there is nothing in the world except you and these children that I want to see badly enough to drive another inch! My daughter smiled calmly and said, "We drive in this all the time, Mother."

"Well, you won't get me back on the road until it clears, and then I'm heading for home!" I assured her.

"Where are we going? This isn't the way to the garage!" "We're going to my garage the long way," Carolyn smiled, "by way of the daffodils."

After about twenty minutes, we turned onto a small gravel road and I saw a small church. On the far side of the Church, I saw a hand lettered sign with an arrow that read, "Daffodil Garden." We got out of the car, each took a child's hand, and I followed Carolyn down the path. Then, as we turned a corner, I looked up and gasped. Before me lay the most glorious sight. It looked as though someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it over the mountain peak and its surrounding slopes.

The flowers were planted in majestic, swirling patterns, great ribbons and swaths of deep orange, creamy white, lemon yellow, salmon pink, and saffron and butter yellow. Each different colored variety was planted in large groups so that it swirled and flowed like its own river with its own unique hue. There were five acres of flowers.

"Who did this?" I asked Carolyn. "Just one woman," Carolyn answered. "She lives on the property. That's her home." Carolyn pointed to a well-kept A-frame house, small and modestly sitting in the midst of all that glory.

We walked up to the house. On the patio, we saw a poster. "Answers to the Questions I Know You Are Asking" was the headline. The first answer was a simple one. "50,000 bulbs," it read. The second answer was, "One at a time, by one woman. Two hands, two feet, and one brain." The third answer was, "Began in 1958."

For me, that moment was a life-changing experience. I thought of this woman whom I had never met, who, more than forty years before, had begun, one bulb at a time, to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure mountain top. Planting one bulb at a time, year after year, this unknown woman had forever changed the world in which she lived. One day at a time, she had created something of extraordinary magnificence, beauty, and inspiration.

The principle her daffodil garden taught is one of the greatest principles of celebration. That is, learning to move toward our goals and desires one step at a time often just one baby-step at a time and learning to love the doing, learning to use the accumulation of time.

When we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of

daily effort, we too will find we can accomplish magnificent things. We can change the world. "It makes me sad in a way," I admitted to Carolyn. "What might I have accomplished if I had thought of a wonderful goal thirty-five or forty years ago and had worked away at it 'one bulb at a time' through all those years? Just think what I might have been able to achieve!"

"My daughter summed up the message of the day in her usual direct way. "Start tomorrow," she said. She was right. It's so pointless to think of the lost hours of yesterdays. The way to make learning a lesson of celebration instead of a cause for regret is to only ask, "How can I put this to use today?"

- Use the Daffodil Principle.
- Stop waiting;
  - Until your car or home is paid off;
  - Until you get a new car or home;
  - Until your kids leave the house;
  - Until you go back to school;
  - Until you finish school;
  - Until you clean the house;
  - Until you organize the garage;
  - Until you clean off your desk;
  - Until you lose 10 lbs.;
  - Until you gain 10 lbs.;
  - Until you get married;
  - Until you get a divorce;
  - Until you have kids;
  - Until the kids go to school;
  - Until you retire;
  - Until summer;
  - Until spring;
  - Until winter;
  - Until fall;
  - Until you die...

There is no better time than right now to be happy.

Happiness is a journey, not a destination.  
So work like you don't need money.  
Love like you've never been hurt, and,  
Dance like no one's watching.

"A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words.—Unknown

## Courthouse

TxDOT won't get involved with the funding process. Williams said he'll come back to the commissioners' court a second time after July 15. Williams said the THC will call for the fifth round of funding sometime in August or September and will award the grant money sometime in mid to late fall. He said the grant funding will begin flowing to the winning counties early in 2006. He said it would be late summer of 2006 before the winning counties receive their total grant contributions.

Williams said Callahan County's courthouse restoration project is "modest" compared to others. He said the county courthouse in Baird is a "very sound building." He said the building is in excellent shape for the date of the building.

The courthouse building however does need new mechanical, electrical and plumbing renovation. The building's room also needs new work and the courthouse elevator dates to 1957. He said the courthouse elevator is slow, but still runs. The building also is in need of new wiring to connect all offices to the Internet.

The courthouse windows are also in need of restoration. The outside entrances to the courthouse have also been remodeled and those entrances should be restored to the original architect's vision.

Williams said the entire courthouse, including the elevator and restroom facilities, do not meet the American Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations.

The architect also will recommend the courthouse master plan include a new "wet" sprinkler system for the courthouse.

Williams said if the courthouse is awarded grant funds, he would suggest Callahan County not stay in the building during restoration. He said that would only drive up costs. He said in almost every restoration project, county offices move to another location. Williams also recommends not performing the restoration project in phases. He said county offices would relocate from eight to 14 months during the construction period.

Williams suggested the commissioners look for someone to serve as project representative for the county during the construction period.

Williams said the county would face additional costs to relocate the county offices into multiple locations. He recommended the commissioners' court put funds in the budget now for those relocation costs.

Williams said the county would be required to provide 15 percent in matching funds based upon the restoration grant amount.

The architect said there are some items which would not qualify for restoration monies, including landscape and site work, and new computer equipment.

Williams said Jason Jennings

will be working with the commissioners' court to obtain most of the master plan data. He said much of the data from the previous master plan will be used.

Williams said the Texas Historical Commission use a scoring system to rank the restoration projects. He said there are 24 criteria used and the maximum number of points a project can receive is 232 points. He said the THC holds to their point system and sticks to it to rank the projects.

Unfortunately, older courthouses receive the higher number of points, while courthouses which are maintained properly don't score as many points. Williams said record management does score points. He also said courthouse with historical markers are also scored higher.

Judge Roger Corn said based upon the previous architect's estimate, the county would have to budget \$150,000 for the restoration project. "That's not going to be close," Judge Corn said based upon the 15 percent match and the possibility the county offices would have to relocate for eight to 14 months. "I have reservations about this project cost," Judge Corn said.

Williams said during Shackelford County's restoration project, the county came up with \$50,000, while the county's historical commission raised \$200,000.

Williams reminded the commissioners' court the building's electrical system "is one scary system." He said there is new wiring hooked to original wiring.

Williams said two of the three courthouses in Texas which have burned was simply from "bad wiring." Hill County and Newton County totally burned down because of electrical problems. "Even if you don't participate, you still have serious issues," Williams said.

Williams did commend the commissioners' court for maintaining the building. "You are doing an awful lot with very little (money)," Williams said. "This may be the last (THC preservation grant) funding," he said and the courthouse windows are now on "their last leg." He said all the

courthouse windows are still "salvageable."

"Do you want the state to help you with 85 percent of the costs, or do you want to do 100 percent later," Williams asked of the commissioners. "This is a fabulous opportunity and hopefully the citizens will rally behind you," Williams said.

Williams recommended forming a county restoration committee and having those individuals see the problem with the courthouse firsthand. He reminded the commissioners' court since 1991, all public buildings should be ADA accessible.

Williams also said public meetings should be called to inform the public about the courthouse restoration project. He said of the 220-plus county courthouses in Texas, at least 70 more are in need of restoration like Callahan County.

Williams said the THC wants courthouse exteriors restored to the original construction. He reminded the commissioners' court this is a "preservation" program, not a "restoration" program. Williams said based upon early estimates, the county is looking at a project amounting to a couple of million, not \$4 million.

"My reservation is coming up with the money," Judge Corn said.

Williams said Callahan County would not have to come up with the 15 percent matching funds now. "From this time forward, you would have two to two and one-half years by the time it's complete," Williams said if Callahan County was awarded funds. "Ultimately, the citizens have to look at getting this building upgraded," Williams said.

As for any political downside, Williams said he hasn't lost one elected official because of these restoration programs.

"All our projects were at budget, and one time," Williams said.

Williams said the county's old master plan had no historic photos of how the building originally looked in 1928. He said within 15 minutes, he has found two such photos.

## Harris-Brown Reunion set for June 25th

The 2005 Reunion of the Harris and Brown families is scheduled

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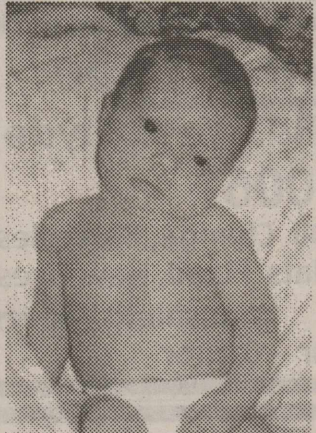
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