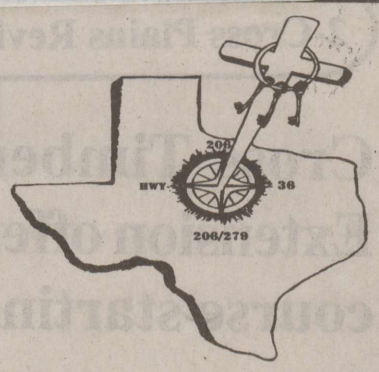


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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is a wonderfully composed poem by D.B. Gunn (now back at home in Cross Plains) that is appropriate for the upcoming celebration of Independence Day. His careful words make you think about the privilege we have of living in a country that is indeed FREE.

I especially like the line "Oh God of grace, hear our call." That really explains why we are so blessed—by the Grace of God.

While currently engaged in war in Iraq, it makes you even more appreciative of the freedom we enjoy. May we always be thankful for the dedication of soldiers serving in all our military branches, both past and present, for keeping us free. Continue to pray for all the men and women who serve their country with pride. **Vanda Anderson**

"America, America"

By D.B. Gunn

Oh yes, dear friends,
we live in a land where people
are free.
Where a whole world of wonder
is waiting here to see.

Oh land of freedom,
where life here is so dear,
and peace is so sweet.
Where beauty lay before all
pilgrim fee.
For oh how pretty are the
spacious skies,
and the mountains tall,
with oceans white with foam.
God bless old America,
the one we call our home.

So God guide us through the
perilous path.
Teach us love that will temper
wrath.

Oh God of grace, hear our call.
Bless old America,
land of freedom, for us all.
A land of days of plenty,
here through the years to come.
With equal justice and rights,
my friends, for each and
everyone.

A life so dear and peace so
sweet.
America, America—a land
complete.
Oh thank you, Lord, for this
great land.
Now save us from violence and
destruction,
that of man.

Annual 4th of July Celebration Monday at Treadway Park

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

The annual 4th of July Celebration will be hosted by the City of Cross Plains on Monday, July 4, at Treadway Park, behind the Cross Plains Roping Club Arena.

Festivities will begin around 3:00 p.m. The city will provide FREE hot dogs, cold drinks and watermelon. Citizens are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and umbrellas and enjoy a great evening of fellowship and

fun. Plans are being made to have musical entertainment, too.

A 42 tournament will also be held and anyone wishing to participate may call City Hall at (254) 725-6114 to register.

A fantastic fireworks display will begin at dark. The fireworks show has been growing yearly and 2005 will be bigger and better. You don't want to miss this!!!!!!

Celebrate Independence Day of this great country right here in your hometown Monday, July 4th!!!!!!

Holiday Celebrations Expected at the READ ALOUD CAFE

School-age kids! It's that time of year again! The week of JULY 11-15, 2005 will mark our fourth year for the CP Public Library's "READ ALOUD CAFE" This year, the Cafe and book themes will revolve around various HOLIDAYS OF THE YEAR...so don't be surprised if you see some Christmas decorations in the library on one of these hot summer days! We will also "celebrate" Independence Day, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and conclude with a Birthday Party!

The "Read Aloud Cafe" program is designed specifically for children who have just completed kindergarten through 6th grades. We will again serve lunch to the children in our "cafe" and provide them

with an abundance of memorable read aloud stories. We begin serving lunch promptly at 12 noon and dismiss at 1:15pm. The children who attend year after year have loved the exposure to wonderful literature in such a fun and relaxing manner. In addition to the reading, we will again offer daily prizes and an opportunity to check out books!

If you would like to help provide food items for the week, please contact Jacque Childress at 725-6866 by July 8.

Children...don't miss out! Parents...we would love to have your child participate! Pre-registration is highly encouraged but drop-ins are also welcome.

Submitted by
Jacque Childress

To the Citizens of Cross Plains

In 1998 the City Council was asked by its citizens to pass an ordinance prohibiting allowing dogs to run-at-large. After careful review of the situation and much deliberating, the council passed an ordinance against allowing dogs to run at large.

Since that time, the ordinance has been adhered to by the majority of the citizens, with most praising the council for its work.

However, there are those few who continually allow their dogs to run at large. Some keep their dogs up during the day and let them roam at night and on the weekends, when they feel they are not in danger of being picked

up by the animal control officer. Therefore, the City again, respectfully request that all dogs be either kept in a pen or on a leash. Those who do not adhere to the law will not only have their dogs picked up, but will be issued a citation and fined \$100.00 for each violation and the fine will have to be paid before redeeming the dog.

Regardless of whether the animal control officer is not able to catch the dog or not, a citation will be issued to the owner. No other warnings will be issued.

Submitted by
Debbie Gosnell,
City Secretary

EDC Contributes to the Legion Hall Improvements

Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation, in keeping with an ongoing program, recently contributed \$500 to the local Tommie Atken American Legion Post Number 423 to help with renovation of their building located at East 1st Street.

Matching grants of up to \$500 are currently available to businesses located in or immediately adjacent to the City of Cross Plains to improve the facade (front exterior) of buildings. Costs of labor and/or materials will be considered for the

matching grant. This may include painting, permanent signage, awnings, window repair, permanent landscaping and other improvements.

If you are interested in one of these grants, you are encouraged to go by City Hall or call (254) 725-6114 and request an application form. The Economic Development Corporation wants to help you keep your business and the city an attractive place to live and visit.

Submitted by
Debbie Gosnell
City Secretary



CITY COUNCIL AND EMPLOYEES—Jerry Cassle and Debbie Gosnell (front); Gene Dillard (middle, from left), Terry Lichty, Al Sanford, Ray Purvis, Audrey Purvis, Edwin Weiss; Stuart Sowell (back, from left), Mark Norris, David Clark, and Ricky Carouth.



E.D.C. AND OTHER CITIZENS—Arlene Stephenson (front, from left), David Estes, Rodney McCarty, Al Sanford, Jerry Cassle, Era Lee Hanke, and Debbie Gosnell; Tom Stephenson (back, from left), Dannes Turner, W.G. McCoy, Mark Norris, and Ricky Carouth.



CROSS PLAINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—Amber Kleiber (front, from left), David Estes, Al Sanford, Crystal Davis, Denise Coulter, and Julene Franke; James Nichols (back, from left), Ricky Carouth, and Yvonne Peevy.

Ground Breaking Ceremony held Friday, June 24th for Dollar General

A ground breaking ceremony was held Friday, June 24, 2005, for the Dollar General at the proposed location at 341 South Main Street (behind the Dairy Queen).

Representatives from the Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation, Cross Plains City Council and Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce were on hand for the big event.

Economic Development Director Debbie Gosnell started communicating with Dollar General in November 2003 to acquire a store for the

community.

In January 2004, Al Sanford, who builds stores for Dollar General, met with Gosnell to look at possible sites. Gosnell and Sanford set up a meeting with Texas Heritage President David Estes and Vice-President and Cashier Dannes Turner to discuss the possibility of purchasing some land north of the Dairy Queen for the Dollar General site, and the rest is history.

R.O. McCarty, longtime local businessman, was very active

in working out the details and bringing the idea to fruition. Gosnell remarked, "Cross Plains is fortunate to have citizens like R.O., who take an active role in getting things accomplished."

When the E.D.C. met in January, they allocated funds to help with infrastructure to the site. Local contractor Ricky Carouth has started building the foundation for the new store.

Further details will be released in the near future concerning a projected opening date and other details.

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Cross Timbers Seminary Extension offering teaching course starting July 21st

Cross Timbers Seminary Extension is offering in the fall of 2005 **DYNAMICS OF TEACHING**, a 3 hour course focusing on a study of the principles and methods of teaching youth and adults, including the relationship of the teacher to the teaching task, the steps in lesson plan development, and the use of teaching aids. This course will begin July 21 and end November 17th. We will meet every Thursday evening for 2 1/2 hours beginning at 6:30 p.m.

in Breckenridge. Other classes can meet in your area Monday, Tuesday or Friday evening if you have at least three students to sign up.

Textbooks: Teaching Ministry of the Church, Eldridge D. Teaching for Results, Edge, F.B.

If you are interested in taking the fall course contact Baylis Pope at (254) 442-4663.


Submitted by Baylis Pope

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

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OBITUARIES

Don Edington

Donald Carl Edington, 62, of Enterprise, AL, died Monday, June 20, 2005, at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan, AL.

Funeral services were held in Enterprise, AL, with Rev. Fox Fleming and Dr. Larry Morrison officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Edington, Enterprise, AL; three daughters, Amber Edington, Gainesville FL, Kasi Edington, Enterprise AL, Ashley Walker, Granbury, TX; two grandchildren, Blaine Walker and Morgan Walker, Granbury, TX; father, Carl B. Edington, Cross Plains, TX; sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Harold Landrum and family, Waco, TX.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Ellie Rogers

MAY-A graveside memorial service for Ellie Rogers, 81, of Killeen, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 1, 2005, in the May Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Heartland Funeral Home.

Ms. Rogers passed away Saturday, June 25, 2005, in Killeen.

She was born Ellie Marie Shults on August 29, 1923, in the Williams Community near May to James and Ida Shults. She graduated from Williams High School in 1940 and from North Texas State University in 1947. She was married to Whit Kenneth Rogers on McCamey, on July 3, 1948. He preceded her in death after 53 years of marriage on February 19, 2002. She taught speech and English in the public schools for 45 years. Most of her teaching career was spent at Edison Junior High School in San Angelo. After her retirement from teaching, she was active in the San Angelo Retired Teachers Association and the new Timers Organization, and she served as a docent at Fort Concho. She moved to Killeen in 2001 and became an active member of the Killeen Retired Teachers Association, the Modern Study Club, the Happy Bookers and the Bell County Democratic Women's Organization. She was also a regular volunteer at Peebles Elementary School.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her only child, Gayle Dudley of Killeen and son-in-law, Marcus Dudley of Killeen; three grandsons, James Dudley of Dallas, Brent Dudley of Killeen and Marc Dudley of College Station; and one brother, Hollis Shults of Cross Plains.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two brothers.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Scott and White Hospice, 2322 South 57th Street, Temple, TX, 76504 or to Home and Hope Shelter, 905 Mimosa St., Killeen, TX 76541.

Love Fund Remains open for the Alaniz family

Miquel Allan Alaniz, 4 1/2 month-old son of Michael and Sarah (Davis) Alaniz of San Antonio passed away Wednesday, June 22, 2005, in San Antonio. A love fund was established at Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains and remains open to assist with medical and funeral expenses.

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 kind assistance is appreciated by the family. Please keep them in your prayers during this difficult time.

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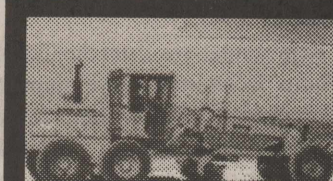
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COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

William R. Beer, Jr., plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$100 fine, \$170 court costs.

Sherry A. Wade, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Donna Earlene Reid, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Kevin Giles, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$215 fine, \$150 court costs.

Shawnee Y. Traweck, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$100 fine, \$215 court costs, \$129.06 restitution.

Invanna L. Pena, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.

Invanna L. Pena, transfer request from Taylor Co. to Tarrant Co. granted.

Calvin W. Curry, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$195 fine, \$170 court costs.

Shawn M. Hodgens, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Scott R. Rentz, motion to amend complaint granted.

Brittney S. Mundell, judgment revoking probation granted.

Brandi Hicks, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

John Leo Wyatt of Wellington and Candice Diane Franczy of San Marcos.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Citibank (South Dakota) N.A. vs. Kelly D. Griffin, breach of contract.

The State of Texas vs. 1992 Toyota Tercel, VIN # JT2EL43A5N0230867, seizure and forfeiture.

Texas Heritage Bank vs. Jeff Gregory, default on note.

Keith Alan Crider vs. Travis Wayne Taylor and Sonya Lynn Smith, damages.

Credigy Receivables, Inc. vs. Jessie C. Aguirre, default on account.

Credigy Receivables, Inc. vs. James M. Walraven, default on account.

Norma Eltringham vs. Russell-Surles Title, Inc., default on contract.

The State of Texas vs. 1999 Ford Mustang, VIN # 1FAFP4048XF182088, notice of seizure and forfeiture.

Lavon Dale Grice vs. Wanda Sue Grice, breach of contract.

Civil Minutes

Sarah Windham Green and Ronald Green, divorce granted.

Cross Plains Cowboy Church to Start Annual Trail Ride

The Cross Plains Cowboy Church is beginning an annual Trail Ride - Saturday, July 9th. Barbecue and drinks will be provided and the cost of the ride is \$10.00 per person.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the building fund for the Cross Plains Cowboy Church.

Everyone is invited to bring your horses and join in the fun. Call (254) 725-6446 or (325) 518-5882 for details.

67th Woody Reunion coming July 9th & 10th

The 67th Woody Reunion will be held July 9-10. On Saturday, July 9th, they will meet at 5:00 p.m. at Ethel Champion's home at 325 South Avenue A in Cross Plains. On Sunday, July 10th, they will meet at the Cottonwood Community Center in Cottonwood.


All family and friends are invited.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE THIS BEAUTIFUL QUILT—The owner of this quilt will be decided at the annual July 4th Independence Day Celebration.

Quilting Club Fund-raiser and Independence Day Celebration

Oops, my fingers slipped. The Cottonwood Quilting Club is quilting on Thursdays instead of Tuesdays as I stated in last week's column.

The club's fund-raiser quilt is hanging at the Texas Heritage Bank during this week for all to see. The "Flower Garden" quilt was quilted by all members and marks the annual quilting for their fund-raising efforts for this year.

The winning ticket will be drawn on July 4, at the annual Independence Day Celebration. You do not have to be present to win, so buy all the tickets you can stand. You don't want me to win this quilt, do you?? I have many tickets and going after more. (See photo.)

That reminds me to say, come out to the Independence Day Celebration on Monday, July 4th. It will start at 10:00 a.m. We will have a good program, a parade and refreshments. The parade will happen only if someone shows up on their decorated (red, white and blue) tricycle, bicycle, golf cart, 4-wheeler, saddle pony,

horse and buggy, wagon, tractor, farm implement or other conveyance. The parade will be after the program and will commence at the cemetery, turn left one block and back to the Center for refreshments.

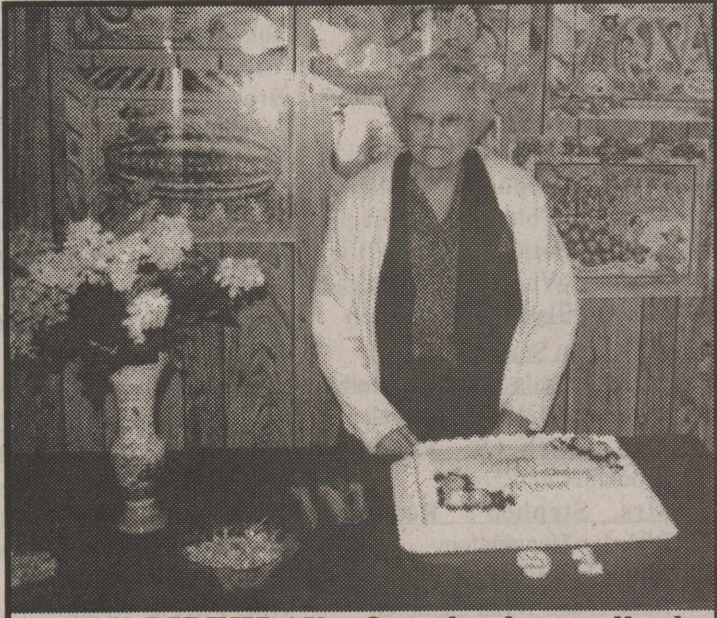
Cottonwood Connections

The Weaver family held a reunion Saturday and Sunday meeting at Mary Ella's house on Saturday and Dena Nickerson's farm on Sunday.

Robert Bennett of Cottonwood left Sunday to finish his tour in Iraq. He is serving with the 56th Brigade, 36th Infantry, near Baghdad, and will finish his tour of duty there in January 2006. Our prayers are with Robert.

Bryan Bennett and family spent this past weekend in Arlington, where they attended the raising of friend, Pete Sendejo, as Grand Master of the Arlington Heights Masonic Lodge.

(To place personal or new 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.) Remember this, please, I can't print it, if I don't know about it.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY—Our thanks to all who attended or remembered, Ellen Simpson, on her 91st birthday. The Simpson Family.

LIBRARY NOTES

Behind The Books

Just heard a tidbit of news that I just HAD to share with you --- Christmas is coming in July this year!! But then, so is St. Valentine's and St. Patrick's Days?? Independence Day, I can believe, but all those others? The connection is the ever popular, returning for the 4th year, best week of the summer --- Read Aloud Cafe, directed by my good buddy, Jacque Childress.

Here's the challenge for you young readers, who've completed grades K through 6 --- search through this issue of the newspaper and find all the details about the Cafe and how you can be a part of the fun.

And then I'll see you there. Thank goodness I'm already dressed for the festivities. Have you noticed that I'm wearing red and green, red, pink and white,

green, as well as red, white and blue. Such a fashion statement I am!

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Statistics June 20-24, 2005

Books	54
Internet Users	33
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Ann Beeler	

Library Activity Report June 20-24, 2005

Patrons:	60
Programs:	9
Copies:	3
Reference:	0
Check In/Out Books:	14
Calls In:	6
Internet Users:	33

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

"Slide Down My Cellar Door"

Up into the 40's, 50's and even into the 60's, most everyone had their own cellar, if not, their neighbors invited them to make use of theirs. One could really come in handy when needed and also some times saved your life and/or the lives of others.

But oh! The fun had during pretty weather; sliding down that cellar door (usually constructed of a wood frame cover). Originally called root cellars, they were used to provide underground storage for food items, such as turnips, potatoes, apples, parsnips, onions and dried beans and cabbages; also a few herbs such as wild sage, mint and garlic. Shelves lines a wall or two and women canned food and put into glass jars and stored them on those cellar shelves. There were usually some canned peaches and tomatoes, homemade cucumber pickles, various relishes, crab apples, spiced peaches and jellies and jams made from whatever fruit or edible delicacy that grew nearby.

There were several unique plants from which some of the jellies were made. It is debatable whether or not they thought, "now jelly would be good made of that." On the other hand they may have been so low on foods, they'd try just about anything.

There was jelly made from the prickly pear cactus, pomegranate, mesquite beans and jam made from figs, mint jelly, apricot jam, and apple butter. Jellies and jams were made from various berries such as black berries, raspberries, strawberries and blue berries, just to name a few.

In those days, people didn't have freezers or microwaves, etc. There fore it was necessary to use other methods to store food for

the winter months.

For a cellar, you dug a very large rectangle into the ground in the back yard. You scooped the dirt out and packed the wall on three sides with caliche, clay, adobe. The floor was usually dirt packed real hard. Shelves were built on a couple of walls and wooden benches (no backs) were built along three walls. The fourth wall was where the door and steps leading into and out of the cellar were located.

Usually there was an old comfortable chair or two down there, too. They were usually occupied by older people such as grandpas or great-grandparents, or perhaps someone's maiden aunt, bachelor uncle or a new other with a small baby.

It sounds pretty rough and ragged, however, I'll tell you what, the inside of those cellars looked pretty good when a tornado was forecast. I've been in three in my lifetime,

The first one I was living in Baird when I was an infant. The tornado picked up the house and lifted it off its foundation and set it down about two feet away. Some people lost their lives in the storm.

At about age 13 I was living in Baird again when a tornado hit Baird and Clyde. Some Clyde residents were lost.

The last one was at Cross Plains in 1994 on May 29th, which was my mother's birthday. Thank goodness no one was killed but there was a lot of damage.

People don't seem to go to cellars much anymore. Now, they say, if you don't have access to a basement or a cellar to find a room in your home centrally located, preferably without windows.

Such is life when you live in "tornado alley".

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95 YEARS YOUNG—Lois Garrett was honored with a 95th birthday celebration Saturday, June 25 at her home. Numerous friends and family attended this grand occasion. Lois was born June 24, 1910.

PIONEER NEWS

It seemed like something was missing when we didn't go to quilting on Tuesday. Maybe everyone had a great day at home.

Our community lost another of our boys this week, Junior Grider. We express sympathy to his wife and family and to all his brothers and sisters and their families.

Cowan and Laverne Hutton's children, Wanetta, J.D., Danny, and Lynn and their families all remembered daddy on Father's Day. Cowan received some classic video tapes, a pineapple upside down cake, fresh made blackberry jelly, plum jelly and a neat trimmed yard! Thursday, Wanetta came for dinner and spent the afternoon and evening with them. Lynn, Pam, Sam, Scott and Carrie visited on Friday evening. The Huttons have been busy "making hay while the sun shines", but would sure like to see a good rain. There has been a lot

of jelly making going on too. J.D. and Sandy's girls, Tabatha, Tamara, and Shanna all came to pick blackberries. It has really been a year for berries and wild plums!

Game night was held on Thursday. A good turn out came for fun and food. Next time will be the second Thursday in July. Boy, July is just around the corner!

As Laverne was saying, we could sure use some rain. Everything is dry. Most of the grain has been harvested and the coastal is being cut and baled. So we pray the "high" will move on and we catch some rain.

Jean Alexander and Mozelle Richardson spent some time in Abilene last week. I know they enjoyed being together.

Word of Wisdom: You will never "find" time for anything. If you wait time you must make it. Charles Buxton.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

The Carpenter

Once upon a time two brothers who lived on adjoining farms fell into conflict. It was there first serious rift in farming 40 years side by side. Then the long collaboration fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding and grew into a major difference. It exploded into bitter words and weeks of silence.

One morning there was a knock on John's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I'm looking for a few days work" he said. "Perhaps you have a few small jobs here that I could help with."

"Yes, said the older brother. "Look across the creek at that farm. Last week there was a meadow between us. He recently took his bulldozer to the river levee and now there is a creek between us. He may have done this to spite me but I'll do one better. See that lumber by the barn? I want you to build an 8 foot fence so I won't need to see him or his place anymore."

The carpenter said, "I think I understand, and I'll be able to do a good job for you."

The older brother had to go into town for the day. The carpenter worked hard all day—measuring, sawing and nailing. About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job.

The farmers eyes opened wide. There was no fence at all. It was a bridge that stretched from one side of the creek to the other.

The neighbor, his younger brother was coming toward him with outstretched hand.

"You are quite a fellow to build this bridge after all I have done."

The two brothers met in the middle of the bridge, each taking the other's hand. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox onto his shoulder.

"No, wait. Stay a few days I've a lot of other projects," said the older brother.

"I need to go on the carpenter said. I have many more bridges to build."

Important Things to consider:

Not the kind of car we drive but how many people do we help get to where they need to go.

Not the size of our house, but the people we welcomed into our home.

Not how many friends we have but how many people were we a friend to.

Our neighborhood is not as important as how we treated our neighbors.

The color of our skin is not as important as the content of our character.

As we go through our lives are we building fences or bridges. IT IS OUR CHOICE.

Anonymous

2005 ROARING RANGER RODEO

FRIDAY, JULY 8th

5:30 p.m. Parade 7:30 p.m. Rodeo
9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Barn Dance with Kinneith Doyle and the Texas Dance Hall Band

SATURDAY, JULY 9th

7:30 p.m. Rodeo Crowning of Queen and Little Miss
Larry Joe Taylor will perform immediately following rodeo
\$3500 Added Money

Books open Thursday, June 30th 10am-8pm 254-647-0118
Wild Card Rodeo Company Production, Tom Reeves-Producer
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Contact the Ranger Chamber of Commerce
at 254-647-3091

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RISING STAR NURSING CENTER

By LINDA MERRITT

Cristin Butler has been selected as the Employee of the Month of June. She was born on July 20, 1981. Cristin enjoys reading, watching movies and babysitting. She has a cat named Tigger and two lizards. Christin has been an employee for one and 1/2 years. She is dependable and a caring person. Administrator Johnnie Elliott presented her with a gift and plaque. Congratulations Cristin.

The residents have been

enjoying some good tasting plums with their breakfast that were grown by Jimmielee and Virginia Payne. Thank you for sharing with us.

We are getting ready for the up coming 4th of July Parade. Dane Clark reports things are coming along fine. There will be homemade ice cream that afternoon for everybody.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!!

God shed His Grace on thee!

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JULY 4 - 8

MONDAY - CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

TUESDAY - Chicken Salad, Tomato Soup, Apricots, Ranger Cookie, Crackers, Milk

WEDNESDAY - Salisbury Steak w/Gravy, Diced Tomatoes,

Green Beans, Peaches, Bread, Milk

THURSDAY - Chicken & Dumplings, Carrots, Peas, Pears, Bread, Milk

FRIDAY - Not Available

BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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A Sunday School teacher asked her class if they "said their prayers" every night — and one little boy answered that he didn't have to, that his mother said them for him. "Says them for you?" she asked — "What does she say?" The little boy replied, "She says, "Thank God, he's in bed!"

It takes a lot of patience to make it through the day, day in and day out, taking care of and rearing those little ones. But don't you realize that it's worth it when they put their little arms around your neck and say, "I love you"? Or seeing them growing into the image of Christ?

Parents, in addition to "thanking God they're in bed," remember to ask for His guidance as you go about one of the most important jobs there is — rearing living products of your own lives, developing souls for the future, yea for eternity. Paul instructs, "Bring up your children in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4b).

And by the way, Sunday School is a good place and time to work on that...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

2005 Elementary Awards

Pre-Kindergarten Awards
Perfect Attendance: Jevon Tillery and Nakadah Walker
Kindergarten Awards
Perfect Attendance: Mackenzie Byrd, Alex Stout, and Jayme Tennison
AR Goal Met: Mackenzie Byrd, Joey Couture, Hannah Cowan, Isaiah Guerrero, Dobbs McWilliams, Logan Phillips, Tristan Potter-Hargrove, Jared Reynolds, Jonathan Sullivan, Jayme Tennison, Piper Winfrey, Kersey Wyatt, Caitlyn Bland, Hannah Brown, Andy Byerly, Jasmine Caty, Jody Fleming, Tassaney Garza, Grace Goode, Tanner Griffin, Bryce Hamlin, Ethan Horan, Alexis Mauricio, Joseph Revior, Cheyenne Shields, and Alex Stout.

1st Grade Awards
Perfect Attendance: Teagan Fortune, Laramie Gambrell, Debra Land, Evelyn Morales, Larry Roberts, Chance Thompson, Charles Thompson, Zachery Thompson, and Shyler Tillery.
AR Goal Met: Autumn Kelly, Caden Creach, Chance Thompson, Christy Navarro, Dalton Gilliam, Darrin Ames, Elissa Cantu, Kaitlyn Potter, Kristin Savell, Larry Roberts, Nicholas Pfoh, Rebekah Crockett, Sarah Perry, Sean Armor, Shelby McWilliams, Shyler Tillery, Zachery Thompson, Zachary Gartman, Kelli Bennett, Colton Bradley, Tucker Brown, Blayne Childers, Teagan Fortune, Michael Foster, Laramie Gambrell, Megan Hagler, Brayden Kennedy, Debra Land, Evelyn Morales, Billie Pointer, Landon Posuk, Inez Salazar, Hunter Thomas, Charles Thompson, Justin Whiteley, and Seth Wyatt.
High Point Student:
English
 Mrs. Hunter-Rebekah Crockett
 Mrs. Carty-Teagan Fortune
 Mrs. Hunter-Nicolas Pfoh
 Mrs. Carty-Colton Bradley
Math
 Mrs. Hunter-Shelby McWilliams
 Mrs. Carty-Evelyn Morales
 Mrs. Hunter-Larry Roberts
 Mrs. Carty-Justin Whiteley
 Mrs. Stephen Math-Darrin Ames
Reading
 Mrs. Hunter-Rebekah Crockett
 Mrs. Carty-Kelli Bennett
 Mrs. Hunter-Chance Thompson
 Mrs. Carty-Charles Thompson
 Mrs. Stephen Reading-Darrin Ames
 Mrs. Jones Reading-Darrin Ames, Zachery Thompson, Christy Navarro, Kaitlyn Potter,

Shelby McWilliams, Larry Roberts, Shyler Tillery, Sean Armer, and Autumn Kelly
 Mrs. Golson's Language Arts-Evelyn Morales and Inez Salazar
Spelling
 Mrs. Hunter-Rebekah Crockett
 Mrs. Carty-Megan Hagler
 Mrs. Hunter-Chance Thompson
 Mrs. Carty-Brayden Kennedy
Writing
 Mrs. Hunter-Kristin Savell
 Mrs. Carty-Inez Salazar
 Mrs. Hunter-Chance Thompson
 Mrs. Carty-Seth Wyatt
Science
 Mrs. Hunter-Shyler Tillery
 Mrs. Carty-Billie Pointer
 Mrs. Hunter-Dalton Gilliam
 Mrs. Carty-Blayne Childers
Social Studies
 Mrs. Hunter-Shyler Tillery
 Mrs. Carty-Laramie Gambrell
 Mrs. Hunter-Nicolas Pfoh
 Mrs. Carty-Hunter Thomas

2nd Grade Awards
Perfect Attendance: Cheyenne Bomar, Bronc Dillard, Alma Meza, Jaelynn Stout, and Mikera Walker
AR Goal Met: Tucker Collier, Jamie DeVance, Taryn Estes, Angel Floyd, Kaitlyn Koettel, Morgan Manley, Allanta Wheeler, Cheyenne Bomar, Ben Branch, Bronc Dillard, Kelbi Hyles, Kaylee Potter, Jaelynn Stout, Mikera Walker.
High Point Students:
Mrs. Clausen's Reading-Jurnee Thomas, Mikera Walker, Tucker Collier, Bronc Dillard
Mrs. Jones Reading-Jamie DeVance and Alma Meza
Mrs. Richey's Reading-Allanta Wheeler and Ben Branch
Mrs. Clausen's English-Morgan Manley, Mikera Walker, Tucker Collier, and Bronc Dillard
Mrs. Clausen's Spelling-Taryn Estes, Cheyenne Bomar, Ricky Higgins, and Kiefer Steinle
Mrs. Richey's Spelling-Allanta Wheeler and Ben Branch
Mrs. Wheeler's Math-Mikera Walker, Morgan Manley, Kiefer Steinle, and Korbin McLean
Mrs. Wheeler's Science-Mikera Walker, Jurnee Thomas, Bronc Dillard, and Korbin McLean
Mrs. Wheeler's Social Studies-Mikera Walker, Jurnee Thomas, Kiefer Steinle, Bronc Dillard, and Tucker Collier
Jump Rope For Heart-Most Money Raised: Bronc Dillard

UIL
Creative Writing-Taryn Estes, Kaylee Potter, Morgan Manley, and Kelbi Hyles
Storytelling-Korbin McLean, Mikera Walker, and Kelbi Hyles

3rd Grade Awards
Perfect Attendance-Meagan Roberts and Justin Willis
AR Goal Met-Wyatt Gambrell, Tristan Stephenson, Shelby Thomas, Colton McWilliams, Christa Potter, Justin Willis, Alyssa Wheeler, Meagan Roberts, Blakelyn Hennington
High Point Students:
Mrs. Odom's Reading-Shelby Thomas and Wyatt Gambrell
Mrs. Richey's Reading-Brooklin Cantu
Mrs. Stephen's Reading-Blakelyn Hennington
Mrs. Odom's English-Meagan Roberts and Wyatt Gambrell
Mrs. Odom's Spelling-Shelby Thomas, Meagan Roberts, and Wyatt Gambrell
Mrs. Richey's Spelling-Alyssa Wheeler
Mrs. Purvis's Science-Shelby Thomas and Wyatt Gambrell
Mrs. Winfrey's Social Studies-Shelby Thomas, Wyatt Gambrell, and Tristen Stephenson
Mrs. Lawrence's Math-Shelby Thomas and Wyatt Gambrell

UIL
Music Memory-(1st place team)-Tristen Stephenson, Taylor Parker, Joshua Branch, and Brooklin Cantu
Storytelling-Wyatt Gambrell, Tristen Stephenson, Colton McWilliams, and Blakelyn Hennington
Ready Writing-Christa Potter and Shelby Thomas (2nd place)
Spelling-Meagan Roberts, Christa Potter, and Colton McWilliams
Oral Reading-Tristen Stephenson, Christa Potter, Shelby Thomas, and Wyatt Gambrell

4th Grade Awards
Perfect Attendance-Blake Hutchins, Shahala Trammell, and Lakenny Walker
AR Goal Met-Riley Lawrence, Griff McConal, Joe Holland, Katharine Goode, Cheyenne Cowan, Nicole Eisenbach, and Chelsea Savell
High Point Students:
Mrs. Lawrence's Math-Katharine Goode, Maci Whitson, Daniel Higgins, and Joe Holland
Mrs. Ricci's English-Victoria Creamer, Katharine Goode, Riley Lawrence, and Griff McConal
Mrs. Ricci's Reading-Katharine Goode, Cheyenne Cowan, Griff McConal, and Joe Holland
Mrs. Richey's Reading-Maci Whitson and Preston Posuk
Mrs. Ricci's Writing-Katharine Goode, Cheyenne Cowan, Griff McConal, Joe Holland, and Riley Lawrence
Mrs. Ricci's Language Arts-Outstanding Effort-Maci Whitson
Mrs. Richey's Spelling-Ashley Pfoh and Preston Posuk
Mrs. Purvis's Science-Cheyenne Cowan, Jade Carty, Daniel Higgins, and Griff McConal
Mrs. Winfrey's Social Studies-Katharine Goode, Jade Carty, Daniel Higgins, and Riley Lawrence
Mrs. Purvis's Music-Joe Holland, Blake Hutchins, and Katharine Goode - Most Improved-Christopher French

UIL
Art-Griff McConal, Samantha Regula, Katharine Goode, Joe Holland, and Maci Whitson
Music Memory-(2nd place team)-Jade Carty, Chelsea Branch, Katy Horton, and Shahala Trammell
Number Sense-(2nd place team)-Victoria Creamer (2nd place), Blake Hutchins (3rd place), and Dakota Gilliam
Oral Reading-Cheyenne Cowan, Sara Hagler, Jade Carty, and Riley Lawrence
Ready Writing-Cheyenne Cowan, Katharine Goode (4th place), and Griff McConal
Spelling-Riley Lawrence (4th place), Joe Holland, and Samantha Regula (3rd place)

5th Grade Awards
Perfect Attendance-Rosa Salazar
AR Goal Met-Rachelle Allen, Lauren Goode, Rosa Salazar, and Zoie Walker
High Point Students:
Mrs. Morgan's Math-Zoie Walker, Shelby Ames, Ryder Foster, and James Sullivan
Mrs. Stephen's Math-Sammie Tollett, Renee Robertson, and Justin Simons
Mrs. Golson's Math-Charleen Avants
Mrs. Franks Math-Sammie

Tollett, Dannes Holland, Kristin Willis, Ethan Koettel, Stetson Brown, Dakota Bomar, and Austin Powell
Mrs. Walker's Reading-Zoie Walker, Kenzie Taff, Austin Thomas, and Payton Porter
Mrs. Stephens' Reading-Misty Simons and Justin Simons
Mrs. Richey's Reading-Brice Robertson
Mrs. Jones Reading-Stetson Brown, Kristin Willis, Renee Robertson, and Sammie Tollett
Mrs. Walker's English-Lauren Goode, Zoie Walker, Shelby Ames, Ryder Foster, and Payton Porter
Mrs. Purvis's Science-Lauren Goode, Zoie Walker, Rachelle Allen, Ryder Foster, and Austin Thomas
Mrs. Winfrey's Social Studies-Lauren Goode, Rachelle Allen, Ashley Jamison, Ryder Foster, and Payton Porter
Mrs. Odom's Studer Skill-Zoie Walker and Ryder Foster
Band-(Mr. Sowell)-Rachelle Allen

UIL
Maps, Graphs, & Charts-(3rd place team)-Lauren Goode (4th place), Austin Thomas, Rosa Salazar (5th place), and Justin Thomas
Art-Lauren Goode, Samantha Dickson, Zoie Walker, and Rosa Salazar
Listening-Shelby Ames, Brice Robertson, and Brianna Purcell
Dictionary Skills-Hannah Horton and James Sullivan
Music Memory-(1st place team)-Shelby Ames, Brianna Purcell, Rachelle Allen, and Hannah Horton
Ready Writing-Zoie Walker
Spelling-(3rd place team)-Lauren Goode (4th place), Zoie Walker (6th place), Jayten Ames, and Austin Thomas
Number Sense-Jayten Ames and Rosa Salazar
Oral Reading-Samantha Dickson (1st place), Kenzie Taff (5th place), Lauren Goode, and Zoie Walker

6th Grade Awards
Perfect Attendance-Savana Wyatt
AR Goal Met-Hayden Wyatt, Delany Ames, Shawna Lewis, and Savana Wyatt
High Point Students:
Mrs. Morgan's Math-Toni Moore, Shawna Lewis, Cody Ford, Joel Hinten, and Tru Avants
Mrs. Stephens' Math-Gus Moore
Mrs. Winfrey's Social Studies-Delany Ames, Miranda Williams, Tru Avants, Dillon Whiteley
Mrs. Purvis's Science-Shawna Lewis, Toni Moore, Joel Hinten, Toney Kemp, and Dillon Whiteley
Mrs. Walker's Reading-Shawna Lewis, Toni Moore, Joel Hinten, and Dillon Whiteley
Mrs. Stephens' Reading-Taylor Savell
Mrs. Franks' Reading-Kevin Baker, Patrick Border, and Levi March
Mrs. Walker's English-Shawna Lewis, Kodi Roberts, Tru Avants, and Justin Golson
Mrs. Walker's Language Arts-Most Improved-Taylor Savell
Mrs. Odom's Keyboarding-Savana Wyatt, Miranda Williams, Toney Kemp, and Cody Ford
Band (Mr. Sowell) - Savana Wyatt
Hoops For Heart-Most points in "Shoot Out": Justin Golson

UIL
Dictionary Skills-Dillon Whiteley, Savana Wyatt, and Tru Avants
Maps, Graphs, & Charts-Cody Ford, Patrick Border, Miranda Williams, and Sub: Chad Switzer
Art-Delany Ames, Toni Moore, and Justin Golson
Listening-Justin Golson, Hayden Wyatt, and Delany Ames
Mathematics-Delany Ames and Savana Lewis
Music Memory (2nd place)-Savana Wyatt, Hayden Wyatt, and Joel Hinten
Number Sense-Cody Ford and Joel Hinten
Oral Reading-Shawna Lewis, Joel Hinten, Tru Avants, and Savana Wyatt
Ready Writing-Shawna Lewis and Savana Wyatt
Spelling-Savana Wyatt, Tru Avants, Cody Ford, and Miranda Williams
Special "Appreciation" Adult Awards
Volunteers-Gene Dillard, Al Clausen, Peggy Golson, and

Amber Thomas
PTO Officers-Brenda Spraggins, Amber Kleiber, and Whitney Odom
Foster Grandparent-Mary Bates

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CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY
2004-2005 PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL
6TH SIX WEEKS
First Grade: Kelli Bennett, Colton Bradley, Tucker Brown, Blayne Childers, Rebekah Crockett, Michael Foster, Laramie Gambrell, Megan Hagler, Brayden Kennedy, Debra Land, Shelby McWilliams, Evelyn Morales, Billie Pointer, Hunter Thomas, Justin Whiteley, Seth Wyatt
Second Grade: Morgan Manley, Mikera Walker
Third Grade: Wyatt Gambrell, Shelby Thomas
Fourth Grade: Cheyenne Cowan, Katharine Goode
Fifth Grade: None
Sixth Grade: Shawna Lewis

CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY
2004-2005 "A" HONOR ROLL
6TH SIX WEEKS
First Grade: Elissa Cantu, Caden Creach, Teagan Fortune, Zachary Gartman, Dalton Gilliam, Autumn Kelly, Kristin Savell, Chance Thompson, Charles Thompson, Shyler Tillery
Second Grade: Kristen Bland, Taryn Estes, Kelbi Hyles, Brenna Kleiber, Alma Meza, Kiefer Steinle, Jurnee Thomas, Allanta Wheeler
Third Grade: Blakelyn Hennington, Christa Potter, Meagan Roberts, Tristen Stephenson
Fourth Grade: Victoria Creamer, Joe Holland, Riley Lawrence, Griff McConal
Fifth Grade: Laum Goode, Zoie Walker
Sixth Grade: None


CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY
2004-2005 "AB" HONOR ROLL
6TH SIX WEEKS
First Grade: Darrin Ames, Sean Armer, Christy Navarro, Sarah Perry, Kaitlyn Potter, Larry Roberts, Zachery Thompson
Second Grade: Angel Floyd, Kaylee Potter
Third Grade: None
Fourth Grade: Daniel Higgins
Fifth Grade: Shelby Ames
Sixth Grade: None

CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL
2004-2005 PRINCIPAL HONOR ROLL
6TH SIX WEEKS
7th Grade: Emma Bennett, Melissa Black, Tiffany Holland, Zach Snell, Emily Foster
8th Grade: Jacob Estes, Emily Harris, Krista Phillips, Mandy Rose, Tawni Nichols
9th Grade: None
Sophomore: Thomas Estes, Russell Thomas
Junior: Travis Golson, Jesse Norris, Jake Snell
Senior: Thomas Dimitri, Stephanie Edington, Lori Hail, Kelsee Richards

CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL
2004-2005 "A" HONOR ROLL
6TH SIX WEEKS
7th Grade: Nathan Creamer, Kayla Lawrence, Amber Parker, Ben Schaefer, Cody Sliger
8th Grade: None
9th Grade: J.J. Callaway, Macayla Cook
Sophomore: Michaela Wallace
Junior: Chance Watkins
Senior: Christopher Beaty, Dayna Bennett, Brandon Horton, Kali Phillips, Karen Ross

CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL
2004-2005 "AB" HONOR ROLL
6TH SIX WEEKS
7th Grade: Amanda Dunaway
8th Grade: Terrah Augustine, Lacasta Jones, Quenton Koettel, Steven Reynolds, Renee Salazar
9th Grade: Cody Baker, Jacquelyn French, Douglas Holland, Markus Maxwell, Tiffany Walker
Sophomore: Renee Byars, Jonathan Hopkins, Colton Manley, Karen Scott
Junior: Brittany Adams, Rainey Bacon, Ryan Payne, Clayton Thomas
Senior: Mitch Byrd, Jimmie Cook, Dusty Cooper, Derek Hamlin, Jeremy Torres

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That's What I Like About Texas.



COUNTY CHAMPS!—1948/49 Bayou High School Girls Basketball Team. The Girls won County and went to District in DeLeon. Pictured here in 1948/49 are left to right, Patsy Crow, Irene Mauldin, Mildred Kanady, Lorene Sargent, Mary Jo Dennis, and Katie Swafford.



FAST FORWARD 57 YEARS— Bayou High School Girls Basketball Team in 2005. This is the first time the team members have been together in 57 years. Pictured left to right are: Patsy Crow Gibbs of Abilene, Irene Mauldin Masters of Snyder, Mildred Kanady Tollett of Clyde, Lorene Sargent Beasley of Hamby, Mary Jo Dennis Beasley of Abilene and Katie Swafford Dunn of Baird.

1948/49 Bayou High School Basketball Team reunites

The 1948/49 Bayou High School girls Basketball team was together in June of this year at the Rowden/Bayou Reunion held in Clyde at the Les Henderson home. This was the first time all the team members had been together in fifty-seven years. This team was coached by the late Jessie Odom, and consisted of one senior and five sophomores. The team won 36 of 39 games played, losing only to

Eula, Desdemona and Cotton Center. The team won County and went on to District at DeLeon. Bayou was a small school located on the southwest corner of the intersection at FM 283 and Highway 36. Bayou School consolidated with Denton Valley in 1949/50. The four sophomore players went to Denton Valley. The 1949/50 Denton Valley team won County, District, and went to the State Tournament at Waco.

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Pioneer Pentecostal Church Revival to be held July 7th-9th

The Pioneer Pentecostal Church Revival will be held July 7th, 8th, and 9th, starting at 6:30 p.m. each night in Pioneer, Texas (Located between Cross Plains and Rising Star, 5 miles east of Cross Plains on Hwy 36, turn left on County Road 569, go 1 mile church is on left). Come get a refreshing from the Prophets of the Lord, and also come expecting blessings from the Lord!

The main speakers will be Michial Ratliff and Cary Stultz. Michial Ratliff has been functioning in the office of the prophet for 30 years. He has traveled extensively worldwide, and the fruitfulness of his words from the Lord coming to pass includes: Israel, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Australia, Canada, Mexico, and the United States, to mention a few.

In the United States, God has graced Michial to minister at the White house, as well as to Christian members of the CIA, FBI, the Secret Service, Pentagon officials, members of Congress, and various other agencies in our government. In Scandinavia, to numerous parliament members in Oslo, Norway, Helsinki, Finland, and Sweden. In Jerusalem, Israel he was a featured speaker at the Feast of Tabernacles to some 88 nations. In Australia, to conferences of pastors, Christian businessmen and churches.

Prophecies that have come to pass include: the Oklahoma City Bombing, Hurricane Andrew, the Great St. Louis train wreck, the Pensacola Revival, Texas Flood of the Brazos River, the majestic lightning storm of San Antonio, Texas, the softball size hailstorm in Kerrville, Texas, earthquakes in Bergen, Norway, Australia, and the United States. Personal words to everyday

people from an extraordinary God of Love: Barren wives after being prophesied over became pregnant and gave birth to healthy babies; thus, "Receive a Prophet in the name of a prophet and you received a Prophet's reward", which is a birthing, both the natural and supernatural. Michial's delight is primarily in the testimony of Jesus, which is the Spirit of Prophecy (Revelations: 19).

Cary Stultz, who is also a prophet, prophesied the Tsunami, and the 9/11 Twin Towers just to name a few. He is an ordained minister of the Gospel. Cary also has a degree in practical theology from Christ for the Nations. Michial and Cary have both ministered on GLC (Gods Learning Channel 58). Everyone is welcome. We will enjoy fellowshiping with all and receive a blessing from the Lord, whatever your needs may be.

More testimonies will be given at the meetings. For more information concerning the Revival you can call Dane Ratliff at 254-725-4267 or Dru Eppard at 254-725-6329.

Submitted by Dru Eppard

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Can You Make The Call?

Do you love the feel of Football on Friday nights? Have you ever thought about watching from the field as an official, if so, we need you!

The Texas Association of Sports Officials Abilene Chapter is in need of members to officiate football in the Abilene area this fall. The membership has been declining over the past few years to a point of concern. The normal chapter membership usually is about 100, we are currently at about 75, according to Chapter Secretary, Don Morran.

On a normal Friday night, we will assign about 60-70 officials, so we are concerned if our membership continues to decline. "It is a rewarding hobby" says six year official Danny Brown of Abilene. "I have met some really great guys and have made some good friends, and seen some exciting football".

The more experienced you are the higher classification games you are assigned to. The rookie official can expect to see a lot of six-man varsity action as well as junior high and junior varsity football. Youth football leagues are also a great learning experience.

It is somewhat time consuming, the chapter meetings are Monday nights, sub-varsity games Wednesdays and Thursdays, and the Varsity games Friday. If the rookie officials are not assigned a game for Friday, they are encouraged to go along with experienced crews to a game.

So, if this seems interesting to you, you are invited to attend a new members meeting Tuesday, July 5, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Amy Graves Ryan Fine Arts Building on the campus of McMurry University in Abilene or if you have any questions please call Chapter Secretary, Don Morran at 325-795-1933 or visit our website at www.abilenefootballrefs.org.

Wrangler Belle Auditions scheduled for Friday, July 1st

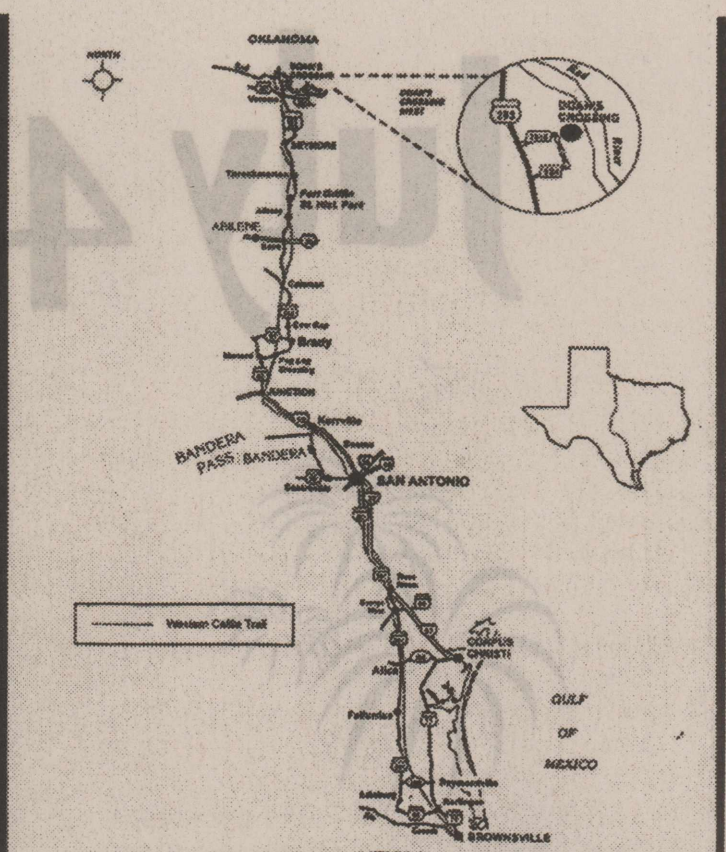
Auditions for the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles are scheduled for Friday, July 1, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the CJC gymnasium. Students that are accepted into the group are recipients of an activity grant that ranges from \$1,600 to \$2,000 per year. The open auditions consist of learning a short jazz dance and kick series. Evaluations are based on learning and performing ability in a group situation. Solos are not required.

Formal dance and drill team experience is not a prerequisite to be a part of this unique dance team. If you like to perform and love to dance, this dance/drill team will be a very rewarding experience.

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

Western Trail map from Red River to Rio Grande River

FRIENDS OF THE WESTERN TRAIL—This is a map of the "Western Trail" as it winds its way across Texas. This is also the route the "Friends of the Western Trail" took on their trail drive last fall. They are now



placing markers to show the route the cattle drives took each year to bring their stock to market.

Historical marker dedication to commemorate Western Trail

BY: AL PICKETT
Special Writer

The public is invited to the dedication Saturday of a historical marker, signifying the Western Cattle Trail that ran through Callahan County.

The first of the five historical markers to be placed in Callahan County will be erected at the train caboose, located at the corner of Highway 283 and Business 20 in Baird. The dedication ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m., Saturday.

Reggie Pillans, president of the Callahan County Historical Commission, said the idea of putting historical markers along the old Western Trail first began with two men in Oklahoma. The Vernon Rotary Club then took up the project and spearheading a plan to put markers in 19 counties in Texas.

"The plan is to put one about every six miles," Pillans said. "The marker is concrete and weighs about 200 pounds. It will stand about six feet above the ground. The Vernon Rotary Club will furnish the first marker, and the Baird Chamber of Commerce and the historical

commission is paying for the other four. The state has agreed to help put them up."

A trail ride from Bandera to Dodge City, KS came through Baird last September, but Tommie Jones of the Baird Chamber of Commerce said the trail actually ran from Brownsville in South Texas all the way to Ogalalla, NE.

"John P. Lytle is credited with opening the trail in 1876 through the Bandera Pass (between San Antonio and Kerrville) to drive cattle from South Texas and Mexico to the railheads in Nebraska," she said. "The original seed stock of the great ranchers in Kansas and Nebraska came from Mexican and Texas cattle."

Jones said more than six million head of cattle were driven up the Western Trail from 1876 to 1895.

The Western Trail actually split into three different routes as it crossed the Pecan Bayou entering Callahan County between Coleman and Baird. The eastern route went through Belle Plain and Moran before it hooked back up with the main trail in Albany.

The other two more-traveled

routes went up what is now Highway 283 through Baird and a little to the west through Clyde.

Pillans said a number of dignitaries are expected to participate in the dedication ceremony Saturday, including Callahan County Judge Roger Corn, Baird Mayor Jon Hardwick, representatives from the Baird Chamber of Commerce and Callahan County Historical Commission, and Sylvia Mahoney and other members of the Vernon Rotary Club.

The song "Don't Bury Me on the Lone Prairie" originated on the Western Trail, so Pillans said he is also looking for a fiddler to play at the dedication.

"Supposedly one of the trail drivers died at Doan's Crossing (on the Red River, north of Vernon), and one of the other men wrote the song 'Don't Bury Me on the Lone Prairie,'" he said.

Tom Ivy, the veteran's service officer for Callahan County, will also speak at the dedication, according to Pillans. Ivy's grandfather participated in the cattle drives on the Western Trail.

Dimitri receives of McMurry University Scholarship

McMurry University has announced recipients of its University Scholarship awards for the 2005/2006 academic year. To be awarded the academic scholarship, students must score at least a 24 on the ACT or 1100 on the SAT and have a 3.3 overall grade point average. Thomas Aaron Dimitri, a 2005 Cross Plains High School graduate, was among the elite group of nine students.

He is the son of Rusty and Dana Dimitri of Cross Plains.

IT'S A BOY!

Autum Nickerson would like for you to meet her new cousin,
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June 3, 2005 at 10:30 p.m.
He weighed 7 lbs 11 oz and was 20 inches long.
Proud parents are Jeremy Pancake and Monica Ribera. Grandparents are Randy and Phyllis Pancake of Cross Plains, Dan Ribera of New Mexico and Linda Ribera of Minnesota. Great-grandparents are Jackie and Nelda Pancake of Cross Plains and Earl and Ethel Hughes of Baird. His great-great-grandmother is Marie Dillard of Cross Plains.

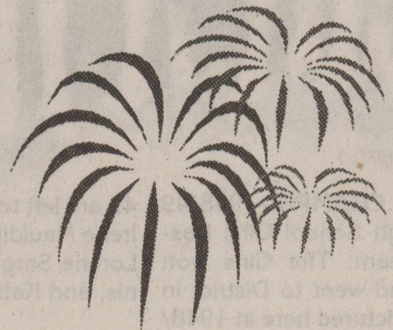
Happy Birthday!

<p>JULY 2 Cody Smith Danny Fritchlee Jo Jo (Koenig) Morgan Sharon Gilmore Barnes Barbara Shocklee Vira Earl Hooks Mrs. Billy Wayne Teague Ricky Dean Walton Doc Proctor G.M. McConal</p>	<p>Patricia Rector Debra K. Fortune Harold Gary L.D. Koenig Harold Womack Jacky Sanders H.L. Halbrook Donnie Dillard Lisa Ann Morales Jackie Carroll Conger Shirley Woodruff Zelma McAfee</p>	<p>Evelyn Harris Brandi (Monsey) Buitron</p> <p>JULY 7 Tessie Blake Danny Adams Carrie Elaine Childers Robbie H. McClure Mrs. Bill Pope Billy Hester Charlotte Hennessey Linda Merritt Donnie Neal Dillard John Perry J.C. Boyle Myrtle (Larkin) Bush Wanda Mathews</p>
<p>JULY 3 Ty Hogan Bertha Dillard Sandra Barr Mrs. M.F. Gaw Danny Walters Teddy Walker Sandra Morris Lupe Berrero R.B. Dillard Mrs. Nolan Bryan Joe Dalton Wyatt</p>	<p>JULY 5 Stanley Goble Danny Earl Mobley Alta Faye Patterson Betty Diane Reynolds Billy Charles White Sara Sifuentes</p>	<p>JULY 8 Jerry Huddleston Dana Hall Willie Henderson Spencer James Jefferies Mrs. Warren T. Kilough Chris Key Alana Davis Troy Sawyer</p>
<p>JULY 4 Josh Coburn Donal Lee Watson</p>	<p>JULY 6 Diana L. Ring Anna Myrl Sims Marie Dillard Mark Miller Deby Banks Brenda Montgomery</p>	

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July 4, 2005



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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Minutes

June 7, 2005

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. Members of the council present were Mayor Ray Purvis, Jerry Casle, Edwin Weiss, Gene Dillard, Terry Lichty and Audrey Purvis.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Don Gosnell gave the monthly police report. He reported 137 calls for service—4 assaults, 3 trespassing, 4 disorderly conducts, 4 warrants served, 2 accidents, 3 alarms, 7 criminal mischief's, 2 trespass warnings, 1 possession of marijuana, 1 possession of methamphetamine, 1 possession of controlled prescription medication, 3 terroristic threats, 3 family disturbances, 4 thefts, 1 charge of a felon in possession of firearm, 2 burglaries, with 49 warnings and 74 citations. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Mayor Purvis presented the monthly judge's report. He reported 74 citations for May with 38 remaining outstanding. There were 8 citations outstanding for April and 10 remain outstanding for March. He reported that there were 3 defensive driving reminders. Three failure to appear letters and registering 14 delinquent citations on OMNI Collections for May were \$8,112.50. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Gene Dillard moved to pay Chief Gosnell for 162 comp hours. Jerry Casle seconded and motion carried.

Benny Callaway met with the council to discuss the clean up letter he received concerning his property. Mr. Callaway informed the council that he has begun cleaning up and discussed problems he is having with his neighbor concerning the neighbor's dog getting onto his property and killing his chickens. Mr. Callaway asked about animal control and why the dog ordinance was not being enforced. He was informed that the council has listed on the agenda this item for discussion and would be covered later in the meeting. Mr. Callaway stated that he would continue to clean up his property and to cut weeds to comply with the city's nuisance ordinance.

Gaynelle Callaway asked permission to speak concerning the matter and was granted permission. She stated her opinion concerning the matter and thanked the council for their time.

Mark Norris submitted a letter to the council asking permission to seek bids for the replacement of the 100,000 gallon galvanized water storage tank. He reminded the council that the TCEQ has cited the city for the poor condition of the tank and that the tank need to be replaced. He also reminded the council that the ponds need to be cleaned at the sewer farm and that the liners will more than likely need to be replaced. By general consent the council gave Mark permission to begin seeking bids for the needed repairs.

Mayor Purvis read a letter to the

council asking them to consider putting some water faucets at the cemetery for people who have planted trees and shrubs, so that they can water them instead of having to haul water. Terry Lichty moved to have water put in at the old cemetery. Gene Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Discussion was also held concerning the DPS Driver's License office coming to Cross Plains once a month on the first Thursday. The council agreed that it might be beneficial to contact the DPS main office and express our desire for this service to be continued in Cross Plains. It was noted that the driver's license personnel have not been to Cross Plains in the last several months, causing a hardship on the citizens of Cross Plains. Debbie is to contact the main office.

Terry Lichty discussed with the council his concern over the condition of the trees that Asplundh, contractors for AEP, have done to the trees in Cross Plains. He advised the council that he has spoken with several citizens and they are very disturbed by the condition of their trees. Debbie also advised the council that several of the local citizens have called to voice their concern as well. Debbie also advised the council that Cody Magruder, AEP representative, was meeting with her on Wednesday morning to discuss the situation and invited any of the council who would like to talk to him to be here as well.

Discussion was held at length concerning the condition of some of the lots located within the city. The council agreed that some of the local property owners who have had annual letters sent to them asking them to keep their lots mowed and free of debris continually ignore the annual notices. By general consent the council advised Debbie to hire the lots mowed, bill the owner, and if not paid to place a lien against the property.

Debbie asked the council for permission to research the past mayors and council members and to have plaques made recognizing the man and women for their service to the city. By general consent the council approved the request.

Edwin Weiss moved to pay the bills. Jerry Casle seconded and motion carried.

Jerry Casle moved to go into executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss the purchase of property for the purpose of building a girl's softball field. Gene Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Discussion was held at length. Gene Dillard moved to return to open meeting at 8:45 p.m. Terry Lichty seconded and motion carried.

Audrey Purvis moved to adjourn. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor
ATTEST:
Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

June 8, 2005

This was a special called emergency meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. Members of the council present were Mayor Ray Purvis, Gene Dillard, Terry Lichty and Audrey Purvis. Many

of the local citizens met with the council as well to discuss the situation.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with AEP representatives and discuss the issue of Asplundh's trimming the trees in Cross Plains and the severity of the trimming. Greg Blair and Cody Magruder, AEP Representatives, met with the council and the citizens to discuss the issue. Mr. Blair stated to the Mayor that the main issues of the trim are safety and reliability of providing electrical service to Cross Plains. He also informed the council that the reason that Cross Plains is being trimmed at this time is because Cross Plains has made the top ten list of outages. Most of those outages being caused by trees. However, he did state that eventually Cross Plains would have still been trimmed.

Cody Magruder, AEP's Certified Arborist, explained to the group that the trimming does look aesthetically poor, but that the trees must be trimmed to clear the branches away from the line 7 1/2 feet on either side of the line. He also stated that once a limb is cut it must be taken back to the proper cut, which may be more than 7 1/2 feet.

Discussion was held and questions asked from the public if some type of compromise could be reached between AEP and the landowner. It was indicated that the company is willing to try and negotiate with the landowner to reach an amicable resolution.

Terry Lichty made the motion to ask AEP to cease and desist from trimming trees until such time the Council has the opportunity to discuss with their attorney what steps they need to take in this matter. Gene Dillard seconded and motion carried. AEP representatives stated to the council that they would stop trimming until the council has the opportunity to review the situation. The council advised AEP that we would respond quickly.

Gene Dillard moved to adjourn. Audrey Purvis seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor
ATTEST:
Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

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Abilene Writers Guild's annual Writing Workshop Coming Soon

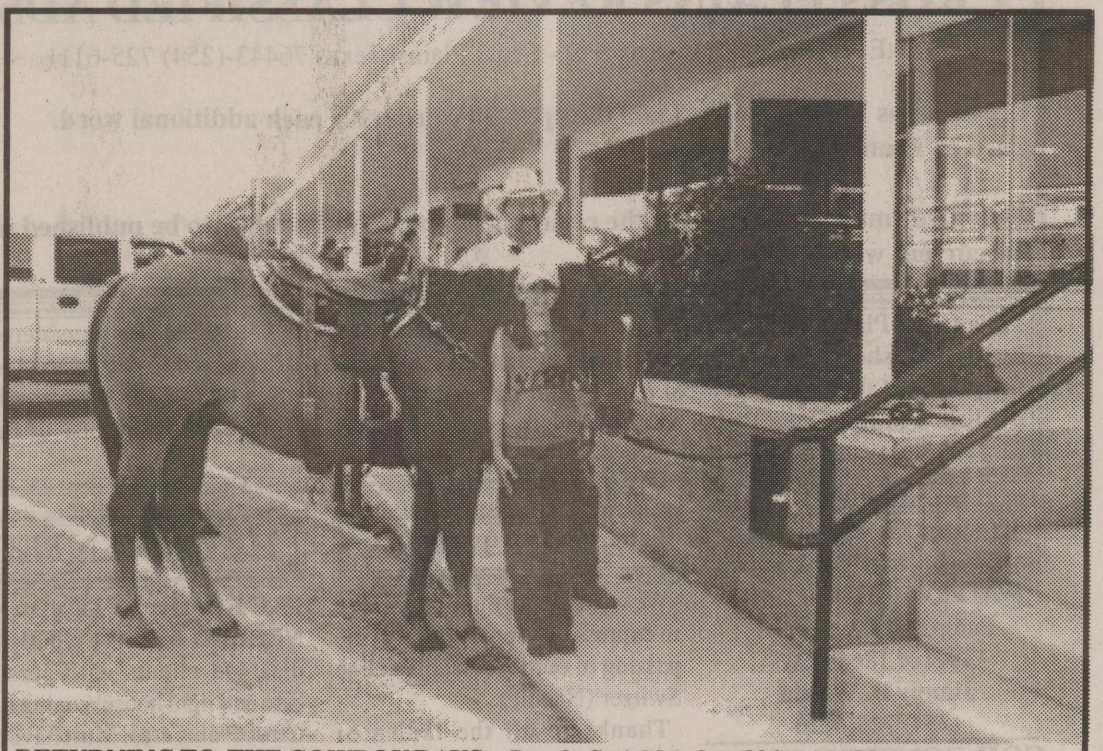
Michelle Medlock Adams, prolific author of children's literature, inspirational books, and journalism to speak at the Abilene Writers Guild's annual Writing Workshop, October 22, luncheon and contest awards to follow.

Contest has prizes awarded in nine categories of competition. Postmark entry deadline is August 1, 2005.

Everyone is welcome to participate. For workshop information and contest guidelines, visit our website www.abilenewritersguild.org.

Musical scheduled for July 2nd

The monthly musical will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, July 2, 2005. The kitchen will begin serving at 5:30 and the music begins at 6:00. We invite all area musicians to come out to play. You may call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group. Mark Ray is the emcee. Include this musical as part of your July 4 weekend celebration. Remember to FLY YOUR FLAG!



RETURNING TO THE COWBOY DAYS—Randy Strickland and his granddaughter, Shambry Sanders, rode their horses to town Monday morning and had breakfast at her great-grandmother's restaurant, Jean's Feed Barn, then started their ride around town. Not every town has hitching places, like in front of Higginbotham's, to tie your horse. Randy said, "We like to bring back the old days to Cross Plains when Shambry visits."

Free Gun Locks Available Locally



TRUCK MAKES ITS WAY AROUND STATE HANDING OUT FREE GUN LOCKS.

Project ChildSafe, the nationwide safety education program, began its Safety Tour in Texas on May 2nd. The 66-day tour is to promote firearm safety and distribute more than 860,000 free gun locks. The program will visit communities throughout the state with its four 16-foot mobile educational units.

Virginia Hill, program representative, came through Cross Plains Thursday, June 23, and left FREE gun locks at the local police department.

Project ChildSafe (PCS), designed to help make homes with firearms safer by raising

awareness about responsible firearm ownership and storage, was created and is managed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF). The local law enforcement community is partnering with PCS to distribute the gun locks, along with firearms safety educational materials across the state of Texas.

Phase two of Project ChildSafe is funded by two grants from the U.S. Department of Justice and will distribute over 12 million free firearm safety kits through August of 2006. Phase two follows the successful Phase One distribution of 20 million firearm

safety kits over the past year to all 50 states. Each firearm safety kit includes a cable-style gun lock and a firearm safety brochure.

"There continues to be a significant demand for firearm safety education across America and we are pleased that Project ChildSafe is able to meet that demand with millions of additional free firearm safety kits," said Doug Painter, president of the NSSF. "We are continuing to remind gun owners that their most important responsibility is to know how to safely handle and properly store their firearms in the home."

News for Veterans

GOOD NEWS!—The Horatio Alger Association will distribute \$10 million in scholarships to honorably discharged Veterans who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan, the group announced June 23, 2005. Former Kansas Senator Bob Dole, a badly wounded WWII Veteran and member of the association pushed for the new program as a way to repay Veterans for the sacrifices they have made and to ensure that Veterans of modern Wars got the same level of support that he and fellow soldiers received after WWII and the Korean War.

To be eligible, Veterans must have served in Afghanistan or Iraq in 2001 or later and must demonstrate U.S. citizenship, financial need and the intent to pursue bachelor's degrees. The application is available on the group's web site, at www.horatioalger.com (click

on "Horatio Alger Association Military Veterans Scholarship Program.") The deadline is September 1, 2005. The group plans to offer the scholarships annually for at least four years. The scholarships are intended to supplement the financial assistance that the government and private sector offer Veterans.

MORE GOOD NEWS!—A new scholarship program for armed services Veterans with disabilities—believed to be the first of its type—is being established at Texas A&M University, with the first scholarships expected to be awarded prior to the start of the fall semester. Initially, 25 scholarships will be made available, with each valued at \$3,000.

The scholarships, to be known as Honored Service Scholarships, are intended to supplement the living expenses of the Veterans who qualify for the stipends and have demon-

strated need for such assistance. Such qualifying Veterans automatically receive funds for tuition and required fees, meaning the \$3,000 scholarship provided by Texas A&M could be applied to housing, food or other needs.

Scholarships can be awarded to students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees and both former enlisted personnel and officers are eligible to apply. Inquiries should be directed to Christina Beaty, VA counselor in the Office of Student Financial Aid. Her telephone number is 979-845-0153 or e-mail at cbeaty@sfamail.tamu.edu.

TAPS: We now say good-bye to an old friend—Rosa West of Baird. Rosa would have marked 100 years in October and she is thought to be the last widow of a Callahan County World War I Veteran. He husband, Carl West, was discharged in 1919 and he preceded her in death in 1976.

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GARAGE SALE

YARD SALE- Saturday, July 2, 1.5 miles east of Cross Plains on Hwy 36; Several Families; Proceeds to benefit the Pioneer Penecostal Church Revival, July 7, 8, 9. ^{15-1c}

YARD SALE- Saturday, July 2, 725 S Ave F, starting at 8 a.m.; Lots of misc. ^{15-1c}

GARAGE SALE- Friday & Saturday, 141 S Ave D, 8 a.m.-? A little bit of everything. ^{15-1p}

GARAGE SALE- Saturday, July 2; 8-5; 140 George Scott. Clothes, dishes, and lot of misc. No Early Sales. ^{15-1p}

BIG GARAGE SALE- 5 miles east of Cross Plains Hwy 36, July 2,3,4; Electric stove, twin bed, lots of good stuff. ^{15-1c}

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE- Friday, 8-1, Saturday, 8-? 317 Pine, Baird. Adult/ children, toys, furniture, lots of odds and ends, games, VCR, large birdcage. ^{15-1p}

HIGH SCHOOL CHEER- LEADERS GARAGE SALE- July 9th; 8-1; At the Cross Plains School; Donations are welcomed. ^{15-2c}

FLEA MARKETS

FLEA MARKET at the Library this Saturday, June 4th, from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon. Open every 1st & 3rd Saturday with 9 vendors offering a great variety of gently used goods for every room in your house and everyone in your family. And books, too, of course! Booths available, call 254-725-7722.

FLEA MARKET- Every Sat & Sun, 10-5, Hwy 279 at State Park Rd - Guns, tools, knives, furniture, cookie jars, books. You can find it ALL at the Lake Brownwood Flea Market. ^{11-5p}

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Excalibur Oil Corporation-c/o P.O. Box 1021, Abilene, TX, 79604 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation that is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Strawn, Snyder "117" B Lease, Well Number 3. The proposed injection well is located 3 miles North of Baird in the Callahan County Regular, in Callahan County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2900 to 3058 feet.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation at the passing of our loved one, Pauline Switzer (Nannie).

Thanks to all the ladies of FUMC and Church of Christ for the wonderful meal. To Bob and Dee who did a wonderful job. And to Brother Bob for the wonderful service.

A special thank you to the staff of the Rising Star Nursing Center who cared for O.B. and Pauline so diligently and to Mike Redd who visited them and encouraged them every week.

Your support during our difficult time will never be forgotten. We'll never forget, she loved us "more than we'll ever know."

The family of Pauline Switzer

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the prayers, love fund, and phone calls during the loss of our great-grandson, Miquel Allen Alariz.

A special thanks to my prayer buddies, Tom Dunn and Vanda Anderson.

God just chose for him to be in His arms instead of our. Sid and Sally Davis

PUBLIC NOTICE

Callahan County will be taking bids on the S 36' x 25', Lot 7, Block 17, RR Addition in Clyde, Texas which is the Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 building. The building will be sold as is. Information can be obtained at the County Judge's office in the courthouse. Bids will be opened July 11, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. at the regular Commissioner's Court meeting. Callahan County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Callahan County reserves the right to award bids in the best interest of Callahan County. ^{15-2c}

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Longtime Atwell Resident Celebrates 90th Birthday

B.F. Hutchins celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends on Sunday, June 12, 2005 at his home in Atwell. He was born on June 11, 1915 in Jones County, Texas and is the last surviving of the ten children of the late Charlie and Minnie Pillans Hutchins. The family moved back to Atwell when B.F. was a small boy and he has continued to live in the community since that time. B.F. and Elsie Mae Foster were married in Atwell on October 5, 1940 and will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary later this year.

Hosting the celebration were their children: Lynette and Tom Mitchell of Graham, Bob Hutchins of Grand Prairie, and Beth and Gale Arnold of China Spring; grandchildren: Sheri and Tony Widner of Graham, Teri and Brant Smith of China Spring, Shawna Douglas of Burleson and Ben Hutchins of

Conroe; great-grandchildren: Whitney and Greg Crawford and Courtney Widner of Graham, Brooke and Blair Smith of China Spring, and Myranda and Bryson Douglas of Burleson.

Friends and relatives helping B.F. to enjoy his special day were: Vondal and Joyce Hutchins and Louise Foster of Atwell, Bob and Barbara Vaught and Elvin and Glenda Hutchins of Lake Brownwood, Alvin and Vondean Hutchins, Freddy and Recie Tatom, Carl and Ileen Smith, Ferne Hutchins, Brother Ronnie and Charla White all of Cross Plains, Jim and Lee Calderon of San Antonio, Otto and Gladys Sanders and Sherry Meyers of Crawford, and Brian Raney of Burleson.

B.F. enjoys his garden and seek-a-word puzzle books and welcomes visits from family and friends.

2005 Roaring Ranger Rodeo July 8th and 9th

Mark your calendars so you won't miss out on all the action at this year's rodeo which will include a special performance by Larry Joe Taylor following the Saturday night rodeo. Our Rodeo Committee is working hard to guarantee that the 2005 Roaring Ranger Rodeo will be the best yet! You'll see lots of changes including the performance time. We moved it up to 7:30pm in order to squeeze in even more action. This year's show will be a Wild Card Rodeo Company production, with Tom Reeves as producer. The Chamber of Commerce has increased the added money to \$3500, which the contestants will appreciate. Books will open Thursday, June 30th from 10am - 6pm (254-647-0118 is the contestants entry phone line).

The Ranger Chamber of Commerce is rounding up volunteers, sponsors, and participants to take part in our annual Roaring Ranger Rodeo, which will be held July 8th and 9th. Our sponsorship program is a great way to advertise your business, products, and services. It will also provide you and your family with a full weekend of exciting rodeo action, admission to the Friday night barn dance with Kenneth Doyle and the Texas Dance Hall Band, and the Saturday night Larry Joe Taylor performance. (Who says you can't mix business with pleasure?). We have redesigned our sponsorship packages in order to provide a sponsorship category for every size business. The Rodeo Queen and Little

Miss winners will be crowned during the Saturday night rodeo performance. We've added a Teen age bracket to the contest and will award the 2005 Rodeo Queen and Ranger College scholarship, so get your entry form in! There will be lots of vendor booths, an area for the kids with a giant slide, obstacle course, a mechanical bull and lots more!

It's BYOB, but ice chests will not be allowed in the Rodeo Arena until the conclusion of the Rodeo. (No glass please!) There will be a \$5 cooler fee Saturday night only. Shop at any of our sponsors and we'll waive the cooler fee with a receipt of \$10 or more. Look for the 2005 Rodeo Sponsor signs!

It's not too late to get in on the action, just contact the Chamber of Commerce office at 254-647-3091 for entry forms, booth fees, sponsorship categories, or to volunteer. Below is a schedule of events. Hope to see you at the 2005 Roaring Ranger Rodeo!

Friday, July 8th
5:30pm - Rodeo Parade downtown
7:30pm - Rodeo Begins with Grand Entry \$8 adults \$5 kids 10 & under
9:00pm - Barn Dance - Kenneth Doyle and the Texas Dance Hall Band \$7 or \$12 couple
Saturday, July 9th
7:30pm - Rodeo Begins followed immediately by Larry Joe Taylor \$15 Adults \$8 kids 10 & under (Admission price includes rodeo and Larry Joe Taylor)
1:00am - VIP Breakfast (for sponsors and volunteers only)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

"Our J.P. Court Has a Long Arm of Justice"

As a citizen of this community, I have observed the fairness of our J.P. court. As a juror in our J.P. court, I have observed the knowledge and professionalism of this court. As a plaintiff, I have observed the persistent long arm of justice of this court.

In 1999, as a plaintiff, a judgement was rendered in my favor in this court. Due to the judgement of \$440 and due to the defendant being domiciled in Tarrant County, this was seemingly going to be just an unsatisfied judgement. The judgement was filed and recorded in Callahan County, as well as in Tarrant County.

Sometime between 1999 and 2005, the defendant relocated to Florida so it really did look hope-

less.

However, in April 2005, this defendant attempted to make a home loan in order to purchase a home near Miami Lakes, Florida. The "LONG ARM OF JUSTICE" extended by our Cross Plains J.P. Court, prevented the loan approval. Consequently, the defendant made amends by sending a full judgement money order to the Cross Plains J.P. Court, payable to me.

It has been over 5 years since the judgement was rendered, but needless to say, I would have never seen any part of this judgement payment if it had not been for our J.P. Court. For that, I am very appreciative.

A verdict in this court might be in our favor, or it might be against us. The fact of the matter is we should all be appreciative that this J.P. Court exists for our benefit.

Thanks for hearing me out.

Dana L. McDade

Dear Editor:

It seems that for the time I have known about or been involved in the Cross Plains Barbarian Festival, there have been naysayers every year. It is the name, it is the time of year, it is the subject matter, it is the phase of the moon. Someone complains or makes negative comments about something regarding the Festival.

Do these folks attend the Festival to see what is really going on? Do they see the kids in the parade having a good time? Do they see the vendors selling their wares to willing customers? Do they see customers going into the local establishments and spending their money? I doubt if they do since they don't attend because of a name or perception that we are celebrating barbarism or some such. We are celebrating

Cross Plains and life. The Festival has a name that some don't like, but it is just a name. It is held on the same weekend as a celebration of the life and works of a famous man who created a whole new kind of literature.

I wonder if they same people would have a problem if we celebrated Edgar Allen Poe. He was a drug addict. What about the famous artist, Paul Gauguin? HORROR! He painted pictures of NUDES!

The Cross Plains Barbarian Festival is an opportunity for the community to get together and have a good time while bringing in people from outside to see just how great Cross Plains really is. Let's not spoil it by making mountains from molehills.

Jerry P. Biggerstaff, Sr.

What school districts don't want you to know

By Donnis Baggett

Texas school districts and legislators are working behind the scenes to make it harder for you to know how your tax dollars are being spent. They will be successful unless they hear that you don't want that to happen. And that would be a huge step backward for open government in the Lone Star State.

Both public school finance bills pending in the special legislative session, HB 2 and SB 2, contain provisions that would greatly limit the amount of information school districts are required to post in newspapers about such critical matters as bids, land sales and even tax rate adoption hearings. They would allow districts to post minimum information in newspapers and direct them to the district's website for details.

The excuse being offered for this bad idea is that school districts can save tax money by pulling their legal notices from newspapers. That is not only penny wise and pound foolish, but it ignores the fact that most Texans still prefer their local newspaper as the source for soup-to-nuts notices of public meetings or hearings and contracts offered for competitive bidding.

The ill-conceived idea to drastically reduce public notice is buried deep in this 428 page bill. It was originally added on the House floor by Representative Brian McCall during the regular session. Both House and Senate bills died when the regular session ended without an agreement.

The Senate sponsor of the school finance bill, Senator Florence Shapiro, stripped off McCall's amendment during the regular session. According to Shapiro's office, she has now agreed to take the House position on this bill and keep the minimum notice provisions.

It will be a disservice to the people of Texas if Shapiro's CSSB 2 passes with language that reduces complete and detailed and public notices in newspapers. If legislators assume that

most Texans will run to their computer screens for an advance notice of an important meeting or the letting of a contract that will obligate them tax-wise for years to come, they're making a false assumption.

Numerous surveys have shown that many Texans—particularly the poor, rural residents and minorities—do not have Internet access in their homes, and those who do aren't likely to go to the school district's web site to search for detailed legal notices. A notice in a newspaper, on the other hand, is right there on the page—with all the details in black and white—as the reader browses through the hometown newspaper.

Newspapers, of course, charge money off legal notices. It costs money to buy the paper and ink for the pages on which they're printed, and to pay the newspaper employees and distributors (who by the way, are also local taxpayers) to print and deliver those pages to the thousands of people who read the newspaper. In addition to their print editions, most newspapers also routinely include legal notices on their paper's web site, which means that the legal notices are already available to citizens who might prefer to get their information electronically.

The bottom line is this: If detailed legal notices aren't in your local newspaper, chances are very good that you'll never see all the nitty-gritty on how your school district is planning to spend your money or how it plans to raise your taxes.

If you care about open government and about how your money is spent, please call your senator and representative as soon as possible. Urge them to remove language from SB 2 and HB 2 that cuts back on public notice and gives school districts permission to hide their complete legal notices on their web site instead of posting them in the light of day—in the hometown newspaper.

Donnis Baggett is editor and publisher of the Bryan/College Station Eagle

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"ASK DOUG"— Doug Williams (right), a columnist for the Abilene-Reporter News was the guest speaker at a recent Kiwanis Club meeting in Cross Plains. Doug writes the "Ask Doug" column featured in the Lifestyle section. He was introduced by David Estes (left). Kiwanis meet every Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn. Come join us.

A SOLDIER'S THOUGHTS

By JERRY P. BIGGERSTAFF, JR.

Shannon, Ireland
I stopped in Shannon, Ireland to refuel and get a new group of flight attendants and fuel. What a beautiful place! Full of green rolling hills and water. I, of course found a coffee shop and had a regular coffee for the low price of \$2.30. What a bargain. NOT!! It was good, though. Now at the 50 hour mark of this little excursion, I still have the feeling that we are still not safe. Each time I stand I get this empty feeling like something is missing from my right side. My 9 MM had been there without fail for a couple of months and now I feel incomplete each time I stand. I do however feel this starting to fade a bit but when I do notice it is gone it sets my mind in a panic to figure out where I left it.
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Red eyed GI's, Home if only for a little while. As the plane finally touches down on U.S. soil, simultaneous applause erupts from the soldiers anticipating the upcoming reunions.
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