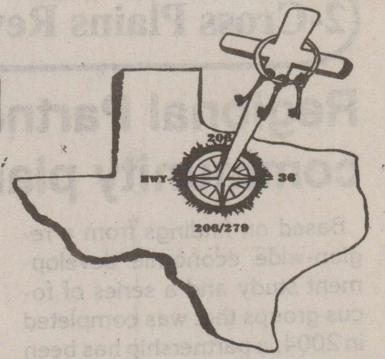


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## DOWN HOME

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** All of us Texans can certainly relate to the following comparisons concerning the extreme HEAT! You will get a kick out of this. Thanks to Vivian Wooten for sharing with our readers.

The soaring temperatures have taken a toll on the grass, flowers and plants lately, too. However, the last two mornings a gusty northern wind has blown in some cool breezes and a few sprinkles.

The late Sister Ruby McCowen would always call me when we needed rain and ask me to run II Chronicles 7:13-14 When I shut up Heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My Name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My Face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Please remember these words, repent and pray for rain!!!!  
**Vanda Anderson**

### "You Know You Are in Texas in July When..."

The birds have to us pot holders to pull worms out of the ground. The trees are whistling for the dogs.

The best parking place is determined by shade, instead of distance.

Hot water now comes out of both taps.

You can make sun tea instantly.

You learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron.

The temperature drops below 95 and you feel a little chilly.

You discover that in July it only takes two fingers to steer your car. You discover that you can get sunburned through your car window.

You actually burn your hand opening the car door.

You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.

The potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper.

Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying boiled eggs.

The cows are giving evaporated milk.

Your biggest bicycle wreck fear is: what if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death.

Ah, what a place to call home!  
God Bless Our State of TEXAS!!!!!!

Author Unknown



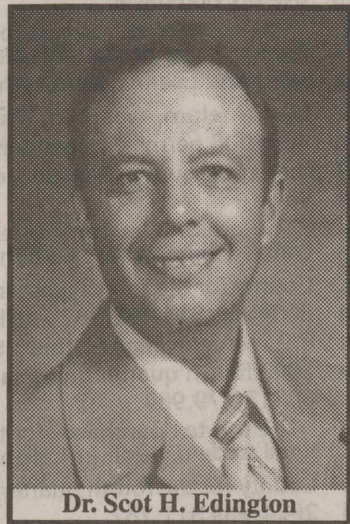
## Former Superintendent Funeral Services held Tuesday, July 12, 2005

Dr. Scot H. Edington, age 66, of Burkett, passed away Friday, July 10, 2005 in Coleman. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at First Baptist Church with Ronnie White officiating; burial followed in the Burkett Cemetery.

Scot was born June 15, 1939 to Charlie Howard and Juanita (Chambers) Edington. He grew up on the family ranch at Burkett. He married Lynda Kay Tyler on August 1, 1959 at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

He earned his high school diploma from Burkett in 1957. His was the last graduating class from Burkett. Scot was a proud member of the Burkett Bluehawks basketball team. His grandfather Walter R. Chambers was his coach and he took the team to state during Scot's senior year in 1957. Scot went on to earn his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Texas Tech in 1961, Master of Education from Hardin Simmons in 1966, Master of Science in Biology in 1971 from Abilene Christian University and his Doctor of Education from Texas Tech in 1979.

Dr. Edington first started teaching school at Cross Plains in 1961. He was a secondary teacher



Dr. Scot H. Edington

and coach from 1961-1966. Scot then became the high school principal from 1966-1976, then the superintendent from 1976-1981. He taught math at Coleman from 1981-1982. In 1982 he started working at the Region 14 Education Service Center in Abilene, starting out as an Administrative Technical Assistance Specialist. In 1990 Scot became the School Operations Component Director. Dr. Scot H. Edington retired in August 2003. He was a wonderful teacher that cared about and loved his students. He loved telling old stories that happened with his "kids". He was a member of the

American Association of School Administrators, Texas Association of School Administrators, Phi Delta Kappa, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the Kiwanis Club. Scot was also a member of First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

Scot is survived by his wife Lynda; his son and daughter-in-law, Howard and Debbie Edington, who reside on the family ranch in Burkett; his daughter and son-in-law, Toni and Truet Hart, of Eastland. He loved to spend time with his grandkids and was especially proud of them; Zach Edington and wife Mandi of Coleman, Stephanie Edington of Burkett, Tyler and Tori Hart of Eastland. He is also survived by his parents and his sister and brother-in-law, Valeta and Jimmy Brown of Cross Cut.

Pallbearers were his nephews: Randy Jones of Early, Rodney Jones of Frisco, Nathan Jones of Crawford, Eric and Mark Tyler of Brownwood, Matt and Cody Reed of Cross Plains, and Chris and Jody Brown of Frisco.

The family request that memorials be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 130, Cross Plains, Texas, 76443.



**ELECTRONIC VOTING**—Callahan County Tax Assessor/Collector Tammy Walker holds one of the new electronic voting machines Callahan County vot-

ers will soon be using. Demonstrations of the new eSLATE machine will be available to the residents of Callahan County through July 20th. Individuals

or civic clubs in Callahan County can receive a hands-on demonstration by contacting the Callahan County Tax Office at (325) 854-1020.

## County offering demonstrations on new electronic voting machine

Demonstrations of the new electronic voting machines residents of Callahan County will soon be using are taking place at the Callahan County Tax Office located at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Callahan County Tax Assessor/Collector Tammy Walker said demonstrations on the new eSLATE electronic voting machine are available at the tax office in Baird through July 20th. The tax assessor/collector said any civic organization in the county which would like a demonstration at their club meeting can contact the tax assessor/collectors office by calling (325) 854-1020.

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 was signed by President George Bush on October 29, 2002. This legislation was passed to improve the administration of elections in the United States. HAVA addresses three main areas. It creates a federal agency to serve as a clearing house for elections administration information. It pro-

vides for the replacement of outdated voting systems and helps to fund those replacements. HAVA also creates minimum standards for all states to follow. Each state is required to be in compliance by January 1, 2006.

HAVA has already changed the look and part of the process in which voters register to vote. Voters also saw changes in the November 2004 elections, if they were not on the Voter Registration Rolls. The Challenge Voters process was replaced by the Provisional Vote.

To meet the new requirements, Callahan County will be using the eSLATE system from Hart Intercivic. The eSLATE system is an electronic device that voters use to cast their ballots. It is about the size of a legal pad and very simple to use. The system is in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. The eSLATE system automates the balloting and tabulation process. Some of its qualities are its accuracy, security and efficiency.

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court approved the purchase of 17 electronic voting machines for county voters to cast their ballots electronically at a meeting held Monday, June 13.

A committee recommended the number of DRE machines based upon the number of total voters in each precinct in Callahan County. Three DRE's were purchased for each of the four largest county voting precincts (Precinct #1 in Clyde, Precinct #2 in Eula, Precinct #3 in Baird and Precinct #4 in Cross Plains). One DRE will be purchased for voting Precinct #5 (Putnam), and two DRE's each in voter Precinct #6 in Clyde and Precinct #7 in Oplin. Each electronic voting machine can allow 250 people to vote each day.

The total cost for the 17 DRE's is \$119,490, however a Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant in the amount of \$110,049 will pay the majority of the electronic voting machines. Callahan County Tax Office  
See eSLATE Page 2



CAROL WALT

## Meet the Author, Carol Walt, July 19

The Friends of the Cross Plains Library invite you to join them for another entertaining "Meet the Author" evening at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, July 19, at the Cross Plains Community Center. Local author Carol Walt will be on hand to talk about her book *West Texas Classified*, a collection of short stories set in the fictional town of Rosewood. Many of you already know Carol, and you'll enjoy meeting folks like Rowdy Tate, a retired rodeo cowboy who is now looking for a female companion; Bessie Bickerman, the town gossip and busy-body; Neva Coulter, a local rancher's wife; Bert Eggans, church deacon and self-appointed missionary; and Cora Casey, the richest woman in Rosewood and the recipient of a mysterious gift. Each story in *West Texas Classified* ends with an article or ad from the local newspaper telling, as Paul Harvey says, "the rest of the story."

Carol Walt lives in the Pioneer Community where she moved five years ago after retiring from her career as a social worker. She graduated from UT-Arlington with a Bachelor's degree in foreign languages and a Master's in social work. Though she lived most of her life in Dallas, she spent some years working for Child Protective Services in San Angelo, and it was there that she came to love West Texas. For Carol and her husband, Eddie Walt, being able to move here where they can hunt, fish, and own horses and cattle has been the fulfillment of a dream for both of them. Carol and Eddie have three children and four grandchildren, and Carol says she has always written poetry, stories, and songs for the enjoyment of her family and friends. Because they love to travel, Carol has published travel articles in magazines and newspapers.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Meet the Author evenings, and there is no charge, but a \$5 donation will be most cheerfully accepted. Many in the community may not know that the Cross Plains Public Library is not a city- or county-owned library. The Library is owned and operated by the Friends of the Cross Plains Library, a private not-for-profit organization that receives only about 20% of its funding from the City of Cross Plains and Callahan County. Donations, memorial gifts, and fund raising efforts pay for the rest of our operating expenses and capital improvements.

We hope you'll join us Tuesday, July 19, 7:00 PM, at the Community Center for a fun evening with Carol Walt. Light refreshments will be served, and Carol's books will be available for purchase. Carol is donating part of the price of each book to the Library, and she's looking forward to visiting with you and signing her books for you. You may call the Cross Plains Public Library at 254-725-7722 for more information or directions to the Community Center.

Submitted by  
Ginny Hoskins

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## American Legion to have meeting this Thursday

The American Legion will have a meeting this Thursday, July 14, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Building.

All veterans are invited to attend this meeting.

Submitted by  
Audry Purvis

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## Regional Partnership initiates community planning process

Based on findings from a region-wide economic development study and a series of focus groups that was completed in 2004, a partnership has been formed between the Texas Mid-west Community Network (TMCN), the Economic Development and Tourism Division of the Governor's Office, and the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board (WCTWDB) to offer services to communities to assist them in developing a vision for their future growth. Currently, eleven communities are in various stages of the visioning process. "Through this partnership, we're able to devote the time and personnel to insuring that any community who wants to participate can have the assistance they need," states Mary Ross, Executive Director of the Workforce Board. The initial phase of the community visioning process will

culminate in a regional visioning summit, to be held on July 27, 2005, from 1:00-5:00 p.m., at the Workforce Center, 400 Oak Street, in Abilene. Participants will begin working on the development of a regional vision for West Central Texas. According to Nicki Harle, TMCN Executive Director, "All communities in the region are invited to attend, regardless of whether they have conducted a visioning process. The input and involvement of all our communities, as partners, is vital in insuring the future prosperity of our region".

For more information on the regional summit or the community visioning process, contact either Nicki Harle at (325) 676-0329 or by e-mail at [tmcn@tmcn.org](mailto:tmcn@tmcn.org) or Kathy Turner at (325) 795-4312 or by e-mail at [kathy.turner@workforcesystem.org](mailto:kathy.turner@workforcesystem.org).

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

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

## Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast this Saturday, July 16

The twice monthly FREE Christian men's fellowship breakfast will be held this coming Saturday morning, July 16, 2005, at 8:00 a.m. behind the Believer's Fellowship Church, in the parking lot. It is located approximately 1 mile east of Cross Plains on Hwy 36.

Everyone is welcome. Breakfast is cooked up and served "COWBOY STYLE" outside on a cooker. Please come

and join us for some good food, Prayer, and fellowship.

For more information please call, Pastor Matt McGowan, 254-725-4599 of Cottonwood Baptist Church, or H.D. "Hoppy" Hopkins at 254-725-6355. Our next meeting will be held on July 30, 2005 (same place, same time).

### Proverbs 3:6

In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.

## Sales & use tax totals rise in fourth quarter of 2004

The Texas sales and use tax analysis for Callahan County has been reported for the fourth quarter of 2004 by State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn's office on Monday, June 27.

Strayhorn reported gross sales, for all industries in Callahan County, for the fourth quarter of 2004 at \$34,214,647 which was 20.1 percent higher than the gross sales of \$28,488,601 reported during the fourth quarter of 2003. Gross sales are the total amount of all sales, leases and rentals of tangible personal property and all labor and service charges made during the reporting period.

Use tax purchases for the fourth quarter of 2004 for all industries in Callahan County amounted to \$133,000. Use tax purchases are the cost of all taxable items removed from inventory for personal or business use and all purchases on which no Texas sales tax was paid or use tax accrued.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax in the fourth quarter of 2004 in Callahan

County was \$8,298,097. The amount subject to state sales and use tax is calculated by taking taxable sales and adding use tax purchases.

The number of business locations in Callahan County, with a sales and use tax permit which filed a return, was 475. There were 508 permits issued during the same quarter the previous year.

The gross sales for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the fourth quarter of 2004 was \$14,192,387 which is 6.9 percent higher than the 2003 fourth quarter gross sales of \$13,279,987.

The use tax purchases for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the fourth quarter of 2004 was \$11,787.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax for the fourth quarter of 2004 was \$5,476,554 for the retail trade division in Callahan County.

The number of reporting outlets in the retail trade division in Callahan County totaled 242 for the fourth quarter of 2004.

There were 281 reporting outlets during the same quarter in 2003.

## eSLATE

han County will pay the remaining \$9,440.95 cost of the DRE's.

Jim Stryker with Hart Intercivic made a presentation to the commissioner's court on May 23 on the Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) equipment called the Ballot Now system. Hart Intercivic has offices in Austin and Fort Worth. The eSLATE electronic voting machines are manufactured in Sugarland, Texas.

Hart Intercivic is also providing eSLATE electronic voting machines for Taylor County voters.

The new voting system will still allow printed ballots for county officials to continue to mail out ballots to county residents residing outside the county.

The new electronic voting machine will allow hearing-impaired individuals to vote through an audio portion of the electronic system.

The eSLATE voting system employs a durable wheel to move a highlight bar through the ballot. The voter simply pushes the ENTER button when the choice is highlighted. The wheel and two-step voting process provides precise, highly visible selection and confirmation of voter intent. The system prevents over-voting and ensures the voter is alerted to under-voting. Before casting a ballot, the voter is

presented with a clear summary of the ballot, allowing verification of selections and a final opportunity for changes or corrections, as necessary.

Accessible by design, the Disabled Access Unit enables special needs voters, including disabled and literacy-challenged voters, to cast votes independently and privately.

The electronic voting system can complete tabulation of the largest precincts in a matter of seconds.

Each voting system weighs only 5.2 pounds and features a battery pack that provides backup power. With backup battery power in place, any poll worker can transport an eSLATE to a voter, allowing election officials to offer curbside voting.

Access codes enable secure voter access without compromising voter privacy or anonymity. Advanced auditing capabilities allow for both manual (paper) and electronic recounts as necessary. The system provides election officials with a complete record to support recounts or audits.

County officials hope the new electronic voting system will be installed in the county by the November 8 Amendment Election in Texas.

## Attorney General Abbott recovers over \$2 million following medicaid fraud investigation

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today announced a settlement with ResCare Inc., a Kentucky corporation, in which the state recovered \$2.15 million because of an unlawful scheme to falsely bill the Medicaid program and obtain reimbursements for mental health services not rendered.

The recovery, which also includes repayment of \$405,000 to the federal government, reflects false billing and backdating of documents over two years to make it appear employees at a ResCare subsidiary in Fort Worth were spending more time rehabilitating patients than they actually were. An employee at this facility, Jennifer Hudnall, witnessed the fraud and filed the federal whistleblower care in Dallas in June 2001. The Attorney General intervened in May 2003.

"I am grateful that responsible citizens like this woman have the courage to step forward and expose billing of the Medicaid system," said Attorney General Abbott. "Though this was an isolated scheme at one location, these bogus billings against the government add up and cost taxpayers. I am pleased we have rooted out the corruption and recovered this money."

ResCare is a publicly traded company and leading provider of home and community-based services to the mentally ill in Texas and nationwide. The company's Fort Worth subsidiary, The Citadel Group Inc., hatched a scheme in 2000 to shortchange Medicaid by billing for full-time counseling when the services provided were for only a fraction of that time. For example, life-skills counseling for common daily routines such as simple money management, teeth-brushing and other hygiene-related habits was billed at a rate that far exceeded the actual time counselors spent on those tasks. The state's complaint also notes that the staff threw parties every Friday, yet they billed Medicaid as if they were counseling residents during that time.

Another problem Medicaid investigators encountered in-

involved the falsification of "progress reports" on individual residents. Hudnall revealed that progress reports on individuals were being systematically backdated to avoid revealing the very little progress was being made to rehabilitate them. Hudnall complained to Citadel management about being forced to defraud Medicaid against her will and took a position at another ResCare subsidiary in the area. She was ultimately fired from the job when she continued to raise these concerns.

Hudnall will receive a portion of the \$2.15 million recovery for her wrongful termination by the company and for notifying the government of the scheme. The Attorney General's Office will also receive \$750,000 in attorneys' fees for its role in the litigation.

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**A STRONG SURVIVOR**—This little dove made its nest in an antenna at the home of Harold Merrill. He said that the dove has made it through all the storms over the last couple of months. (Photo courtesy of Teresa Koenig)

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## RISEING STAR NURSING CENTER

BY LINDA MERRITT



**RISEING STAR FREEDOM PARADE 1ST PLACE TROPHY WINNERS**—Pictured are residents, Virginia Payne (front, from left), Pearl Anderson, and Zeldia Milam; Employees Dane Clark (back, from left), Johnnie Elliott, and Angie Williams.

We are proud of our Nursing Center, the staff and our residents. A lot of work went into the preparation for the float we had in last week's Freedom Parade which all paid off. We received a 1st place trophy. Those who designed and put it together were: Dane Clark, Johnnie Elliott, Angie Williams and Ethel Monville. Residents who rode on the float were: Virginia Payne, Pearl Anderson and Zeldia Milam.

The residents will be having their birthday party Friday, July 15th, at 2:00 p.m. All family and friends are welcome to attend. Those celebrating are Jake and Sue Landess, Willie Wilson, Virginia Payne Lorene Jennings and Opal Brooks. Employees with July birthdays are Ginny Nieto, Jessica Nieto, Fredene Tennison, Linda Merritt and Cristin Butler. Appreciation to

Angie Williams for making the cake to Gene Moore for providing the entertainment.

Ellen Simpson and Tommye Heairren are sure looking pretty with their new perms. All our ladies and gentlemen are kept well groomed, thanks to Lily Dillard and Connie Kirkham.

Our thoughts and prayers for Opal Brooks and Jessie Casey who are in the hospital.

Our appreciation to Ann Strahan for the divinity; to Best Med for the cake; and to Brenda Hargrove for the birthday cakes. The residents enjoyed cantaloupe as their afternoon snack Monday.

During this hot weather we are all staying nice and comfortable. Several family members have commented on how nice it feels in here.

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### ADVERTISE IN THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
Cross Plains Church of Christ  
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Have you ever had a good hunting dog get on the wrong scent and trail? It's pretty disturbing when you follow what's suppose to be a good coon dog for several miles, only to find that he's treed an alley cat! Well Henry Drummond says, "Half the world is on the wrong scent in the pursuit of happiness. They think it consists in having and getting, and in being served by others. It consists, rather, in giving and in serving others."

If we want real happiness, better referred to as joy, we must get on the "right trail" by following the "right scent." The "right scent" is that of sharing, helping and serving. What we really need to do is get on "the trail" with Jesus, following in His steps as He marked the way. He taught and practiced, "Whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:26-28).

Come strive with us to be on the right path with Jesus by following the wonderful aroma of His life. We really do care about you, too!

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Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.  
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## LIBRARY NOTES

### Behind The Books

Deciding to check out the view from BESIDE the books, I meandered over next door to visit the Flea Market. Such goings on!!! Looked like vendors were re-arranging spaces and several half price signs were showing up. Lets see now, half off of something that is already two for

a nickel -- yep, I can afford that and surely I need it. But I really did see a lot of neat stuff - greeting cards, planters, antiques, new crafted items, kid's stuff, hardware stuff, gimme' caps, new books, old books, antique books and audio books.

It's a veritable root 'n rummage emporium over there.  
CU this Saturday - BW

## PIONEER NEWS

Everyone seemed to have a good 4th of July around the community. Fireworks could be heard and seen from a distance. Some had visitors during the holidays.

James and Jean Alexander had their children from Richardson staying a few days. Jim, Marla, Will and Ashley enjoyed being on the farm.

Paul and Juanita Harlow of Dalhart and Grasson and Myrtle of Atlanta were visited at their sister Jean Fore's home. They also visited with sister Vi Harlow of Cross Plains. They all had a very good time.

Jean Fore and Frankie Smith have been going to the musicals on the weekends. Last week they went to the one in Coleman.

There was a good turnout at "Game Night". There were at least 2 tables of players. They enjoyed playing and eating. Come on out next time!

Glenda Phillips, Charlene Chesshir, Sandy Hutton, Trisha Hutton, Laverne Hutton and Olena Ezzell (sounds like the quilting club) attended the special 4th Wednesday Ladies' Bible Class in June at Rising Star. Phyllis Tipping taught the lesson on

"Friendship". After class, they all enjoyed a salad luncheon together.

J.D. and Sandy Hutton celebrated their 36th anniversary Sunday, July 3rd. They attended church services at Windmill, Texas, where Richard Massey now preaches. They did some sight-seeing, too. They made it back home to go to Danny and Trisha's house for a family gathering after evening church services. There were about twenty-five present. Everyone enjoyed a meal of hot dogs and the trimmings. Cowan and Laverne enjoyed watching their "little greats" with their 4th of July sparklers. It's still very hot and dry on the Hutton ranch. Just had a light sprinkle or two.

We can all relate to Laverne saying it is dry. We have to pray for rain a little more. One of these days we will be blessed with our share.

It's kinda a slow time on TV, with just baseball on. It won't be long until football I will be underway. Can hardly wait!

**Word of Wisdom: 90 percent of the friction of daily life is caused by the wrong tone of voice!**

## Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

### Do You Know Your Dollar

Take out a one dollar bill and look at it. This column will not interest you unless you have a dollar bill and actually look at it as we go.

The bill you are looking at first came off the presses in 1957 in its present design. This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend with minute red and blue silk fibers running through it. We have all washed one without it coming apart.

If you look at the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for balanced budget. In the center you have a carpenter's square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the Key to the States Treasury. What is on the back of the dollar is something we should all know.

If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles together comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved.

If you look at the left hand circle you will see a pyramid. Notice that the face is lighted and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had begun to explore the West but were undecided on what we could do for Western Civilization. The pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone is the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group

of men, with the help of God, could do anything. IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, ANNIUIT COEPTIS, means, "God has favored our undertaking." The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means "a new order has begun". At the base of the pyramid is the Roman Numeral for 1776.

If you look at the right-hand circle and check it carefully, you will learn that is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National

Cemetery and is the centerpiece of most heroes' monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean. The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons. First, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken with the King of England. Also notice that the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield, you have a white bar signifying congress. In the eagle's beak you will read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM" meaning "one nation from many people."

You have thirteen stars representing the thirteen original colonies. Notice what the eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. Our country wants peace but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace.

I think this is information few people know, so you might feel extra smart if you learn it.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JULY 18 - 21

**MONDAY** - Meatballs w/Gravy, Steamed Rice, Carrots, Peanut Butter Cookie, Bread, Milk  
**TUESDAY** - Chicken & Dumplings, Buttered Corn, Green Beans, Peaches, Bread, Milk  
**WEDNESDAY** - Pork Chops w/Gravy, Yam Patty, Black-eyed Peas, Rosie-Applesauce, Bread, Milk  
**THURSDAY** - Sloppy Joe on Bun, Potato Wedges, Pickle Spear, Pears, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk

2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84)  
Begins at 5:00 p.m.

## QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

**Note:** Words from Apple Orchard Annie, "My Granny Smith apple tree, got frost bit."

### "Just Follow My Direction"

Around the corner and down the street. Well, it sounds like good directions to me! However, I suppose it would be much more clear if you could be more specific with the directions, i.e. turn left at the corner and go down six blocks, it will be the second house on the right....

The ones I like best however, are the directions that go something like this: go down the old road where the kids use to play stick ball, turn north where the old community church use to stand, continue driving until you come to the plot where I'm thinking about building my dream home, out across the field where I saw the little deer and her offspring two years ago. Unless you know the whole life story of the person giving you directions, you'll never find the location you are seeking.

I've always had a problem following directions. Apparently my head is not screwed on correctly, or it stripped its threads;

because my direction finder is zilch. Years ago when Marvin and I were dating, we would quite often go to the drive-in movie. When I would go to the powder room or concession stand, I couldn't find my way back to the car. He would have to turn the parking lights on so I could find the car.

Years later, when we were living in Lubbock, I always parked on row K at the shopping center near our home so I would know where the car was. At first I would just park and try to remember the letter of the row, well, that didn't work. By the time I finished shopping with four children in tow, I had forgotten what row I parked on. So, that's when I hit on the idea of parking on row K. I might forget everything else, but I knew I would always remember that my name was Kay.

Another problem which interfered with me and directions was knowing which way was north, south, east or west. I asked that you say turn right or left when giving me directions. Even then, sometimes I'd get it wrong.

Can anyone tell me where I am, where I came from and where I'm s'posed to go now?????

## COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

### Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Unit To Meet

The Volunteer Fire Control Unit will hold its next meeting on July 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall. The Board of Directors will have a quarterly meeting immediately following the all-member meeting. Please be present. It is very important that all board members attend.

### Cottonwood Baptist Getting Ready For Busy Summer

The Cottonwood Baptist Church has posted several important dates for this summer.  
\* Youth Camp July 18-22, 2005  
\* Vacation Bible School, "Kingdom of the Son, a Prayer Safari" July 31, 2005  
\* 5th Sunday Fellowship meal August 3, 2005, led by Dr. D.L. Lowrie

### Cottonwood Connections

Teri and Gilbert from Sugar Land, Texas are visiting Beverly Brown from Saturday, July 9 through Wednesday, July 13th. Other visitors to the Beverly Brown home recently have been Richard Ball from Whitesboro, Texas, and Donnie and Barbara Worley of Jacksboro, Texas.

### How To Have A Good Time For Nothing (Money That Is)

The best way is to have a member of your family enter a Dr. Pepper/Race Trac, contest and win, and then invite you to his party. That's what happened this past Friday night.

John Bennett, just one of our sons, won the contest, lucky stiff, and won the privilege of throwing out the first pitch at the Texas Rangers vs. Toronto Blue Jay's game last Friday night. His wife, Michelle, had secretly entered John's name in the contest. The winning ticket also included a one night's stand for John and Michelle, their three

children, Rhett, Tye and Mattie, to a suite at the Ranger Stadium from which to view the game. So, Carol and I, and Bryan and Debi Bennett and their children, Dayna, Emma, and Kelli were invited. And, there were others, of course, old friends from Arlington who came to the game and dropped by the suite to enjoy John's good fortune.

Now I'm telling you, this was living in high cotton. We were told the suites rent, starting at \$1,500.00, per night or \$100,000.00 per year.

This suite came with free food; buns, brisket, frankfurters, buffalo wings, Caesar's salad, a cheese tray, a fruit tray, and drinks, water, and Dr. Peppers, all iced down, and pleasant to drink. An attendant was also provided to keep everything flowing, and a Dr. Pepper representative dropped by frequently to see how things were going.

And in addition to the plush quarters, the game itself was exciting! A photo finish! The Rangers came from behind in the 9th Inning to win the game over the Toronto Blue Jays. Hoorah! Hoorah! You never saw such an outburst of cheering, clapping and revelry from the fans.

Come to think about it, this night was not so free. There was gas for two cars to Ft. Worth and back, a room in a motel for a night's rent, and other odds and ends. However, if you look at it from the standpoint that we saved about \$1,400 we came out way ahead. Besides, I wouldn't have missed it for anything.

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

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## Conservation Office to hold public meeting at 9:00 am, August 15th, 2005

There will be a public meeting in Baird on August 15th 2005 at 9:00 AM to discuss the implementation and allocation of funds for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), Grassland Reserve Program (GRP), and Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP). These programs were re-authorized in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. These programs offer financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement conservation practices on eligible agricultural land. This meeting is open to

the public and all Agricultural Producers, Landowners and interested citizens of Callahan County are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at the Callahan Co. Courthouse in the County Courtroom located on the second floor. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 AM and will end at 12 noon.

Topics to be discussed at this meeting will be conservation priorities, cost share rates, practices to cost share on, an application screening process and a priority ranking system for applications. Your input is very important and all opinions and recommendations will be given to the Local Work Group for their consideration.

Immediately following the Program Development public meeting, there will be a Local Work Group meeting. The Local Work Group is made up of a

mandated limited membership that includes the Callahan Divide SWCD Board, Farm Service Agency County Committee, the Callahan County Extension Agent, NRCS and FSA employees.

After considering all alternatives available to them, the Local Work Group will advise NRCS on how the local people would like the EQIP program carried out. All of their recommendations will be taken into account by the NRCS Designated Conservationist when finalizing the program.

If you have an interest in how the conservation technical assistance money available thru the EQIP program is to be used in Callahan County, PLEASE plan on attending this meeting.

If you have any questions, please call the NRCS office in Baird at (325) 854-1349 extension 3.

## Callahan County HHS office in Baird closing

Four Big Country communities, including Baird, are slated to lose their Texas Health and Human Services as the HHSC begins using "call centers" next year.

HHSC announced plans to open four call centers that it says will make it easier for Texans to apply for Medicaid, food stamps and other state programs.

As a result, HHSC will close some local agencies in smaller areas, including Coleman, Comanche, Breckenridge and Baird. A total of about 15-20 employees will be affected in the four Big Country offices.

The call centers in Austin, Midland, San Antonio, and East Texas will be reached by dialing 2-1-1, said Stephanie Goodman, a spokeswoman for HHSC in Austin. Clients will be connected to an operator who can help them with questions and information, she said. Serious consideration was

given to which offices would stay open, Goodman said.

"We looked at several factors, including case load," she said. "Some of these areas were not seeing many clients."

"Under the (new) system, anyone can handle their case or can give them an update," Goodman said. "We realize that for some people, this may mean a drive to get a face-to-face interaction, but we think that there will be plenty of other options to help people get the assistance they need."

• HHSC will close 99 offices over a 10-month period beginning in January 2006.

• HHSC will maintain 167 full-time, full-service offices.

• An additional 44 satellite offices will be open on pre-scheduled days of the week.

• The agency also will employ a staff of 200 who will travel to local community centers once every other week or so. The possibility of home visits

also exists, Goodman said.

"We think that we're actually giving people more ways to access the system," she said.

The agency will start closing offices and reducing its overall workforce in April 2006, Goodman said.

When the switch over happens, 2,900 state employees will lose their jobs, with two primary options available to them for further employment.

The state is adding 2,500 protective services jobs across Texas. HHSC workers will get priority for those positions.

About 2,500 people will be needed to run the new call centers statewide, but applicants would have to move to those areas to take the jobs.

"We actually want to fill all of these positions in the next couple of months so that people will know if they have a job come April or not," Goodman said.

## Cross Cut Reunion set for Sunday, July 17th

The annual Cross Cut Reunion will be held Sunday, July 17th, at the Cross Plains Community Center. All alumni, friends and family are invited to attend this event, as everyone enjoys a covered dish luncheon and silent auction, followed by the annual business meeting of the Cross Cut

Cemetery Association.

Lunch is at noon but the doors will be open at 9:00 a.m. for those wanting to drop off their covered dishes and/or items for the silent auction. Please call Anita Newton Lane (254) 918-7288 for more information or to be placed on the mailing list.

## Attention to Reserved Football Seat Holders Only

Reserved seats will be on sale July 27th and 28th from 9 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1-4 p.m. in the high school. Please see Krisi Reed in the principal's office to pay for seats. The seats are \$5 each. This price covers only the seats, not admission to the games.

Please, only present seat holders at this time. If seats become available we will let the public know.

Remember Homecoming is in the 2006 season.

## FUMC of Baird to present 2nd Annual Praise-A-Palooza Saturday, July 30th

All are invited to come and enjoy the praise and worship music by various musicians in our area. The First United Methodist Church of Baird presents the 2nd annual Praise-A-Palooza on Saturday, July 30th beginning at 7:00 p.m. There will be a hamburger/hot dog meal for \$5.00. Bring your friends and lawn chairs, and have a relaxed evening under the big tent on the church lawn while listening to some outstanding Christian music.

## Happy Birthday!

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| <b>JULY 16</b><br>Baylor Shane Pope<br>Billy Reed<br>Debra Lyn Childers<br>Cindy Roady Meyer<br>Jewel Newman<br>Randy Robison<br>Mrs. Jimmielee Payne<br>Mike Winfrey<br>Shelley (Horan) Mendez<br>Kay Evans<br>Mrs. John (Tina) Schaefer    | <b>JULY 16</b><br>Modie Mosley<br>Gayna Dodds<br>Rick Apple<br>Journey Bruitron<br>Audrey Lovett   |
| <b>JULY 17</b><br>Robert V. Montgomery<br>Perry Cloud<br>Kelly Westerman<br>Mrs. Mack Pancake<br>David Hutchins<br>Melissa Luter<br>Christopher Hal Harris<br>Lewis Fortune<br>Josh Nelson   | <b>JULY 17</b><br>Elize Wilson<br>Janis Peters<br>Harrline Fleming<br>Billy Wright<br>Mrs. Noah Johnson<br>Mrs. Thelma Brown<br>Kyle Malone<br>Edie Switzer<br>R.C. Merryman<br>Jacquelin Brook Waggoner<br>Bobby Self                                       |
| <b>JULY 18</b><br>Taylor Johnson<br>James Apple<br>Joy Woodruff Pancake<br>Raymond Holland<br>Deana Strickland<br>Misty (Strickland) Gilley<br>Mark Allen Brown<br>Billy M. Gardner<br>Fred St. Peter<br>Raymond Sifuentes<br>Ross Sifuentes | <b>JULY 18</b><br>James Merrill<br>Billy Spencer<br>Mike Merrill<br>Dana Purvis<br>Earl Gray<br>Dana Veteto<br>Marleana LaShelle Branham<br>C.B. Hutchins<br>Scott Nabers<br>Tina Morphis Belick<br>Barbara Vest<br>Loma C. James<br>Jacob Ivie              |
| <b>JULY 19</b><br>Suzi Pillans<br>David Hinkle<br>Don McNutt<br>Cynthia Hickman Brown<br>Son Barnett<br>Mrs. Glenda Laster<br>Iraloma Rogers<br>Kim (Draper) Champion<br>Troy Watson<br>Toni Mae Wyatt<br>Claudell Joy                       | <b>JULY 19</b><br>Thomas Markham<br>C.H. Rogers<br>Sarah Catherine Jordan<br>Kathren Brown<br>Lorene Jennings<br>Lillian Long<br>Delesa Gillans<br>Sheri Steele<br>Leslie Cowan<br>Bill Holland<br>Travis Parson<br>Mrs. Kathryn Morris<br>Shelley Kay Hines |

## Pre-Registration For NEW STUDENTS ONLY!

Pre-Registration for K-12 will be held July 21, 2005 from 9AM to 2PM at the Cross Plains High School Principal's Office. Please come and register your child at this time!!!



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## Cross Plains Review

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July 14, 2005

## Callahan County DPS Reports

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from June 26, 2005 through July 2, 2005 include:

### Cases Investigated

Warnings—118  
Complaints—202  
DWI—1  
Possession of Marijuana—2  
Driving While License Invalid—2

### Vehicle Accidents

There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from July 3, 2005 through July 9, 2005 include:

### Cases Investigated

Warnings—117  
Complaints—196  
Driving While License Invalid—5  
Possession of Marijuana—1  
Aggravated Assault With A Motor Vehicle—1  
Evading Arrest or Detention—2

### Vehicle Accidents

There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

## Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce ANNUAL BANQUET

Saturday July 30, 2005 6:30 p.m.  
First Baptist Church Family Life Center  
Cross Plains, Texas

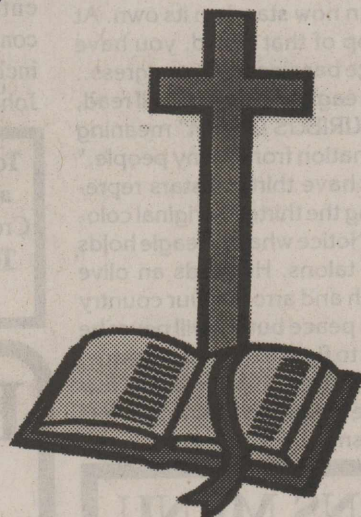
Tickets - \$10.00  
Call 254-725-7251

Guest Speaker  
**Tumbleweed Smith**

## Cottonwood Baptist Church Invites You To VBS 2005!



Wednesday, July 27th-  
Sunday, July 31st  
6:00 - 8:30pm



## We Also Invite You to SUMMER REVIVAL SERVICES!

Sunday, July 31st - Wednesday, Aug. 3rd  
Sunday Morning at 11:00  
and Each Evening at 7:00

Led By Dr. D.L. Lowrie & the Praise Team from FBC Clyde

## Hutton Construction

188 S. Main  
Cross Plains, Tx.  
Office 254-725-6316  
Mobile 325-642-7228  
Home 254-725-7582

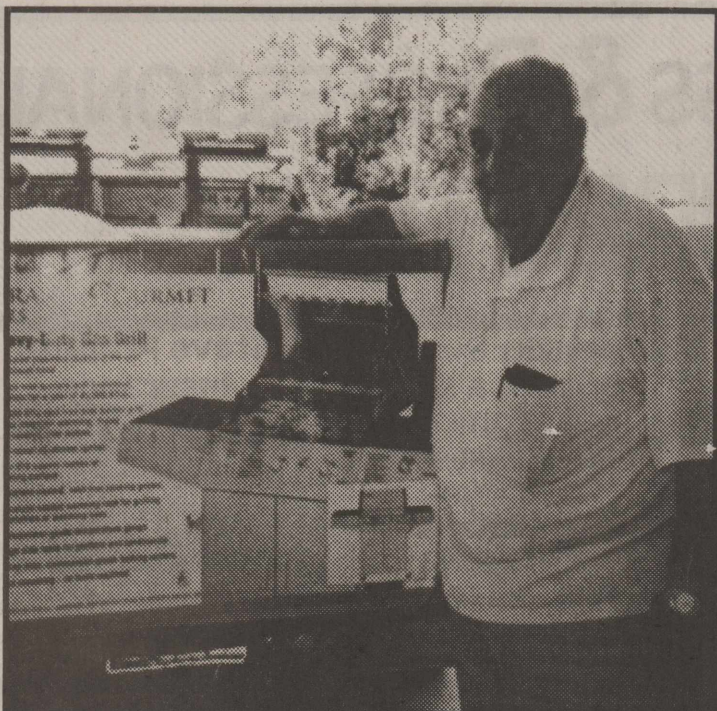
Site work, roads built & repaired, excavating, material hauled. We haul fill dirt, sand, gravel, road base and top soil.

## Cross Plains Review Wedding Announcement POLICIES

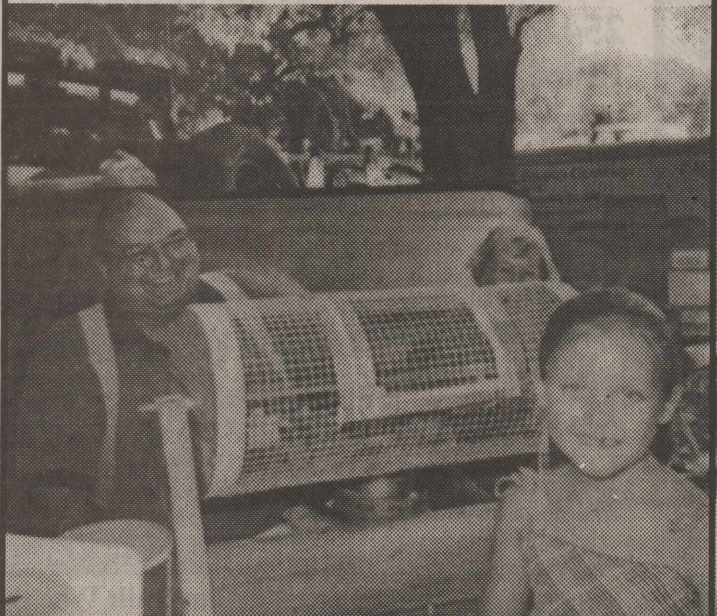
\$15.00 CHARGE IF YOU DESCRIBE CLOTHING, TABLE/ROOM DECORATIONS, ETC

Their is **NO** Charge for Announcements Without Descriptions  
Call 254-725-6111 For Details





**BRINKMAN GAS GRILL WINNER**  
Richard Gandy



**SHAKE IT UP GOOD**—Kelli Bennett (front right) got to pick the winning ticket out of the hopper after Dana Veteto (back left) shook them up.

## And the Winner is!

The Burkett Volunteer Fire Department has a winner for the Brinkman gas grill. The winning ticket was drawn Monday evening at the Cross Plains Fourth of July Celebration by Kelli Bennett.

The winner was Richard Gandy of Coleman. Being a victim of a home fire in Burkett Mr. Gandy knows the importance of having help near.

The BVFD has worked on four fires this year. The Burkett

community and the Burkett Volunteer Fire Department appreciate the help from everyone who bought tickets and those who help sell tickets. We also appreciate the donations made of the BVFD: Truman and Bessie Matthews, \$25; Richard and Virginia Gandy, \$100; and Roland and Gail Wilson, \$100. If anyone wants to make a donation or help in any way contact the BVFD at P.O. Box 324, Burkett, Texas, 76828.

## Cisco Junior College begins registration for Summer II Semester

Cisco Junior College will soon begin registration for the Summer II semester. Registration at the Abilene Educational Center will be Thursday, July 7. Registration at the Cisco campus will be Monday July 11. Registration is assigned by the first letter of the student's last name. To determine proper registration time, call the Abilene Educational Center at (325) 794-4400 or the Cisco campus at (254) 442-5000. The first class day at both locations is July 11.

For more information about CJC, to view summer schedules, and to apply online, visit our website at [www.cisco.cc.tx.us](http://www.cisco.cc.tx.us).

## The Peddler Show coming soon to Abilene

The Peddler Show is returning to The Big Country! There have been many changes going on with the look and feel of the Show and this includes a name change to simply The Peddler Show.

Come shop and let The Peddler Show brighten your day and your style as you discover the "Summer Shopping Collection at its upcoming Show at the Abilene Civic Center, July 22 - 24! The three day show opens Friday at 3 p.m. Shopping hours are Friday 3 - 8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Peddler Show is not just country anymore... It's The Perfect Street of Shops tailor-made for you!

Now is the perfect time to update your style and makeover your home. Let us revive your senses with a quality array of chic fashions, stylish home furnishings, fashionable jewelry, bath and body delights, personalized items, fragrant candles, tasty treats and so much more. "I never miss shopping Peddler," comments one shopper. Another claims, "What a great show with such an awesome variety of items." The Peddler Show has it all. *It's the Show tailor-made for you!*

The Peddler Show offers a unique atmosphere as you stroll down the aisle getting to shop each boutique, just as if you were walking down the Perfect Street of Shops. The best part is the experience of shopping the many original, quality, and unique booths all under one roof. Rachel Edwards-Pepper, General Manager of the Show, remarks "It's all about shopping and creating an atmosphere that makes our Show an enjoyable event for our customers. We always enjoy bringing our Show to Abilene and love the hospitality the Big Country offers us."

Admission to the Show is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors 65+, and children under 12 get in FREE. One admission is good all weekend. There will also be hourly door prize giveaways throughout the Show. Visit our website [www.PeddlerShow.com](http://www.PeddlerShow.com) to print a discount coupon or for more information call 800-775-2774. P.S. The Peddler Show... We're Not Just Country Anymore!

# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 5, 2005

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. Members of the council present were Mayor Ray Purvis, Jerry Cassle, Edwin Weiss, Gene Dillard, Terry Lichty and Audrey Purvis. Member of the public meeting with the council were Kenneth and Ann Beeler, Bob Harrell and Mark Norris.

Minutes of the previous meetings were approved as read.

Mayor Purvis gave the police report. He reported 104 calls for service, 3 trespassing complaints, 2 disorderly conducts, 5 warrants served, 2 accidents, 2 alarm calls, 2 criminal mischiefs, 1 possession of drugs, 1 possession of meth, 4 threats, 4 family disturbances, 4 thefts, 1 dog bit, 2 forgeries, 1 credit card abuse, 2 cruelty to animals, 6 reckless driving, 2 gas drive-offs, 1 alcohol violation, with 43 warnings and 59 citations. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Mayor Purvis gave the judge's report. He reported 59 citations for June with 31 remaining outstanding for May and four remain outstanding for April. He reported 13 reminder letters, 12 failure to appear letters and 127 outstanding citations being entered into OMNI. Collections for June were \$9,300.50. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Greg Blair with AEP, met with the council to discuss the tree trimming project. He presented the council with information concerning the "worst performing feeders", the number of customers in our circuit breaker areas with the duration and frequency of outages. Again he reiterated the necessity to provide safe and reliable service to the citizens and the requirements of the Public Utility Commission and the reporting required that must be sent to the PUC.

Ann Beeler was present at the meeting and asked to address the council. Ms. Beeler read a letter to the council voicing her concern of the way the trees are being trimmed and her belief that it is not necessary to trim the trees in such a drastic measure. Mr. Blair addressed her concerns and stated that he agreed that the trees were not aesthetically pleasing to the eye, but that in order to offer the service required by the PUC, the trees must be trimmed away from the power lines.

Debbie Gosnell informed the council that she has spoken with Allen Bowlin, with the electric division of the PUC, and he informed her that the PUC does not give guidelines to the electric company on how to trim the trees, however they do mandate that the electric companies provide safe and reliable service to the citizens and that in most cases they do not get involved in the way the power companies trim the trees. He stated that the tariff states that it must be a hazard, but that when a tree causes an outage, that is considered a hazard. Mr. Bowlin also gave instructions on how to obtain information on the tariff. Debbie also informed the council that she has spoken with the City of Paris concerning their ordinance regulating tree trimming and was told that the ordinance they passed was to control the way citizens trimmed the trees and was mostly used to regular trimming of old historic trees. It was not intended to regular the power companies.

Kenneth Beeler asked the council not to allow AEP to buffalo them into thinking that they have the right to trim the trees in the manner they are trimming them. He stated that the AEP representative had done nothing but blow smoke at the council since the meeting began. He stated that he had worked for a company for many years and he knows that they are not able to trim the trees like they are stating. He stated that he hoped the city council would not allow them to continue to blow smoke at them.

Mr. Blair contested Mr. Beeler's statement and stated that he took exception to the accusation. He advised the council that he would never lie to the council concerning the matter and that he would continue to be up front and honest with them in their business dealings. He stated that he had no reason to lie to the council and they were welcome to check out every detail as he explained it. Mr. and Mrs. Beeler left the meeting.

It was discussed that the city's attorney be contacted again to see what legal authority the city might have concerning the matter. Mr. Blair assured the council that he has spoken to AEP's attorneys and they are confident that AEP has the right to trim the trees in the manner they are currently trimming. However, he voiced his understanding of the city feeling like they needed to do whatever possible in handling the situation in the manner that would benefit the citizens most. Terry Lichty stated that he wanted to go on record that it is his opinion that we contract with Heath Hemphill, City Attorney, to go over the matter in great detail to see if the city may require AEP to modify the way they trim the trees. Terry moved to hire Mr. Hemphill, Gene Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Cameron Gulley, City Auditor, met with the council to go over the 2004/2005 annual audit. He advised the council that because of the GASB 34 requirements the audit report would look much different than they were used to seeing. He explained each page in detail and answered all the council's questions. Weiss moved to accept the audit as presented. Cassle seconded and motion carried.

Gene Dillard submitted his letter of resignation to the Callahan County Nutrition Board and sited Cross Plains is not getting their fair share of treatment as the reason for his resignation. No one was appointed at this time to take his place.

Debbie informed the council that she has received two signed complaints against the livestock being kept within the city limits at the Benny Callaway residence at 517 NE 1st Street. The council looked over the livestock ordinance and noted that the ordinance specifically states that the council will call a meeting of the persons involved. Therefore, the council asked Debbie to contact all three parties and ask them to meet with the council at the next regular meeting.

A letter was read to the council received from Scott Vanderhoof concerning the rude behavior he received when he parked illegally in front of the Senior Citizens' Center. He acknowledged that he had not parked properly, but knew the center was closed at the time, and since he was not going to be parked long, since he was shopping in Higginbotham's and his employee was shopping in Johnson's Dry Goods, he went ahead and parked there. He stated that the director of the center was very combative and verbally

abusive and would not accept his apology. Mr. Vanderhoof wanted to go on record as registering a formal complaint against the employee. By general consent the council agreed that since they do not hire for the Senior Citizens' Center, a copy of the letter should be forwarded to the Nutrition Board.

Discussion was held at length concerning the replacement of the 100,000 gallon ground storage tank. Dillard moved to amend the budget in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the engineering fees. Audrey Purvis seconded and motion carried.

Audrey Purvis moved to approve the Engineering Service Agreement. Lichty seconded and motion carried.

Bob Harrell met with the council to discuss the burn permits. He advised the council that several parties have bought a burn permit and then continued to burn for several time. He asked the council if the permits are for one burn or for numerous burns. The council advised Mr. Harrell that the permit is for one burn, and that he should contact the people who are violating the permit and instruct them that they either purchase another permit or to extinguish the fire.

Dillard moved to pay the bills. Audrey Purvis seconded and motion carried.

Debbie presented the council with a list of past mayors that went back to 1934. The council looked over the past mayors with interest. Debbie is to continue with the research.

Lichty moved to go into executive session at 9:00 p.m. Cassle seconded and motion carried. Discussion was held concerning the purchase of land for the construction of a girl's softball field. Cassle moved to return to open session at 9:25 p.m. Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Lichty moved to amend the budget in the amount of \$5,000.00. Audrey Purvis seconded and motion carried.

Dillard moved to purchase the land for the girl's softball field from Randy Montgomery in the amount of \$5,000.00. Cassle seconded and motion carried.

Cassle moved to adjourn. Lichty seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor  
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PVT MOSIER, KIMBERLY L

## Mosier Graduates from Marine Basic Training

PVT Mosier, Kimberly L, a 2004 graduate of Cross Plains High School, graduated from Marine basic training at Parris Island, SC on June 10, 2005. PVT Mosier finished combat training at Camp Lyiune, NC on July 12, 2005 and is currently receiving

training in the field of aviation at Meridian, Mississippi. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Switzer, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Switzer and great-granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Switzer, all of Cross Plains.

## A SOLDIER'S THOUGHTS

By JERRY P. BIGGERSTAFF, JR.

### Time to go already?

Ever had a day that you wished would never end? I spent two weeks feeling just like that. I enjoyed my time at home. My wife's birthday was the day I arrived. My oldest son graduated from high school with honors and my young son's birthday was the day before I had to return. What a whirlwind of excitement. Best two weeks of my life, I must say.

With the dreaded good-bye only hours away, I do some busy work to make time pass. Last night I could not sleep, so I wrote a bunch of notes to my family and put them all over the house. Most simply said, "I love you."

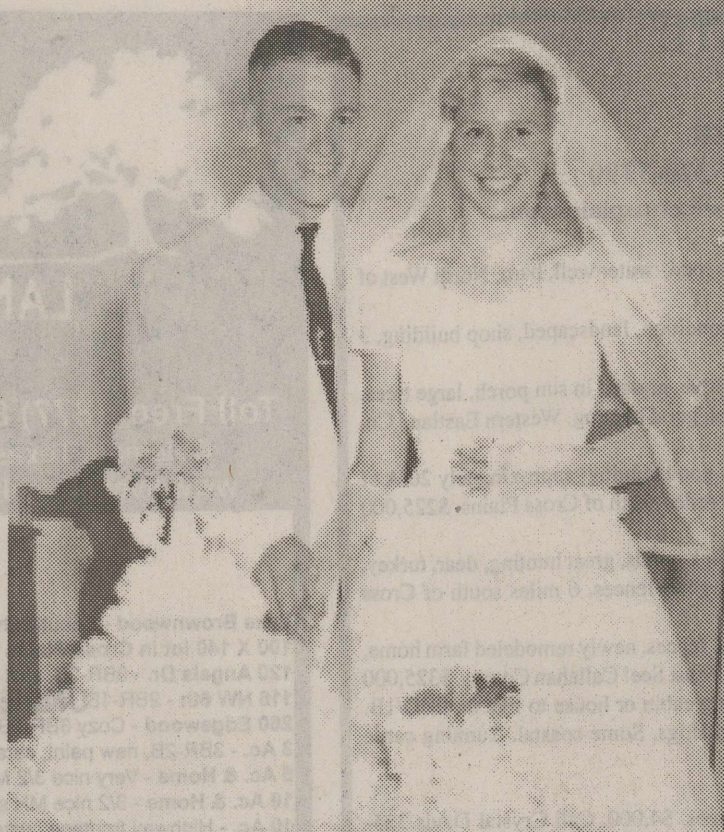
Today I go back.

As I sit on the plane with my heart full of pain, I promise that I will never do this to them again, knowing full well that this means a change of career. Heartache and loneliness in store for all of us, for how long? I am uncertain. I only hope that their pain subsides long before mine does. I do not want them to be miserable. I tell myself that I can handle it in my own way, in due time.

A single tear rolls down my face as we pull away from the gate. The promise I made to my wife and children is one that only God Himself can fulfill. I will be back.

I am proud to do what it is that I do, but it does not mean that the pain of separation hurts any less.

Part II of the adventure begins.



JAMES OSCAR AND LUCILLE KOENIG—on their wedding day at the Cross Plains Church of Christ in 1955.



JAMES OSCAR AND LUCILLE KOENIG— today as their 50th wedding anniversary approaches. They invite everyone to celebrate with them on July 16, 2005 at 2:00 pm at the Church of Christ in Cross Plains.

## James Oscar and Lucille Koenig to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

All our friends and neighbors are invited to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of James Oscar and Lucille Koenig. A reception will be held this Saturday, July 16th, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at the Church of Christ Activity Center, located on Highway 36 east of the stop light. Your friendship and fellowship are the only gifts desired to celebrate this occasion with us.

Long-time residents of the Cross Plains area, James Oscar and Lucille were married July 16, 1955, at the Cross Plains Church of Christ. Lucille is the daughter of George M. and Ina Barnard and James Oscar is the son of Oscar and Peggy Koenig.

After a couple of years of ranching and working in the oilfield, they moved to Bisbee, Arizona, where James Oscar worked in the mining industry. After a short time, they moved back to Cross Plains where their first two children, James Darron and Dennis, were born. The family later moved to Bronte in 1966, where James Oscar was employed by West Texas Utilities and their third son, Devin, was born.

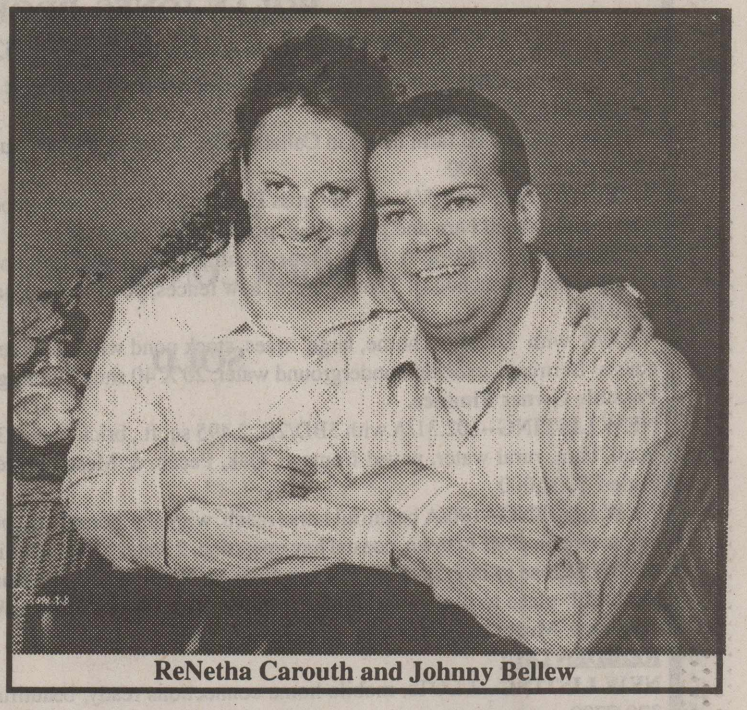
In 1978, the family moved back to Cross Plains where James Oscar and Lucille operated the Western Auto store on Main Street for almost 20 years. During this time, they have been involved in a number of community and church activities. James Oscar currently works for the U.S. Postal Service and Lucille works for her son, Dr. Devin Koenig, in Cisco.

James Oscar and Lucille have three children and eight grandchildren. James Darron and his wife Kim and their children, Melissa and Daniel, live in Cisco. Dennis and his wife Julie and their children, Courtney, Jason and Chelsea, live in Mansfield. Dr. Devin Koenig and his wife Cindy and their children, Jayln, Jaryn and Jenna, also live in Cisco.

## Quilt Winner Announced by Cottonwood Quilting Club

Liz Rush, of Coleman, won the "Flower Garden" quilt on July 4th at the Cottonwood Community Center. Ms. Rush stated that she had purchased her ticket at the Cross Plains Barbarian Festival held in June.

The ladies of the Cottonwood Quilting Club sponsored the drawing and the proceeds from the quilt benefit the building fund to be utilized for repairs and maintenance of the Cottonwood Community Center. They express their appreciation to everyone who purchased tickets.



ReNetha Carouth and Johnny Bellew

## Carouth-Bellew to be United in Marriage July 30th in Cisco

ReNetha Lynn Carouth and Johnny Lynn Bellew will be united in marriage on Saturday, July 30, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony will take place at New Life Tabernacle, 307 W. 17th St., in Cisco with Rev. Mark Herrington, Rev. Jason Calhoun, and Rev. Jeff Thompson officiating.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Cross Plains High School and is currently employed by Cross Plains Housing Authority and Cross Plains Custom Tile. ReNetha is the daughter of Rickey and Netha Carouth of Cross Plains and the granddaughter of Andy and Marlene Sanders of Cross Plains

and Martha Carouth of Rising Star.

The groom is a 2002 graduate of Arkansas High School and is currently employed by Carouth Construction and Andy Sanders. Johnny is the son of Lynn and Sadie Bellew of Texarkana and the grandson of John and Betty Thompson and June Bellew all of Texarkana.

After a wedding trip the couple will reside in Cross Plains.

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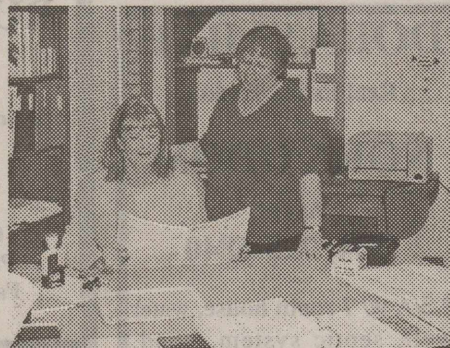
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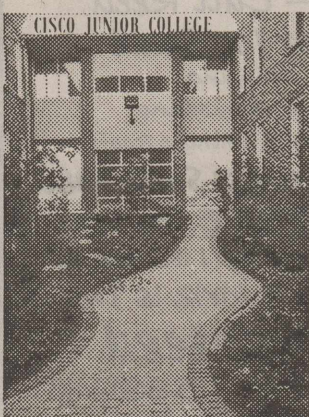
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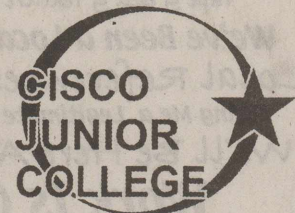


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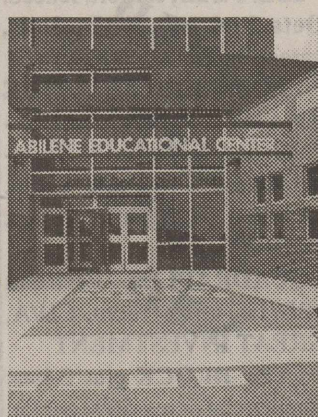


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