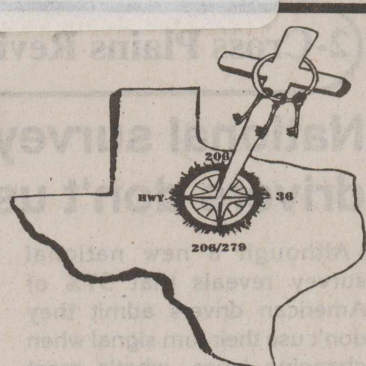


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DOWN HOME

"Have You Tried Angel Food Ministries???"

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Have you heard about Angel Food Ministries? They offer a large box of food each month for a minimal fee of \$25.00.

I decided to give them a try during the months of February and March and I was pleased. The quality of food was good and there is a nice variety of items.

What I enjoyed was the fact that I didn't have to plan a menu. The food is pre-boxed and someone carries it to your vehicle. However, you do need to take a box with you.

This is a program that does not require eligibility, so any income level may participate.

Food stamps may be used to purchase the food units.

When you purchase the basic food unit, then you may purchase various specials provided each month. The purchase of specials is not mandatory.

You are required to pay for Angel Food in advance and Sun Rayz Tanning and Gifts on North Main Street, Cross Plains (south of Subway) is the local designated payment center.

The April menu is inside this issue and the deadline to pay is Saturday, April 8th. The pick-up date is Saturday, April 22 at the First Baptist Family Life Center, West 8th and Avenue E, Cisco.

Stretching a budget can get pretty complicated, and this is a non-profit ministry provided by Christians to assist families, while allowing them to retain their dignity.

God always provides for His sheep.

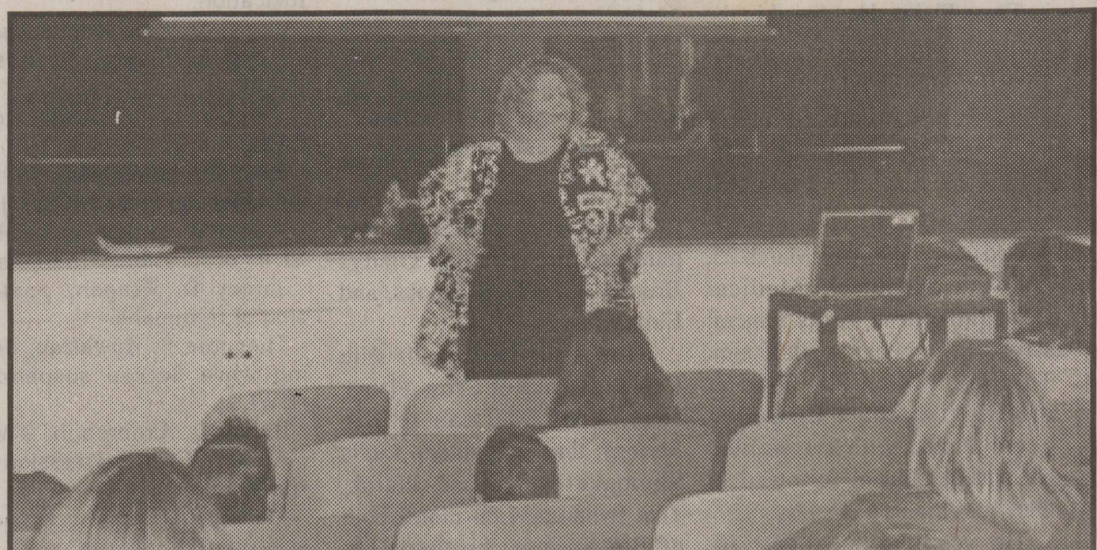
Movie Night at Cottonwood Baptist Church Friday, April 7

Cottonwood Baptist Church invites you to come watch *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* next Friday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Send the kids or come as a family, everyone is invited. We will meet in the fellowship hall, relax with popcorn and sodas, and watch the film the way it was meant to be seen — on the big screen. Don't miss it!

Submitted by Matt McGowen

Don't Forget to Spring Your Clocks Forward on Saturday April 1st Before You Go To Bed



ARE YOU A VICTIM OF BULLYING—Leatha Warden (at top) spoke at the Cross Plains PTO meeting Thursday, March 23rd. She encouraged parents and teachers to watch for bullying and to take great lengths to put a stop to it. (Photos courtesy of Amber Kleiber, PTO Sec/Treasurer)



Notice to Cross Plains Review Customers

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to faxes, also. It has come to the attention of the local newspaper that another business has the cell phone number 325-725-6111 and they are receiving numerous calls for the *Cross Plains Review*.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call the *Cross Plains Review*.

Clay Jacobs coming to Cross Plains Cowboy Church April 2nd

Sometimes God will bring you on an incredible journey, even when you may not realize that is exactly what is happening. It seems WE always have a plan for what we think GOD should do in our lives or with our calling in life, only to find that if we will just step out of the way and walk humbly with our GOD, He will show us our true destination... a destination full of love, joy and peace that can only come from a

savior. Clay Jacobs will be at the Cross Plains Cowboy church on April 2, 2006. Services will start at 10:30 a.m.

Cross Plains Cowboy church is located seven (7) miles from Cross Plains on Highway 36 west, turn left on CR 459, turn right at the first driveway.

For more information call 254-725-6446 or 325-518-5514 for Pastor Len Smith.

Rising Star VFD to host Spaghetti Dinner and Auction

The Rising Star Area Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary is sponsoring a **Spaghetti Dinner and Auction** on Friday evening, April 7th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Higginbotham Community Center in Rising Star.

Tickets for a **Shotgun** will also be available for purchase that evening. All proceeds will go to benefit the Rising Star, May, and Sipe Springs Volunteer Fire Departments. Donations will be taken at the door.

For more information contact June Stone at 254-643-2029 or Melody Jackson at 254-643-1650.

Cross Plains Review Deadlines
Ads Noon on Tuesday
Articles Noon on Monday



CROSS PLAINS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES ANOTHER DONATION—The Cross Plains VFD received a donation of \$500 from Farm Bureau agency. Those present were Debbie Gosnell (from left), Jerry Cassle, Bob Harrell (Cross Plains Fire Chief), Allen Wilson (director of Callahan-Shackelford Farm Bureau), and Karen Johnston (Agency Manager for Callahan-Shackelford Farm Bureau).

Early voting begins April 3 for Cross Plains JP office

Callahan County election officials report there will be only one early voting location for the Republican Party Runoff Election involving two candidates for the Place #4 Justice of the Peace office.

Early voting for the Republican Party Runoff Election will take place in Room #107 at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird. Early voting begins Monday, April 3 and continues through Friday, April 7. Early voting hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and the early voting location will be open during the lunch hour. All seven voting precincts can cast their ballots early in Baird.

The Tuesday, April 11 runoff election will also be cut from seven voting locations to just two. Republican party voters in Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Precinct #3, Precinct #5, Precinct

#6 and Precinct #7 will vote at the Southside Baptist Church in Clyde.

Callahan County voters in Cross Plains Precinct #4 will cast their votes at the Cross Plains Community Center in Cross Plains. Polls on Tuesday, April 11 with be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The only local race in the Republican Party Runoff Election involves Bob Hill and Burlie Taylor.

Early voting in the Democratic Party Runoff Election will also take place in Baird at Room #107 in the County Courthouse from April 3 through April 7. There are no local runoff candidates in the Democratic Primary.

The Democratic Primary Runoff Election on Tuesday, April 11 will be held at the Baird Activity Center with polls open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Lets Play Ball!!

The DEADLINE to register for TeeBall/Baseball/Softball/Pony League is **APRIL 1st, 2006**. Please return form and money to High School Gym on April 1st between 1:00-5:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$35 for the first child and \$25 for every child

after that. To play TeeBall your child has to be four (4) years of age by July 31st, 2006.

There will be a meeting **2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 2nd at Dairy Queen**. If you can help out in any way please attend this meeting.

Cross Plains Memorial Cemetery Meeting April 3rd

There will be a meeting of the Cross Plains Memorial Park (Cemetery Association) on Monday, April 3, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains City Hall.

Several items are on the agenda concerning the upcoming

improvements. Anyone interested in the well-being of the Cross Plains Memorial Park is cordially invited to attend. The input of the public is encouraged.

Cross Plains Roping Club to Meet next Monday

The Cross Plains Roping Club will have its monthly meeting Monday, April 3rd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the roping arena.

All members are urged to attend. Saturday, April 8th, is scheduled for a Work Day, so make plans to attend.

Submitted by Lorna Muniain

Callahan County Immunization Clinics Announced

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

Monday, April 20th
Baird Cafetorium
400 West 7th
10 a.m.-12 noon

Cross Plains Housing
Authority
233 North Main
2-4 p.m.

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

Please Bring Child's Immunization Records.

For more information call (325) 754-4945.

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National survey reveals why drivers don't use turn signals

Although a new national survey reveals that 57% of American drivers admit they don't use their turn signal when changing lanes, what's most startling are the excuses drivers gave.

According to Response Insurance, a national car insurer, 42% of those drivers say that don't have enough time, 23% say they are just plain "lazy," 17% don't signal because when they do, they forget to turn it off, 12% admit they are changing lanes too frequently to bother, 11% say it is not important, 8% say they don't signal because other drivers don't, and perhaps most disturbing 7% say forgoing the signal "adds excitement to driving."

The Company identified several driver-types when it

comes to ignoring turn signals—Impulsive, Lazy, Forgetful, Swervers, Ostriches, Followers and the Dare Devils.

"The bottom line is that most drivers are failing to see the importance of using their turn signal," noted Mory Kats, Chairman & CEO of Response Insurance. "But, they are doing so at their own peril—and the peril of others—since their unanticipated actions cause crashes."

The just released Response Insurance National Driving Habits Survey also indicated that men are more likely than women to forgo their signal when changing lanes (62% vs. 53%), as are younger drivers (ages 18-24), 71% of whom report that don't signal, as compared to 49% of older adults (ages 55-64).

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CROSS PLAINS COWBOY CHURCH

Pastor: LEN SMITH
Join Us On Sunday Mornings At 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays At 7:00 p.m.
16075 CR 459 Cross Plains, Texas
For Information
Call 254-725-6446 or 325-518-5514
COME AS YOU ARE!

Triple-Cross Cowboy Church

Every Sunday at 10:30 am
Services held at 21272 State Hwy 279, Cross Plains
(CJS Ranch, on the left just past the 279/206 split)
Al Taylor, Preacher
Phone: 254-725-7522
Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

Living Water Ministries Fellowship

Full Gospel ~ Prophetic ~ Apostolic
"Restoring And Equipping The Saints"
It's not about where you've been... It's about where God wants you to go!
Sun 10 am * Mon. Prayer 7 pm * Thurs 7 pm
Pastors: Max Evans & Colleen Anderson
For Info: Call (254) 725-7418

Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: **Dwaine Clower**
254-725-7574
Sunday School.....10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley 254-643-1977

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

209 S.W. Hwy 36 CROSS PLAINS
Welcomes You!
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sun. 6:30 p.m. Worship & Word *** Wed. 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
"An Apostolic Church"
PASTOR, Phillip R. Schaefer (254) 725-7140

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00
Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599
Church (254) 725-6266
Friendly Church Bible Teaching

ROWDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 36 at Rowden - 12 Miles West of Cross Plains
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....11:00 A.M.
Pastor: Carl Mauldin
Come Worship With Us!

NIMROD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
Bill Armstrong - Pastor

OBITUARIES

Horace A. Freeman

Horace A. Freeman, age 83, passed away Friday, March 24, 2006 at home. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 26, 2006 at the Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Jim Senkel officiating; burial followed in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

He was born on November 5, 1922 in Cross Plains, Texas to John Oliver and Ida Rudloff-Freeman. Horace married Billie Lee Roady on February 1, 1950 in Cross Plains. He served in the Army during World War II. He lived in the community all his life. Horace was a farmer and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Jack, Harold, and Riley Freeman; one sister, Helen Marie Chandler.

H.A. is survived by his wife Billie Freeman of Cross Plains; two brothers, Wayne Freeman and his wife Lora of Abilene and Paul Freeman and his wife, Kay of Clyde; In-Laws, N.A. Roady and his wife Brigdette and Sue McNeil and her husband Bob, Authur Roady of lake Coleman, Sally Roady of Cross Plains; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Jesse Allen Brooks

Jesse Allen Brooks, age 67, passed away Saturday, March 25, 2006 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, Texas. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at the Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Ed Walters officiating; burial followed in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

He was born on August 30, 1938 in Lamesa, Texas to Felmer and Ruby Means-Brooks. Jesse married Connie Preas on April 7, 1976 in Cross Plains, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Gladys Brooks, Ruby Nell Brooks, and Elma King.

Jesse is survived by his wife Connie Brooks of Cross Plains; one, Mart Sherman of Big Springs; three daughters, Linda Shumaker of Cross Plains, Tina Lynn and Lou Flores both of Big Springs; brother, F.A. Brooks of Cross Plains; two sisters, Jewel Newman of Waco and Irene Taylor of Abilene; 11 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

PIONEER CEMETERY REPORT

This cemetery report September 1, 2005 through February 28, 2006. Each gift is deeply appreciated. You may make donations to The Texas Heritage Bank, P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, TX 76443 or by mailing to me, Jo Veda Watson, 300 Hog Creek Road, Brownwood, TX 76801.

Gifts: Mr./Mrs. Paul McCowen I/M of Cathy Horton, \$50.00; Mr./Mrs. Bruce Pattison in memory of Cathy Horton, \$50.00; Jimmy McCowen I/M of Cathy Horton, \$50.00; Wanda Montgomery I/M of Cathy Horton, \$25.00; C.W. and Joy Grant I/M of Cathy Horton, \$25.00; R.O. and Lois McCarty I/M of Pinky Tollerson, \$25.00; M/M Pete Ussery and M/M J. Underwood I/M Pinky Tollerson, \$50.00; Johnny and Macy (Faulkner) Boyles, \$25.00; Mrs. June Hughes I/M Jay Hughes, \$500.00; Billy Jack Harris I/M Harris family, \$300.00; Mrs. Louise Brooks I/M Kenneth Brooks, \$100.00; Mrs. Marjorie Barber I/M Woodruff family, \$50.00; Shawna, Inc. I/M of Lester and Sally Harris, \$100.00; Mrs. John Faulkner I/M of John Faulkner, \$30.00; Mrs. Mary Pancake and family I/M of Johnny Pancake, \$100.00; Macy Boyles and Robert Faulkner I/M of John Faulkner, \$55.00; Mr./Mrs. W.J. Phillips I/M of Callie and Sam Partee to pay the balance on **HISTORICAL MARKER, \$91.00.**

TOTAL GIFTS: \$1,626.00

Burial Fees: Cathy Horton, \$100.00; Cora Harrell, \$100.00; John Faulkner, \$100.00.

TOTAL BURIAL FEES: \$300.00

Interest:
CD \$970.40
Money Market 27.51
Total Interest \$997.91
TOTAL GIFTS, BURIAL PERMITS & INTEREST \$2,923.91

Callahan Co. SWCD offers low cost grass seed to landowners

The Callahan County SWCD would like to remind you that we are offering grass seed at an inexpensive price for landowners and operators in Callahan County and surrounding areas. We are offering a wide variety of seeds, which include over 89 varieties of Native and Improved Grasses, Forbs and Legumes. We are also offering 15 different varieties of Wild Flowers and 11 kinds of Texas Perennial Wildlife Mixes. We have varieties that are suitable for all soil types in this area. We can also custom design a mixture for your particular situation. We are also offering the use of our broadcaster to any landowner at a \$25 a day rental for help in seeding.

For more information on planning and planting, or how to purchase this low cost grass seed contact the Natural Resource Conservation office located at 141 W. 4th Street Baird, Texas or call (325) 854-1349 Ext. 3.

First United Methodist Church & First United Presbyterian Church

Methodist Pastor
Jim Senkel
325 280-8480

Presbyterian Pastor
Henry Chisholm
325 646-6505

Worshipping together and building towards a future of service to God in the Cross Plains area and the world beyond.



SUNDAY SCHOOL
At 9:45

WORSHIP SERVICE
At 10:45

200 Ave. D & 2nd Street
COME AND JOIN US

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Jacquelyn R. Harper, theft by check.
Jody Fortune, theft by check.
Dianne Arnold, theft by check.
Shawna Jordan, theft by check.
Steve L. Willis, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Ronald Lee Willis, DWI.
Otis W. Matthews, public intoxication.
James D. Hutchison, assault.
Astry R. Rivera, terroristic threat.
Joe K. Parker, deadly conduct.
Zach L. Lancaster, driving while license invalid (DWLI).
Russell W. Parks, Ct. I - DWI, Ct. II - possession of marijuana.
Jamey D. Reagan, possession of marijuana.
Theodore S. Kowalzek, driving while license suspended (DWLS).
Bryant D. Kimbrough, DWI.
Amy L. Fish, possession of marijuana.
Clarence J. Haynes, Jr., possession of marijuana.
Roman A. Mendez, possession of marijuana.
Travis A. Hill, possession of marijuana.
Bryan Z. Lyles, possession of marijuana.
Justin M. Chittum, possession of drug paraphenelia.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Shannon Tollett, judgment revoking probation granted.

Donna Earlene Reid, affidavit of surety to surrender principal granted.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Karen E. Rockhill and Donald R. Rockhill, Jr., divorce.
In Re.: Carl B. Ancell, application for writ of habeas corpus.
Kala Sue Stout and Aubrey Lynn Stout, divorce.
In Re.: order for foreclosure concerning Dewitt Whitaker and Jeanelle Whitaker and 8611 CR 233, Clyde, Texas 79510, application for expedited foreclosure.
The State of Texas vs. \$296.00 in US currency, notice of seizure and intended forfeiture.
In Re.: order for foreclosure concerning Deborah J. Chrane and 706 Kennedy St., Clyde, Texas 79510, application for foreclosure.

Criminal Indictments

Rodolfo R. Alderete, DWI with child passenger.
Johnny M. Edwards, DWI, 3rd or more.
Jimmy D. Martin, possession of a controlled substance.
Billy K. Freeman, possession of a controlled substance.
Dara J. Hogrell, unlawful possession of firearm.

Criminal Minutes

John R. Dunnam, plea of guilty to DWI, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$349 court costs.

News for Veterans

A seminar for Veterans will be held at the VFW Post 9136 (FM 570 from Eastland, TX) on April 1, 2006. The hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Speakers will include personnel from VA Regional Office in Waco, Dallas VA Medical Center, National Cemeteries of Dallas/Fort Worth and Fort Sill, OK, Disabled American Veterans, Texas Veterans Land Board and the Texas Veterans Commission.

Be sure to take along your DD 214 and any paperwork from VA that you have questions about. This is a very good opportunity to meet with people who work with Veteran's problems daily and they can help you with all questions.

VA Expenditures: It is a pleasure to report an increase of \$377,000 paid by VA in Callahan County during Fiscal Year 2005 (ended 9-30-05). The increase was primarily in Compensation and Pensions which grew from \$2,997,000 to \$3,344,000. Benefits for Education and Vocational Rehab were up by \$33,000 to \$101,000 and insurance payments dropped \$4,000 to \$92,000.

Callahan County Veterans, their dependents and survivors now receive \$1,704,000 more each year than they received ten years ago.

Submitted By: Tom Ivey, Veterans Service Officer

Callahan County SWCD now taking fish orders

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their Annual Fish Program. Each year the District offers these fish to the general public on a first come first serve basis at a very inexpensive price.

These fish come from the Arms Fish Farm out of Dublin, Texas. This year's selection of fish includes Bluegill, Hybrid Bream, Red Ear, Grass Carp, Largemouth Bass, Catfish, Bluecat, Crappie, Goldfish, and Koi. In addition we are also offering Red horse minnows, Fathead, and Goldshiners.

Fish orders will be taken from April 19, 2006 thru May 25, 2006 or until supplies run out, whichever comes first.

The fish will be delivered to Baird on Thursdays. Appointments to pickup fish will be set up at the time of order. All orders are pre-paid with a check or money order and delivery is guaranteed.

For more information contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Baird, Texas at (325) 854-1349 Ext.3. The office in Baird is located at 141 W. 4th - Suite B. Order forms and information may also be obtained at the Albany, Texas NRCS office. The number is (325) 762-2552 Ext.3.

First Baptist Church

SUNDAY

9:45 am Bible Study
11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship

Ronnie B. White, Pastor
(254) 725-7629
3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett

Quilting Club Makes News

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is making news. The club will be featured along with other women's organizations of the area, in the May issue of the Texas Co-op Power magazine. The article will be a salute to outstanding women's organizations in the Taylor Electric service area, according to Rebecca Sharp, editor of the magazine.

Rebecca Sharp paid a visit to the Quilting Club on March 23, 2006 to get acquainted and interview ladies of the club. She was accompanied by Dayrl Schriver, managing director of Taylor Electric, and James McKee, an outside supervisor of the company. They gave an orientation talk about Taylor Electric's efforts to service the Cottonwood area with electricity, which was very informative and enjoyed by the audience.

The Club will be working soon on a flower garden quilt to be

drawn for at the Cottonwood July 4th Celebration. Chances will be sold at the Cross Plains Barbarian Festival and by the members of the club.

The Club will also be participating in the Annual Trash-off day sponsored by the Texas Highway Department to keep the streets and roads of Cottonwood free of trash.

Quilting dates for April will be the 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th of the month. Ladies of the Cottonwood area are invited to join the club for quilting on those dates.

Cottonwood Connections

I received a letter from Paul Muhle of Rising Star about the article I wrote a couple weeks ago about the first Burkett Pecan tree. He stated that the tree which stood so long in the median of I-20 two miles east of Putnam was raised from a cutting off the original tree found by the Burkett boys, and he is right.

He said in the letter that he has a writing pen made from the wood

of that tree which was destroyed by lightning some years ago. I also have one of those pens, given as a present by my sons, and also I have the "Welcome" plaque made out of a much larger piece of that same tree, and wouldn't take a million dollars (gulp) for either of them. Enjoyed reading Mr. Muhle's letter, which tells me there is someone out there who reads the Cottonwood News column. Thank You.

Oh, yes, has anyone lost a dog, lab mix probably, in Cottonwood? He is white, very friendly and not a problem except to our cats. He is staying here and if you would like to give him a home, please call, or we may have to carry him to Abilene.

(For notes of interest, additions or subtractions to or from this column, please call Wallace Bennett at 254-725-7474 or send to csb5@airmail.net or send snail mail to 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.)

LIBRARY NOTES

Behind The Books

It's always so rewarding when somebody voices appreciation for something we offer. Recently a loyal patron developed eye problems that resulted in serious, but encouraging surgery. Our audio tapes definitely meet a need as he enjoys adventure, historical and western stories. According to his wife, "the tapes are a life-saver as he still faces weeks of recovery with eye patches in place." Ya'll might keep in mind that these tapes are also great for long road trips.

CU-BW

Statistics March 20-24, 2006

Books	90
ILL	2
Internet Users	20
Memorials: Betty Kinnard in memory of Riley Faulkner	
Donations: Bob and Patsy Pipes; Max M. Howell; Jack Lacy-Genealogy; Tom and Sharon Ames; and Dee Harrell	
Donations - Books: Joan McCowen	

Library Activity Report March 20-24, 2006

Patron	88
LAP	11
Lapsit	1
Other	76
Programs	43
Copies	80
Reference	2
Books Checked Out	90
LAP	47
Lapsit	1
Other	42
Telephone - Calls In	10
Internet Users	20

GARDEN TIPS

By James Nichols

American consistently rank gardening as a favorite hobby. On a regular basis most people support gardening as an enjoyable and satisfying activity.

If you are one of these people, this is the right time of year to plant that tree you have been thinking about, no matter whether it is shade or fruit.

I prefer pot grown trees to bare root. Pot grown trees generally have a better root system and the shock time is minimal.

This works well with rose bushes, also. Remember when planting pot grown trees or rose bushes, the hole should be twice as big as the pot.

PIONEER NEWS

Good News! Westbound Water System has been approved to start working. The bids have gone out. This is truly a big step. We appreciate all that West bound has gone through getting water to this area. Remember, things do not happen over night! They go step by step! Thanks to all who have worked so hard and those who continue to work to bring this to a reality.

Our community and Quilting Club are saddened at the passing of our friend H.A. Freeman. He will be fondly remembered for the help he gave the club. He loved coming to the "domino parties". Billie, our sympathy and prayers are with you!

The Quilting Club is working right along on Glenda's quilt top. It will be finished in a week or two. We did get started on the "Dutch Doll". Sandy will put her top in the frame soon.

Frankie Smith had Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Nance, her daughter and

son-in-law, for company Saturday. Monday they went to the Burkett Revival with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith. Great singing and preaching were enjoyed by everyone.

Frankie's company last Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Smith from Lovington, New Mexico. They were on their way to bring this to a reality. They had a great time together before they left Thursday morning.

Rain! Rain! Wonderful rain for the thirsty earth. The Huttons and everyone are so happy for the moisture. J.D. and Sandy's son, Jamie and family, have moved back to Texas from a 2 year stay in Georgia. They will be living in Rising Star.

Yes, we are very thankful for the rain we received last week. Our grass, that was greening up, was set back by the freeze, but it will soon be back with our warm days.

RISING STAR NURSING NEWS

Everyone enjoyed an afternoon surprise from Jacque Childress, Marguerite Ransdell and Betty Beggs. Instead of our regular Thursday afternoon singing, we were sent back in time to the great old music of 78 records.

Some included some funny ones, Dixie Land, Jazz, Fox Trots, Swing, the Charleston and the Blues. This was really great! Several residents made comments, along with a lot of smiles, about the good ole days. Jimmielee Payne, part of the history that was enjoyed. Irene Starkey said she could remember her granddad having a windup player and as a small child she had listened to it. Grace Jenkins remembers having a Victrola she played records on. Her favorite dance was the waltz. She said she could never get the jitter bug down, but she had a sister who sure could. Volley Joe Williams remembers his favorite dance, the Fox Trot. Thanks so much ladies

for that special afternoon.

Dorothy Horrell, who works in our housekeeping department, was chosen as the person "caught doing something right". She is always ready to lend a helping hand where needed. Beckey Smith, LVN, was recognized for catching the most employees doing something right. Both ladies received a nice gift. Congratulations to you both.

Our appreciation to the Merryman family for the flowers. There will be a garage sale here at the Rising Star Nursing Center on Saturday, April 8th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Our spring flower bouquets turned out pretty. They are displayed on the heater door across from the kitchen door. Residents who made one were Jimmielee Payne, Grace Jenkins, Billie Lewis, Myrtle Hogggett and Irene Starkey. Good job everyone!

No act of love, however small, is ever wasted.

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

Note: I imagine you've all seen the rain. Wonder what the baby's born in August thought of the rain? Keep praying!

"Home Again, Home Again, Jiggedy, Jog"

The title above is a line from an old nursery rhyme; my problem is my gear shift is hung on a senior moment and I can't remember the rest of the rhyme. I guess we will have to contact Paul Harvey or Junior "For the Rest of the Story". My health improved enough in the last two and a half years for me to leave the nursing home and

move back home.

I miss my friends at the nursing center, Old Pokey, Vampira, the two Night Shift Angels (who have to constantly adjust their halos, for some reason their halos are congenitally slip-sliding away or askew).

Sometimes I make up little names to remember them by. There's the Las Vegas Lady; Mrs. One in a Million; the Lady from Housekeeping who sometimes belted out those good old country songs like "Walking the Floor Over You" and several other songs. She always brightened my days.

There are some who were working when I first entered the center. There are those you become accustomed to. They become almost like a member of your family. Two grandmothers and their daughters all work there and the daughters both have toddler sons.

There are others such as Ms. Pony Tail; Mrs. Iodara; Pansy Low; Janie Bee; Linn Ann; and Myriod. Others include Lottie Mae, lyla-Jo and a host of others. I may write more in the future.

For tonight, suffice to say, I miss them one and all!

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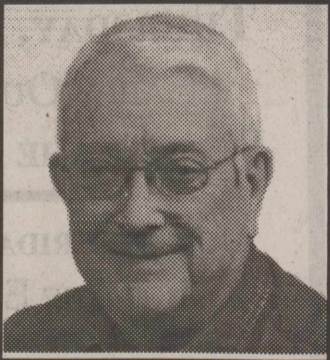
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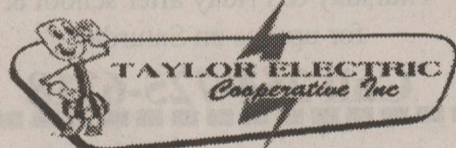
The musical will be held at the community center on Saturday, April 1, 2006.

The kitchen begins serving at 5:30. Joanie Shrader is hostess. Mexican Haystacks will be the special for \$4.00, which includes a drink. This is like a build your own taco. Anyone in the community that wants to contribute a homemade pie or sandwiches, it is appreciated.

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For instance, it seems to have become "traditional" for couples to live together before and without marriage nowadays, but regardless of how acceptable that might have become to society, it is still not acceptable by God. Too many have watered down God's denunciation of the many aspects of fornication, including cohabitation outside of marriage.

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PIONEER RELAY RESULTS JUNIOR HIGH

Girls

Long Jump: Emma Bennett, 1st, 13-2.5; Kodi Roberts, 3rd, 12-5.5
High Jump: Emma Bennett, 2nd, 4-6
Triple Jump: Amanda Dunaway, 3rd, 26-5.25
4 X 100 Relay: Delany Ames, Shawna Lewis, Kodi Roberts, Miranda Williams, 5th, 59.38

Boys

Discuss: Jacob McCutchens, 6th, 102-8
4 X 100 Relay: Cody Ford, Chad Switzer, Thomas Haile, Kevin Baker, 6th, 53.88
100 Meters: Kevin Baker, 3rd, 13.12
4 X 200 Relay: Zach Hedfelt, Chad Switzer, Thomas Haile, Kevin Baker, 6th 1:59.49

PIONEER RELAY RESULTS HIGH SCHOOL

I.V. BOYS

Long Jump: Cody Baker, 1st, 17-5.5; Doug Holland, 6th, 16-3
Shot: Joey Westerman, 2nd, 36-6.25
Discus: Clay Koenig, 3rd, 93-5; Ricky Daniels, 4th, 83-11
Triple Jump: Fili Vasquez, 1st, 33-10.5; Sean Williams, 2nd, 32-8; Joe Wyatt, 4th, 29-0.5; Chris Marr, 5th, 28-9
High Jump: Clay Koenig, 1st, 5-6; Ricky Daniels, 2nd, 5-6
100 Meters: Cody Hyles, 2nd, 12.72; Cody Baker, 3rd, 12.72; Chis Marr, 5th, 13.21
200 Meters: Cody Baker, 2nd 26.03

400 Meters: Ashton Yates, 2nd, 63.6; Markus Maxwell, 3rd, 65.5
1600 Meters: Fili Vasquez, 2nd, 5:46
4 X 100 Relay: Doug Holland, Cody Hyles, Sean Williams, Cody Baker, 3rd, 51.2
4 X 200 Relay: Doug Holland, Chris Marr, Sean Williams, Cody Baker, 3rd, 1:48.3
4 X 400 Relay: Clay Koenig, Cody Hyles, Ricky Daniels, Ashton Yates, 2nd 4:16.1
110 Hurdles: Ricky Daniels, 3rd, 19.8; Doug Holland, 4th, 21.81
300 Hurdles: Joe Wyatt, 4th 56.4

VARSITY GIRLS

100 Meters: Terrah Augustine, 5th, 14.99
1600 Meters: Mandy Rose, 6th, 6:36
3200 Meters: Mandy Rose, 2nd, 13:40
4 X 100 Relay: Macayla Cook, Karen Scott, Emily Harris, Terrah Augustine, 4th, 57:33

4 X 200 Relay: Macayla Cook, Mykea Douglass, Karen Scott, Emily Harris, 6th, 2:04.5
4 X 400 Relay: Krista Phillips, Mykea Douglass, Karen Scott, Macayla Cook, 4th, 5:01
100 Hurdles: Emily Harris, 5th, 20.06

VARSITY BOYS

Shot: Jacob Melton, 3rd, 43-3
Discus: Jacob Melton, 5th, 108-5
Triple Jump: Thomas Estes, 2nd, 35-4
Pole Vault: JJ Callaway, 4th, 8-6

100 Meters: Steve Garrett, 6th, 12.79
110 Hurdles: Thomas Estes, 3rd, 22.21

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SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

March 23, 2006

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

The following administrators and guest were also in attendance: Superintendent, High School Principal, guests, Debbie Bennett, Jamie Wooten, Kim Crockett and Nora Odum.

Prayer was led Reggie Pillans. Motion was made by Hyles and seconded by Taylor to accept constitution for cheerleaders and mascot with changes. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Dillard and seconded by Childress to change Brandon McDowell probationary contract to a 10 month contract with stipend. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Pillans and seconded by Hyles to renew Dianne Webb's 10 month contract with growth plan. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Dillard and seconded by Pillans to give probationary 10 month contract to Kent Smith. For 6 Against 1 (Hyles)

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



Chico apprehended criminal when criminal tried to attack Officer Jaimes.

Abilene K-9 Department Recently Visits Cross Plains Elementary

Thursday, March 24th Cross Plains Elementary students hosted special guests from the Abilene Police Department.

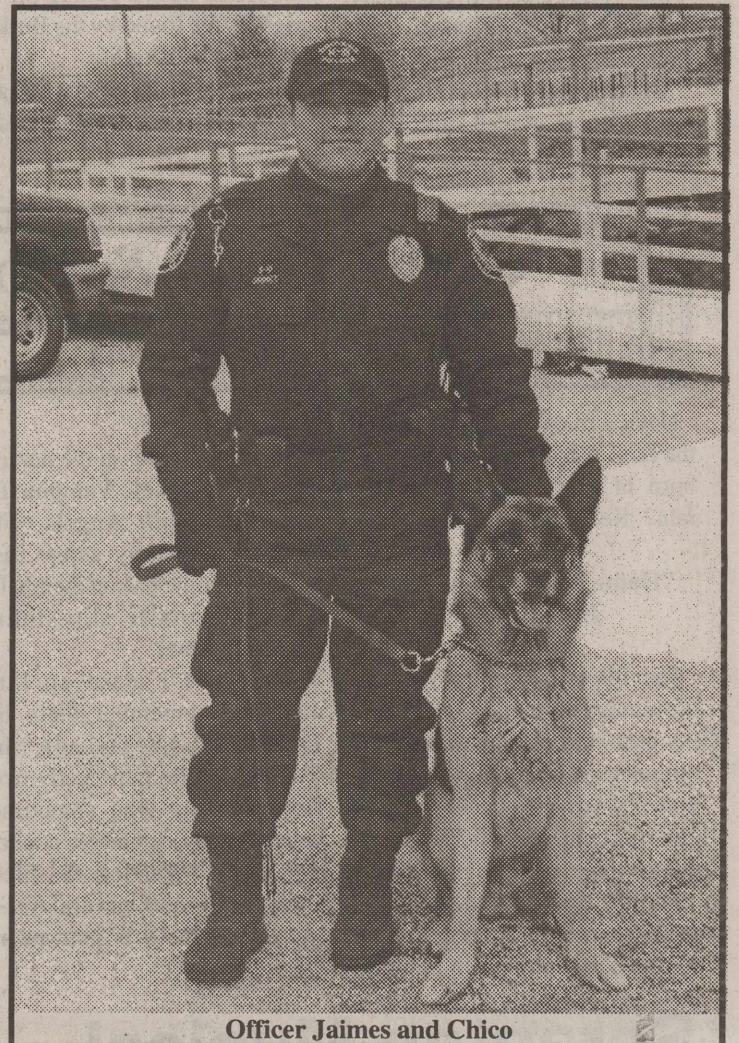
Second grade students had been recently reading a story about an officer and his dog; and contacted APD K-9 officers Ismael Jaimes/Chico and Kevin Easley/Beni came to the Elementary to perform a demonstration for the students.

Officer Jaimes explained the process of training their dogs and showed us some of the equipment used in that procedure. Officer Easley and Beni demonstrated some commands in obedience as well as a drug search in which he found drugs previously planted by the officers. For the finale, the children watched as Chico chased down a criminal and held the criminal while being Officer Jaimes' backup.

This was an intriguing demonstration and we appreciate the Abilene K-9 unit for coming to Cross Plains.

We also appreciate all who work so hard in our own community keeping us safe.

You can view pictures from our exciting day at: <http://www.crossplains.esc.14.net/elem2.html>.



Officer Jaimes and Chico

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

APRIL 3 - 7

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY - Breakfast on a Stick, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Poptart, Yogurt, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Breakfast Bread, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY- Burrito w/Chili & Cheese, Crackers, Salad, Apricots
TUESDAY - Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Pears
WEDNESDAY- Fiesta Salad (Chili Beans, Corn Chips, Cheese), Rice, Salad, Pineapples
THURSDAY-Chicken Pot Pie, Meadow Blend Veggies, Bread Stick, Orange
FRIDAY-Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie

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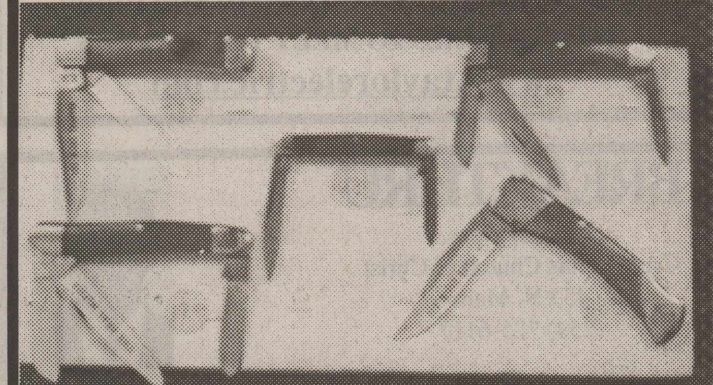
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Sen. Cornyn Chairs Hearing on Strategies to End Border Violence

Texas border sheriff, rancher, head of Border Patrol testify on border violence and crime, incursions, assaults on federal agents.

WASHINGTON—U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), chairman of the Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship subcommittee, called for swift action by Congress to address border violence at a hearing he chaired on Wednesday. Cornyn said, "this situation is unacceptable, and Congress must act to end it now."

The hearing was titled *Federal Strategies to End Border Violence*. It focused on the increase in crime and violence along the border, incursions, assaults on federal agents, and the role of physical barriers in securing the border. Cornyn called a rancher and sheriff from the Texas border to testify, as well as the head of Border Patrol—a Texas native—and other officials.

"Combating border violence will take a concerted and thoughtful effort by all parties involved," Cornyn said at the hearing. "I believe it is important that the federal government use all of its resources to gain control of the border."

The witnesses from Texas who testified were Wayne Jernigan, Sheriff of Val Verde County, Texas; Lavogyer Durham, Rancher from Falfurrias, Texas; and David Aguilar, Chief of Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (a Rio Grande Valley native who served in Laredo).

Other witnesses who took part included Marcy Forman, Director of Investigations, U.S.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement; T.J. Bonner, President, National Border Patrol Council; Paul Charlton, United States Attorney, District of Arizona; and Larry Dever, Sheriff of Cochise County, Arizona.

As part of his ongoing efforts to address border security and immigration reform, Sen. Cornyn met in Austin last week with state legislators and law enforcement officials to discuss the issue. In addition, Sen. Cornyn recently met with the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition and its regular contact with state, local and federal officials.

The hearing was co-chaired by Sen. Jon Kyl (R-Ariz), chairman of the Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security subcommittee. Sens. Cornyn and Kyl are the authors of *The Comprehensive Enforcement and Immigration Reform Act of 2005 (S.1438)*. The immigration will strengthen enforcement, bolster border security and reform immigration laws. The key components of the comprehensive bill include enhanced border security and interior enforcement, employer accountability and reform that addresses temporary workers and the current illegal population.

Cornyn said: "The legislation that Sen. Kyl and I have introduced tackles this problem on every front." At the hearing, Cornyn said border security and comprehensive immigration reform must go hand-in-hand. The Senate Judiciary Committee began debate on comprehensive immigration reform on March 23rd, and the full Senate began floor debate on March 27, 2006.

"It is not possible to separate the increase in border violence and incursions from our broken

immigration system." Cornyn said. "When half a million illegal aliens can come across our border each year, it's no wonder criminals and drug traffickers believe they are above the law. Unless and until Congress addresses the immigration problem across the board, we will continue to experience an unacceptable level of violence along the border."

Cornyn added: "The debate on border security and immigration reform will not be an easy process, but there are few issues of greater importance than securing our borders. While there is not yet consensus on how to address the millions of illegal aliens who already live in the U.S., there is uniform agreement in Congress that the federal government must do what it takes to achieve border security and end border violence."

For more information on this reform legislation go to: <http://cornyn.senate.gov/immigration>

Texas searches for The Texas 2006 Outstanding Older Worker

Experience Works, the nation's largest training and employment organization for mature workers, is searching for the Texas outstanding older worker. Outstanding older workers from every state; the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico; America's Oldest Worker; and outstanding employers of older workers, will be honored in Washington D.C., and in their home states for their contributions to the workforce and local communities. Experience Works Prime Time Awards program is part of Experience Works' national effort to raise awareness of the contributions made by older individuals and to break down barriers associated with the hiring of older workers.

Texas is currently soliciting nominations for businesses and individuals. Applications must be 65 years of age or older, a resident of Texas, currently employed, and working at least 20 hours each week for pay. The honoree must be willing and able to travel to Washington, D.C., in September for the Prime Time Award events. The visit will include meetings with congressional representatives, a tour of the city's landmarks, and the awards banquet and ceremony. Applicants who are part of a subsidized employment program funded by the local, state or national government are not eligible for this award.

Official nomination forms may be obtained from Experience Works, Inc., 801 Washington Ave., Waco, Texas, 76701 phone 877-781-9953 or 254-761-1310 or fax 254-776-1759. Entries may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to phyllis_gipson@experienceworks.org. An online nomination form or a printed nomination form can be accessed online at www.experienceworks.org. The deadline for nomination is May 31, 2006. A search for America's Oldest Worker for 2006 is also under way. Last year, 100-year-old Dwight Hauff, owner of Hauff Sporting Goods in Sioux City, Iowa, was named America's Oldest Worker.

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Callahan County groups participate in 20th annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off

ABILENE, Texas — Drivers will see something different along Texas roadways April 1, when approximately 200,000 volunteers around the state participate in the annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off — one of the nation's largest one-day litter clean-up events.

So far, two Callahan County Adopt-a-Highway groups have signed up to take part in this annual event. They are the Baird Chamber of Commerce and 4-His Kids, Inc.

Trash-Off will launch a spring and summer filled with special events and contests commemorating the 20th anniversary of Don't Mess with Texas. The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is a partnership between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB). The public is invited to participate by contacting your local TxDOT district office at 325/676-6806 or the Callahan County maintenance section at 325/854-1353 to adopt a stretch

of highway or by signing up online at www.ktb.org.

"When you see thousands of volunteers coming together on one day to help keep Texas beautiful, it's truly inspiring," said TxDOT Travel Division Director Doris Howdeshell. "There's so much to celebrate this year as the Don't Mess with Texas campaign turns 20, and Trash-Off is certainly one of the things we are most proud of."

In January, TxDOT debuted the new "Real Texans Don't Litter" television public service announcements (PSA) as a springboard for the Don't Mess with Texas 20th Anniversary. The PSAs feature some of Texas' most recognized celebrities including

2006 DMWT TRASH-OFF Lance Armstrong, Erykah Badu, Ray Benson, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Julius Jones, Los Lonely Boys, Matthew McConaughey, Chuck Norris, Janine Turner, Owen Wilson and Lee Ann Womack.

Inn addition to the media campaign, TxDOT is sponsoring

a "Real Texans Don't Litter" Cleanup Contest, challenging "Real Texans" to volunteer at one of 25 cleanups around the state. The locations will be unveiled the day of Trash-Off, April 1, and the events will take place between May and mid-August.

Visit www.DontMessWithTexas20.org on April 1 for exciting news and additional information.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off began in 1986 to encourage the public to refrain from littering for one designated day. Each year, approximately 830 million pieces of litter accumulate on Texas' roadways and today, litter pickup costs taxpayers approximately \$36 million annually. Paid contractors clean 90 percent of these roadways, with groups such as Adopt-a-Highway doing the rest.

Southwest Airlines, McDonald's and the AT&T Cotton Bowl are proud sponsors of the Don't Mess with Texas 20th anniversary.

Oplin VFD benefit fish fry set for March 31

On March 31st the Oplin Volunteer Fire Department invites everyone to their benefit fish fry being held at the Oplin Community Center. We'll be serving up a plateful of fish, red beans, coleslaw and hushpuppies for a generous donation of \$5.00 per person. We'll also be serving a delicious dessert in the form of several different choices of cobblers for an extra \$1.00 per serving. We'll start serving up the fish n'fixens at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 7:30 p.m. or until we run out of fish (so plan on being here early!).

What's better than a great dinner that benefits a volunteer fire

department that relies on your continued donations and support?

After you're filled up on the fish n'fixens you might want to mosey on over to the dance floor where Jack Rosser will be playing all your favorite tunes from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Admission to our dances is still only \$4.00 per person.

The Oplin Community Center is located at the intersection of FM 604 S. and FM 2926. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed.

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C.P. Memorial Park Association March Minutes

The Cross Plains Memorial Park Cemetery Association met March 27, 2006 at the City Hall. Present were board members, Debbie Gosnell, Burlie Taylor, VonDell Bailey and Melissa Richards.

Public in attendance were Anna Beeler, Rick Terrell, Peg Terrell, James Nichols, Sharollette Wallace, Dewayne Williams and Bob Harrell.

Debbie opened the meeting by asking Burlie to lead the group in prayer.

Debbie read a resignation letter from James Oscar Koenig. Burlie made a motion to accept the resignation. VonDell seconded and the motion carried.

Burlie made a motion to honor James Oscar Koenig and Jimmielee Payne with emeritus honoree on the board. Debbie seconded the motion and it carried.

Burlie made a motion to appoint Bob Harrell to the board of the Cemetery Association. Debbie seconded, and the motion carried.

VonDell made a motion to appoint Bob Harrell as the Cemetery Association President. Burlie seconded, and the motion carried.

The board discussed duties and responsibility of the cemetery's caretaker. Melissa was assigned to get in contact with Mike Pritchard and notify him of our next meeting, so he can make plans to attend.

The board discussed the need to properly mark unmarked graves permanently. Debbie is to contact Coley Smart, Jr. about our next meeting. Grave placement of a family member is to be discussed at that time.

Discussion of future needs of the cemetery continued. VonDell made a motion to adjourn and Debbie seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.
Melissa A. Richards
 Secretary/Treasurer
 Cross Plains Cemetery Association

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
 I recently received the *Cross Plains Review* dated March 9, 2006.

I found two articles I really enjoy and wish to compliment the writer of both. Each article was very straightforward and to the point, all fact, no fiction.

First to Barbara Worchester, Barb's Cues, "Speaking Out." I would like to add two small items. If you decide to take advantage of "your right to leave" leave all the luxuries you came to collect behind, nice home, plenty of good food, good clothes, fancy cars, etc. If you don't enjoy them, you don't deserve them. Also when you say Good-Bye "SPEAK ENGLISH."

Second to Wallace Bennett, Cottonwood New. Yes, Wallace you have a great proposal and I have already started writing. Thanks for the idea.

To Wallace and Barbara, **BRavo-GOOD SHOW!**

Sincerely,
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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

How singing unlocks the brain
 By Jane Elliott
 BBC News Health reporter - Used

The Brain

Singing is thought to help the brain relearn communication skills. As Bill Bundock's Alzheimer's progressed he became more and more locked into his own world. He withdrew into himself and stopped communicating with his wife, Jean.

Jean said Bill lost his motivation, and his desire and ability to hold conversations, but all this changed when the couple started attending a local sing-song group, aimed especially for people with dementia.

Jean said Singing for the Brain had unlocked Bill's communication block.

Personality change.
 "The first time we went to Singing for the Brain he did not join in. On the second session he was starting to join in and by the third he was thoroughly taking part."

"It was wonderful for us. The singing had started to change something. It really did make a tremendous difference. He started to come out of himself."

"I would take the song sheets home after the sessions and we would sing them at home," said Jean Bundock.

"His personality started to change and he became much as he was before, and he was able to hold a conversation."

"He is 82 and likes all the old-time songs, but he also started singing some Beatles songs and songs from the Broadway shows and even some modern stuff as well."

"He seemed to be able to slowly learn things again. I would take the song sheets home after the sessions and we would sing them at home. It enlivened him and he really enjoyed doing it."

Bill, from west Berkshire, has been in hospital recently after having a stroke, but Jean kept up the singing and said it has given them both a focus, even helping his slurred speech recover following the stroke.

"I don't know what it is that changes in the brain when people with Alzheimer's sing, but obviously something does change and there is something very beneficial about it. It seems to kick-start something in the brain and has made such a difference to Bill."

Emotional resonance
 Chreanne Montgomery-Smith, who founded Singing for the Brain, three years ago, said the weekly sessions had proved so popular they were hoping to expand the project and get more weekly groups.

"We do have quite an avid following in the group that we have. Families believe it has enhanced their lives and in some ways it has kept people well longer."

"People who have constant memory problems are so undermined by this, but somehow the memory for singing is preserved for ever in the brain and it gives people a lift when they can remember things".

We choose things to sing for people that have an emotional resonance Chreanne Montgomery-Smith Chreanne started singing with groups when she was working in a residential home and was so amazed by the positive effect on people with dementia that she decided to include this when she went to work for the Alzheimer's Society West Berkshire branch.

"We choose things to sing for people that have an emotional resonance, things that allow them to express their "notions such as feeling cross or sad as well as happy."

Singing tutor Liz McNaughton, a free-lance voice coach with Singing for the Brain, explained the concept had been so popular and successful that she had been asked to run workshops for people with Parkinson's Disease, those who had strokes and head injuries and for people with special needs.

"It would seem, and there is a lot of research about this, that the music has the ability to access words. It is so powerful that people who have lost ability to speak can access songs and words from the melody."

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- (1) 28 oz. Pasta Sauce
- (1) 1 lb Pasta
- (1) 15 oz. Baked Beans
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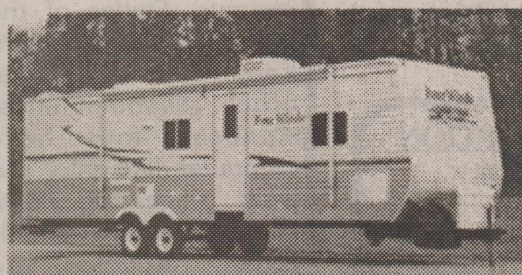
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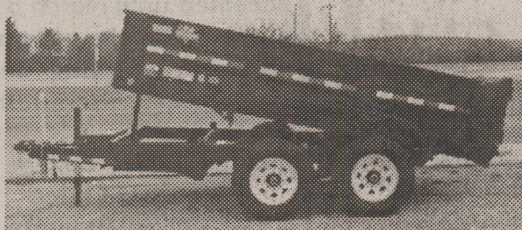
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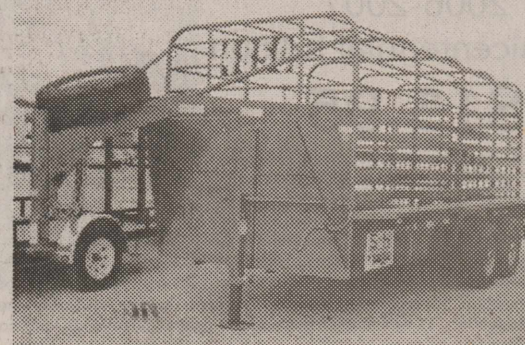
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WTU beginning their alignment to Direct Energy

Houston (March 27, 2006) — WTU Retail Energy today announced that it will begin more closely aligning to the Direct Energy brand, the third largest retail energy provider in Texas. This is a natural step in the company's evolution as Diect Energy acquired WTU in December 2002, but continued to use the WTU name in its West Texas service territory. The WTU logo will now carry a tagline linking it to Direct Energy.

"This closer affiliation to Direct Energy will not affect the heritage of customer care and community support that WTU offers. Direct Energy is undertaking this initiative as a signal to our WTU customers that the full resources and benefits of Direct Energy are available to them," said Phil Tonge, president of Direct Energy's Texas operations.

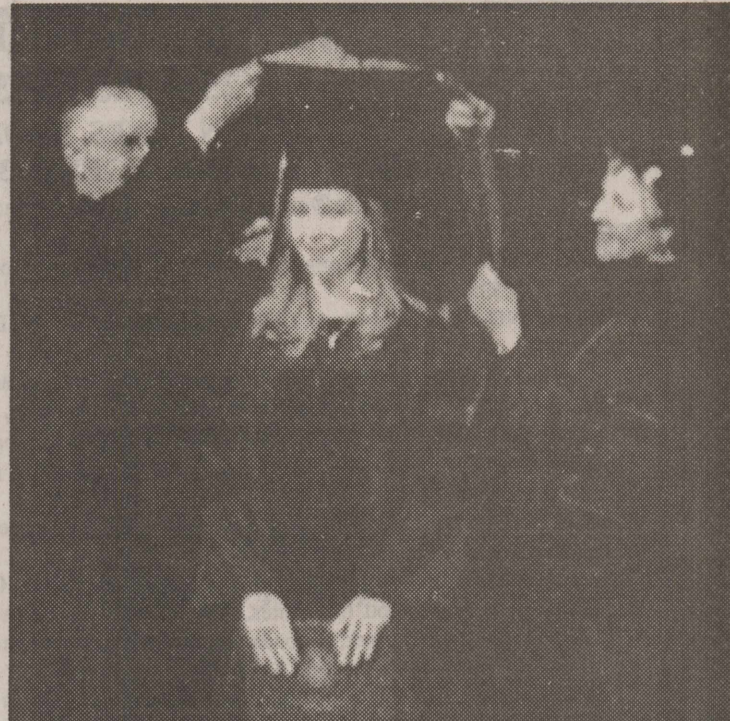
"We'll be introducing services for the home and renewable energy options in the near future further reinforcing our strong commitment to deliver excellent customer service."

Direct Energy is experienced in helping residential and business customers find a way to manage energy use. Appliance Protection Plus is a residential service plan which is currently providing coverage on new and existing home appliances, allowing customers to protect themselves from unexpected costs and the inconvenience of appliance repair.

Direct Energy also plans to introduce a variety of renewable plans to its customers in the West Texas area. The Clean Texas Wind Plan will be an electricity option combining equal parts of traditionally generated power with clean, wind-generated power from Buffalo Gap Wind Farm in West Texas, all at a price similar to that of traditionally-generated power. The Pure Texas Wind Plan is a 100 percent renewable energy option that allows consumers to fully support environmentally friendly renewable energy generation. Direct Energy is also working to provide enhanced online customer care and customer service operational platforms in the near future.

Direct Energy is headquartered in Houston, with offices in Dallas, Corpus Christi, McAllen, Laredo, and Abilene and supports approximately one million customer relationships in the state. Additionally, the company owns three Texas-based power generation plants and has a long-term power purchase agreement with the Buffalo Gap Wind Farm in West Texas.

About Direct Energy
 Direct Energy is part of the Centrica group of companies, the largest non-utility retail energy provider in North America. The North American operations have grown to over 5 million customer relationships. In Texas, the company is the third largest retail energy provider in the state and provides commodity and non-commodity services to homebuilders and homeowners through Direct Energy, CPL Retail Energy, WTU Retail Energy and its US Home Services division which includes Airtron, Hallmark Air Conditioning and Heating, A-ABC Appliance and Air Conditioning, Wendland Air Conditioning, K&N Plumbing, Jarrell Plumbing. Globally, the Centrica group of companies is a leading provider of energy and other essential services with approximately 31 million customer relationships. For more information, visit www.directenergy.com.



DR. ERIN LEIGH HUGHES Hardin-Simmons University on
 HICKS—receives her Doctor of December 10, 2005.
 Physical Therapy degree from

Locally known lady receives Doctorate from HSU in Abilene

Erin Leigh Hughes Hicks received her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Hardin-Simmons on December 10, 2005. While attending HSU, Erin held the office of class Historian; as well as participating in several community volunteer activities. She also organized and attended a mission trip to Piedras Negras, Mexico with her PT class. While in Mexico, they provided therapy services along

with distributing food and clothing to local residents.

Erin earned her professional license to practice therapy in the state of Texas in March 2006. She and her husband, Brad, are employed by Reflectx Staffing as traveling physical therapists. They plan to begin their traveling experiences in April 2006. They will be working in various clinics all over the United States.

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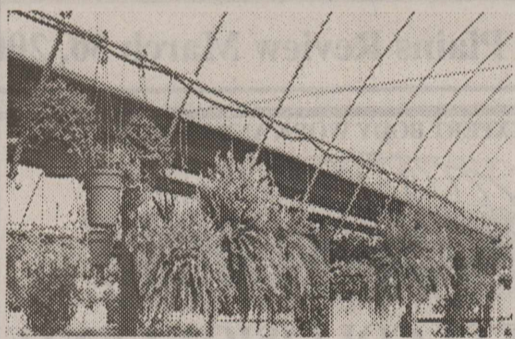
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