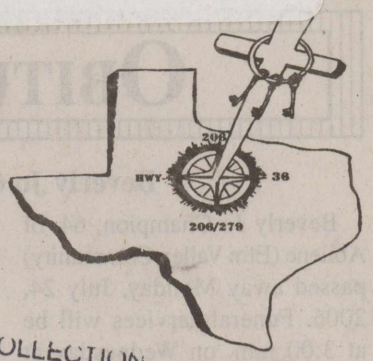


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"On the Heels of Last Week's Article"

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Gene Dillard of Cross Plains handed me some great information a few days ago. It coincided with the theme of last week's article, so I've decided to make this a continuation story.

God gave Gene this message and scriptures several years ago. Amazingly, it was brought back to his remembrance for this specific time frame, and of course everything is in God's perfect timing.

Please open your minds and hearts as you read and comprehend the magnitude of the words.

It's time to come Against Bondage and Proclaim Freedom.

It's time for God's people to rise in unity and build a wall of prayer for the cities and nation. Isaiah 62:6-7

To stand in the gap for others. To Proclaim Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

And walk in the power of the Holy Spirit and claim our inheritance that God promised Abraham. Galatians 3:29

If we can get the jest of these brief words, and unify in prayer imagine what could be accomplished in the Heavens.

The following statement by "Uncle Buddy" Robinson compliments the message with details.

"My Commitment as a Christian"

I'm part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of Jesus Christ.

I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I'm finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap living and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, promotions, plaudits or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer and labor by power. My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my road is narrow, my way rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable, my mission clear.

I cannot be bought, deluded or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, or meander in the maze of mediocrity. I won't give up, shut, let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, preached up for the cause of Christ.

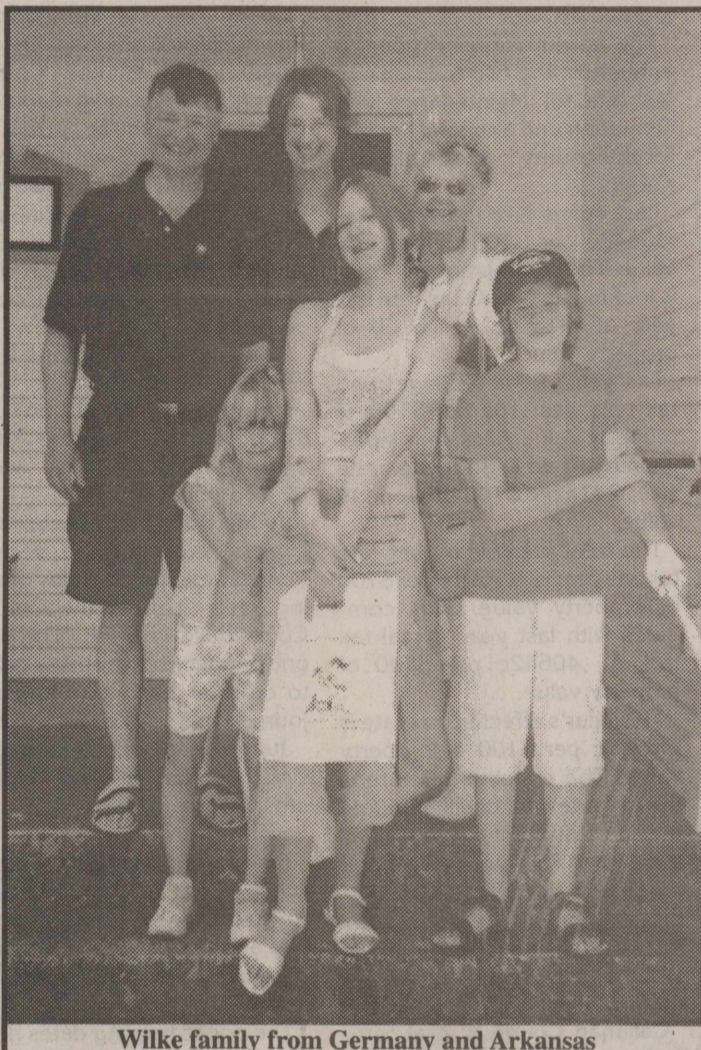
I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go 'till He comes, give 'till I drop, preach 'till all know and work 'till He stops me. And when He comes for His own, He will have no problem recognizing me—my banner will be clear!

Visitors Continue to Tour Howard House Museum

July proved to be a great month for the Howard House Museum as it was shown 12 times to a total of 20 visitors. Two couples from England came to the USA specifically to visit Cross Plains and the Museum, as did a family from Germany and two couples from Canada. The fellows in these groups are dedicated Howard scholars and were thrilled to see where their hero had written the bulk of his stories. Project Pride members giving the tours continue to be amazed at what we learn from these folks—it seems they know as much about the house and a whole lot more about Howard than we do.

Other visitors were from Washington D.C., CA, Boston, Austin, Houston, Ft. Worth, Palestine, Abilene, Cisco and Moran. Visitors continue to be amazed at all our small community has to offer; never have they seen such a well cared for little museum and never have they found so many good places to eat in a town of this size. Danny Street, a chef in a 4 star restaurant in England, was particularly impressed with everything he and his wife ate during their three day stay in town.

Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson



Wilke family from Germany and Arkansas

See additional photos on Page 4

Varsity Cheerleaders Playday this Saturday

The Cross Plains Varsity Cheerleaders are offering one more chance for some clean summer fun. On August 12 we will be having a playday at the Cross Plains Arena.

Books will open at 10 a.m. and the events will begin at 11 a.m. They will run the Spur, Poles, Straight-away Barrels and Cloverleaf Barrels. There will be copies of the patterns for anyone who is not sure of them.

Age groups will be headline, 8 and under, 9-12, 13-19, 20-39 and 40 and over. They will award

High Point and Reserve Champion tack for each age group at the end of the day.

The entertainment for the day will be the fun event—a Bloomer Race. Entry fee for the Bloomer Race is \$1.00. Exact instructions will be given at the playday but it does involve a horse, a barrel and a box of cheerleading bloomers in a wide range of sizes! There will be jars where you can vote on some local "celebrities" to have to compete in this event. So make sure you come out to the playday

See Playday Page 4

New Student Registration And Schedules Can Be Picked Up August 10th

Cross Plains High School will register new students on August 10th in the foyer of the high school building from 9am to 3pm.

August 10th is also the day that returning high school and junior high school students can pick up their 2006-2007 class schedules in the foyer of the high school from 9am to 12 noon.

SCHOOL SUPPLY PACKETS TO BE PICKED UP IN THE ELEMENTARY BUILDING

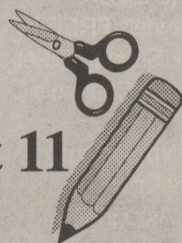
Thursday, August 10

4PM-6PM

or

Friday, August 11

3PM-5PM



It's Time for School Bells to Ring at Cross Plains I.S.D.

Cross Plains I.S.D. will be having "Meet the Teacher" night on Friday, August 11th. Teachers will be in their classrooms to meet students and parents from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Students and parents will have the opportunity to meet teachers, see schedules and mingle with friends. Cross Plains I.S.D. has caring schools centered in a caring community. Come and meet the teachers Friday evening.

See the Signature Page 5 for the listing of teachers, administrators and staff.

Be mindful of little ones excited about attending school when you drive through the school zones.

Bell Schedule 2006-07

First Bell 7:55 a.m.
Classes Begin 8:00 a.m.
Classes End 3:48 p.m.
Buses Run 4:00 p.m.

Pre-K
Morning Class
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Class
12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Reserve Football Seats on Sale Soon

Reserve seats will be on sale Monday and Tuesday, August 28-29, at the Cross Plains I.S.D. Superintendent's office from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. This is

Homecoming year!
You must pay for your seats by the 29th or they will be open to the public for sale.



GREAT SUCCESS
Sloan Hendley (left) and River Dillard (right) place 1st. (Photo by Jennings Photography)

2006 USTRC Lonestar Regional Shoot-Out Champion Header

August 3 through August 6, The Heart of Texas Fair Complex in Waco, Texas hosted the Lonestar United States' Team Roping Championship Regional Finals of 2006.

River Dillard and partner, Sloan Hendley, of Abilene won first place in the #11 Shoot-Out roping on a four-steer average. The boys collected \$6,000.00 each, a beautiful Trophy Martin Saddle, and received a National Finals Shoot-Out position in Oklahoma City, October 22-29th. River also placed 5th with Chad

Owen from McKinney, Texas and received a National Finals Shoot-Out position.

Then on Sunday, August 6th River and partner, Gregg Harvey, from Abilene teamed up to win second in the #10 Shoot-Out roping on a four-steer average. These guys took home \$4,000.00 each and received a National Finals Shoot-Out position.

River owes alot of his roping success to his "Pop" James Allen, his uncle Guy Allen, his dad Bud and all the guys at the practice pens—Jeff Bacon, Ron Bagley,

Randy Strickland, Alan Key, Ted Wheeler, and Hoyt Foster for the Nike Horse Shoes and to his #1 fans "MaMoo" and "Mom".

River will attend Weatherford College on a Rodeo scholarship this Fall.



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"What's Inside"

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Are You Ready For Some Football???

The Cross Plains Athletic Boosters are starting a new year and we are looking for people to come help support our athletes.

You do not have to be a parent of one of these kids, you just need to have the desire to help with

Homecoming this year. There will definitely be something for you to do.

There will be a meeting Monday, August 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Gym Foyer.
Submitted by Bonnie Dickson

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

Lou Rodenberger Recovering At Home

Lou Rodenberger is undergoing radiation treatments and is doing quite well except for the debilitating sickness of the treatments. I said to her, "That's what hospitals and doctors are for, to make you sick." She laughed and said, "You're right."

Cottonwood Connections

Had a letter and phone call from Marie (Woody) Brown, a Cottonwood gal and cousin to Dorothy Woody. Dorothy had called to straighten me out about the relationship of myself and Rhonda Crawford who had e-mailed and wanted to know what kin, if any, we might be, since her grandmother was named Emma Bennett. I had written in this column, her grandmother, Emma Bennett, was a sister to Frank Bennett and that made us kissing cousins. Well Dorothy Woody told me that Emma (Bennett) Woody was not a sister to Frank Bennett but rather a niece. So I guess that makes Rhonda and me kissing cousins once removed. Anyway, I paid a visit to Marie (Woody) Brown, and a nice visit it was. She said she had mailed in a recipe for the Cottonwood Recipe Book Committee but thought she had forgotten to give complete instructions about the coconut for the Coconut Cake recipe of her mother's she had sent. However, after checking her recipe with Carol, my wife, who said she had gotten the right instructions for the coconut cake. You sprinkle the "coconut on top of the frosting."

She also told me that Buster Woody, another cousin of hers, had written a song about Cottonwood, which she shared with me.

This is what inspired Buster Woody to write this song at work one day:

I thought about other people writing songs of particular towns such as Bob Wills "Home in San Antone"; Eddy Arnold's "Abilene"; Lefty Frezzells' "Saginaw Michigan"; Marty Robbins' "El Paso" and Frank Sinatra's "New York". So the seed was planted. I wanted to write a song of my hometown.

Cottonwood Is My Home Town

Many years ago I left home I seek my fortune grand I searched the whole wide over For a place to make my stand No matter where I wandered No matter what I found Cottonwood kept calling It's my old home town.

I've traveled and I've rambled All over the U.S.A. When people ask me where I'm from This is what I say There's a little town in Texas On God's hallowed ground They call it Cottonwood And it's my home town.

When in a crowd of people And I feel so all alone I just up and tell them Of a place that I call home Then I feel like braggin' And tootin' my own horn Cause I'm a son of Cottonwood That's where I was born.

Written by Buster Woody, cousin of Mickey Dillard, Sally Whitely, Ethel Champion and Alice Lee Clark. He is the son of Anderson and Bobbie Woody.

Don't forget to send recipes and tidbits about your family to recipes@cottonwoodtexas.com or click on the Cottonwood website at cottonwoodtexas.com and click on recipes.

(Please remember, I can't print it if I don't know about it. So, please call Wallace Bennett at 254-725-7474 about news items and personal information for this column, or e-mail me at csb5@airmail.net or snail-mail to 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.)

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Jury Duty 'Scam' Courts Disaster

There's another scam making its way across Texas and the rest of the United States with you as its target and stealing your identity as its goal.

Someone calls and pretends to be a local court official and threateningly tells you that a warrant has been issued for your arrest because you didn't show up for jury duty.

When you protest that you never received a jury duty summons, they ask you for your social security number and date of birth so they can 'verify' the information and cancel the arrest warrant. In some cases they also ask for a credit card number or other personal information. Once they

have that in their hands, your identity is stolen.

This scam is particularly intimidating because the victim feels emotionally upset at the prospect of going to jail and wants to prove their innocence! The FBI and federal court systems have posted nation-wide alerts on their web sites about this scheme. You can check this and other scams out at www.snopes.com.

Remember, there is always some scam working out there trying to steal your identity, so NEVER EVER give your personal information to anyone who calls you over the phone!

Submitted by Deborah Lowitzer

National Fair Housing Law marks 38 years

This year marks the 38th anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law. To promote fair housing policies, the West Central Texas Council of Government encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any per-

son on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

BURKETT NEWS

BY LOVERA STRICKLAND

Burkett-Adams Cemeteries have received more donations according to Linda Brady, Secretary-Treasurer. Donations include: Joyce Klutts \$50; Bob and Karen Magee \$25; Bonnie Barr \$20; Billie Miller \$10; Buster Hughs \$20; Bill and Sandra O'Conner \$20; Verda Odom \$100; Debra Bock \$20; Virginia Shewmaker \$25; Dean and Natalie Klick \$20; Joan Foster (Steinhort) \$25; Juanita Edmondson and Jerry \$50; Sharrie Shirky \$30; Dick and Sharon Koenig \$50; Elizabeth Cook \$25; Olene Johnson \$25; Estelle Nielson (In Memory of Harry and Edith McFerrin and Patsy Burns McFerrin Hicks) \$25; Aileen James \$25; Zelma Strickland; Lovera Strickland \$25; Billy Watson \$35; and Darryl and Kathy Tinney \$50.

The Cemetery Board wishes to thank everyone for their contributions.

There is not much going on in Burkett. I think everyone knows it is still hot and dry.

Esther Byers called this morning and said she was feeling much better following her recent surgery.

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

KAY MOSLEY

Note: Life is just a bowl of cherries and each little cherry is someone's grandchild; precious sweet and a darling.

"It's Summer Thyme"

Things are really rockin' and a rollin' round here. Paige and her mother left July 20th, going back to Lubbock. They are going to start shopping for school clothes within a week.

Here comes Summer! No, not the season, my other granddaughter. She and Paige were born 2 1/2 weeks a part, so both are 9 years old. Summer has an older brother, Zach, and he is now 18. Their mother, Melody, is a beautician in Lubbock.

They arrived on Sunday and Monday for lunch, we all went to the Staghorn Cafe. For some reason I just can't get enough of their blackberry cobbler. Yummmmm!

The week they were here it was

so hot! Too hot, in fact for me to get out. On Monday, Marvin accompanied them to Brownwood for shopping and my caregiver stayed home with me. We watched T.V. and looked at her photo albums.

On Tuesday Melody and Marvin took me to the doctor. In the afternoons and at night Melody rented movies to watch. Each day they rented a movie for me (the kind I like). Then they rented one or two for Summer and some for Zach and Marvin. Melody and Marvin watched some after Summer and I went to bed.

We had loads of fun, had pizza, Cokes, etc., plus ham sandwiches, salted assorted nuts, cookies, and the bridge mix. Summer showed me some of her artwork, writings and photos. She made the All Stars in basketball and was the only third grader to do so.

Summer visitors are so special!!!

RISEING STAR NURSING NEWS

BY LINDA MERRITT

The employees had a special treat prepared for them. Chef Ray Dodd cooked some of his famous homemade potato soup. Several made comments on how it was the best potato soup they had ever eaten. Thank you Ray.

This week the residents plan on making sand art, by making beautiful colored sand designs with tempera paint in glass jars.

The week of the 21st, we are planning to have a Western Week here at the center. Special events will be happening each day. We are proud to announce that on

Thursday morning at 10:00 there will be a real live team of Shrine horses and wagon. Those who wish to take a ride may do so. More on up coming events in next weeks article.

Every year in Hastings, Nebraska, where Kool-aid was invented, Kool-aid Days take place. So in recognition of this tasty invention we will be serving different flavors of Kool-aid floats Friday afternoon.

To Love And Be Loved Is To Feel The Sun From Both Sides.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

AUGUST 14 - 18

MONDAY - Chicken & Dumplings, Tossed Salad, English Peas, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Bread

TUESDAY - Pork Chops w/Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Carrots, Applesauce, Roll

WEDNESDAY - Soft Taco, Tossed Salad, Spanish Rice,

Mexican Corn, Gelatin

THURSDAY - Teriyaki Chicken, Buttered Rice, Stir Fry

Vegetables, Lemon Pudding, Bread

FRIDAY - Beef Vegetable Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Apricots, Sugar

Cookie, Crackers

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



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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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What is "the church"? Webster's first definition—except for the word "mystic"—is pretty accurate: "The company of all Christians considered as a mystic spiritual body." His second definition, however, is how the word "church" is most usually used in everyday speaking: "A building for public, esp. Christian, worship." This is inaccurate, of course, and our using the word that way leads to the misunderstanding of what the church really is.

"Church," as used in the New Testament, is from the Greek word "ekklesia," meaning "the called out." It is also translated "the assembly," and oddly enough, as such, it is referring to "a riotous mob" in Acts 19:32! But in most instances it is simply referring to "the whole company of the redeemed throughout the present era," or to "a congregation of that company of professed believers" (Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words.)

I invite and encourage you to watch the *In Search of the Lord's Way Ministry* TV program each Sunday, especially in August for more in regard to this subject. It airs on KTAB-TV 32 at 7:30 a.m. each Sunday. Or you may get it via E-mail: searchtv@aol.com.

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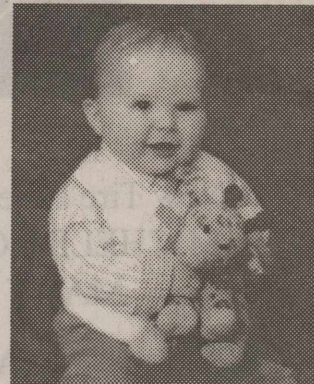
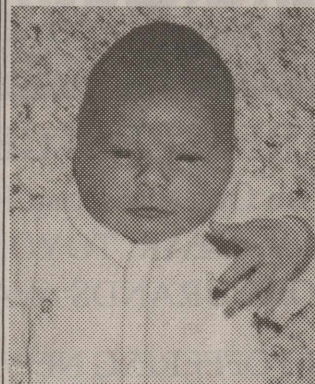
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IT'S A BOY! LOOK AT ME NOW!



Logan Houston McDaniel

Logan was born April 1, 2005 at 1:16 a.m. at Christus St. Michael in Texarkana, Texas.

He weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Brent and Crystal (Carouth) McDaniel.

Paternal Grandparents Wesley and Kathy McDaniel.

Maternal Grandparents Rickey and Netha Carouth.

Paternal Great-grandparents Virgil and Maudie McDaniel,

Louise Davidson and the late Joe Davidson.

Maternal Great-grandparents Andy and Marlene Sanders,

Martha Carouth and the late Jack Carouth.

Great-great-grandmother was the late Fay Chambers.

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Cross Plains Parts Plus Assists the Local FFA

David Switzer, manager of Cross Plains Parts Plus, reported that for the past three years their store had participated in a program with Affinia Group Inc. that benefits the Cross Plains FFA.

By saving the box tops of WIX filters Affinia Group Inc. pays twenty-five cents per lid to the local FFA organization.

The first year Cross Plains Parts Plus collected \$85 for the FFA, \$105 the second year and this year \$150.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on August 10, 2006, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the high school administrative board room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

1. Discuss and take action on replacing carpet in auditorium
2. Discuss and take action on lunches for staff
3. Open meetings —open records workshop.

Addendum to Agenda

1. Executive Session Personnel

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on August 7, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. by Jackie Tension for the Board of Trustees.

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For More Information, Call:

Glenn or Linda Lawrence 1-866-496-2287 (Gymcats) or 325-624-5425

Leotards will be available at the gym, if needed.

Children's Choirs Begin August 16th

The Children's Choirs of First Baptist Church will kick off their new year on August 16th and will meet every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. All children who are currently enrolled in 1st-6th grades are eligible and do not have to be affiliated with First Baptist Church to participate.

There will be two separate classes divided according to grade levels, taught by Charla White, Amanda Potter, Beverly Ross, and

Jacque Childress.

More detailed information will appear in next week's edition of the *Cross Plains Review*. Make plans now to attend this excellent program where your children will gain valuable music experiences through games, movement, singing, and our annual spring musical...all with a God-centered emphasis!

Submitted by Jacque Childress

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

AUGUST 14 - 18

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Pancakes, Sausage, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Poptart, Yogurt, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

Have A Nice Week!!

LUNCH

MONDAY- Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Pickle Spears, Mixed Fruit
TUESDAY - Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY-Fiesta Salad (Chili Beans, Corn Chips, Cheese), Salad, Rice, Pineapples
THURSDAY-Fish or Hot Pocket, Coleslaw, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Pears
FRIDAY-Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Rice Krispie Treat

PLAYDAY—

and vote for your favorite "celebrity"!

A concession stand will be provided and there is no fee to come and watch and cheer on your favorite riders of all ages. If you would like more information, please contact Jennifer Wootton at:

325-201-1141

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jwootton@cplains.esc14net

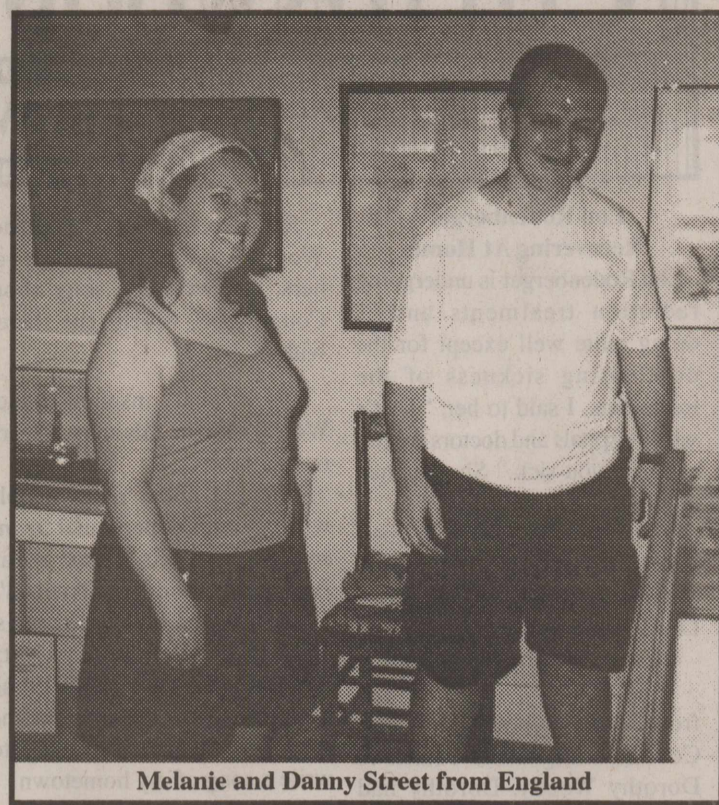
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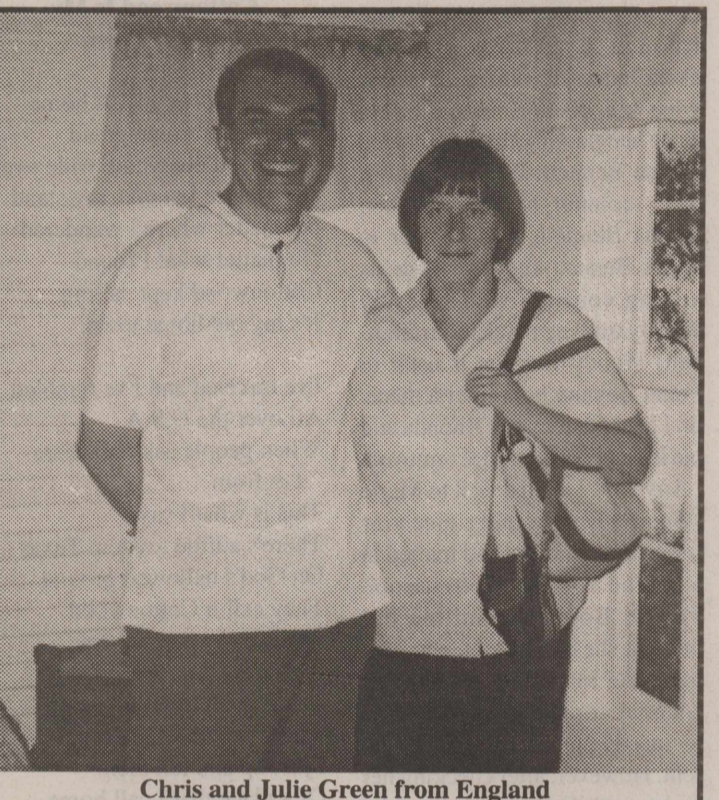
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Howard House Visitors



Melanie and Danny Street from England



Chris and Julie Green from England

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The CROSS PLAINS I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 22, 2006 in CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL BOARD ROOM, 700 N. MAIN STREET CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.12800/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.08100/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	(4.71) % (decrease)
Debt service	24.25 % increase
Total expenditures	(3.21) % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$228,865,090	\$245,037,560
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$1,015,540	\$1,314,730
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$66,837,901	\$69,293,750
Total taxable value*** of new property	\$1,015,540	\$1,314,730

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$65,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.22730	\$0.06710	\$1.29440	\$2,515	\$5,402
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.08825	\$0.09234	\$1.18059	\$2,537	\$4,799
Proposed Rate	\$1.12800	\$0.08100	\$1.20900	\$2,444	\$5,390

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$23,723	\$23,723
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$8,723	\$8,723
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.29440	\$1.20900
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$112.91	\$105.46
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		(\$7.45)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.22058. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.22058.

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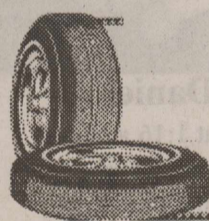
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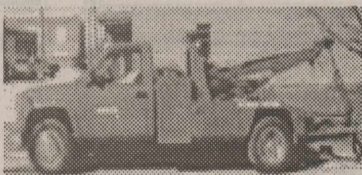
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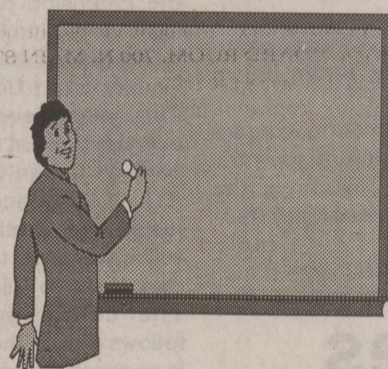
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Laci Bean- English
Shawn Bullock-Coaching/History
Amanda Coffman-Coaching/Government
Patricia Cook-Teachers Aide/Math Lab
Donnie Dillard, Jr. - Coach/Science/Health
Charlene Fleming-Math
Treva Gambrell-Science
Amber Green-Spanish/Speech
David Hagler-Athletic Director/Chemistry
Ronda Hagler-Special Ed/Art
Evelyn Harris-Teachers Aide
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Diann May-Counselor
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Jennifer Wootton-Family Career Science/
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Trey Wyatt-Coach/History



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Jimmie Cearley

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Krisi Reed

Elementary Principal

Margie Sowell

Elementary Secretary

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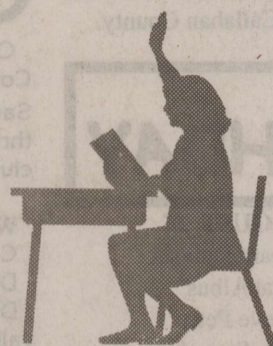
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Technology

Mack Taff



Elementary

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Janice Phillips-Kindergarten
Terri Hunter-1st Grade
Becky Dillard-1st Grade
Julia Wheeler-2nd Grade
Crystal Webb-2nd Grade
Nora Odom-3rd Grade
Leslie Lawrence-4th Grade
Melissa Richards-4th Grade
Vickie Walker-5th Grade
Kaymie Wells-5th Grade
Kathy Purvis-6th Grade
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Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau Sponsors Firefighters

Gerald L. Brown, volunteer firefighter of Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department in Cross Plains, attended the 77th Annual Municipal Fire Training School held July 23-28. The school, held on the Texas A&M University campus, was attended by nearly 2,000 students representing about 750 cities from more than 25 states.

Firefighters could choose a course at the school from a list including Fire Fighting, Fire Prevention, Fire Department Office Development, Fire Service Rescue Practices, Specialized Fire Protection and Public Safety Emergency Service Dispatcher.

Firefighter Brown was sponsored by the Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau

Insurance Companies by contributing toward the cost of the school. Since volunteer firefighters are interested in attending this school to help do a better job for fire fighting and fire prevention, 125 Country Farm Bureaus and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in the statewide program have sponsored 125 firemen at the school.

"Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies believe volunteer fire departments have been very effective in reducing the amount of loss involved by fire in rural areas," said Texas Farm Bureau president, Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo. It is our hope in sponsoring this program that the firefighter will help the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department to better serve the residents of Callahan County.

Employers invited to participate in Annual Job Fair

Interested employers are invited to participate in the 13th Annual Area Job Fair, to be held on Thursday, October 12, 2006 from 10:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N. 6th and Pine Street. Hosted by the Abilene Area Job Fair Consortium, the annual event draws hundreds of job seekers from the area, including graduates from community and technical colleges and universities.

The registration fee is \$100, and the deadline for registration is October 2nd. For more information, contact Sylvia Shurgot at (325) 696-8421 or by e-mail at sylvias10@nts-online.net.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from July 30, 2006 through August 5, 2006 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—137
Complaints—159
DWI—1
Driving While License Invalid—2
Open Container—1
Vehicle Accidents
There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.



JUST A COINCIDENCE?—Charlie Ross (right), happened to be the pilot for Monty Richards and his family on their trip home to Cross Plains from Philadelphia. What do you think the odds would be for that to happen? The Richards family were relieved of their apprehension when a home town resident was flying them home. Monty got a special tour of the cockpit, too.



VACATIONING IN PHILADELPHIA—Colby, Melissa, Roni, Kelsee and Monty Richards pose for this patriotic photo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST 12

Connie Jean Potter
Jeanie Marie Glenn
Bill Souther
Alma Gossett
Rowena Herring Anderson
Charles Mack Kelly
Bonnie Jean Grissom
Mrs. Charnel Hutchins
Bubba Roe
Vivian Harris
Dillon Dee Whiteley

AUGUST 13

Timothy Markham
Mrs. C.J. McAfee
Joshua Brooks Crawford
Canda Andrews
Ned Clark
Randy Griswold

AUGUST 14

Clarence Tennison, Jr.
Carl Morgan
Jessie Ruth McAdams
Paul Wright
Ronny Haackonsen
Kami (Hargrove) Hickman
Kati Wooten
Junior Brown
Naomi Isbell
Nici Higginbottom
Jim Greeman
Debbie Tyler Reed
Clayton Lee Thomas
Billy Don Bell
Robert McCorkle
Jimmy Hill
Melody Walker
Clay Duncan

AUGUST 15

Barbara Duncan
Pat Albus
Steve Petty
Isla Stroud
Cristy LeeAnn Whiteley
Carie (Renfro) Wheeler
Elvin Burk
Maxine Dimitri

AUGUST 16

Floyd Havens
Brett Jennings
Kelli (Hargrove) Hyles
Von Dell Bailey
Stephen Fortenberry
Connie Ricci
Alice Roby

AUGUST 17

Paula Kelley
Nelda Tennison
Angela (Newton) Barraclough
Scott Hutton
Tiffany Paige Holland
Frank O'Banion
Renee Hogrell

AUGUST 18

Darrin Ames
Tommy Hornsby
Harry Watson
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Chester Brown
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Mrs. J.T. Walker
Debbie (Fletcher) Foster
Sheila (Bright) Jackson

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Workers' Compensation educational session offered in Abilene August 21st

AUSTIN—The Abilene Field Office of the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is hosting a brown bag educational session on Rule 126.14, Treating Doctor Examination to Define Compensable Injury for health care providers, employers, human resource managers, claims adjusters, case managers, and employee organizations on Monday, August 21, 2006. This free session will be held from 11:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at

the West Texas Health and Human Services Complex, Room K-101, 4601 North 1st Street in Abilene.

This session is an open forum in which participants can ask questions and give input on topics to discuss at future brown bag sessions.

For more information, contact the DWC Public Information Office or Joanne Wilson of the Abilene Field Office at 325-695-4992 or e-mail: Joanne.Wilson@tdi.state.tx.us.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

JOY IN THE JOURNEY

If you have ever been discouraged because of failure, please read on. For often, achieving what you set out to do is not the important thing. Let me explain.

Two brothers decided to dig a deep hole behind their house. As they were working, a couple of older boys stopped by to watch.

"What are you doing?" asked one of the visitors.

"We plan to dig a hole all the way through the earth!" one of the brothers volunteered excitedly.

The older boys began to laugh, telling the younger ones that digging a hole all the way through the earth was impossible. After a long silence, one of the diggers picked up a jar full of spiders, worms and a wide assortment of insects. He removed the lid and showed the wonderful contents to the scoffing visitors. Then he said quietly and confidently, "Even if we don't dig all the way through the earth, look what we found along the way!"

Their goal was far too ambitious, but it did cause them to dig. And that is what a goal is for — to cause us to move in the direction we have chosen; in other words, to set us to digging!

But not every goal will be fully achieved. Not every job will end successfully. Not every relationship will endure. Not every hope will come to pass. Not every love will last. Not every endeavor will be completed.

Not every dream will be realized. But when you fall short of your aim, perhaps you can say, "Yes, but look at what I found along the way! Look at the wonderful things which have come into my life because I tried to do

something!"

It is in the digging that life is lived. And I believe it is joy in the journey, in the end, that truly matters.

By Steve Godier
I think this is so true. Christmas is often more fun getting ready for than we often realize in the few short hours of the holiday, especially if it is not celebrated for Christ. Thanksgiving is another holiday that is fun to get ready for. It is often a togetherness project among the females of the family.

I did not really enjoy playing dolls or house as a child but I loved making the dolls clothes and building the playhouse. The getting ready is often more rewarding than the event. I guess it is the anticipation.

I suggest that we enjoy each moment of our journey and prepare with zest. It is so sad to see someone who is postponing happiness until "when" and "after." "I will be happy when." Be aware of each moment and relish the joy.
BHW

Correction: Last week I omitted to say that the article on Billy Graham came from the Internet via Mark Chatman.

Print Out

I am starting something new. One of the programs I watch has a time for "Shout Outs." This is just a recognition of someone on the air. It may be a family member or whomever. So I am going to have a "Print Out" each week of anyone you want recognized. Send me the name or call me. Their name will be in the next "Barbs Cues."

This week's "Print Out" goes to Lance Ralston in Austin, Texas. Lance, have a great week!

Big Country Wheat Conference set for August 17th in Abilene

Texas Cooperative Extension's Big Country Wheat Conference has been set for August 17th.

The biennial conference starts with registration at 7:00 a.m., in the Big Country Hall adjacent to the Extension offices at 1982 Lytle Way in Abilene. The complex is on the Taylor County Expo Center grounds. This year's event will cover everything from future weather patterns to agri-terrorism.

This conference is scheduled just before planting so growers will have time to apply what they learn to this year's crop. The conference normally follows a loose theme, but there is so much going on now in the wheat world, that it just wasn't possible this year.

The conference is the largest and most comprehensive educational wheat program in Texas. We typically draw speakers and participants from across Texas and Oklahoma.

Topics will include the stocker cattle price outlook, a wheat-related farm bill update, variety selections and grazing data, and no-till economics.

The conference will be conducted by the Extension offices in Callahan, Fisher, Jones, Nolan, Runnels, Shackelford and Taylor counties.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units (two general and one integrated pest management) will be available for private pesticide applicator license-holders.

Individual registration is free if you pre-register to one of the sponsoring counties by August 15th, and \$20 thereafter.

For more information contact the Callahan County Extension office at 325-854-5835, or any of the sponsoring extension offices.

Robert Pritz
County Extension Agent-Ag

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Texas Historical Commission partners with Texas Land Title Assn. to preserve courthouses

AUSTIN, Texas — They are the dominant landmark in many Texas counties, and to date, nearly 30 of the state's historic courthouses have been restored and returned to their original grandeur through the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) widely recognized Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. Now, with assistance from the Texas Land Title Association (TLTA), these and other historic courthouses in various stages of restoration will be assured of maintaining their renewed luster through a TLTA grant for a two-year pilot program to promote ongoing, regular courthouse stewardship and care.

"We greatly appreciate Texas Land and Title Association's generous donation to help grant recipients provide the necessary maintenance to their historic courthouses," said THC Chairman John L. Nau, III. "TLTA has taken the lead in this one-of-a-kind, public-private venture and it is incumbent upon the counties to now follow through with this unique opportunity to keep their historic courthouses in the

condition they deserve."

Title companies have a long relationship with Texas county courthouses, as guardians of the records and deeds of ownership of home and private property. TLTA represents nearly 2,000 members who work to protect property owners from problems that could affect their legal right to own property.

"The Texas Land Title Association is proud to support the Texas Historical Commission's efforts to preserve and maintain our state's historic county courthouses," said TLTA President R. Bruce Boyer.

"Title companies are frequent and appreciative users of courthouse resources and we believe this is an additional way to assist the counties we serve throughout Texas."

The Texas Courthouse Stewardship initiative will provide a series of training workshops, along with courthouse site visits and consultations with THC architects. Incentives for courthouses participating in the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program will be offered, as well as featured speakers on issues relevant to courthouse preser-

vation.

The Texas Legislature established the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program in 1999 and appropriated funding to preserve and protect the historic courthouses of Texas after they were placed on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. The program has received national recognition and multiple awards, and it has completed four rounds of grant funding with 112 counties participating.

The TLTA is a trade association founded in 1908 whose members include title insurance underwriting companies, title agents, companies that provide goods or services to the title industry and individuals employed by member companies. The TLTA grant provides critical resources to counties needing the specialized training required for courthouse maintenance, without which the state could again face the same challenge to preserve these recently restored courthouses in 25 to 30 years.

Texas wheat board offers help to farmers seeking wheat seed for winter

It's time for farmers to start making winter wheat planting decisions in Texas, and the Texas Wheat Producers Board (TWPB) is concerned that wheat seed will be in short supply in some areas of the state. Because the 2006 wheat harvest was estimated at a mere 35 million bushels, compared to 96 million last year, according to the Texas Ag Statistics Service, some producers may have trouble finding seed.

"We are committed to helping our fellow farmers find wheat seed for fall planting," said TWPB Chairman, David Moore. "We want producers to be able to plant the seed of their choice, especially in areas where only a few varieties are resistant to disease pressure."

The TWPB is working with the Texas Seed Trade Association to help wheat farmers find certified wheat seed in their area. A list is available that includes seed availability by variety and company at www.texasseedtrade.com < <http://www.texasseedtrade.com/> or you may link to it from the TWPB Web site at www.texaswheat.org < <http://www.texaswheat.org/>. Producers who have questions about where to find seed and don't have access to the internet may contact Charles Leamons of the Texas Seed Trade Asso-

ciation at 979-251-8970.

Also available on the TWPB Web site is a list of Texas Wheat Gold Associate members. These are the businesses and organizations that support the legislative needs of wheat producers. Some of these members are seed dealers or brokers and will be able to help farmers find seed in their area.

As farmers are seeking wheat seed for planting, the TWPB encourages producers to keep their focus on quality. Over 50 percent of the United States wheat crop is exported overseas, with Texas exporting up to 80 percent of its wheat supply. Wheat prices are directly impacted by the level of exports. The focus of the TWPB is on marketing a consistent, high quality product. Wheat produced in the U.S. has a reputation of high quality and is often sought after by foreign buyers for its excellent milling and baking qualities.

"This high quality product was not created overnight. It is the result of many years of public and private research and seed development," said Moore. Most of the varieties that have been developed over the past 10-12 years provide higher yields, increased disease and insect resistance and increased forage potential. However, they are also protected varieties and must

be sold only as certified seed.

"We encourage producers to follow the Plant Variety Protection Act (PVPA) when choosing seed to plant for next year's crop. The act requires that wheat varieties be sold by variety name and as certified seed," said Moore. "The TWPB did not write the law, but it is our job to make sure that our wheat producers understand the law and its implications."

Producers who have questions about the PVPA may visit the TWPB Web site at www.texaswheat.org, and click on the Plant Variety Protection Act from the navigation bar.

Earlier this year, the TWPB supported the emergency re-certification clearance that the State Seed and Plant Board approved June 12th. The emergency re-certification may help with the seed shortage in some areas. It allowed for certified wheat growing in fields in 2006 to be re-certified and sold as certified seed.

The Texas Wheat Producers Board (TWPB) was formed in 1971 and is solely funded by wheat producers through a State-wide check-off program. The Board's primary purpose is market development, research and education. For questions on programs or activities, visit www.texaswheat.org, or call toll free 1-888-40-wheat.

Texas needs the Trans Texas Corridor

By Donna Williams

What do the federal interstate highway system, the Golden Gate Bridge and Dallas Fort Worth Airport all have in common? All three are indispensable projects safely transporting millions of families and tons of products every year. All three were also bitterly attacked and criticized during their planning and construction phases.

Americans have a love-hate relationship with roads, rail and air infrastructure. We demand safe, reliable transportation, and depend upon it for quality of life, jobs and commerce. But nearly every major transportation improvement generates early controversy.

Today, our state transportation system is at a crossroads. Texas is the leading exporting state, the second biggest manufacturing state and added more than 600,000 jobs in the past 34 months. Our state is growing fast, and transportation taxes and funding sources are not keeping pace.

Annually, Texans spend 3.7 billion hours sitting in traffic. Unless we change, it will only get worse. During the next 25 years, Texas road usage is projected to increase 214 percent as our state population and economy grow rapidly. Yet road capacity will increase only six percent.

It is imperative that Texas expedite transportation improvements in the interest of public safety, job creation and overall quality of life. That's why state and local leaders and transportation experts are supporting the

new Trans-Texas Corridor project, being developed to relieve traffic on our aged, crowded and downright scary Interstate 35.

The Trans Texas Corridor (TTC-35) utilizes many new financing and construction tools to get needed roadways built years sooner, without increasing state gasoline or sales taxes. By harnessing private sector investment and charging motorists a fee, Texas can build a necessary new road much faster, relieving traffic much faster.

Texas disaster and hurricane response will be dramatically improved by the Trans Texas Corridor and other new transportation projects. Katrina and Rita proved that hurricanes are not just coastal events, but can threaten an entire region. Better, safer infrastructure means faster evacuations and fewer lives lost to hurricanes or other natural or man-made disasters.

Thousands of new Texas jobs, higher property values, and resulting economic development will follow the Corridor route. Employers tend to migrate to wherever it's easier to transport workers, raw materials and products. The Trans Texas Corridor will help Texas add jobs and stay competitive in the world economy.

Modern technology means no more required stopping at toll booths. Toll-tag technology allows for convenient and high-speed collection.

TTC-35 benefits those who don't want to pay the toll. Every car or truck using TTC-35 will be one less vehicle on I-35, thereby increasing its safety and conve-

nience. In addition, free roads, parallel to most toll roads, will remain a viable option for those who choose not to pay.

The State of Texas will own these new roads, but private companies and investors will pay to construct and operate them. New state laws enhance private property protections and allow local communities and landowners to share in the benefits. As a result, billions in new, largely untapped private investment will be poured into Texas to improve our transportation infrastructure, easing congestion, increasing commuter choice and improving highway safety.

The debate continues. The democratic process is working. But don't let anyone tell you that business as usual can improve Texas transportation. People and jobs are migrating to Texas. We must have the roads and infrastructure to carry them safely and efficiently.

Every major transportation project throughout modern history has been criticized. But when it's all over, virtually every major project has been embraced by the public, making our communities better, safer, and wealthier. The Trans Texas Corridor can be a quick and efficient answer to our state's transportation, economic and public safety needs for many years to come.

Donna Williams is a Dallas-based aviation engineer and a board member of Texans for Safe Reliable Transportation, a broad-based coalition of Texas commuters, civic leaders and businesses dedicated to improving transportation in Texas. On the web at www.bettertexasroads.org.

Entries sought for Miss West Texas Fair & Rodeo queen pageant

The Miss West Texas Fair & Rodeo Queen Pageant will be held Friday evening, September 8th through September 10th, 2006. The competition will be in Horsemanship, Speeches, Modeling, Questions and Interviews.

Prizes include a Crown, Banner, Roses, Handmade Spurs, Hand Tooled Spur Straps, Buckle and more. The winner will also be eligible to receive a \$2,000.00 scholarship. The winner of Horsemanship will receive a Saddle Blanket with Hand Tooled Corners.

Contestants should wear Wranglers for all areas of competition except for Modeling when a dress or skirt and jacket or vest should be worn. Leather will not be judged above non-leather. Fit, color coordination and presentation will be the criteria for modeling.

Entry forms are available at the offices of the West Texas

Fair & Rodeo for young ladies interested in the 2006 pageant. Entries must be received in the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Office by 5:00 P.M., August 18th. Orientation will be August 25, 2006.

The Winner will reign over the 2006 West Texas Fair & PRCA Rodeo September 12th - 16th. The winner will also represent the West Texas Fair & Rodeo at various other rodeos, parades and other activities in the West Texas area during the year and will also be eligible to compete in the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant held in San Antonio, Texas in June of 2007.

The age limit for the contest is 15-24.

Entrants must live within a one hundred mile radius of Abilene.

Call the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Office at (325) 677-4376 for entry forms or they may be picked up at 1700 Hwy. 36, Abilene, Texas.

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Addresses needed for Baird Ex-Students

We're listing the students from the Class of 1984-1988 that we need updated addresses for. If you have any information about any of the following, please contact the Baird Ex-Students' Association, P.O. Box 954, Baird, TX 79504 or call 854-1497.

1984-1988
Wayne Fox, Lisa Hodges, Ronald Munns, Richard Swan, Matt Berry, Natalie Gillian, Van Hughes, Doobie Moore Sanford, Randy Thornton, Dee Turpen, Tina Weeks, Ginia Whitmire, Cay Shelton Wolf, Brenda Branum, Dub Scott, Dallas Titsworth, Brent Gehling, Carla Barron, Dwayne Burns, Chris Gulley, Scotty Johnson, Tina Whitmire Smith, Brad Summers, Conon Emmons, Russell Hargrove, Tina Dunn Hart, Toni Turek Kohl, Lelana Wagley McEish, Brenda Pearce Munsen Loyd Thurman, Julie Wilson, Oddie Freehling, Cherry Cabus Vogel.



We invite everyone to come home and see for yourself the hard work that has taken place as Cross Plains continues to rise from the ashes as we recover from the tragic wildfires that consumed our community on December 27, 2005.

Cross Plains Ex Students Association Invites You To Join Us At HOMECOMING 2006

The scheduled events for the weekend are as follows:

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

6:00 pm Community Hot Dog Supper

Friday, September 22, 2006

7:30 pm Pep Rally Football Field

Saturday, September 23, 2006

9:00-11:00 am Coffee & Registration High School Library

11:00-11:30 am Business Meeting-Auditorium

Classes Sectioned by Decades

Announcement of Coming Home King & Queen

11:30 Lunch in Lunchroom Sponsored by the Band Boosters

2:00 pm Parade Downtown

(Coming Home King & Queen will be Honored)

3:30 pm Class Meetings

6:00 pm FOOTBALL GAME

CROSS PLAINS BUFFALOES vs EVANT ELKS

8:00 pm After Game Coffee (High School Library)

9:00 pm Dance (Behind Treadway Park Weather Permitting)

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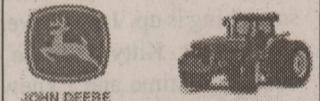
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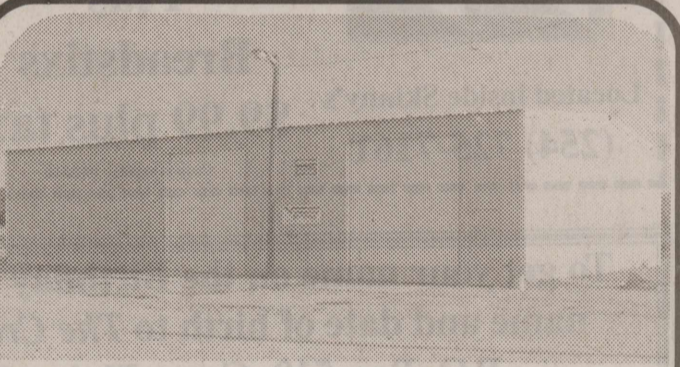
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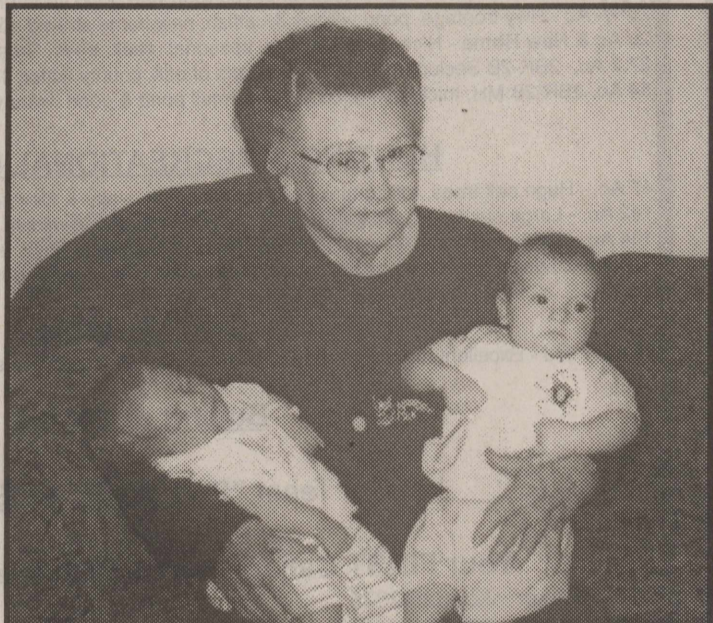
HELPING TO CELEBRATE MY BIRTHDAY—Bobby and Lavaughn McMillian (from left), Micheal and Kim McMillian and Savannah, Cameron, Marie, Pete Barbar, Megan and Sean McMillian and Kyle.

Former resident, Marie Brown, surprised on her 80th Birthday

On April 29th, Martha Marie (Woody) Brown had the surprise of her life when family and friends gathered to celebrate her 80th birthday.

The party was held at her son's home (Pete) in Eula. Those present were Marie's sister, Billie Ruth Clark and husband, Ned; her sons, Bobby McMillian and wife, Lavaughn, and Pete Barbar and wife, Marilyn; Sean McMillian and wife, Megan; Michael and Kim McMillian; Scott and Matthew Barbar; great-grandchildren, Cameron, Kyle and Savannah McMillian; Marie's nieces, Wanda Wheeler and Linda Odell and her husband, Alvin; friends, Linda Taylor, Sandra Jackson and Iris Jennings; and Marilyn's mother, Kitty Bowers.

Marie's sister wanted to give her the party, so with the help of Marie's children they planned a surprise. Her actual birthday was April 13th. Billie Ruth took Marie around town to antique stores keeping her occupied until the right time. Then they casually stopped at Pete's house for a visit. When Marie saw all the cars she remarked that her son was having party and they did not invite her



WHAT A JOY—Marie Brown (center) holds her great-grandson, Kyle McMillian (right) and her great-granddaughter, Savannah McMillian (left).

so they should just go on. Billie Ruth insisted they go in. Marie did not notice all the cars belonged to people she knew. When she walked in the door and saw everyone, she was completely speechless.

As Marie's daughter-in-law for 30 years, I can say she has never been so surprised since I have known her. I also made it a point not to talk to her that week

because she always knows if something is up. I didn't even tell my mother, Kitty, because they talk all the time and I knew she couldn't keep a secret.

Everyone who attended laughed and talked into the evening, enjoying each others company. God has truly blessed us all having Marie in our lives.

Submitted by
Marilyn Barbar

Carouth-Bellew United in Marriage, Celebrate Their First Anniversary

ReNetha Carouth of Cross Plains and Johnny Bellew of Texarkana, AR were united in marriage July 20, 2005 at the New Life Tabernacle Church UPC in Cisco, Texas with Rev. Mark Herrington, Rev. Jeff Thompson, and Rev. Jason Calhoun officiating.

ReNetha is the daughter of Rickey and Netha Carouth of Cross Plains. Johnny is the son of Lynn and Sadie Bellew of Texarkana, AR.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father. She wore a white laced cover satin dress.

Matron of Honor was Crystal McDaniel (sister to the bride); Maid of Honor was Amber Herrington (cousin of the bride); Bridesmaids were Alissa Glover, Megan Thomas, Tiffany Lambright (cousins of the bride), and Ashley Kooztz (friend of the couple).

Best Man was Brent McDaniel, brother-in-law of the bride. Groomsmen were AJ Carouth (brother of the bride), Andrew Poole (cousin of the bride), Dewayne Dewberry, Jason Langley, and Kasey Fields (friends of the groom).

Miniature bride and groom were Emily Glover (cousin of the bride) and Larson Walker, son of Colby and Darcie Walker (friends of the bride and groom). Brittany Smith, daughter of Brian and Cynthia Smith (friends of the couple) was the flower girl, while Austin Thomas (cousin of the bride) stood in as the Bible barrier. Hostess was Kandra Poole (cousin of the bride). Paula Dewberry (friend of the couple) played the organ. Khristi Dewberry (friend of the couple) sang "Have You Ever Been in Love". ReNetha and Johnny sang



MR. AND MRS. JOHNNY BELLEW

to each other "You Are". Johnny sang "Give Me Forever".

Tina Thomas, the bride's aunt, was the wedding director/coordinator.

A reception was held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Cisco. Marlene Sanders, grandmother of the bride, decorated the cake.

The couple honeymooned in San Diego, CA. They are making their home in Cross Plains. ReNetha is employed by The Housing Authority in Cross Plains. Johnny is employed by Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains.

Six months after they were married their home was destroyed

by the December 27, 2005 fire. They have been richly blessed by the Lord, family, friends and strangers. We want to wish them a very Happy Anniversary and say how thankful we are for all of your prayers, and kindness to them during their time of need. The home they lost was a one bedroom home. They have been blessed with a three bedroom, two bath home. There is good that comes out of tragedy.

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