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EDITOR'S NOTE: Linda (Potter) Slaymaker is consistently sending me great information with a spiritual message. The story below is significant in that sometimes "jewels or sweetheart" people are often overlooked. They may not have lots of words and "fluff" but they are precious treasures in this world.

Seeing others and ourselves as God sees us is difficult to do. A couple of young ladies once sang a prophetic song to me about how God saw me and it changed my life. If He created me strong enough to stand alone (as He did all of us), then I can do it. Find your full potential, as far as He is concerned and then STAND!!!!!! Vanda Anderson

"Clay Balls"

A man was exploring caves by the seashore. In one of the caves he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls. It was like someone had rolled clay balls and left them out in the sun to bake.

They didn't look like much, but they intrigued the man, so he took the bag out of the cave with him. As he strolled along the beach, he would throw the clay balls one at a time out into the ocean as far as he could.

He thought little about it, until he dropped one of the clay balls and it cracked open on a rock. Inside was a beautiful, precious stone! Excited, the man started breaking open the remaining clay balls. Each contained a similar treasure. He found thousands of dollars worth of jewels in the 20 or so clay balls he had left.

Then it struck him...he had been on the beach a long time. He had thrown maybe 50 or 60 clay balls with their hidden treasures into the ocean waves. Instead of thousands of dollars in treasure, he could have taken home tens of thousands, but he had just thrown it away!

It's like that with people. We look at someone, maybe even ourselves, and we see the external clay vessels. It doesn't look like much from the outside. It isn't always beautiful or sparkling, so we discount it.

We see that person as less important than someone more beautiful or stylish or well known or wealthy but we have not taken the time to find the treasure hidden inside that person.

There is a treasure in each and everyone of us. If we take the time to get to know that person, and if we ask God to show us that person the way He sees them, then the clay begins to peel away and the brilliant gem begins to shine forth.

May we not come to the end of our lives and find out that we have "thrown away a FORTUNE" in friendships because the gems were hidden in bits of clay.

May we see the people in our world as God sees them.

Meet The Author Western Writer Johnny D. Boggs

Author Of

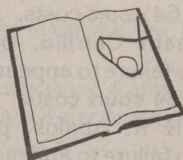
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Will "Success Maker" Be a Success for Cross Plains I.S.D.???

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

When the Cross Plains School Board met in its regular session on September 25th, all agreed that Homecoming 2006 was a great success, but weren't too sure about the "Success Maker" software. The idea of 'pooling' sick days surfaced. Unsupervised children attending athletic events drew discussion and Superintendent Tension's evaluation form was evaluated.

*Commitment to using the software program, "Success Maker", an interactive program that helps in preparing students to understand and score higher on the TAKS (Texas Assessment Knowledge Skills) test was discussed at length.

Elementary and Jr. High Principal, Margie Sowell stated that the teachers want to look at it more 'in-depth' before deciding to approve it exclusively. She added that, "Some, but not all of the teachers have had a chance to see and work with it." Kim Crockett said that she had spoken with 4 teachers and they said that they all liked it.

Sowell added that a Lab-Aid will have to be there to help the kids with the program, because students will be using it everyday for about 15-25 minutes each.

Crockett asked, "Why not use it now and also look into another program?" Sowell went on to explain that there were different options to using and purchasing the program. Prices are based on how many people are licensed to use it, if there are site licenses, and other issues. She said that she personally likes it, but some of the teachers just aren't ready yet to commit to this particular software.

As discussion went on, Board President, Scott Childress stated

that if the teachers want it, then the board is ready and willing to help. "If the group likes it, we'll get it," he added, "but if they don't, they need to come back to us and let us know." It was brought out that time is ticking on and the school year is already going by without a decision being made on what software will be used for the students.

Finally it was decided that this be tabled until more teachers have had the opportunity to evaluate the program. It was strongly suggested that a decision be made by the October meeting.

*There was dialog over the possibility of a sick leave 'pool' program for employees, where sick days could be shared. For example, if one teacher had used all of theirs up, another teacher could 'give' them one or two. As debate over this went on, the possibility of it being misused came to light and there was the chance that discrimination could be perceived. It was decided that due to potential problems, this could not be approved. Teachers are allowed 5 sick days per calendar year.

*Safety Rules for Cross Plains Athletic events were discussed. It seems that there are re-occurring incidents where children under the age of 12 years old are being dropped off, or are coming by themselves to athletic events unsupervised. There will be letters sent out to parents alerting them of the problem and requesting their cooperation in handling this.

*The school suffered damage a few months back in the amount of about \$1,100.00. There was a discussion about purchasing different types of security equipment to deter vandalism. At this time, no decision was made on the exact way to proceed with this matter.

*Superintendent Jackie Tension was asked about the progress on the venture with the City leasing the softball field. He stated that he has the lease and is now waiting for City Secretary, Debbie Gosnell to get back to him.

*Mr. Tension's evaluation is coming up at the end of 2005. It was decided that this time there would be 8 performance goals

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City Reminds Citizens of Junked Vehicle Ordinance

The City of Cross Plains would like to remind its citizens that the city has adopted an ordinance regulating the keeping of junked vehicles that are located in any place where they are readily visible from a public place or public right-of-way.

The ordinance states that such vehicles are detrimental to the safety and welfare of the general public, reduce the value of private property, invite vandalism, create fire hazards and constitute an unattractive nuisance creating a hazard to the health and safety of its citizens and are considered a public nuisance.

Therefore, the city council requests that its citizens remove any junked vehicles from their property or to completely enclose the vehicle within a building where it is not visible from the street or other public or private property, or maintain the vehicle in such a manner that they do not constitute a health hazard and are screened from ordinary public view by means of a fence.

If the citizens do not comply with the ordinance, the city will have the vehicle removed from the property at the owner's expense.

Prepare for the Community-Wide Sale October 21st

Merchants and area residents are asked to plan for a Giant Community Wide Sale Day on Saturday, October 21. Yard sales, garage sales, store discounts, "Specials" sidewalk sales, restaurant specials, car washes cookie or bake sales are all encouraged.

The ladies of Beta Sigma Phi (BSP) of Cross Plains will sponsor this community wide sale. We plan to advertise in Cross Plains, Abilene, Cisco, Ranger, Eastland, Brownwood and other area newspapers. We will have signs in Cross Plains and maps with directions to each registered participant.

Watch the *Cross Plains Review* each week for more information in order to sign up your yard sale or special sale at your business. If you are a merchant or area resident desiring to participate in the sale, call Wanda Merryman at 725-6476 for information. Beta Sigma Phi will advertise for you and provide a map to your location for a donation fee.

Submitted by Carol Bennett

Community Cancer Prayer Walk Scheduled

On Saturday, October 14, there will be a special event to support the people of our town and surrounding communities that have been touched by Cancer. Starting at 5:00 p.m. with registration, citizens can enjoy a variety of food booths, live entertainment, medical awareness information tables, and various activities for the young and old. The food and activity booths are set up by donations. All the money donated that night will stay in the community and be placed in a special account for cancer patients who need funds for traveling back and forth for chemo and radiation treatments.

After a time of fellowship and visiting, there will be a special

Cross Plains Meals on Wheels Program Needs VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!

The Meals of Wheels Program in Cross Plains is in need of volunteers to help in the delivery of meals. The need has become serious due to illness and moving out of the area.

If this need is not filled, we will have to put a limit on the number of folks that need our help.

Please call the Cross Plains Citizens Center at 254-725-6521 and visit with Kathy Anderson, when and how many days you will be available to deliver.

5,367 meals have been delivered in the past 11 months to the folks living in Cross Plains.

4,208 have been served at the center.

You are always welcome to join the other folks that have their lunch at the center. If you live alone, this would be a nice way to meet old and new seniors. If you have just moved to the area, please fill free to join us at the center.

We would love to have the younger people to consider volunteering to deliver meals. You would be supervised until you have learned the routes.

We appreciate all the other volunteers who have supported our program. Thank You!

Commissioner table purchase of portable water tanks

Callahan County Commissioners tabled a request to purchase portable water tanks for the county volunteer fire departments during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, September 25th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

According to County Judge Roger Corn, the item was tabled because no price quote has yet to be given on the purchase of the water tanks.

The portable water tanks would be used throughout Callahan County to battle brush and grass fires without having to transport water from far away to battle large brush fires.

Judge Corn stated the Callahan County Sheriff's Department has seized a trailer through a drug bust in the county and the Sheriff's Department said the trailer could be used to hold the portable water tanks and would be stored in Baird when not in use.

Judge Corn said the item would come up before the commissioners' court at its next meeting in October.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and second by Commissioner Tommy Holland, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to table the request from the county volunteer fire departments.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Judge Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Present included Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tommy Holland, and Precinct

#4 Commissioner Doris Grider. Also present were County Treasurer Dianne Alexander and County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon.

—The minutes of the September 11th commissioners' court meeting were approved as presented.

—There was no public comment received.

—Judge Corn gave a progress report on the Baird Depot restoration project. Judge Corn said the funds have been deposited into the project account. Judge Corn said the contract with the winning bidder, the Fain Group of Fort Worth, has not yet been signed.

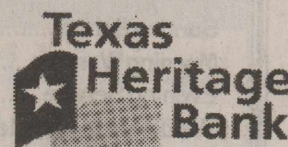
—Commissioner Hicks made a motion for the commissioners' court to continue meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Commissioner Grider seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

—Judge Corn made a motion to approve a resolution to apply for Indigent Defense Grant funds for the year 2007. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and it carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve a resolution adopting October 2006 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Commissioner Grider seconded the motion and it passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Grider made a motion to pay all approved bills. Judge Corn seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Holland seconded and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.



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Bill Armstrong - Pastor

OBITUARY

Mary Lou Chambers

Mary Lou Chambers, 87, of Brownwood, passed away peacefully in her home with her loved ones present on September 25, 2006.

Private Graveside services were held in Cross Cut, Texas.

Mrs. Chambers was born on January 30, 1919 to George and Rena Dibrell in Coleman, Texas. She married Clifton Harold Chambers on November 20, 1938 in Cross Plains, Texas.

Nana was a loving wife, devoted mother, dedicated grandmother, and an enthusiastic great-grandmother; but, she was so much more. Nana loved taking care of other people's needs above her own. She volunteered for many years as a "Pink Lady" in Monahans, Texas. She had a passion for all

animals and no stray ever went unfed at Nana's house. Nana was the greatest listener and always had a way of making you feel you were the only one that mattered.

Today we suffered a great loss, but heaven gained a grand angel.

Nana was preceded in death by her parents, George and Rena; her husband, Clifton; her sister, Dorothy Stringer; and her brother, Frank Dibrell.

Survivors include her daughter, Jeana Moss and husband Reagan of Brownwood; her son, Ronnie Chambers and wife Betty of Abilene; her five grandchildren, Kevin Moss, Sam Moss, Cassie McQuitty, Chad Chambers, and Case Chambers; and her three great-grandchildren, Luke Moss, Matthew Moss, and Lance Moss.

Idella Joan Hollis

Idella Joan Hollis, 78, of Sweetwater, passed away Thursday, September 28, 2006, at her residence.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 30, 2006 at Sabanno Cemetery in Eastland County, Texas under the direction of Cate-Spencer and Trent Funeral Home of Sweetwater.

Born September 8, 1928 in Knott, Texas, she married E.H. (Bill) Hollis January 18, 1947 in Runnels County, Texas. Mrs. Hollis was a homemaker. She had been a resident of Sweetwater for

14 years, moving from Cross Plains. She graduated from Knott High School in 1946.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Hollis and wife, Brenda K. of Sweetwater, and Kenneth Hollis and wife, Brenda D. of Abilene; one daughter, Deborah Lopez and husband, Policirpio of Sweetwater; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a sister, Evelyn Kendrick of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, E.H. (Bill) Hollis and her parents, James Benjamin and Lucille Sample.

Leonard A. Pillans

Leonard A. Pillans, 80, of Houston passed away Monday, October 2, 2006.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Higginbotham

Funeral Home in Cross Plains. Leonard was November 12, 1925 in Atwell, the son of Ben and Nona (Foster) Pillans.

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Marriage Enrichment Seminar Offered at Victory Life Church in Brownwood Oct. 8-11

Duane Sheriff Ministries will be offering a Marriage Enrichment Seminar at Victory Life Church Brownwood, Pastor Stan Roberts, on October 8-11. Services will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday.

Victory Life Church Brownwood is located at 901 C.C. Woodson Road, Brownwood.

Duane Sheriff is the Senior Pastor of Victory Life Family Worship Center located in Durant, Oklahoma. God has gifted him with an anointing to

present the simplicity of the Gospel which revolutionizes lives.

Pastor Duane believes that God's kind of love crosses all denominational, cultural and racial barriers. His heart's cry is for the Church to walk together in the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace, as we come into the unity of the faith.

All services are taped and available FREE of cost. Over 5.7 million FREE teaching tapes have been distributed worldwide.

A Gold Mine in Bedroom Drawers

Newsire: People are selling their old scrap gold that is gathering dust for its cash value because gold prices are so high. With the price of gold at a 25 year high (over \$650.00 per ounce), it makes sense. ScrapGold.com, a gold recycler, offers free insured recycle kits so people may cash in their scrap with 24 hour service and guarantee satisfaction. They accept

broken and outdated items like chains, charms, rings and more. "Everyone has bits of gold just lying around which can be turned into cash," says Richard Zakroff, VP of marketing. "Even old dental gold has value." ScrapGold.com processes over 10,000 recycle Kits per month. People can get a free GoldKit at 1-800-283-4700 or ScrapGold.com.

Courthouse News

COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Sheryl Ann South, assault.
Brooke A. Lyons, theft by check.
Leta Burkes, theft by check.
Ricky C. Beauchamp, theft by check.
Kimberly C. Martin, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Nanzhe Cui, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.

Chad Anders, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.

James R. Caton, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.

Charles D. Jennings, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.

Randall Denning, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.

Larry G. Hinkle, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.

Terry Long, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.

Sheldon P. Turner, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.

Abraham Carrillo, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.

Frankie R. Abalos, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.

Donald Ladner, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.

Joe Parker, plea of guilty to deadly conduct, 2 year probation, \$4000 fine, \$256 court costs.

Robert Walton, motion to dismiss to theft of service granted in the interest of justice.

Joe K. Parker, motion to dismiss to public intoxication granted for plea to other case.
Jason C. Weir, motion to dismiss to driving while intoxicated (DWI) granted for plea to other case.

Morris R. Walker, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to other cases.

Gregory Valdez, motion to dismiss to open container, failure to wear seat belt, fail to maintain financial responsibility, and evading arrest for plea to other case.

Gregory Valdez, plea of guilty to furnishing alcohol to minor - Class A, 18 month probation, \$400 fine, \$256 court costs.

Kyle Locke, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 18 month probation, \$600 fine, \$356 court costs.

Robert Stewart, plea of guilty to Ct. II - deadly conduct, 2 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$256 court costs.

Todd Hendrixson, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 2 year probation, \$2000 fine, \$256 court costs.

Jason Gassett, plea of guilty to Ct. II - possession of dangerous drug, 1 year probation, \$700 fine, \$256 court costs.

Fredrick Williams, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 9 month probation, \$700 fine, \$256 court costs.

Todd Hendrixson, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Tarrant Co. granted.

Kyle Locke, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Ector Co. granted.

Jason Gassett, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Eastland Co. granted.

Joe Parker, transfer request

from Callahan Co. to Shackelford Co. granted.

Robert Fenton Walton, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Robert Kyle Stewart, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Joshua S. Bergman, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to other case.

Jason M. Knowlton, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to other case.

Charles Tarrant, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$100 fine, \$200 court costs, \$86.13 restitution.

Eckho Chaney, plea of guilty to theft by check, 2 year probation, \$306 court costs.

Eckho Chaney, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Wise Co. granted.

Melissa Gayle Thomas, motion to reinstate bond granted.

Marriage Licenses

Ricci J. Andesso of Odessa and Sharon R. Goodson of Clyde.

David S. Sammons of Clyde and Kayla J. Grantham of Abilene.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Renee McGrew and Edward Ross McGrew, divorce.

Monica Jatun Lawver, individually and as next friend of Lucas Lawver, Autumn Lawver, and Ashley Lawver, minor children vs. Ronny and Carolyn Bryan dba Bryan Trucking and Buddy Glenn Bryan, damages.

James Kennard Windham and Paula Fleming Windham, petition to annul marriage.

Rhonda Jackson Hinten and Larry Wayne Hinten, divorce.

Shari Watson Hurley and Reuben Jay Hurley, divorce.

Countryplace Mortgage, LTD vs. Jack M. Bocklein and Chlora M. Bocklein, breach of contract.

Civil Minutes

Clara Pauline Bentley and Thomas William Bentley, divorce granted.

The State of Texas vs. \$68,129.00 in US currency, default judgment granted.

The State of Texas vs. \$1,805.00 in US currency, default judgment granted.

Dianne Pence vs. Wyeth and Dr. Raul Calvo, order of dismissal with prejudice granted.

Criminal Indictments

Eckho Chaney, forgery.
Herman B. Hearn, theft.

Jacob P. Johnson, burglary of a habitation.
Kirby Dale Cantrell, DWI - 3rd or more.

Kenneth Lee Williams, Jr., possession of a controlled substance.

Russell B. Whitehead, Ct. I - aggravated assault, Ct. II - DWI - 3rd or more.

Adam J. Carroll, possession of a controlled substance.

Criminal Minutes

Eckho Chaney, plea of guilty to forgery, 4 year probation, \$500 fine, \$256 court costs, \$600 restitution.

Robert Diaz, judgment revoking probation granted.

Richard Ward, judgment revoking probation granted.

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Wednesday

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett

Cottonwood Roundup

The Cottonwood Quilting Club has the traditional Rehab quilt in its quilting frame and members are excited and eager to present it for auction to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. The traditional quilt is exactly that, traditional. The Cottonwood Club has been donating a homemade quilt to the rehab center for many years. I remember my aunt Stella Davidson and my mother, Lee Bennett, working on the "Rehab quilt." And my brother, Arnett Bennett, received services at the Rehab Center for years and years for a hearing impairment.

Another "tradition" for Cow and Calf raisers of this area is the act of donating a calf for sale at auction to the Rehab Center. That auction for this year happened

yesterday. You may have heard about it on the news.

Quilting dates for October 2006 are on the 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th. Everyone in Cottonwood is invited to join the quilting club and become a member. They are indeed happy campers and enjoy weekly meetings on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Members usually bring a covered dish and enjoy lunch at the Community Center.

I suppose the invitation includes any man who wants to learn a marketable skill and enter a new career field. The men usually join the women folk for lunch, please feel invited.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Unit Will Meet For Training On Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

Grady and Dorothy Ramey visited with Leo Thompson over this past weekend. They live in San Antonio and came up for the reunion meeting of the State School in Abilene, where Grady worked for many years. Grady also received an award for his volunteer work with the Texas Special Olympics.

Don't forget to mark October 20, 2006 on your calendar. That's the date for Cottonwood's annual musical and Turkey Dinner.

(To provide informational items and items of fact for this column, call Wallace Bennett at 254-725-7474. E-mail csb5@airmail.net. Snail mail is 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Please remember, if I don't know it, I can't print it.)

LIBRARY NOTES

Statistics
September 25 - 29, 2006

Honorariums: Betty Kinnard in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Purvis

Memorials: Betty Kinnard in memory of Bobby and Eddie Faye Dillard

Donations: Sid Newton, Curt and Ginny Hoskins, Class of 1949, Renee Denny

Donations-Books: Jaeley and Shayla Hicks, Barbara Baum

Library Activity Report
September 25 - 29, 2006

Patron	107
Programs	62
Copies	91
Reference	2
Books Checked Out	44
Calls In	11
Internet Users	23
Inter Library Loans	1

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

KAY MOSLEY

Comment: Charlie Pride use to sing that song about breakfast, fried bologna, eggs and gravy.

"Life and Staying Warm"

With winter coming on, thoughts seem to turn to staying warm, etc. It mostly isn't too hard these days with central heat and air in most homes, department stores, churches and schools. Most automobiles have heat and cool. However, in looking back to when I was a small child age 3 to 5 years old, our parents had to use a little bit of ingenuity and a lot of hard work to get us all warm and keep us warm. Whereas now you only have to switch on the electric blanket to get the bed warm and then to keep everyone warm throughout the night to achieve somewhat the same degree of warmth as T.L.C.

We didn't have a fireplace then, so at night mother would heat bricks on her kitchen stove, then wrap them in towels and put them to our feet in the bed. Sometimes she would use two old flat irons wrapped in towels for warming our feet. Later Mama was able to buy an electric iron. Then at night she just had to plug the iron in and get it hot then when it got hot she unplugged it, wrapped it in the towels and put it our feet.

The old flat irons were those black ones that were really heavy. There was only one handle that you clipped onto the iron base. When the iron cooled, you

took off the handle and clipped it to the hot one. You kept this up until you finished ironing. There might be 3 or 4 irons and one handle. We had to learn how to iron with those before she would let us use the electric iron.

I remember it was so cold in the winter that most of the girls wore their pajama bottoms and their slacks or overalls over the p.j.'s. Sometimes we wore two pair of socks, too.

One of the houses we rented didn't have a cook stove in the kitchen. Some mornings we had cereal and milk for breakfast. But on school days Mama got up real early and made a campfire in the backyard. She cooked Daddy and her some hot coffee.

Ann and I would make and bake biscuits, cook eggs and bacon. On Friday mornings Mama would build that fire and cook oatmeal and toast. Oatmeal really warms you up and it lasted a long time.

On Monday mornings she usually cooked hot chocolate, buttered toast and boiled eggs. After you ate your eggs you could cut your toast into 4 squares then dunk it in your hot chocolate and pop it right into your mouth. It tasted exactly like a chocolate doughnut.

Another hot breakfast treat was half a bacon sandwich toasted and a bowl of cream of wheat. Those kind of breakfasts warm you heart and soul as well as your stomach. Nothing feels quite like the old times.

PIONEER NEWS

There was a good turnout of quilters on Tuesday. We worked on the Rehab quilt top. Lou's "Wedding Ring" is still in the frame waiting to be quilted.

Our Quilt Show and Bake Sale is only a month away. Keep the first weekend of November free to come out to the Pioneer Community Center. This is our only fund-raiser and we will sure need the proceeds to put in our water system when it gets to us.

Recent visitors with Vi Harlow of Cross Plains and Jean Fore were Bud and Juanita Harlow of Dalhart and Grasson and Myrtle Harlow of Atlanta, Texas.

Charlene Chesshirs visitors for the Cross Plains school reunion were all of her five (5) children. John and Margaret Chesshirs and their daughter, Amy Barbour, with her daughter, Mia, all of Edmond, OK, came in on Friday night. Saturday, Christy Dallas came and brought buttermilk and pineapple coconut pies. Margaret brought roast and trimmings for Saturday and honey baked ham for Sunday. Jim came from Odessa and brought his "new" girlfriend and her 14 year old son.

Nancy and Brian came Saturday afternoon. Her son, Robby, from Phoenix, AZ, was home with his girlfriend, Rylann. Jake Dallas also came Saturday afternoon. Charles and Kathy ate with them Saturday night and again Sunday. Kathy brought part of Sunday dinner. Charlene sat and visited while the girls cooked and cleaned up. Then Amy and Nancy washed sheets and remade beds

and as they left washed towels and vacuumed. Christy cleaned before they all came and Nancy and Amy cleaned Sunday. Charlene is truly blessed! She has been having tests to find out why she is having so much stomach pain.

Frankie had for her company Rodney and Pat Smith from Lovington, New Mexico. They had a great time at the Rising Star Homecoming. Sunday Frankies' son-in-law and daughter, Robert and Roxie Nance, came and spent the night. She enjoyed having them!

Monday evening Frankie went with Wayne and Ilene Smith and Bill Medley to Brownwood to our church association. Great music, preaching and supper was had by all.

Laverne Hutton and her daughter, Wanetta, traveled to Lubbock last Wednesday to attend the funeral of a long time family friend, Iona Ashmore. On returning home they went by Clyde and visited with Laverne's sister, Betty Haslem.

Sunday nights after church the Huttons went to Larry and Rita Wilson's open house and hot dog supper. They certainly have a beautiful new house.

James and Jean Alexander had Jim, Marla, Jack, and Ashley visiting from Richardson. Will from ACU joined them. They all celebrated Will's 22nd birthday by going to P Ranch for dinner. They all had a wonderful time.

Danny Mike Fritchlee of Washington, DC, visited with

DP and May Jones. He came home for the Cross Plains Homecoming. It was so good to see him. He hadn't been here in a long time. He had a lot to say about his new granddaughter. May and Mike also spent some time visiting James and Jean and their weekend company.

Glenda attended Bill Watson's funeral last week. She went to CJC with Jo Veda. She went to Eddie Faye's funeral on Friday. Eddie Faye and Vernon were classmates. They have lost so many in their class. Their class met at James and Wilma Lawrence's Friday evening and Saturday. Glenda went to their class meeting Saturday evening. She said she enjoyed it. Wilma and May talked her into going to the ball games. Glenda said she also enjoyed that. She watched the people and saw some that she hadn't seen in years. Glenda was glad to see Danny Mike Fritchlee. He used to come to their house a lot on Sunday afternoon. Glen Dale and his youngest daughter, Kosta, came in Friday night. Kosta is a Freshman this year. She always stays with Krista. They went back to Alpine after lunch Sunday. Glenda went to the nursing home Sunday evening with the Rising Star Church of Christ. She visited with some at the home. They are always glad to have visitors. Sunday night everyone at church was invited to Larry and Rita Wilson's to see their new home. It is beautiful! Everyone enjoyed hot dogs and desserts.

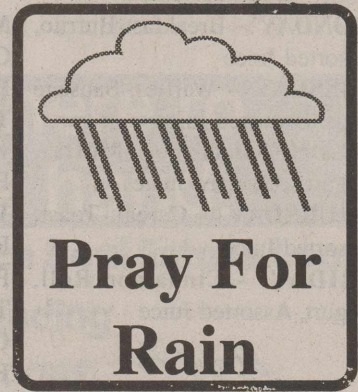
GARDEN TIPS

By James Nichols

Otis says: Winter is coming and you should get your bird feeders cleaned and put in a good stock of bird feed including black oil sun flower seeds, mixed seed and fistle seed.

This will cover all the different birds that visit this part of the country in the winter.

Hummingbird feeders should be taken down when the first bunch of geese fly over. Hummingbirds piggy back the back of geese to Panama and on to South America. But there are a few that will winter here if the weather is mild, so be on the lookout for these hummingbirds and keep feed out for them.



Rising Star Nursing Center Receives Award From Nation-Wide Special Events Company

By Johnnie Elliott, Administrator

Rising Star Nursing Center has been awarded third place in the 2006 Volunteer Appreciation Week Contest sponsored by Positive Promotions.

Positive Promotions is a Nation-Wide provider of products for special events primarily for healthcare and educational industries.

First and second places were awarded to the Greater Golden Colorado Chamber of Commerce and the Southside Community and Senior Center located in San Jose California.

At Rising Star Nursing

Center, we combined Volunteer Appreciation Week with National Nursing Home Week which was in May. Activity Director, Linda Merritt submitted pictures and articles showing the various activities we had that week to Positive Promotions. She received word this week that her efforts paid off with a third place prize and the facility will be receiving \$100.00.

We are very proud of our Activity Department which we think is among the very best anywhere. Linda says that all staff members and families worked hard that busy week in May to make this award possible.

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WEDNESDAY - Hearty Chicken Soup, Corn Salad, Apricots, Chocolate Chip Cookie,
THURSDAY - Lima Beans, Beets w/Onions, Tomatoes & Okra, Hominy Casserole, Tapioca Pudding, Cornbread
FRIDAY - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Soup, Carrot-Raisin Salad, Strawberry Shortcake

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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There's a picture of a lady with very large diamond earrings — with this statement from the jewelry store: "After 173 years, we know quite a lot about diamonds. But love is still a complete mystery."

Well, there are a lot of things that we still don't understand about "love" — but then there are a lot of things that we do, thanks to John the apostle, and other writers of the Bible. God is the source of love (1 John 4:7), and the very essence of love (v. 8). God's greatest demonstration of His love was in sending His Son (v. 10), to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Real love is not a mushy feeling, rather the action of "seeking others' best good."

Read the rest of this letter and the other writings of John (realizing that they are really from God through him), and the rest of the NT — and the rest of the Bible — and "love" will not be as great a mystery, rather a revelation.

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Cross Plains, Tx

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Baby & Big Sister Shower

Casey and Tabitha (Clark) Sutton lost their home and all baby supplies and little girl clothes in the Cross Plains fire.

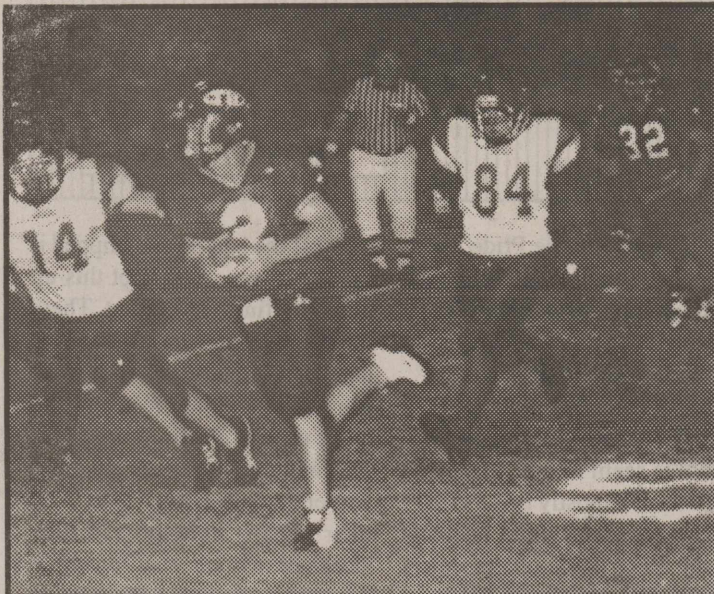
For: Katie Blaze Sutton
Born September 19, 2006
weighing 7 lbs, 2oz.

And Big Sister: Callie Sutton (Age 2):
Size 2T pants, Size 2/3T shirts

Saturday, October 7, 2006
2:00 - 3:30PM

Church of Christ Activity Center
(on Highway 36)

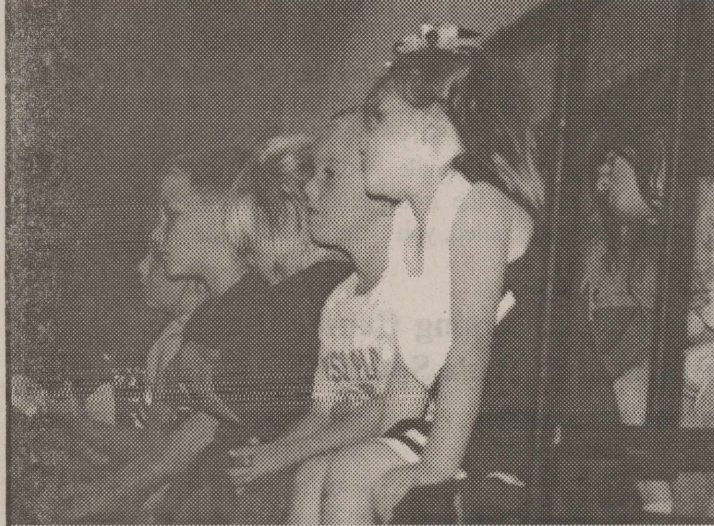
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WE'RE GOING TO GET YOU—Brice Bowden (#14) and Mitchell Gibbs (#84) go in for the tackle against Tolar.



WE'VE GOT SPIRIT—High School Cheerleaders perform during pep rally.



PERFECT OBSERVERS—Primary students enjoy pep rally.

Buffaloes Fall to the Tolar Rattlers

Early turnovers and untimely mistakes handed the Cross Plains Buffaloes a loss in their district opener, 63-6. The Tolar Rattlers racked up 349 yards to a 116 yards

for the Buffaloes. The Buffaloes had 9 first downs to 16 for Tolar.

Rushing: Brice Bowden 14/65 yards, Fili Vasquez 3/3, Thomas Estes 11/-3, Russell Thomas 5/-5
Passing: Justin Dickson 2/15 yards, Clay Koenig 1/33 (TD), JJ Callaway 1/8

Tackles: Markus Maxwell 4 Tackles/3 Assists; Joey Westerman 2 Tackles/3 Assists; Brice Bowden 2 Tackles/2 Assists; Fili Vasquez 3 Tackles; Zach Bennett 3 Tackles; Ricky Daniels 3 Tackles; Jacob Melton 3 Tackles; Steve Garrett 1 Tackle/2 Assists; JJ Callaway 1 Tackle/1 Assist; Justin Dickson 2 Tackles; Colton Manley 2 Assists; Cody Hyles 1 Tackle/1 Assist; Tim Smith 1 Assist; Russell Thomas 1 Assist.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK DEFENSE

Markus Maxwell, Jr, DE

4 Tackles, 3 Assist

OFFENSE

Brice Bowden, Jr, RB
14 carries for 65 yards

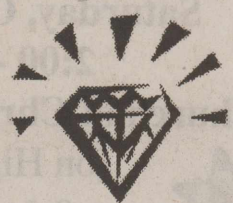
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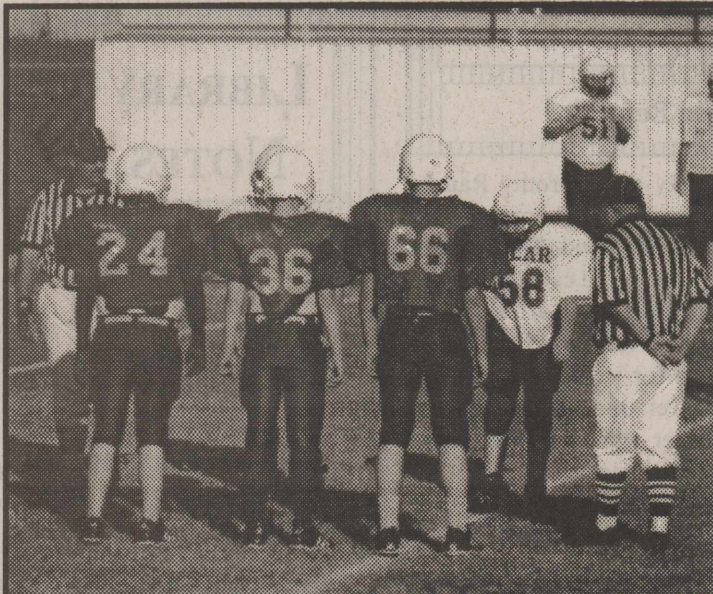
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JUNIOR HIGH CAPTAINS—Taylor Savell (#24), Chad Switzer (#36), and Jacob Marsh (#66).

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Region 14 Alternative Certification Program Available for Special Education Teachers thru November 30th

Applications for the Region 14 Education Service Center's 2007-2008 Alternative Certification Program for certification of special education teachers will be accepted until **November 30, 2006**. The program allows college graduates wanting to be special education teachers to earn certification as they train and teach full time, serving as interns with mentor teachers in area school districts. Participants complete course work and training in the spring and summer prior to entering the classroom. During the internship year, training is continued.

FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE.

Applicants are selected from those meeting the following admission requirements:

* Received bachelor's degree

from an accredited institution of higher education.

* Attained a minimum of 2.5 grade point average overall OR 2.75 on the last 60 hours.

* Earned at least passing scores on the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) formerly the TASP.

* Acceptable score on a critical thinking test administered at Region XIV ESC.

* Completion of an interview process.

The teaching certification enables recipients to teach anywhere in Texas in special education in grades EC-Grade 12. Reciprocity is available in some other states.

For information on Region 14's program contact: **John Stevens 325-675-8630 OR Janice Hill 325-675-8605.**

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

OCTOBER 9 - 13

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice

TUESDAY - Waffles, Sausage Link, Assorted Juice

WEDNESDAY - Muffin, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice

FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

Have A Nice Week!!

LUNCH

MONDAY- Burrito w/Chili & Cheese, Salad, Crackers, Pineapples

TUESDAY - Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Peaches

WEDNESDAY-Chicken Fajita, Refried Beans, Seasoned Corn, Pudding

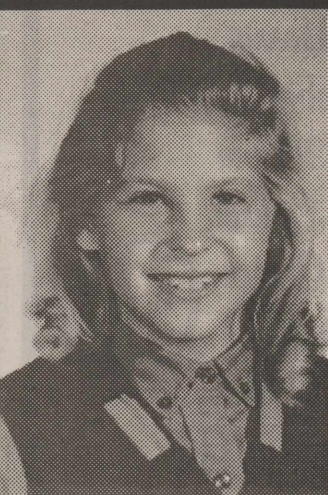
THURSDAY- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Rosy-Applesauce

FRIDAY- Submarine Sandwich, Salad, Pickles, Baked Chips, Ice Cream



IT'S A GIRL!

Callie Nicole Sutton would like to announce the birth of her new baby sister, **Katie Blaze Sutton**. Katie was born September 19, 2006 at 3:13 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds 2.2 ounces and was 19 1.2 inches long. Proud parents are Casey and Tabitha Sutton. The extremely proud grandparents are David and Cindy Clark of Cross Plains and James and Kathy Sutton of Abilene. Great-grandparents are Jean Rose and Alice Clark both of Cross Plains; Marion Savell of Big Spring; James and Louise Sutton of Sweetwater; and Nelda Lee of Decatur. Her great-great-grandmother is Martha Graham of Brady.



Oh How Nifty Look Who's 50

Local Ropers Compete in the STRA Finals

The 12th Annual Senior Team Roping Association Finals (STRA Finals) were held Thursday, September 28 - October 1 at the Taylor County Expo Center Horse Barn in Abilene, Texas.

Alan Key and partner Randy Strickland won 5th in the average of the #9 roping on Friday, September 29.

Bud Dillard and Ted Wheeler were entered in the Drawpot Roping on Sunday, October 1. They won the fastest time in the go-round. Ted also won the 2nd

fastest time in that go-round with another partner.

Bud was also entered in the Mixed Roping with M.C. Henke of Weatherford, they won the fastest time in the go-round and they also won the overall average on three steers.

The Senior Team Roping Association is for men and women over the age of 45. They have ropings through out the year so ropers can earn points to enter the STRA Finals.

News for Veterans

BY: TOM IVEY

FREE BENEFITS SEMINAR

The Texas Veterans Land Board will host a seminar for ALL Veterans on Thursday, October 19 at the Abilene Civic Center (Conference Room One), 1100 North Sixth Street in Abilene. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m., and the seminar starts at 7:00 p.m. This will be a good opportunity to learn of all the programs that are offered by the TVLB. One item of special note is the new loan amount for housing which is now \$325,000. Information will be presented on the State Veterans Cemeteries and on the State Veterans Homes. The seventh home is scheduled to open in Amarillo early 2007.

PTSD COUNSELING

A Veteran's Counselor from Fort Worth will begin monthly visits to the Eastland VFW Post 4136 on Wednesday, October 4th. Plans call for the counselor to come to Eastland on the first Wednesday of each month following the first visit. Veterans suffering with PTSD will be able to meet with this person for guidance in coping with the nightmares, night sweats, loss of sleep and the many other difficulties associated with PTSD. A Veteran's counselor from Stephenville will also be on hand to assist with questions concerning disabilities, medical needs and other programs of Veterans and their families. For more information call Larry Monroe, VFW Commander, at 254-647-1097 or VFW Post 4136 after 6:00 p.m. at 254-629-1918. Our thanks to Commander Monroe and the


Post for sponsoring this aid! **A THOUGHT**—After really rearing out a cadet, the drill sergeant said: "I guess went I die you'll come and dance on my grave." "Not me Sarge," the cadet replies. "No, sir. I promised myself that when I got out of the Army, I'd never stand in another line."

GOOD NEWS—The Court of Appeals for Veterans claims recently made a very important decision in HAAS vs NICHOLSON that VA regulations defining who had service in Vietnam for the purpose of establishing a presumption to exposure to herbicides (e.g. Agent Orange) were too restrictive. Consequently, those who served in Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia or on Navy ships off the coast of Vietnam MAY be eligible for service-connection of certain cancers, including lung and prostate cancer, as well as Type 2 Diabetes.

FOR NOW, all those who received a Vietnam Service Medal meet the requirements for "service in the Republic of Vietnam". This would include not only those who served on board "blue water" Navy ships off the coast of Vietnam, but also those who received the VSM for service in Thailand, Cambodia and Laos, those who flew high level missions over Vietnam and so on. Veterans who were previously denied service-connection for a presumptive disability should reopen their claim with VA. Those who have a presumptive disability should apply immediately for service-connection.

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Scranton Musical Set for October 7th

The Scranton Musical will be held Saturday, October 7 at the Scranton Community Center.

The kitchen will begin serving at 5:30 p.m.. Sarah and Annetta are serving stew, cornbread, green salad or fruit salad. There will also be homemade pies and

sandwiches. The music begins at 6:00 p.m.

All area musicians are welcome to play. You may call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for you group. We hope you will come out to enjoy a good evening of food, fellowship and entertainment.

Submitted by: Joanie Shrader

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER 7

Junior Lee
Ester (Lee) McCoy
Burlie W. Taylor
Eddie Bell
Mary Jo Davis
Sandra Sanders
Ricky Kirkham
Wanda Jean Boyle
Jan (Strickland) Baker
Mrs. Ledford Joe Smith
Jan Wagner
Eldon Connell
Lee Ann Dominguez
Oran Bains
Wendall Johnson
Allison Rhodes
Rhonda McCorkle
Tommy Phillips
Edna O'Banion

OCTOBER 8

Dolores (Bryd) Magee
Terry Lee Havens
Mrs. Hoyt Byrd
Gary A. Thomas
Amy Kate DeBusk
Scott LeMay
Billy Pope
Tony Apple
Lance Connelly
Chance Connelly
Jennifer Canales
Jack Sykes

OCTOBER 9

J.J. Nickerson
Bill Freeman
Bob Freeman
Kim (Jones) Sweetman
Mrs. J.T. Myers
Betty Lewis
Mrs. Tommy Smith
Dorothea Dillard

OCTOBER 10

Garnett McKay
Cecil Wilson
Donald Strength
Norma Watson
Kibb Harlon King
Wayne Ring
Wesley Hilburn
Jesse Stephen Worley

OCTOBER 11

Erin Nicole Townson
Debra Baker
Vicki (Foster) Cobb
Charles Ohlhausen
Deidra Switzer
Ann Westerman
Tony Dimitri
Teresa Waddell
Karen B. Dickson
Sandra Moore
Carlton Thomas
Angie Baber Jackson

OCTOBER 12

Madison Foster
Stanley Scott
Melody Gay Sadler
Mike McClure, Jr.
Debbie Self
Christie (Morgan) Jones

OCTOBER 13

Larry Joseph Campbell
Sammie Stewart
Megan M. Barnett
Lil (Davis) Martinez
Rolan Jones
Fannie (Watkins) Wilson
Wanda Montgomery
Fredrick E. Waggoner
Mickey Jowers Meadows
Persephone Ann Bryan
Alethea Albrecht

Farm Bureau Annual County Convention Tuesday, October 17th

The Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held Tuesday, October 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Baird School Cafeteria in Baird, according to Phil Williams, county president.

A fish fry will be catered by Cook's Fish Barn of Comanche to members prior to the meeting. Farm Bureau members and their immediate families will be served at no charge.

There will be dessert contest this year, and drawing for door prizes.

The main purpose of this annual meeting is to adopt policies for the coming year. Also, new directors will be elected at this time, as will voting delegates to represent the county at the state convention to be held in Arlington, December 2-4, 2006.

Please call the office at 325-854-1044 for reservations.

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Local Artist's Watercolor Exhibit at Scott & White Hospital during October

The Scott & White Hospital in Temple has continuous month-long exhibits by Texas artists in their Smith Gallery. These exhibits are by invitation only and are scheduled months in advance.

Mary Barton, local artist, will

have some of her watermedia works on display there during the month of October 2006 from the 3rd through the 30th. The gallery is in the main floor of the hospital section of the complex. Anyone interested is welcome to view the exhibit.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

A GOOD STORY

One day a woman was walking down the street when she spied a beggar sitting in the corner. The man was elderly, unshaven, and ragged. As he sat there, pedestrians walked by him giving him dirty looks. The man slowly looked up. This was a woman clearly accustomed to the finer things of life. Her coat was new. She looked like that she had never missed a meal in her life. His first thought was that she wanted to make fun of him, like so many others had done before. "Leave me alone," he growled.

To his amazement, the woman continued standing. She was smiling, "Are you hungry?" "No," he answered sarcastically. "I've just come from dining with the president. Now go away."

Finally, and with some difficulty, the woman got Jack into the cafeteria across the street and sat him at a table in a remote corner. It was the middle of the morning, so most of the breakfast crowd had already left and the lunch bunch had not yet arrived. The manager strode across the cafeteria and stood by the table. "What's going on here, officer?" he asked a policeman who was standing there. "What is all this. Is this man in trouble?" "This lady brought this man in here to be fed," the policeman answered.

"Not in here!" the manager replied angrily. "Having a person like that here is bad for business."

The woman turned to the cafeteria manager and smiled. "Sir, are you familiar with Eddy and Associates, the banking firm

down the street?"

"Of course I am," the manager answered impatiently. "They hold their weekly meetings in one of my banquet rooms."

"I am Penelope Eddy, president and CEO of the company." "Would you like to join us in a cup of coffee and a meal, officer?" "No thanks, ma'am," the officer replied. "I'm on duty."

"Then, perhaps, a cup of coffee to go?"

"Yes, ma'am. That would be very nice."

The cafeteria manager turned on his heel. "I'll get your coffee for you right away, officer."

"Believe it or not, I have a reason for all this." She sat down at the table across from her amazed dinner guest. She stared at him intently. "Jack, do you remember me?"

Old Jack searched her face with his old, rheumy eyes. "I think so — I mean you do look familiar."

"I'm a little older perhaps," she said. "Maybe I've even filled out more than in my younger days when you worked here, and I came through that very door, cold and hungry."

"I was just out of college," the woman began. "I had come to the city looking for a job, but I couldn't find anything. Finally, I was down to my last few cents and had been kicked out of my apartment. I walked the streets for days. I saw this place and walked in on the off chance that I could get something to eat."

Jack lit up with a smile. "Now I remember," he said. "I was behind the serving counter. You came up and asked me if you could work for something to eat. I said that it was against company policy."

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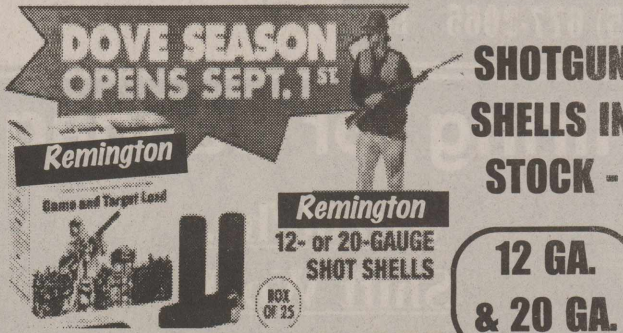
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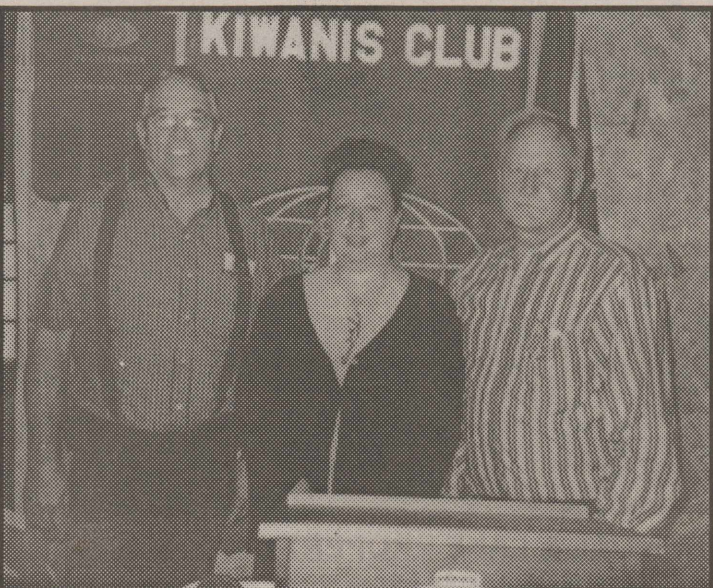
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CROSS PLAINS KIWANIS NEWS—On Tuesday, September 26th the program for Kiwanis was given by Susan Schaefer (center) and John Swift (right) with the Cross Plains EMS. Susan talked about the cost of running the service and the hours put in by the volunteer staff. She said that the service made an average of 180 runs a year and with the current number of volunteers that drivers were on call 100 hours a month and that certified attendants were on call 160 hours a month. John showed and explained some of the newer equipment that the service was using to better assist the residents of Cross Plains and the surrounding areas. Both said that more volunteers are needed. If anyone is interested in becoming part of the EMS please let Susan or John know. Susan and John were guest of Jim Senkel (left). Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 12 Noon at Jean's Feed Barn.

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Historic Fire Season Fuels Case Study: Danger of Grassfires Highlighted

By Traci Weaver
Firebrands
Texas Forest Service

A historic fire season:

Fires that raged across Texas beginning December 27, 2005, burned more than 450 homes and 1,260 outbuildings. Some communities were literally devastated, including Cross Plains, which lost 116 homes. Ringgold, population 100, lost 32 homes. Kokomo, a tiny community in Eastland County, basically no longer exists.

The fires left the same nagging question firefighters have worked to answer for years: Why did some homes burn while others remained unscathed? The answers this time were not always clear. Stone houses with metal roofs burned. Brick homes burned, while adjacent mobile homes were left standing. What really made the difference?

Texas Forest Service set out to answer that question with a case study on structure loss. In Eastland County, three fires merged into one, the Carbon Fire, which ran for 35 miles, destroying 41 homes and leaving the community of Kokomo with just one structure standing. The Airport Fire, caused by a downed power line, burned across the runways at the Mineral Wells Airport, forcing single engine air tanker pilots to abort their takeoffs. That fire destroyed seven homes. Justice Jones, who was coordinating the case study, served as information officer on the Airport Fire and saw homes going up in flames.

"The most surprising thing to me is that stone and brick homes with metal roofs were burning—homes that at first glance firefighters would classify as low risk," Jones says. "In this case, it was not the 50-foot wall of flames from one- or two-inch tall grass. It was truly an example of the home only being as strong as its weakest link."

What were the weakest links? Primarily the culprits were wood porches with no screening underneath, cedar posts and landscape timbers. Most of the losses occurred in areas with minimal amounts of vegetative fuels.

"Almost every loss was associated with conduction from firebrands entering open areas like attic vents, eaves and soffits or radiant heat from short grass igniting combustible material on or adjacent to the home such as wooden decks or landscaping timbers," he adds.

Another factor came into play. After a 15- to 20-inch rainfall deficit over much of Texas, the vegetation was not the only dry fuel available to burn. The fact that two-story homes burned down to a mere foot of debris proved the wood framing, decks, fences and landscape timbers all had critically low fuel moisture and were very susceptible to fire.

How the assessments were conducted:

The case study involved using the reverse home assessment methodology to evaluate 100

homes that burned on six different fires. The fires had strong similarities—most occurred in grass or light brush fuel models. Most of the homes studied were site-built, made from a variety of materials.

"Decks were a common theme," Jones says. "One-inch tall grass can carry fire to anything ignitable under a deck, particularly other fine fuels, such as dead leaves that tend to gather under unscreened decks. Damaged but not destroyed homes, whether due to construction material or suppression action, were the most telling," Jones says. "When more evidence was still standing, it was easier to determine the weakest point. The homes that were reduced to rubble took more investigation, so we put in practice the reverse home assessment methodology."

Reverse home assessment is a description of the process for determining the most probable cause of a home's ignition during a wildfire event. It is basically conducting a home assessment in reverse by looking at the composition of building materials, as well as the vegetation, landscaping and fire behavior. The team worked backwards to determine the most likely cause of ignition.

Lessons learned

Early on in the study, it became apparent that the defensible space message to the general public could be tweaked. Roofs are obviously the most susceptible to firebrands, but they are also a high-ticket item to retrofit.

"We saw several homes with metal roofs burn to the ground," Jones says. "When a homeowner thinks he has to replace his roof to be Firewise, he might be discouraged because of the cost.

From what we saw, there are several steps people can take that are much less costly, and sometimes just as effective." One such fix is 1/8th inch wire mesh screening that can be used under decks and in attic vents to keep firebrands from entering the structure. Another step is clearing any vegetation away from wooden decks or fences.

Firefighters recalled that decks and landscaping timbers were often the ignition point to the houses. Once the decks or porches ignited, the homes were gone in a matter of minutes.

"From a suppression standpoint, many of the homes lost were in part due to the sheer number of homes igniting over a short period of time—there simply were not enough trucks to protect every house," Jones says. "From a mitigation standpoint, many losses could have been prevented if appropriate preventive measures had occurred before the fires struck."

The case study proved it is often the simplest measures that make the difference in whether or not a home survives a wildfire. According to Jones, encouraging homeowners to focus on the nuances that can make a home vulnerable will be the key in preventing future losses.

"Before this study, I would tell

homeowners to upgrade their roofs from a class B to class A material, which can cost tens of thousands of dollars. Now, I focus on the things that have the biggest impact for the least expense," Jones says. "For example, surrounding the first few feet around a home with river rock or enclosing a wooden deck with wire screening, can have a huge impact on a home's survivability in a wildfire situation with minimal cost to me homeowner."

A Refined Focus

According to Rich Gray, TFS urban wildland interface state coordinator, UWI messages in Texas and nationally have leaned toward the obvious at-risk areas—heavy timber or brush encroaching on communities, not the communities surrounded by prairies.

"One of the key triggers we noticed is that while we normally see our major interface losses in heavier fuel types, that is not the case in Texas," Gray says. "The majority of the losses we saw this winter were in light, flashy fuels. Some of the things we found about structure ignitability is that it is not always the ember showers that ignite the homes. In this grass fuel type, it's just as important to focus on structure ignitability

from a flaming front, not necessarily a 200-foot one, but a 6- or 8-foot flaming front of a grassfire."

Gray adds that grassfires are dangerous for other reasons as well.

"What compounds the urban wildland interface concerns with grassfires is that they grow large so quickly you do not have time for planning evacuations or structure triage hours or days in advance like you do in timber fires," he says. "Planning long before a fire threatens is the key. Once a grassfire is looming, you have moments, not days to take action or evacuate."

The Ringgold Fire, which burned primarily in grass and mesquite in North Texas, was a perfect example. While it started several miles outside of town, it bore down on the community before the fire departments had a chance to make a stand against it. The fire was moving 400 to 600 feet per minute, and even highway breaks did little to slow it down. "Fires on our prairie lands have just as many losses as the areas with heavier concentrations of fuels, and we need to continue to emphasize that message to the public, including local officials and emergency managers," Gray adds.

Success

instead of the usual 5 on the form. This will cover topics such as General Job Performance and Leadership Skills. Results of his evaluation will be discussed at the January 22nd meeting at 6 p.m.

*On September 26th, the seniors were going to Cisco Jr. College for College Day. This is always an enlightening trip that the students enjoy, because it gives them a glimpse into college life. Many opportunities are presented and they are encouraged to further their education. Principal Cearley stated that tutorials would be reassigned every 4th week, as well as the 1st of every 6 weeks to new teachers.

*The ESL (English as Second Language) annual report was read and approved. CPISD had 2 students being served by this program in the 2005-2006 school year. Both students made good progress.

*The acceptance of the education of non-resident students was approved. This program, referred to as the "sale of WADA" is actually the Weighted Average

Daily Attendance program. This enables poorer school districts to be able to function on a higher economic plane, as it 'levels the playing field', by taking from richer districts and supplementing those resources into districts less advantaged. The Financial Management Report for 2006 School-First Rating was also approved.

*It was agreed that Beta Sigma Phi could use their usual area on the school grounds for their upcoming 'Giant Community-Wide Day Sale' on October 21st.

*Dixie Lewis, Clyde Hubbard, Tommy Ames, Kali Rogers, Anne Nickerson and Tonja Walker, as well as all board members were present at this meeting.

*The CP Board went into Executive Session for 45 minutes. Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Hubbard were present at that meeting.

*The Cross Plains School Board meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library. The public is encouraged to attend.



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