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Hinge on the Cross

DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: Deborah story. It is such a unique idea oh, to have been so clever. We continue to learn from our elders. Read and enjoy!!!! Vanda Anderson

"Grandma's Hands"

Author Unknown

Grandma, some ninety plus years, sat feebly on the patio bench. She didn't move, just sat with her head down staring at her Extension Entomologist - San presented by the Extension

When I sat down beside her, she Extension Agronomist from San Coleman and didn't acknowledge my presence Angelo, Dr. Larry Unruh, and the long I sat, I wondered if she was okay.

Finally, not really wanting to disturb her but wanting to check on her, I asked her if she was okay. She raised her head and looked at me and smiled. "Yes, I'm fine, thank you for asking," she said in a clear voice strong.

"I didn't mean to disturb you Grandma, but you were just sitting here staring at your hand and I wanted to make sure you were okay," I explained.

"Have you ever looked at your hands?" she asked. "I mean really looked at your hands?"

I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands, as I tried to figure out the point she was making.

Grandma smiled and related this story: "Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands, though wrinkled, shriveled and weak have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life."

"They braced and caught my fall when as a toddler I crashed upon the floor. They put food in They tied my shoes and pulled on This first showing is limited to Down and Never Lose Faith! my boots. They held my husband MEN of ALL AGES. and wiped my tears when he went off to war."

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'We're Proud of Our Local Heritage





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Forage Seminar set for February 8th in Cross Plains

Seminar is set for February 8th strategies will include applicators. management techniques on existing bermudagrass pastures accompanying meal is \$5 to as well as native pasture management.

Speakers for the Seminar will American Plant Food and Dr. Bob Lyons, Extension Range

A special 5-hour CEU Forage Specialist - Uvalde. Dr. Warrick will discuss the basics of at the First Baptist Church in Bermudagrass Management. Griswold faxed me this beautiful Cross Plains, Texas. Registration Dr. Sansone will discuss Forage starts at 8:30 a.m. The program Insects and Dr. Unruh will be begins at 9:00 a.m. The goal of discussing forage fertility. Dr. this program is to provide Lyons will discuss native pasture producers with information on management. Jan Hatler with forage management strategies the Texas Department of to help them produce uniform, Agriculture will be on hand to high quality forage to meet their give an hour of Laws and production goals. These Regulation for pesticide

The cost of the Seminar and those that pre-register by February 2nd. Registration at the door will be \$10.00 per include: Dr. Chris Sansone, person. This program is Angelo and Dr. Billy Warrick, offices in Brown, Callahan, Counties. further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

Three Places on School **Board Up for Grabs** Filing Dates Announced

Three places on the CPISD School Board are coming up for election. The terms of Jim Cook, Vicki Dillard and Susan Schaefer are ending. School Board terms run for three years.

Saturday, February 10th is the first day to file for Place on the Ballot, but school offices are not open on that day so filing will begin Monday February 12th Superintendent's office at the Cross Plains High School building located at 700 N. Main.

The last day to file for Place on 12th at 5:00 p.m.

Spring Break runs March 12th skills from past efforts. through the 16th, so if you wait from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the so they can help you with filing.

Drawing will be March 19th at 10:00 a.m. at the High School.

"Facing the Giants" to Show at First Baptist Monday, February 12th

FREE to the public!

Dan Reeves, NFL Coaching (Phil. 4:13). Great, calls this film, "A great

Nationally Acclaimed movie, movie, every family in America my mouth and clothes on my "Facing The Giants" Premiers should see it!" Facing The back. As a child my Mother Monday, February 12th at 7:00 Giants" will inspire you to taught me to fold them in prayer. p.m. at First Baptist Church. Never Give Up, Never Back

More information about this Called the feel-good surprise movie can be obtained by going movie hit of the season, it has to www.FacingTheGiants.com touched the hearts of more than or by calling First Baptist 1 million people, and will be Church at 725-7629. With God, All Things Are Possible...

Love Fund Established at Texas Heritage Bank for Dominick Goins

established at Texas Heritage grandmother, Linda Reed, and Bank to assist with medical great-grandparents, Bill and and funeral expenses for 15 Sharon Reed, Sr. his home in Cross Plains on difficult time. January 23, 2007.

Dominick's parents are John prayers. and Marian Goins.

Love Fund has been grandparents include

month-old Dominick Allan Your donations would be Goins. He choked on a cookie at greatly appreciated at this very

Please keep this family in your

Athletic Booster Meeting Monday, February 12 6:00 p.m. in Gym Foyer Come Be A Part

Meet the Author Features Mark Finn

The popular Meet the Author series sponsored by the Cross Plains Public Library will feature Mark Finn next Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

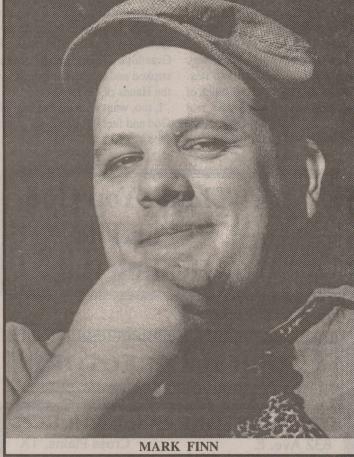
Although Finn, who now lives in Vernon, was born in Abilene, he admits to spending most of his formative years in exotic locations like Sweetwater, Maryneal, Brownwood, and of course, Cross Plains!!

As an early and precocious reader, Mark discovered the writings of Robert E. Howard at age 12. Like so many, he became hooked for life. Icing on the cake to the young reader was to discover that Howard had grown up and written his many adventure stories from Finn's own back yard. As a result of his life long interest in Howard's wide variety of stories and poetry, Finn has become a frequent visitor, and is one of our top ambassadors who is always quick to tout Cross Plains to the world.

Finn decided at an early age that he wanted to become a writer many of these scholars, he agrees publicity as the first book-length thankfully been lost to the winds recognition. of time, and no tears will be shed for them." However, those early the writer's collective known to Cross Plains in the interest of the Ballot is Monday, March efforts did have value as he as Clockwork Storybook, showing them his favorite

to file on the last day, you will fiction and hundreds of articles, number of stories and books group, who commented on their need to call Jackie Tennison at reviews and short stories to his before disbanding in 2001. drive back to Austin, "You know, 254-725-6767, Lurene McNutt at credit. He also does double duty Among their more interesting it's really frustrating to me that 254-725-6426 or Cliffadean as the Creative Director for the accomplishments was a special Howard isn't being appreciated as Hargrove at 254-725-7458 Violet Crown Radio Players, online REH tribute issue, wherein a Texas author." The Ballot Positioning occasionally performs old time month dealt in some way with an Cathy's comment is the premise production.

Since 1995, Finn has been a



when he "grew up". He laughs that Robert Howard's greatest gift biography written on the famous that his "earliest fiction has to Cross Plains was worldwide Texas author in over twenty years.

continues to hone his writing along with Bill Willingham, author's old stomping grounds. To date, Finn has two books of Sturges. They produced a Day of the Violet Crown Radio where he writes, directs and all of the stories written for the radio scripts. His original audio original REH manuscript — a of Finn's coming visit — to theater version of King Kong was manuscript that was digitally discuss Howard as a Texas author recently nominated for a B. Iden provided with the generous help influenced by Texas history, Payne award for best sound of the Cross Plains Public Library, economy and environs.

of course. regular attendee of the annual serious about compiling a welcome. Refreshments will be Robert E. Howard Days. Right biography of Howard and was served as patrons mix and mingle here in Cross Plains, he met a once again working with and visit with Finn, who will number of colorful people from Roberson and MonkeyBrains gladly autograph books. Call the around the world who would later Books. The two-year project is library at 254-725-7722 for more become his friends and fellow now in publication as Blood & information about the evening. scholars in the Robert E. Howard Thunder: The Life and Art of United Press Association. Like Robert E. Howard and is gaining

Over the years, Finn has In 1998, Finn became part of brought approximately 30 people Chris Roberson and Matthew Among them was his wife, Cathy

Although this event is free to By 2004, Finn was getting the public, donations are always

Submitted by **Arlene Stephenson**



RIBBON CUTTING—Charles Chesshir (back, from left), owner, Kathy Chesshir, Wayne Lenz, Garnett McKoy, Barbara Dillard, LaVonne Childress and Bob Childress; David Estes (front, from left) Chamber board member, Inga Brennan, Karen Lenz, Shana Hinyard, Kim Stover and Chamber President Amber Kleiber.

Liveoak Land and Real Estate opens branch office in Cross Plains

for Liveoak Land and Real Estate Branch office of Cross Plains, 116 S.W. 5th (Hwy 36), Monday, January 29, 2007.

has over 30 years experience in Plains open for business. easy."

The Cross Plains Chamber of real estate and is the oldest Commerce held a ribbon cutting row astate agency in Coleman

Karen Lenz, Shana Hinyard and Inga Brennan will be working out of the office. Karen stated that, Liveoak has been representing "Everyone is excited to have a buyers and sellers in our area for local office and we pledge many years and is proud to have professional service in making Liveoak Land and Real Estate the new branch office of Cross your real estate transactions

"They have been dirty, scraped fold in prayer." and raw, swollen and bent. They tried to hold my newborn son. Decorated with my wedding band, they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special. They wrote my letters to him and trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse."

and grandchildren, consoled neighbors, and shook in fists of anger when I didn't understand. They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body. They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw. And to this day when not much of anything else of me works real well, these hands hold me up, lay me down and again continue to face.

"These hands are the mark of were uneasy and clumsy when I where I've been and the ruggedness of life. But more importantly it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when He leads me home. And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of Christ"

I will never look at my hands the "They have held my children same again. But I remember God reached out and took my Grandma's hands and led her

> When my hands are hurt or sore or when I stroke the face of my children and husband, I think of Grandma. I know she has been stroked and caressed and held by the Hands of God.

> I, too, want to touch the face of God and feel His hands upon my



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Pastor Max Evans

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Sunday School	9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship	
Evening Service	6:00P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study &	

Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599

Church (254)725-6266 Friendly Church

Donald Gilliam, Sr.

Donald Gilliam, Sr., age 73, of Korean Conflict. He worked as a home in Cottonwood. Funeral Church. services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 5, 2007 his parents and a brother. at Higginbotham Funeral Survivors include his wife, the Cottonwood Cemetery.

in the U.S. Army during the grandchildren.

Patricia O. Windham

Patricia O. Windham, 82, died 1996 following the death of her Thursday, February 1, 2007, in a husband. officiating; burial followed in Ashley; and one grandson, J.D. Tecumseh Cemetery, directed by Windham. Fry-Bartlett Funeral Home in Tuscola.

Cross Plains passed away commercial plumber and was a Friday, February 2, 2007 at his member of Cottonwood Baptist

Don was preceded in death by

Chapel with Matt McGowen Melva Faye Gilliam of officiating; burial followed in Cross Plains; sons, Donald Gilliam, Jr. of Royce City, He was born on December 19, Texas, Bobby Gilliam of 1933 in Brownwood, Texas to Abilene and Roger Gilliam of Curtis and Bonnie (Carmack) Wyoming; daughter, Debbie Gilliam. He married Melva Stewart of Garland; sister, Faye Beasley on March 12, 1955 Gemetha Tatum of Abilene; in Abilene, Texas. Don served 8 grandchildren; and 8 great-

in Abilene for Williamsburg great-great-grandchild; and Nursing Home and Dr. Petty. several other relatives and She moved to Wichita Falls in friends.

Wichita Falls hospital. Services Preceding her in death were her were held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, parents; her husband; a son, February 4, 2007, in Oplin Monterey Windham, Jr.; three Church of Christ with Gary Word brothers, Earl, Bill and Jack

Survivors include three daughters, Patsy Tussey and Patricia was born May 2, 1924, husband Carroll of Ocean to Charley and Maggie Jane Jones Springs, Mississippi, Barbara Ashley, in Comal in Coleman Gladden of Abilene, and Diana County. She married Monterey Hillen and husband Calvin of Windham on November 15, 1941, Wichita Falls; one daughter-inin Lebanon, Missouri. She was law, La Neta Windham of a homemaker and a licensed Hobbs, New Mexico; one brother, vocational nurse, retiring in 1990 Charley Ashley of Cross Plains; from Sears Memorial Methodist one sister, Betty C. Aldridge Center. Previously she had of Loop; 20 grandchildren; worked for many years 37 great-grandchildren; one



GUY EDWARD WARDEN

Guy Edward Warden

Guy Edward Warden, 71, of Baird, died peacefully at his home on Friday, February 2, 2007. Services were Tuesday, February 6th, at Parker Funeral Home Chapel in Baird. Minister of the Hamby Church of Christ, Sheldon DeVries officiated. Interment followed at the Atwell

Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Parker Funeral

Guy was born August 27, 1935 in Eastland to the late Thomas E. and Willie Wharton Warden. He graduated from Texas Tech College in 1956. He was a Texas cattle buyer for forty years and a salesman for Schaeffer Manufacturing for the past ten years. He was a long-time member of the Hamby Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jim T. Warden; his sister MArtha Myrick; grandson Carter Jackson and numerous nieces and nephews.

Guy is survived by his wife, Allene Warden, his daughter Cathy Warden, his daughter Diane Jackson; three grandchildren, Jordan, Callie, and Tanner; his step-daughters Becky Whitt, Tammy Dugan and her daughter, Elizabeth Dugan. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jim T. Warden, his sister Martha Myrick, grandson Carter Jackson, and numerous nieces

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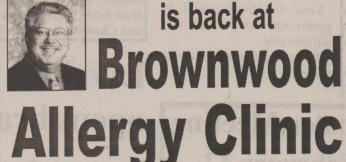
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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Henry E. Williams, criminal mischief.

Dustin S. White, criminal

Melissa G. Reutter, driving while intoxicated (DWI). Devin C. Underwood, criminal

Zachery A. Patterson, driving while license invalid (DWLI). Cable N. Neff, DWLI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Linda Gilstrap, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.

Tammy Reid, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Guadalupe Moreno Jr., plea of guilty to no drivers license, \$185 fine, \$165 court cost. Kimberly Hogue, waiver of counsel and application to proceed pro se granted.

JoAnn O'Neal, plea of guilty to DWI-1st, 2 year probation, \$600 fine, \$356 court cost.

Sylvia Diaz, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid

restitution. Amanda Vick, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.

Gilbert Recio Jr., motion to dismiss to DWI granted for plea to other case. Ashley McGinnis, waiver of

counsel and application to proceed pro se granted. Tammy Jo Reid, waiver of counsel and application to

proceed pro se granted. Jay Tully, plea of guilty to DWLI, 3 days in jail, \$256 court

Tammy Pelletier, plea of guilty to theft by check, 3 days in jail, \$306 court cost.

Robert Munoz, affidavit of surety to surrender principal granted.

Robbie Harper, motion

withdraw surety granted. Steven Lee Smith, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant. Michael E. McKinney, plea of

guilty to no drivers license,

\$185 fine, \$165 court cost. Rick Beauchamp, motion to dismiss to violating city ordinance granted in the interest of justice.

Douglas Taillon, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 9 month probation, \$700 fine, \$256 court cost.

Cody D. Howard, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to other case.

Justin Edmondson, plea of guilty to no drivers license, \$200 fine, \$165 court cost.

> **42nd DISTRICT COURT** John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Discover Bank issuer of the Discover Card vs. Alice Lanham, default on note.

John Darrell Williams vs. Meljanie Quinalagan Toledo, divorce.

Rickey G. Box and Cynthia Irene Box, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Tina Louise Campos and Emeterio Campos Jr., divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Anna Marie Moreno, plea of guilty to DWI, 4 years in prison, \$269 court cost.

Bradley D. Wright, plea of guilty to DWI-3rd or more, 3 years in prison, \$320 court

To get your name on the Birthday Column, send your name and date of birth to The Cross Plains Review

> P.O. Box 519 Cross Plains, Texas 76443

There is no charge for this service. To delete a name due to death or other reasons send name and birth date (Month and Day) or Call 254-725-6111

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First Baptist Church

Sunday

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Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship

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

By WALLACE BENNETT

Don Gilliam Buried In Cottonwood

Don Gilliam, Sr. passed away February 2, 2007 and was buried in Cottonwood Cemetery February 5th. He will be greatly missed by his friends and family in Cottonwood.

Callahan Stock Show **Participants Include Cottonwood Students**

Emma Bennett and Kelli Bennett, daughters of Bryan and Debi Bennett, showed animals in Callahan County Stock Show two weeks ago and are moving on to homesteader in Cottonwood, other stock shows. Kelli, who to stories of frontier living with showed a pig in the Callahan show entered her animal in the Ft. Worth newspaper clippings, and stories Stock Show last week-end. Emma of some of the arguments and Bennett showed a heifer in the unlawful activities we prefer to Callahan County show and won a 2nd place ribbon. She will show the animal in San Antonio violence of the era are stories next week-end. Also showing of the religious fellowship and 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443,

Cottonwood were Zach Snell, with a lamb, and Dakota and proud of our young people and their hard work.

is going to the publisher and Carol is ecstatic with delicious sounding recipes and the book is sprinkled with history, from the first Spanish explorer who visited this valley, to the first old family names selected from

Overcoming the occasional

history of the cemetery.

Teri Brown, daughter of Dalton Gilliam with pigs. We are Beverly Brown, is to be commended and thanked for her talented work in providing The Cookbook Committee the overall layout, design and tells me that the final product typesetting of the book. "Hat's

You will soon be given anticipation. There are 543 opportunity to order the Cottonwood's My Home Recipes, Memories and History, for \$20, plus \$4.50 for shipping and handling.

John Franklin Bennett, my brother, is in the VA Hospital in Temple, and our nephew Phillip and I are on the road at this writing to visit him.

(If you have news or personal items to include in this column, please contact Wallace Bennett at 254-725-7474, or write 11093 CR in the Callahan event from influence, and ending with the or email csb5@airmail.net.)

Upcoming **Valentine** Banquet

Get your tickets now, because Saturday, February 17th will be a special time to share a special event with the one you love! The Cross Plains First Baptist Church will be holding a Valentines Banquet. All adults rating of art; and what an art form are encouraged to attend this it is! event that will include a fantastic sit-down dinner and inspirational music.

For your enjoyment, the Gospel group, New Ground will be performing. They are part of the music ministry of the First Baptist Church of Graham. "New Ground" gets its name from Jeremiah 4:3, where the men of Israel and Judah were challenged to "break up their fallow ground" and become the relevant spiritual leaders that their nation desperately needed. New Ground feels that the same call is true today in our nation, and sends out the call to awaken men to take up the mantle of leadership.

A wonderful dinner will be served by the energetic Youth of FBC, restaurant-style, so you can sit back, relax and enjoy your

Tickets are still available and can be purchased for just \$7.00 each at the FBC office. Yes, Childcare will be provided. Questions? Call 725-7629.

LIBRARY NOTES

Statistics January 29-February 2, 2007

Donations: Texas Heritage Bank **Memorials: Jack Tunnell** Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Westerman

Books Donated: Darrin Ames Ann Beeler Sandy Doss **Ginny Hoskins** Kathleen Terstegge

Activity Report					
Patrons:	80				
Lap 6					
Lapsit 1					
Books Checked Out:	83				
Lap 24					
Lapsit 4					
Internet Users:	22				
Interlibrary Loans:	1				

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

(3-Cross Plains Review February 8, 2007

KAY MOSLEY

Comments: Working with flowers can be rated as cultivation and also under the

"Blooms, Blossoms in Bouquets"

When once we discovered just exactly who that woman in the moon is; then hopefully with that information and God's grace the answer will soon be revealed.

We live in a truly beautiful world that God has created for us. We should at least be attentive and appreciative of all of nature's beauty. It enhances nature's beauty when we put the garbage into the waste cans and dumpsters. You could trim the dead branches from our trees at home, help a senior citizen keep their lawn and property clean.

Sometimes we need to give Mother Nature a little extra help. Plant some flower seeds or some flowers, vines, or shrubs to brighten your lawns and other properties.

I like to have at least one plant blooming or showing colors pretty much year around. Just for an example, mark off a circle about 72 inches in diameter in the back, just to the center, plant yellow coreopsis, just one row. But pretty thickly, (they will not bloom until the second year). However, they will make a good stand of greenery and will have nice round yellow blossoms from the second year.

Now, when that is in, we want to blooming or showing color give it a good start before we plant anything very close to it. Now go directly to the front of the circle and prepare the area from the center in a direct line around the edge inside and run it down both sides until you are about 1/2 way (about 15 plants on each side). on both sides of the circle.

purchase your plants. The anymore. No trouble anymore! blooms of Candy Tuft are white,

they don't get very tall and look perfect in front. You will need to buy them very early because they start blooming when the weather is still cold.

Probably you should call your nursery and ask when their Candy Tuft will be in. They will bloom and bloom until it warms up, maybe in April or May. But they really make it beautiful when nothing else is blooming except bulbs like daffodils and pansies.

Pansies will bloom about two months longer than candy taft. The thing is though, the pansies only bloom that one year and Candy Tuft will bloom again year after year.

Some other plants will be needed to complete the bed. I am listing some but you may have to move them in sequence, as I don't have the information of how tall each will be. Just read their tags and plant them with the tallest ones in the back. They might include chrysanthemums yellow, large daisies - white with yellow centers, daffodils - yellow and narcissus - yellow.

Put in some hostas they will bloom eventually, but now we want to use them for the color in their leaves. There are several different varieties. Yellow snapdragons are very pretty and easy to raise. The white Candy Tufts will bloom extremely early. By the time they quit blooming, a lot more in the flower bed will be starting to bloom.

Remember, in a flower bed it is good to try to have something in it throughout the year.

While the flower garden is still young, add some yellow coreopsis plants on each side of the coreopsis you planted when you first started your garden

I no longer receive phone calls; Go to the nursery or the nursery very, very few letters, so I guess department of a store and I've past my prime trouble

RISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

The residents will be having a for our Valentine party. They Valentine party on the 14th at 2:00 p.m. At that time a King and Queen resident will be announced and then crowned. We will also be recognizing our one resident who has a birthday this month, Glenda Barr. EJ Browning and band members will be here to provide the music for us. All family and friends are invited to come. The residents will be

will also make chocolate covered strawberries.

On Thursday the 8th we are looking forward to having Glenda West from the United Methodist Church in May come and play music for us.

We would like to say a big welcome to our new resident Louise Foster.

Nikki Perez (CNA) has cutting out and decorating them been helping and assisting the

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residents in activities. She also transports them to their doctor appointments. Nikki is a great asset to this facility. This week they will be putting together and decorating Valentine hanging wall pockets to hold all the Valentines they receive.

By Linda Merritt

Hearts Are Winging On Their Way From Sweetheart City U.S.A. Bringing Love **Right To Your Door From** Cupid's Bow In 07.

C.P. Roping **Club Meets** Saturday

The Cross Plains Roping Club will meet Saturday, February 10th at 3:30 p.m. at the Roping Arena. All members are urged to attend and dues are to be paid at this meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Callahan County

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from January 28, 2007 through February 3, 2007 in-

Cases Investigated Warnings—111 Complaints-88

Vehicle Accidents There were nine vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

DPS Report

SENIOR CITIZENS

Programs

MONDAY - Chili Dog on Bun, Okra, Hominy Casserole, Peach Pork-N-Beans, Coleslaw, Lemon Cobbler, Cornbread Pudding

Carrots, Gelatin, Roll

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WEDNESDAY - Lima Beans, FRIDAY- Tuna Salad, Tomato Beets w/Onions, Tomatoes & Soup, Macaroni Salad, Mixed Fruit, Cookie, Crackers

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The results of my wife Patsy's recent tests at M.D. Anderson, in four words, were: "Marked improvement; continue treatments." Obviously, that was great news to us — yet not unlike what we expected, with all the prayers going up in her behalf, thanks to you and to God!

It made me wonder, if it were possible, what a sonogram of our spiritual soul would show. John the apostle said to Gaius, "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers" (III John 1). And Paul the apostle wrote the Christians at Thessalonica: "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thess. 5:23).

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Preparations are now underway for the annual Spring Musical to in Grades 1 through 6 are invited be presented by the Children's to participate. You do not have to Choirs of First Baptist Church. This year's presentation is entitled "Race to Win" and takes place at a super-speedway. Along with the action and thrills involved in NASCAR racing, it's a story of the battle between two drivers for the championship and how one of them discovers God's love and saving grace in the

All children of the community be a member of First Baptist Church —you just need to have a love to share God's word through music and drama.

Deadline for participating in the musical will be February 28th; the musical is scheduled to be performed on Sunday, April 29th. Children's choirs meet every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 7:25 in the old fellowship hall of First Baptist Church.

If persons are interested in

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Special School **Board Meeting Held Monday**

By Deborah Lowitzer Special Writer

The Cross Plains School Board met in a Called meeting the night of Monday, February 5th. On the agenda was the Superintendent Contract and Evaluation and the High School Principal's Contract and Evaluation. The Board went into a Closed Executive Session to discuss these matters privately.

I was informed by someone at the Superintendent's office that teachers are given up to \$75.00 (Seventy-five dollars) to be spent per school year on consumable supplies, not \$150.00 total, as was spoken at the School Board Meeting on January 22nd. Apparently the other \$75.00 is by grant only and has to be approved by the Education Service Center.

Five Key Skills for **Academic Success**

By: greatschools.net

1. Organization:

Make a checklist of things your child needs to bring to and from school every day.

day to see if he/she remembers the the computer. items on the list.

keeps track of his homework and

folders, or an assignment book.

2. Time Management

monthly calendar. Work back- them from siblings. ward from the due date of larger assignments and break them into nightly tasks.

much time he/she spends on out the price of a discounted item homework each week so he or she next time you shop. can figure out how much time to

for nightly homework and help music and foreign languages are your child stick to this schedule.

* If evenings aren't enough, help your child find other times for schoolwork, such as early mornings, study halls, or weekends.

3. Prioritization:

Ask your child to write down all the things he needs to do, including non-school activities.

* Label each task from 1 to 3,

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with 1 being most important.

* Help your child change some of the labels to better prioritize for academic success. 4. Concentration:

* Turn off access to email and * Check with your child each games when your child works on * Declare the phone and TV

* Find out how your child off-limits during homework time.

* Find space that fits the how he organizes his notebooks. assignment. If your child is * Shop with your child for working on a science project, he tools to help him/her stay or she may need lots of space; if organized, such as binders, your child is studying for a test, they will need a well lit area.

* Help your child concentrate * Track assignments on a during homework by separating

5. Motivation:

* Link school lessons to your child's life. If they are learning * Help your child record how percentages, ask them to figure

* List your child's interest to divide this time into manageable academics. If they are passionate about music, give them books * Together, designate a time about musicians, and show how connected.

> * Give your child control and choices. With guidance, let him determine his study hours.

> * Encourage your child to share their expertise. Regularly ask about what they are learning in school.

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Skinny's in Cross Plains is number

three lottery retailer in County

Skinny's #67, located at Av-

enue F & 4th Street in Cross

total sales of \$453,244 in 2005.

The Skinny's store in Cross

Plains is the only retailer in the

The fourth highest Texas Lot-

tery retailer was West-T-Go #25,

located at 1033 Cherry Street in

Baird with total lottery sales of

Clyde

Putnam

Lawrence Brothers

The Filling Station

Red Barn

\$98,910

\$71,510

and Cherry Lane in Clyde, took

fifth place in the county with

Rounding out the top 10 in-

cluded: Tally's, located at 1060

FM 603, Clyde, with total sales

of \$228,241; Allsup's #186, lo-

cated at I-20 & US 283 in Baird,

with sales of \$172,729; Allsup's

#128, located at I-20 & Cherry

Lane in Clyde, with total sales of

\$162,073; Anita Food Mart, lo-

cated at 921 South Access Road

in Clyde, with sales of \$102,400;

and Lawrence Brothers IGA, lo-

total sales of \$233,575.

Skinny's #52, located at I-20 cated at I-20 & Cherry Lane in

\$67,708.

2004-2005

\$521,417

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\$252,922

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Clyde, with total lottery sales of

Texas Lottery sales in Calla-

han County were also higher in

2005 than in 2004. The Texas

Lottery Commission reported

total lottery sales of \$2,743,514

in Callahan County in 2005. The

Lottery Commission said 2004

lottery sales in Callahan County

Texas Lottery Commission's

fiscal year runs from August 1st

were \$2,653,458.

through July 31st

The Perfect Storm TEXAS STYLE

in the facts presented. Vanda Anderson

homes were destroyed and 13,803 acres burned with no less than 23 fires being reported. On 01-01-2006 the Forest Service reported 39 fires throughout the Panhandle and West Texas regions. These fires accounted for the loss of 186,580 acres of land and the destruction of 81 homes.

Through January and February of 2006, 770 fires accounted for an additional loss of 234,000 acres of land. On March 12, 2006, the worst single day fire outbreak in Texas' history occurred. To many this day would be witness to the "Perfect Storm". At the end of this day alone over 800,000 acres would be destroyed. The East Amarillo Complex fire over four days would kill seven acres of land, tens of thousands of bales of hay, miles and miles of fence and thousands of head of

Perfect weather conditions such as; high winds, low humidity, and enormous amounts of fuel would combine to create a fire condition that was beyond imagination and control. From 12-02-2005 to 09-07-2006 the Texas Forest Service, in mutual aid with local fire departments, has responded to 2,686 fires with the loss of 1,510,419 acres. The estimated dollar amount in property lost is a staggering 632 million dollars with the state of Texas spending 75 million dollars alone. Fortyseven other states responded to the fires in Texas sending personnel, fire engines, dozers, and fire suppressing aircraft.

Tom Spencer from the Texas Forest Service said, "Extreme fire behavior like we've experienced in Texas since 2005 is not an isolated, one time weather event." "We are in the middle of a 25-30 year dry period, and we can expect a long term situation with an increase in the number of severity of wildfires, unlike anything we've seen in 50 years."

We need to all be cautious about these conditions and try to prevent any unnecessary events from happening in our areas.

> Statistics submitted by **Randy Golson** Fire Chief BVFD

Editor's Note: Tom Melton brought in the following article that was published in the Cisco Junior College newspaper. I think you will be interested

The Texas Forest Service aptly named and identified the date December 27, 2005 as "Black Tuesday", so named because of the terrible fires that raged throughout Texas killing three people, ravaging many communities, and interrupting thousands of lives.

On this date, no less than 154

people, burn and destroy 906,000

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Neugebauer Sets Dates for Big Country Mobile Offices during February

Washington, DC - Congressman Randy Neugebauer has announced upcoming Big Country stops for his mobile congressional office during February.

In an effort to better serve constituents, Neugebauer is sending his staff to communities throughout the 19th District. All constituents seeking federal assistance or experiencing problems involving federal agencies are invited to stop by and visit with one of his staff members.

Neugebauer's staff will be in Albany and Breckenridge on Monday, February 12; Cross Plains, Rising Star, Baird, and Clyde on Tuesday, February 13; Merkel and Rotan on Wednesday, February 14; and Graham, Olney, and Archer City on Thursday, February 15. Constituents who have questions regarding the mobile offices should contact Neugebauer's office at 888-763-1611.

Neugebauer's staff will set up offices at the following locations: Monday, February 12th Albany

(10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) Aztec Theatre (Side Room) 141 South Main Street Breckenridge (1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.) City Council Chambers 105 N. Rose Avenue

Tuesday, February 13th **Cross Plains** (10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) City Council Chambers 201 S. Main Street

Rising Star (11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) Rising Star High School -Auditorium 905 N. Main Street

(2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.) Callahan County Court Room 100 W. 4th Street

Clyde (3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) City Council Chambers 222 Oak Street Wednesday, February 14th

(10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) Merkel City Hall - Foyer 100 Kent Street

Rotan (1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.) Rotan Advance Newspaper 114 E. Sammy Baugh Avenue Thursday, February 15th Graham

(10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) Graham Chamber of Com-608 Elm Street

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Barb's Cues

Thrifty's Food Mart in Clyde the top spot as the number one

overtook Howle's Kountry Store lottery retailer in Callahan County

Thrifty's Food Mart, located at Plains, was the number three

1634 North Access Road in lottery retailer in the County with

as the largest lottery ticket re- for the previous three years.

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Computer Granny By Kay Conner Pliszka

tailer, according to the Texas

Clyde, reported \$521,417 in to-

tal lottery ticket sales during the

at 105 South First Street West in

Clyde, was the number two lot-

tery ticket retailer in Callahan

County with \$513,310 in lottery

Howle's Kountry Store, located community.

sales in 2005. Howle's had held \$252,922.

fiscal year ending in 2005.

Lottery Commission.

My eyes filled with tears as I kissed my family good-bye at the Sydney, Australia, airport. Because the trip from America is so expensive, I knew I wouldn't be returning to be with my son, my Australian daughter-in-law or my precious grandchildren for at least two more years.

Tracy, nine years old, and Phillip, eleven, were born there. I'd seen them only five times in their short lives - one month every two years. I so wanted to be a good grandma to them, like my grandma was to me.

I wanted to bake them homemade cookies, visit their schools, watch Tracy's dance recitals and Phillip's bowling tournaments. I wanted them to be able to come to me when they were hurting and let me wipe their tears and give them hugs.

I wanted to be able to talk with them every day - to listen to their laughter, to know their dreams, to say "I love you."

Each time we parted, my heart ached a little more. But on this visit Tracy and Phillip had given me exciting hope for the future. They had talked incessantly about their new computer and how, if I bought one, we would be able to communicate daily!

"Remember, Granny," Tracy squealed as I waved good-bye, "get a computer! And write to

"Every day!" Phillip shouted. "We'll write to you, too."

And so it was that I abandoned my outdated typewriter and made a frightening leap into this fast-paced, high-tech era of email. Everything about my new computer scared me. I was afraid to touch the keyboard for fear I'd delete something important or do some sort of damage. I

even had trouble getting started with the one-page, loose insert of quick tips:

Click on the Windows Icon. (Wait! I wanted to scream. How do I turn on the computer?) Click on the Start button, located on the Taskbar

(What's a taskbar?) Point to Programs with the mouse cursor.

(What part of this silly-looking mouse thing is a cursor?) Gramps started questioning my sanity when he heard me talking to my machine, aloud, on a

regular basis: WARNING! Invalid MAPI.DLL present. Cannot provide MAPI.DLL service.

(Did I ask to be serviced?) WARNING! This program has performed an illegal operation and will be shut down.

(So shut down already. I don't want to work with something illegal anyway.)

WARNING! A printer time-out has occurred.

(What?! My printer is taking a break? Who's in charge here?) My first few weeks of learning were not fun. I spent full days and nights reading tutorials. I bought Windows for Dummies. I waited on hold for hours, the phone glued to my ear, trying to connect to a live helper on the "helpline." I harassed my friends with annoying calls - at 7:00 a.m., at meal time, at bedtime pleading for a simple escape from some program jam that had me trapped in limbo.

The machine became my nemesis, and at the same time, the hero that could link me to my family. It was definitely a love/ hate relationship. But no obstacle, technological or otherwise, could deter me from the possibility of hearing from my grandchildren every day! I've missed out on so much of

their lives. But with electronic mail, everything has changed. Now, one month and dozens of messages later, I'm up-to-theminute with news from Tracy

By e-mail, Phillip tells Gramps and me about his role in the school play. He regales us with his account of getting caught in the rain on his bike. And he makes us proud as he announces

his test scores in math. On my last visit I taught him a goofy language called "Op." He recently sent a complete e-mail message using our "secret code" no easy task. The best part was lopove yopou sopoopoopo mopuch! Translation: I love you soooo

Tracy turned ten last week. We were in on the birthday plans from day one - the porcelain doll she was hoping for, the anticipation of a slumber party with three of her friends and a Lion King cake.

On the night of her sleepover we smiled at the computer message from her dad complaining about the unbearable noise level. We guickly responded to Tracy by saying, "We had to close our windows because we could hear you and your friends all the way across the ocean!"

Her mom immediately replied, "I just went in and read your message to the girls. They started to apologize, then realized it was a joke. The look on their faces was priceless!"

Before long we received a short note from Tracy. It was almost as though we were right there enjoying her party in person. The kids write to me when they're happy. And they write when they are hurting. They share some secrets they don't even tell Mom and Dad, and they ask me questions that only a grandma could answer.

I can't wipe their tears or put my arms around them and hold them close. But I can "listen" and show how much I care with my empathy and advice. I can send them funny jokes and precious poems. I can tell them how much I love them - every day. I still make lots of mistakes on my computer, and my heart still jumps when I get one of those obnoxious, threatening, WARN-ING! alerts. The most recent one said I had committed a "fatal error." Fatal! I nearly threw in the mouse pad! But on the same day we received a message from Tracy saying, "I love you guise bigger than the entire world!" For that I'll take any abuse this

whiz-bang wonder of chips and a motherboard dishes out. Just call me Computer Granny!

This was sent to me by Sandy

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