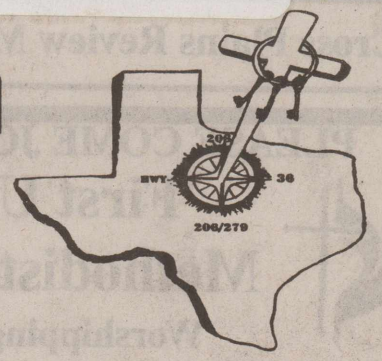


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#### DOWN HOME

**Editor's Note:** The following story demonstrates how justice sometime works. I think you will enjoy this story. **Vanda Anderson**

#### "The Cat in The Bag"

This is too funny! This could only be true, you can't make this stuff up. Who knows if it's true or not, it's still funny to read.

Clutching their Dillard's shopping bags, Ellen and Kay woefully gazed down at a dead cat in the mall parking lot. Obviously a recent hit—no flies, no smell.

"What business could that poor kitty have had here?" murmured Ellen.

"Come on, Ellen, let's just go..." But Ellen had already grabbed her shopping bag and was explaining, "I'll just put my things in your bag, and then I'll take the tissue." She dumped her purchases into Kay's bag and then used the tissue paper to cradle and lower the former feline into her own Dillard's bag and covered it.

They continued the short trek to the car in silence, stashing their goods in the trunk. But it occurred to both of them that if they left Ellen's burial bag in the trunk, warmed by the Texas sunshine while they ate, Kay's Lumina would soon lose that new-car smell.

They decided to leave the bag on top of the trunk, and they headed over to Luby's Cafeteria. After they cleared the serving line and sat down at a window table, they had a view of Kay's Chevy with the Dillard's bag still on the trunk.

BUT not for long. As they ate, they noticed a black-haired woman in a red gingham skirt stroll by their car, look quickly this way and that, and then took the Dillard's bag without breaking stride.

She quickly walked out of their line of vision. Kay and Ellen shot each other a wide-eyed look of amazement. It all happened so fast that neither of them could think how to respond. "Can you imagine?" finally sputtered Ellen.

"The nerve of that woman!" Kay sympathized with Ellen, but inwardly a laugh was building as she thought about the grand surprise awaiting the red-gingham thief.

Just when she thought she'd have to giggle into her napkin, she noticed Ellen's eyes freeze in the direction of the serving line. Following her gaze, Kay recognized with a shock the black-haired woman with the Dillard's bag. THE Dillard's bag hanging from her arm, brazenly pushing her tray toward the

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JUDGE RANDY YOUNG AND DEBBIE GOSNELL

## Judge Convenes Motivational EDC Strategic Planning Meeting Locally

By Vanda Anderson  
Editor

The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation sponsored a Strategic Planning Meeting Monday, February 26 for community leaders. The Family Life Center at First Baptist Church was utilized for the light dinner and program.

Debbie Gosnell, director of the EDC, welcomed everyone. She explained the purpose of the meeting was to focus on new goals for the city. She reminded the crowd that Cross Plains has always been capable of strong

comebacks, as demonstrated following both the tornado and fire.

Approximately forty people enjoyed the delicious meal, courtesy of Texas Heritage Bank.

Gosnell introduced the speaker, McCullough County Judge Randy Young. His enthusiasm was contagious as he presented methods to improve the quality of life for Cross Plains residents.

He stated that he had done some "secret shopping" to get a good feel of the community and found that people were friendly, except for one old grouch. Young

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REVOLUTIONSTRING

## Revolutionstring Coming to Cross Plains this Saturday, March 3rd

The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative will be hosting a concert featuring Revolutionstring on Saturday, March 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains High School Auditorium.

Revolutionstring is a group of young violinist from the Cooper and Abilene High Schools that will play a variety of music

including country, Celtic and classical. The cost for the event is \$5.00 per person.

Proceeds will benefit the Area Housing Initiative's ongoing efforts to seek assistance for the elderly and low-income of our community to receive repair on their houses. Additionally the group sponsors the Helping Hearts/Helping Hands benefit held annually

that joins volunteers in our community to get improvements and repairs completed on these homes as well.

Tickets can be purchased (\$5.00) at Texas Heritage Bank, Lawrence Farm and Ranch and at the door. Please come out and enjoy an evening of music and benefit a worthwhile project in our community.

## Cross Plains Kiwanis Club Brings Carnival to Town

Carnival Americana, formerly the Bill Haynes Show, will be held Thursday thru Saturday, March 1, 2 and 3rd beginning at 6 p.m. each day. The fun activities will be set up at the Junior Livestock Barn on Highway 206, north of Cross Plains. There is no admission fee. Rides, attractions and

concessions are priced separately.

The Kiwanis Club is sponsoring this event and all proceeds will benefit the local community. Other groups will be assisting the Kiwanis during the event.

Rides, games, cotton candy, funnel cakes and German sausage are just a few of the highlights.

Good equipment and personnel are synonymous with Carnival Americana, who has been in the business for many years. They provide the carnival at the West Texas Fair in Abilene.

The main focus of the project is children. So bring your family out for a great time, right here at

## Honor a Hometown Hero Nominate Someone Who is Extraordinary

Do you know someone that selflessly donates their time to help people in the community? Do their talents help clubs or organizations enrich the lives of others? As a Community Action Agency, Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. wants to

recognize these individuals.

Three finalists will be honored Tuesday, May 1, 7-9 p.m. at the Adams Street Community Center in Brownwood. They will enjoy dinner, entertainment and a featured speaker. The award for the Community Action Leader of

the Year will be announced that evening.

You may pick up a nomination form at the Cross Plains Review and return it Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. You may fill out as many entries as you like.

**Cross Plains Cemetery Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, March 5th  
5:30 p.m. at City Hall  
Everyone Welcome**

## Cross Plains PTO to Sponsor Teacher of the Year Award

The Cross Plains PTO will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2007 in the school auditorium.

At the meeting you will be able to vote for who you would like to receive the "Teacher of the Year" Award. Teachers Pre-K thru 12th

grade will be on the ballot. The meeting will be your only time to vote, and parents of students will be the only ones permitted to vote. The Cross Plains PTO is sponsoring this event.

Submitted by  
PTO Officers

## Don't Be SCAMMED Be careful with your personal information

A recent scam involves a person pretending to be a representative of Medicare. They want the victim to believe that they will be given a NEW Medicare number, but during the process they ask for social security numbers and

bank account numbers. Medicare is not issuing new numbers.

Don't fall victim to this SCAM. Individuals in the Weatherford area have received calls and it has been reported.

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## Project Pride Regular Monthly Meeting to be held March 6th

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly business meeting on Tuesday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library. The public is welcome.

Submitted by  
Era Lee Hanke

## Baseball - Tee Ball - Softball Pony League Meeting Sunday, March 4th 3:00 PM @ Dairy Queen

We will be electing New Officers for the 2007 Season.  
If you plan on coaching or if you have a child who will be participating please attend this meeting.

**Primary and Elementary Schools Open House March 5th 5:30-6:30 p.m.**  
Remember, come directly to the auditorium after you visit your child's room and vote for your favorite teacher.

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**OBITUARIES**

**James Ernest Woolen, Jr.**

James Ernest Woolen, Jr., age 84, of Cross Plains passed away Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at Rising Star Nursing Center.

He was born January 13, 1923 in the old town of Lisbon, south of Dallas to James Ernest and Allie Woolen. He had two sisters, Jaunita Woolen Kleutgen of Arlington, deceased, and Marie Woolen Ellis of Fort Worth. He was a Baptist.

He served in the Army Air Force in WWII as a flight engineer on a B-25 bomber, surviving numerous bombing missions in the South Pacific.

He graduated in 1950 from Texas Tech with a degree in Industrial Engineering. He met his wife, Wanda at college and they were married after she graduated in 1948.

James worked in the field of Aerospace Engineering for 35 years at Convair-Fort Worth, Convair Aeronautics-San Diego, Ling-Temco-Vought-Grand Prairie, Martin Marietta-New

Orleans, McDonnell Douglas, St. Louis, and Boeing-Wichita. Projects included the B-36 bomber; missile development for the moon trip; the space shuttle fuel tank development and various secret projects.

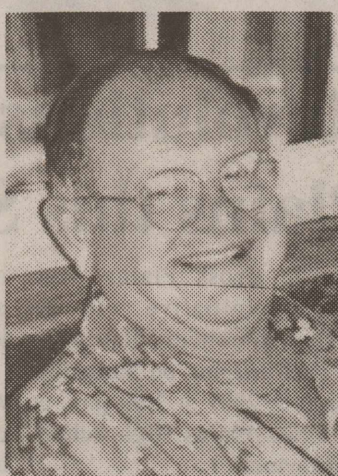
A weekend rancher, gardener and "would-be" fisherman and hunter, he enjoyed talking on all subjects, the stock market especially.

In 1985 he retired to country living in the Lufkin area of east Texas, moving to Cross Plains in 2004.

James is survived by his wife, Wanda Thompson Woolen; three daughters and their families, Bonnie Scott and husband Ronnie of Cross Plains, Terri Cranfill and husband Ben, and Randy Woolen Poer both of Fort Worth; his sister, Marie Ellis of Fort Worth; several grandchildren; as well as nieces and nephews.

A private family memorial service will be held and his remains lovingly retained and cherished by his family.

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**Leonard Mosley**

Leonard Hugh Mosley, 73, left his earthly body on February 27, 2007. Services will be held at First Baptist Church, Clyde on Friday, March 2, 2007 under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home. Toby Henson will officiate in the celebration of Leonard's life. Leonard will be laid to rest in the Clyde cemetery.

Raymond Hill and Ruth Riley Mosley were Leonard's parents. He was born May 16, 1933 in Clarendon, Texas. The influence of his grandparents Milton Winfield and Alamintya Angeline Craddock Mosley, and Leonard's beloved Aunt Ruby Bromley led him to accept Christ as his savior and baptism at an early age. All of his life he tried to deal fairly with friends, family and business associates.

Leonard was a long time member of Elmwood West Lions Club in Abilene. He supported the Children's Development Center, and played Santa Claus during the holiday seasons. He loved to visit with children as did his father before him.

Leonard graduated from Big Spring High School in 1951. He was soon employed by State National Bank "for the summer", as his plan was to prepare himself to be a history teacher. A part time job at the Snack-A-Ritz shop led to the blessings and love of the Hagood and Kernodle families of Big Spring. The friendship continued all through the years of his life. While working at the bank, he met Modie Lorene Young of Weatherford, Texas. She was working at the Veterans Administration Hospital. They were married on July 1, 1956 by Dr. P.D. O'Brien. They celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in 2006, followed by an inside passage cruise to Alaska with family and friends.

Leonard was employed by Wilson State Bank in Wilson, Texas in late 1955. He accepted a job from First State Bank in Abilene in June of 1957. He attended Rutgers' University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and graduated with a degree in

banking. It was during this time period that he was nominated for "Young Man of the Year" award. Though he did not win the award, he was pleased to have been nominated. In 1972, he moved to Cottonwood, Texas to work in the Citizen's State Bank of Cross Plains, Texas, and prepared himself to be a real estate broker. The family moved to Clyde in 1977.

Leonard was an entrepreneur by instinct. He refurbished old houses, ranched, and sold used cars, and was a real estate broker. Together the couple shared interests in antiques, including vintage cars, and enjoyed weekend trips in these cars with good friends. He had a real knack for buying and selling.

In 1968, Leonard and Modie began traveling abroad, enjoying the flavor of different countries. In 1985, Leonard's greatest adventures came by traveling in a motor home. The couple went to all the states for rallies with wonderful friends and fellow travelers. He served as president of the Bluebird Wander Lodge Family of Friends Chapter of Family Motor Association.

Survivors include Modie of Clyde; son, Jim and wife Jan of Longview; daughter, Susan and husband Leo Moore of Clyde. Grandchildren, Wendell Moore and Whitney Moore of Abilene, Allison Mosley of College Station, and Ashley McMurray of Longview. Sister, Barbara and husband Von Johnston of Amarillo. Sister-in-law Mary Mosley (widow of Jiggs). Nieces and nephews, Jackie, Bobby Ray, Lynn, Tronda, LaDonna, and so many friends and traveling buddies.

Pallbearers will be Tommy Broyles, Bill Coats, Ed Carvey, Wendell Mathis, Craig McCarty, Richard Sowell, Danny Stephenson, and David Stephenson. Honorary pallbearers will be the Who-So-Ever-Willclass of First Baptist Church, members of the 12-70's dinner club: Bill and Chris Bradshaw, John and Betty Crowe, Loren and Patsy Henson, Claude and Jenny Hicks, and Richard and Ruth Keathley of Arlington, Texas. Also members of the V-8 Car Club.

Special appreciation goes to the staff of Sears Home Services and especially to Mary, Tracy, and Marion.

Memorials should be sent to Hendrick Hospice, 1682, Hickory Street, Abilene, Texas, 79601, or the Parkinson Support Group, c/o Gene Cook, 3010 Woodway Circle, Abilene, Texas 79605.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 1, 2007 at the family home from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**COURTHOUSE NEWS**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
Roger Corn, Presiding**

**Misdemeanor Filings**

Cuong Von Bui, failure to appear.

Paul Botello, driving while license invalid (DWLI).

Gary P. Martin, unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Kyla K. Menking, public intoxication.

J.R. Webb, theft.

Cameron D. Bara, possession of marijuana.

Jimmy C. Neff, possession of marijuana.

Odis L. Evans, indecent exposure.

**Misdemeanor Minutes**

Robert Duane Stroope, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Charles B. Francis, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$230 fine, \$155 court costs.

Rendi Lynn Schaedel, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, sentenced to prison on other case.

Cuong Von Bui, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.

Santiago Segura, order on motion to substitute counsel granted.

Crystal R. Wheeler, plea of guilty to assault - Class C, \$230 fine, \$220 court costs.

Gary P. Martin, plea of guilty to unlawful carrying of a weapon, 2 year probation, \$2500 fine, \$251 court costs.

Gary P. Martin, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Tarrant Co. granted.

Jimmy Pickett, judgment revoking probation granted.

Jody Fortune, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Siromie Lewayne Johnson, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.

Heriberto Castorena, Sr., motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.

Jimmy Ray Gayoso, plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs.

Kimberly Ann Pursley, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

**Marriage Licenses**

Steven J. Beeman of Deleon and Melissa H. Owens of Baird. Stephen M. Free and Dorthie A. Carver, both of Clyde.

Brady W. Broyles of Granbury and Glenda L. Chrane of Abilene.

James M. Walraven and Pattijo A. Esquivel, both of Clyde.

Brian K. Martin of Orange and Jodie M. McAdams of Cross Plains.

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

**Civil Filings**

Sheley Jean Bullock vs. Ricky Ray Bullock, divorce.

Discover Bank Issuer of the Discover Card vs. Annie Cuppett, default on note.

Shawn Kelly and Wilbur Kelly III, divorce.

**Civil Minutes**

Denise Raelea Graham and Richard Kenneth Graham, divorce granted.

Daniel Glenn Taylor and Marsha Kay McGaughey Taylor, divorce granted.

Bobby L. Coffman and Kate E. Coffman, divorce granted.

Citibank, South Dakota N.A. vs. Jerry W. Ertel, final summary judgment, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$20,669.98 from defendant granted.

**Criminal Minutes**

Lisa M. Garcia, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$700 fine, \$301 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Raul Rojas, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 5 year probation, \$2000 fine, \$286 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Bobby O. Kanady, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$250 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Jody D. Shew, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 2 year probation, \$3500 fine, \$254 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Whitney L. Carson, motion to dismiss to possession of a controlled substance granted, witness unavailable.

End of term order discharging defendant from probation under deferred adjudication: James Glenn Lee; Terry John Adams.

Billy Ray Johnson, judgment revoking probation granted. Lisa M. Williams, judgment revoking probation granted.

End of term order discharging defendant from probation, no deferred adjudication: Marvin Andrew Harris, Jr.

**Down Home**

cashier. Helplessly they watched the scene unfold. After clearing the register, the woman settled at a table across from theirs, put the bag on an empty chair and began to eat.

After a few bites of baked whitefish and green beans, she casually lifted the bag into her lap to survey her treasure.

Looking from side to side, but not far enough to notice her rapt audience three tables over, she pulled out the tissue paper and peered into the bag. Her eyes widened, and she began to make a sort of gasping noise. The noise grew.

The bag slide from her lap as she sank to the floor, wheezing and clutching her upper chest.

The beverage cart attendant quickly recognized a customer in

trouble and sent the busboy to call 911, while she administered the Heimlich maneuver.

A crowd quickly gathered that did not include Ellen and Kay, who remained riveted to their chairs for seven whole minutes until the ambulance arrived.

In a matter of minutes, the curly-haired woman emerged from the crowd, still gasping, strapped securely on a gurney.

Two well-trained EMS volunteers steered her to the waiting ambulance, while a third scooped up her belongings.

The last they saw of the distressed cat-burglar, she disappeared behind the ambulance doors, the Dillard's bag perched on her stomach.

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# COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

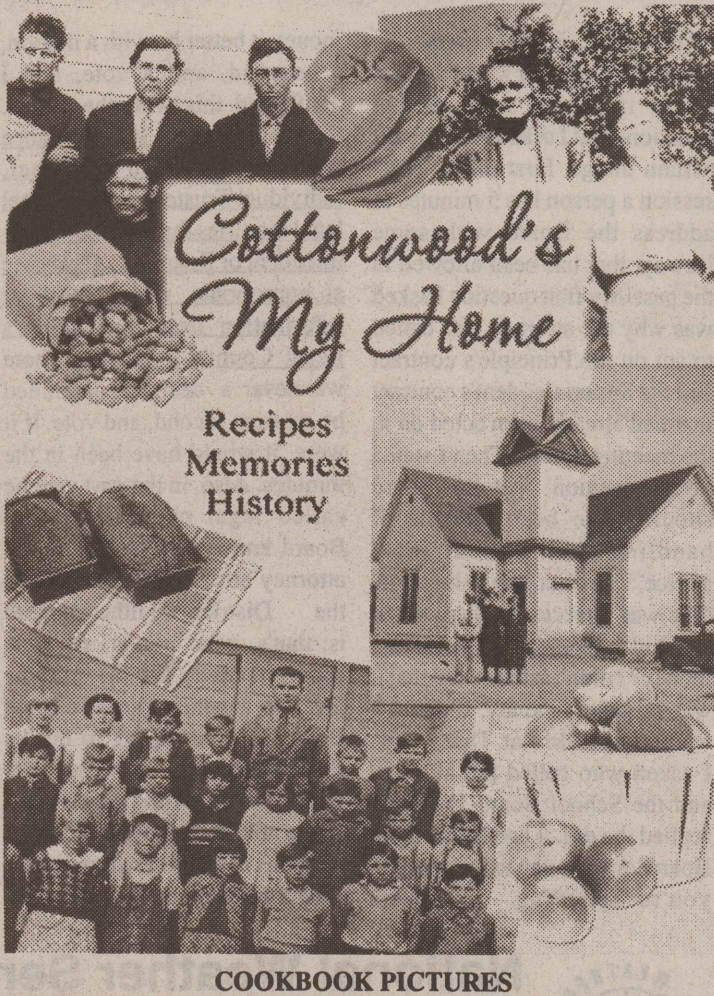
## Cottonwood Cookbook Being Readied For Print

The Long awaited Cottonwood Cookbook is at the printers. They say "Don't judge a book by its cover"! But I say the photo of the COOKBOOK cover, (courtesy of Teri Brown) really whets our appetites for a book to keep forever. To order your book (to be picked up at the Cottonwood Historical Association on May 5, or to have shipped to you), write Beverly Brown, 14394 CR 429, Cross Plains, TX 76443, with check for \$20, each copy. To have it mailed to you, add \$4.50 for one book, \$7.00 for two copies, \$10.00 for three.

## Rehabilitation In Cottonwood

Reminds me of the time I was serving as night chaplain of the Methodist Hospital in Dallas, Texas, while a student in the seminary. It was my duty to visit all the pre-surgery patients and see how they were doing. I visited one gentleman who informed me he was very apprehensive about the impending surgery so I did my best to console him and prayed for a successful surgery and recovery. A couple days later I went to see him as fire trucks and ambulances screamed by. "Thank God, Chaplain. I am so glad to see you. I woke up to the sirens and horns of ambulances, looked out my window, saw the burning building across and thought the operation had failed."

Honestly folks, thanks for the prayers, cards and telephone calls



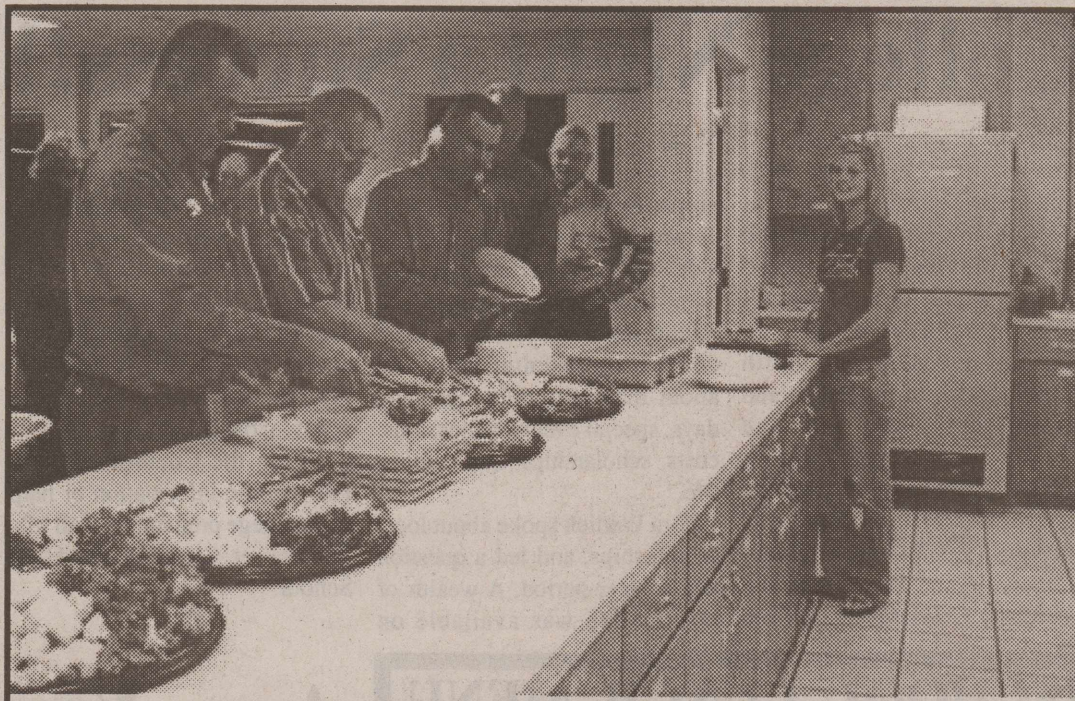
from all of you. I am reminded of the biblical phrase, "The effectual fervent prayers of a righteous man availeth much," and I am very glad I live in a caring community, such as our Cottonwood (and Cross Plains, too).

### Who Knows

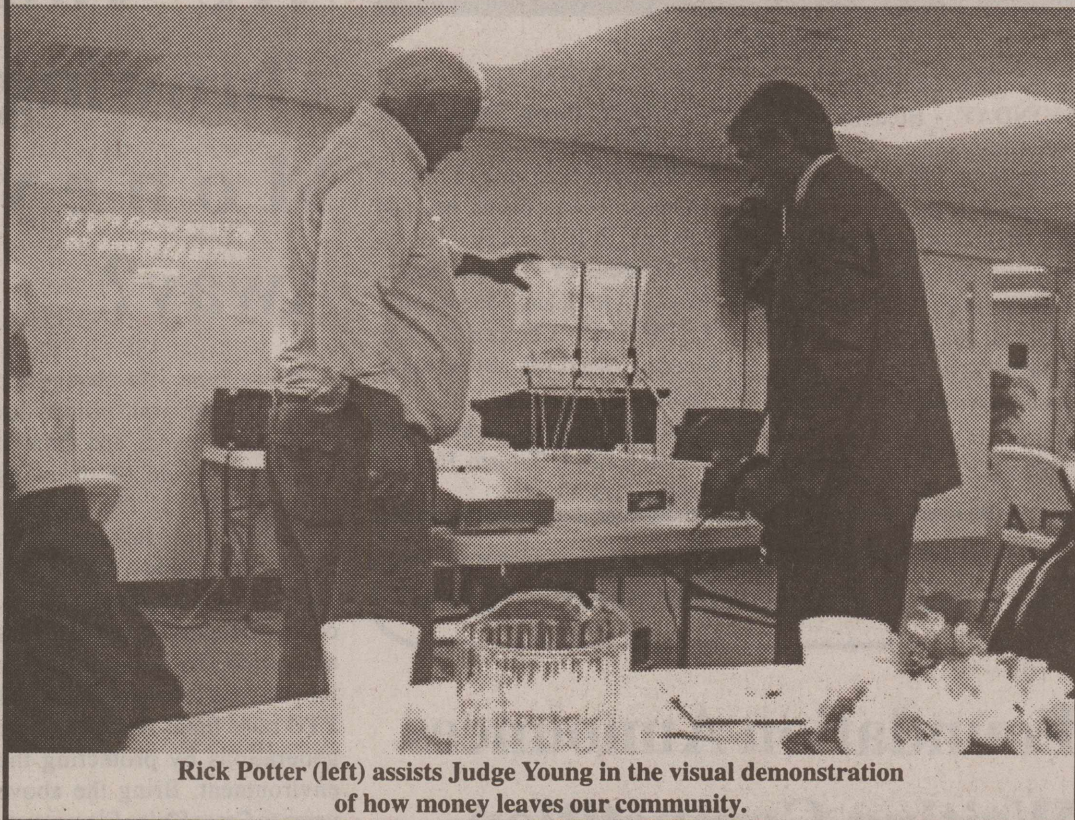
Rhonda Crawford, (Woody, Willcoxon) e-mailed and asked about the old metal slide that used to be on the school grounds

at Cottonwood. Does anyone remember? I do remember the slide but do not know what happened to it.

(If you have any personal or organizational news for this column, contact Wallace at 254-725-7474, or write 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, TX 76443, or email [csb5@airmail.net](mailto:csb5@airmail.net). I can't write it if I don't know about it.



Community leaders partake in light meal.



Rick Potter (left) assists Judge Young in the visual demonstration of how money leaves our community.

## LOVE FUND Established for Neva Yates

A Love Fund has been established at Texas Heritage Bank for Neva Yates wife of Tim Yates of Cross Plains.

Neva has just had melanoma cancer surgery. They are still doing tests and there will be some form of treatment.

The family has no insurance and your donations would be greatly appreciated.

Please keep Neva and her husband in your prayers.

## LIBRARY NOTES

### Statistics February 19-23, 2007

Patrons	65
Programs	16
LAP	5
Lapsit	3
InterLibrary Loan	1
Books Checked Out	94
Lap	24
Lapsit	8
Copies	12
Reference	7
Internet Users	19

Books Donated: Sue Bennett, Joan McCowen, Leslie Lawrence, Carrie Marsh.

## GARDEN TIPS

BY JAMES NICHOLS

Spring is in the air and it is time to get your garden started.

Remove all vegetation and place in your compost pile. Till your garden to a depth of a least eight inches. It is time to get those onions and potatoes in the ground. You may also want to go ahead and plant your field and sweet corn at this time. It is also a good time to work in your asparagus bed by weeding and dividing the roots but it is not wise to do more than one half in a year. You may want to top dress with a good fertilizer of your choice, but Triple Thirteen is a good one.

If you haven't got your weed and fire ant killer on your lawn now is a good time to do so and it wouldn't hurt to fertilize it also.

## Strategic Planning Meeting

complimented our town on the sidewalks, fountain, parks, etc. that improved the aesthetics of the downtown area.

Young's presentation was entertaining as he used unusual headings like Mission Impossible, which he explained was not impossible if you know what to do and take action NOW!!!! Also his visual demonstration showing how money leaves the community was eye-opening.

Then he noted that small town economics are just DIFFERENT. He gave us some TOP SECRETS for a success. Keeping the money at home and bring money in from other towns is instrumental.

Some of the things that we don't have:

- \*Educated labor
- \*Job opportunities
- \*Manufacturing
- \*Natural resources
- \*Population growth.

What do we have:

- \*Young people leaving the

community

- \*Closing businesses

- \*Low tax base

- \*Low per capita income.

Opportunities seen by outsiders include:

- \*Hard working labor force
- \*Low wages
- \*Low overhead
- \*Low taxes

- \*Attractive living conditions.

Other factors we don't have:

- \*Labor Unions
- \*Traffic congestion
- \*Over-regulation
- \*High crime rate
- \*Not as much business (competition)

What's missing:

- \*Money
- \*Leadership
- \*Labor
- \*Apathy
- \*Natural resources.

A vision has to be established. A "pusher" has to get things done. Organization is needed and Community Spirit is Essential.

The next session will consist of

"brainstorming". The public will be surveyed and motivated to get excited about new prospects. At that point you can call for help and take advantage of free experts in the government, colleges, utilities, organizations and retirees.

The VISION has to be communicated by using publicity, and educating the public. They need to be shown the benefits. Leaders need to find a hot button issue and convey to the community what is needed.

He warned us about CAVE people, too. If you are not familiar with them it is: Citizens Against Virtually Everything. "You must deal with them, not to hurt the community. Change them," Young remarked. "You've got a fine town," Judge Young concluded.

Those in attendance left with renewed enthusiasm and a revitalized desire to improve our community and life-style.

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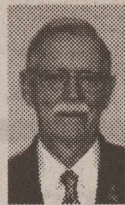
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## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
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Well it seems the writer of the comic strip, B.C., might also know his Bible. The bird says to the snake, "Yuck! A dust ball! How disgusting." The snake replies, "How can you treat a fellow creature with such disdain?" And the bird says, "I read the Old Testament, Buddy."

If you've read much of the O. T. at all, you know what is meant—for instance, how Miriam and Aaron spoke toward their brother Moses. "Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also? And the Lord heard it" (Num. 12:1-2). And the Lord made both of them aware of the sinful, disdainful way they had spoken, specially Miriam (vv. 9-10). "So the anger of the Lord was aroused against them, and He departed. And...suddenly, Miriam became leprous, as white as snow."

We not only learn from this to not speak disdainful toward others but also to respect authority, especially God's, and those in whom He has placed it, like "governing authorities" (Rom. 13:1-6). Think of that the next time you call one of them a "dust ball" — or something worse! — or any of God's creatures, especially human ones...

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## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MARCH 5 - 9

MONDAY - Soft Taco, Tossed Salad, Spanish Rice, Mexican Corn, Peaches  
THURSDAY - Chicken Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Broccoli, Lemon Pudding, Bread  
FRIDAY - Pinto Beans, Cucumber-Tomato Salad, Mixed Greens, Apple Cobbler, Combread  
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# College Night a Success!!

Cross Plains High School library was buzzing with excitement Thursday evening as Seniors, Juniors, parents, and some grandparents attended College Night. Representatives from six colleges set up impressive displays with banners, posters, brochures and information. Those included Cisco Junior College, Hardin Simmons University, Texas State Technical College, McMurry University, Tarleton State University, and Howard Payne University. Charlotte Tucker from

Texas State Technical College gave power point presentation on preparing for any college with general information on financial aide, scholarships, applications, admission requirements, costs of tuition, room and board, etc. Each college representative spoke about their programs, preview days, special events, admissions, costs, scholarships, and campus life.

Dora Warlick spoke about local scholarships, and led a question and answer period. A wealth of information was available on

the SAT, ACT, FASFA, etc. Students and parents visited with college representatives, gathered information, and networked with each other. College Night was a great success! For those who could not attend, information is available through the school website at [www.crossplains.esc14.net](http://www.crossplains.esc14.net). Click on the Counselor's link. For specific information or help with college preparation, call Ms. Warlick at Cross Plains High School.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MARCH 5 - 9

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice	MONDAY- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Rosy-Applesauce
TUESDAY - Pancakes, Sausage, Assorted Juice	TUESDAY - Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Peaches
WEDNESDAY - Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY-Chicken Fajita, Salad, Pinto Beans, Pineapples
THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	THURSDAY- Chicken Pot Pie, Meadow Blend Veg., Bread Stick, Apple
FRIDAY - Donut, Yogurt, Assorted Juice	FRIDAY- Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Baked Fries, Cookie

Have A Nice Week!!

## 4-Cross Plains Review March 1, 2007

## Foundation Announces Writing Competition

The Robert E. Howard Foundation is proud to announce the first annual Cross Plains High School Writing Competition which will give the author of the best paper related to Howard and/or his stories a scholarship of \$1,000 toward his or her college education this fall. The paper also has a chance of being published in the scholarly journal *The Dark Man*.

The competition is open to papers related to Robert E. Howard and/or his works, written by seniors of Cross Plains High School who are planning on attending college in fall 2007. The 15- to 30-page paper must be written between February 1, 2007 and March 31, 2007, and submitted to the Foundation before April 7, 2007.

The entries will be evaluated based on the following criteria

without any specific weighting:

- \* relevance of the topic to Robert E. Howard
- \* technical merit
- \* originality
- \* depth of research
- \* clarity of presentation.

The winner will be selected and notified by May 7, 2007. The winner will be announced publicly and presented with a certificate at the Cross Plains High School Spring awards ceremony. The editorial board of the scholarly journal *The Dark Man* will consider the winning paper for publication. Other top papers may also be considered for publication.

For additional information, contact the Robert E. Howard Foundation at [info@rehfoundation.org](mailto:info@rehfoundation.org). The Foundation website is at [www.rehfoundation.org](http://www.rehfoundation.org).

## Are You Throwing Money Away?

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## Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp Registration Open

Registration is now open for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp and the Bryan Adrian Summer Basketball Camp.

The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply.

Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 States and 17 Foreign Countries attended the 2006 Camp. College American Team. Camp locations include: Commerce, TX; Prescott, AZ; Thousand Oaks, CA; Sterling, CO; Babson Park, FL; Atlanta, GA; Champaign, IL; Ypsilanti, MI; Glassboro, NJ; Hickory, NC; Mitchell, SD; Lebanon, TN; and Blacksburg, VA.

Registration is also open for the 29th Annual Bryan Adrian Summer Basketball Camp. Boys and girls age 6-18 are eligible. All skill levels are welcome. Locations include: Prescott, AZ; Thousand Oaks, CA; Sterling, CO; Babson Park, FL; Atlanta, GA; Champaign, IL; Ypsilanti, MI; Glassboro, NJ; Lebanon, TN; Commerce, TX; and Blacksburg, VA.

For free brochures on these Summer Camps, please call 704-373-0873 anytime.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This letter is in regards to Deborah Lowitzer's article last week, in which some of the questions that I asked, she left out certain things. First off, in open session a person has 5 minutes to address the Board with some leeway, that has been allowed in the past. My first question I asked was why the attorney was called to act on the Principle's contract and the Superintendent's contract that had already been acted on in the meeting before. Then I stated in my opinion, that the Board should have been capable of handling this without legal advice. The next thing she wrote that was inaccurate was, when she said that I asked is it taxpayers money? I didn't ask, I stated that it was taxpayers money, and that it was wrong to do that. That's when I asked who called the attorney and the School Board President replied, he did. I had been on the Board long enough to know that if you're spending taxpayers

money it better be with a motion, a second, and a vote, and I confirmed this with the T.E.A. Our policy reads: In accordance with the written contract individual Trustees shall channel legal inquiries through the Superintendent or Board Designee as appropriate, when advice or information from the District's Legal Counsel is sought There was never a designee appointed by motion, second, and vote. If it were, it would have been in the minutes. Also, in the past year he called legal counsel without Board knowledge. A call to the attorney cost 195.00 per hour to the District. My other concern is; that's what we pay the superintendent for, to run the Districts business. Not an elected Board Member trying to do the Superintendent's job. The third thing she got wrong was when I stated that half the people here, wouldn't even be here tonight if it wasn't because of the unethical,

unprofessional, and criminal behavior of a Board Member, or Board Members, for running their mouth's about things discussed in closed session. Not people in general as she stated. During this limited time I was told he had heard enough and that I was out of line. He stated at the end of my talk that the Board had approved that decision, when in fact it was not, according to the minutes. The last thing is, I don't care who sits on the Board as long as they care about helping C.P.I.S.D. be the best District it can be, and will allow the administration to do their jobs without micromanaging the District and not have a personal vendetta against people. They can say things to the contrary. But, I have to say, your actions speak so loud, I can't hear a word you saying.

Thanks,  
Monty Richards



## National Weather Service invites schools to participate in 8th Annual Tornado Warning Drill for Schools

Governor Perry has declared March 4th-March 10th as Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week. Severe weather may strike with only a few minutes of advance warning. Do you have a way to receive a warning?

At approximately 9:30 a.m., the National Weather Service in San Angelo will transmit a practice tornado warning. This warning will be transmitted through NOAA All Hazards Radio (formerly NOAA Weather Radio). Some of your local radio and TV stations, and Emergency Management offices may also relay this warning to your area. The practice tornado warning will be cancelled at 9:45 a.m.

The warning will be issued to the following counties: Throckmorton, Haskell, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch,, San Saba, Crockett, Schleicher, Menard, Sutton, Kimble, and Mason counties.

For more information, please contact Buddy McIntyre, Hector Guerrero, or Patrick McCullough at 325-944-3030, or you can e-mail us at

[nws.sanangelo.gov](http://nws.sanangelo.gov).

In 2004, a practice tornado warning drill was conducted on March 3rd. Then on the following day, March 4th, a severe line of thunderstorms with tornadoes struck West Central Texas, and even hit a school and produced substantial damage. This test proved extremely valuable and prepared many schools for this extreme severe weather event.

### TORNADO SAFETY RULES

- IF AT HOME:**
- If you have a tornado-safe room or engineered shelter, go there immediately.
  - Go at once to a windowless, interior room, storm cellar, basement, or lowest level of the building.
  - If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.
  - Get away from the windows.
  - Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.
  - Use arms to protect head and neck.
  - If in a mobile home, get out and find shelter elsewhere.
- IF AT WORK OR SCHOOL:**

• Go to the area designated in your tornado plan. The most interior room, on the lowest floor without windows.

• Avoid places with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways, or shopping malls.

• Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench, or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.

• Get down low with your head against the wall and use your arms to protect head and neck.

**IF OUTDOORS:**

- If possible, get inside a building.

• If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

• Use arms to protect head and neck.

**IF IN THE CAR:**

• Never try to out-drive a tornado in a car or truck.

• Get out of the car immediately and take shelter in a nearby building.

• If there is no time to get indoors, get out of the car and lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the vehicle. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

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TEXAS MIDWEST DAY—Community leaders from throughout the region attended Texas Midwest Day at the Capitol.

## Texas Midwest recognized at the Capitol

More than 100 people representing rural cities in the Texas Midwest Region traveled to Austin for "Texas Midwest Day" on February 14th to honor legislators and demonstrate a unified voice for rural Texas.

Texas Midwest Community Network sponsored its seventh biennial visit to the State Capitol during the Legislative Session. Recognition from the floor of the House and Senate commended the regional organization and the proactive community leaders who work together to enhance economic development and quality of life in the region.

"Texas Midwest Day provides a means for community leaders from our region to be recognized at the State Capitol," says TMCN President Lori Dodd of Gorman. "Our presence in Austin helps legislators from our region send a message to urban lawmakers that concerns about such issues as state services, tax reform and natural resources have special significance to us."

The Texas Midwest

delegation gathered on the Capitol steps for a photo session with state representatives and senators serving the region. The day included visits to legislative offices to meet with staff and a presentation by state agencies on programs, services and filed legislation.

State Senators for TMCN include Troy Fraser-Dist. 24, Robert Duncan-Dist. 28 and Craig Estes-Dist. 30. State Representatives include Harvey Hilderbran-Dist. 53, Sid Miller-Dist. 59, Jim Keffer-Dist. 60, Rick Hardcastle-Dist. 68, Susan King-Dist. 71, Drew Darby-Dist. 72, and Joe Heflin-Dist. 85.

TMCN includes 42 member cities in 25 counties: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roscoe,



TEXAS MIDWEST DAY—Callahan County citizens participated in Texas Midwest Day. Pictured (l-r) Harold Garrett of Cross Plains, Pat Parker of Baird, Representative Harvey Hilderbran, Nicki Harle of Baird, Priscilla Gwilt of Clyde and Lee Harle former Baird resident, now living in Austin.

Rotan, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

For more information about Texas Midwest Community Network visit the web site at [www.TexasMidwest.org](http://www.TexasMidwest.org).

## Grand Ole Oplin Line Up for Month of March Announced

The Grand Ole Oplin is pleased to announce their band line-up for the month of March. March 2nd, Muddy Creek will be here to entertain us all, and on March 9th, Country Classics will be here playing all your country favorites. On March 16th, Texas Touch will be joining us playing the kind of music that will make you want to get up and dance. March 23rd, Muddy Creek will

be returning to play some more of your dancing favorites, and on March 30th, Jack Rosser will be joining us to entertain you some more.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted each Friday evening by the Oplin Community Center, and is located at the intersection of FM 604 S. and FM 2926. Our dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Admission to

our dances is still only \$4 per person. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed at any of our functions.

So gather the family and all of your friends, and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of good folks, good music and a good time.

## Callahan County Historial Commission Needs Information on Cemeteries

The Callahan County Historical Commission (CCHC) is composed of volunteers, and their service on the CCHC is subsequently ratified by the Commissioner's Court. These commissioners identify structures, artifacts, photographs, documents, cemeteries, and other historical articles for preservation. Members of CCHC are county residents who have an interest in preserving the history of Callahan County.

The CCHC meets six times per year, and all meetings are open to the public. Meeting information will be published in this publication.

The Commission operates under the guidelines of the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to identify and recognize structures, cemeteries, etc. as historical sites. In the past, the CCHC has identified and located more than fifty schools that have operated in the county. Efforts are underway to place markers near these locations.

The THC has two programs to preserve cemeteries throughout the state: the RIP Guardian Program, and the Tombstone Program. To assist the THC in identifying and preserving the final resting places of the early settlers of Callahan County, a County Cemetery Coordinator has been appointed. The Coordinator will work with cemetery associations, individuals and landowners to identify cemeteries or individual graves that qualify for a historical marker.

The Coordinator needs the following information for all cemetery associations: name, address, and phone number of a contact, when and where the association meets, and an e-mail address if available. Please respond with contact information for your Cemetery Association to Georgia Yawn at 529-3472, or e-mail [gybksqgt@peoplepc.com](mailto:gybksqgt@peoplepc.com)

Submitted by: Gerogia Yawn

## Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

### An Internet Opinion

The other day I was reading Newsweek magazine and came across some poll data I found rather hard to believe. It must be true, given the source. Right?

The Newsweek poll alleges that 67 percent of Americans are unhappy with the direction the country is headed and 69 percent of the country is unhappy with the performance of the president. In essence, 2/3rds of the citizenry just ain't happy and want a change. So being the knuckle dragger I am, I started thinking, "What we are so unhappy about?"

Is it that we have electricity and running water 24 hours a day, 7 days a week? Is our unhappiness the result of having air conditioning in the summer and heating in the winter? Could it be that 94.5 percent of these unhappy folks have a job? Maybe it is the ability to walk into a grocery store at any time and see more food in moments that Darfur has seen the last year?

Maybe it is the ability to drive from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean without having to present identification papers as we move through each state? Or possibly the hundreds of clean and safe motels we would find along the way that can provide temporary shelter? I guess having thousands of restaurants with varying cuisine from around the world is just not good enough. Or could it be that when we wreck our car, emergency workers show up and provide services to help all and even send a helicopter to take you to the hospital.

Perhaps you are one of the 70 percent of Americans who own

a home. You may be upset with knowing that in the unfortunate case of a fire, a group of trained firefighters will appear in moments and use top notch equipment to extinguish the flames thus saving you, your family and your belongings. Or if, while at home watching one of your many flat screen TVs, a burglar or prowler intrudes, an officer equipped with a gun and a bulletproof vest will come to defend you and your family against attack or loss. This all in a backdrop of a neighborhood free of bombs or militias raping and pillaging the residents. Neighborhoods where 90 percent of the teenagers own cell phones and computers.

How about the complete religious, social and political freedoms we enjoy that are the envy of everyone in the world? Maybe that is what has 67 percent of you folks unhappy.

Fact is, we are the largest group of ungrateful, spoiled folks the world has ever seen. No wonder the world loves the U.S., yet has a great disdain for its citizens. They see us for what we are. The most blessed people in the world who do nothing but complain about what we don't have, and what we hate about the country instead of thanking the Good Lord we live here.

I know, I know. What about the president who took us into war and has no plan to get us out? The president who has a measly 31 percent approval rating? Is this the same president who guided the nation in the dark days after 9/11? The president that cut taxes to bring an economy out of recession? Could this be the same guy who

has been called names in trying to keep all the nation safe from terrorist attacks? The Commander in Chief of an all volunteer army that is out there defending you and me? Did you hear how bad the President is on the news or talk shows? Did this news affect you so much, making you so unhappy you couldn't take a look around for yourself and see all the good things and be glad?

Think about it, are you upset at the President because he actually caused your personal pain or is it because the "Media" told you he was failing.

The troops in Iraq and Afghanistan have volunteered to serve, and in many cases, have died for your freedom. There is currently no draft in this country. They didn't have to go. They are able to refuse and end up with either a "general", an "other than honorable" discharge or, worst case scenario, a "dishonorable" discharge after a few days in the brig.

So why then the flat-out discontent in the minds of 69 percent of Americans? Say what you want but I blame it on the Media. If it bleeds, it leads, and they specialize in bad news. Everybody will watch a car crash. How many will watch kids selling lemonade at the corner? The media knows this and media outlets are for-profit corporations. They offer what sells, and when criticized, try to defend their actions by "justifying" them in one way or another. Stop buying the negativism you are fed every day by the media. Then start being grateful for all we have as a country. There is potentially more good than bad.

WE ARE THE MOST BLESSED PEOPLE ON EARTH. WE SHOULD THANK GOD SEVERAL TIMES PER DAY FOR THIS BLESSING.....

I did not write this but it does give food for thought.



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## Comforting embrace

Air Force Chief Master Sergeant John Gebhardt, of the 332nd Expeditionary Medical Group at Balad, Iraq, cradles a young girl as they both sleep in the hospital. The girl's entire family was executed by insurgents; the killers shot her in the head as well. The girl received

treatment at the U.S. military hospital in Balad, but cries and moans often. According to nurses at the facility, Gebhardt is the only one who can calm down the little girl, so he has spent the last several nights holding her while they both sleep in a chair.

Submitted by Tina Schoepf of Lorenzo, Tx. to the Crosby County News. The Clyde Journal asked for the picture so it could be reprinted. Tina says "Why isn't this all over the news?" "If he had done something wrong it surely would be!"

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The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation will hold a public hearing on March 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall for the purpose of approving a proposal from Jason Bien and Jerry Mobley. Anyone interested in the projects are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.

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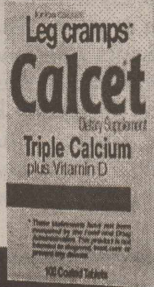
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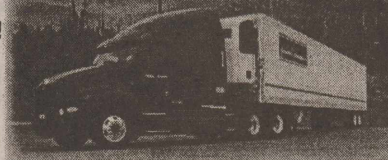
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The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments for 2007 are running over ten percent above 2006 sales tax payments, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Carole Strayhorn reported the city's sales tax payment on Monday, February 26th.

Cross Plains' 2007 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$33,082.84, which is 10.23 percent higher than the \$30,010.38 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2006.

The payment to the city for February 2007 was \$18,792.71, which was 16.34 percent ahead of the \$16,152.48 payment reported to the city in February 2006.

The February sales tax payments are for sales taxes paid by businesses in December and reported to the comptroller in January.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2007 started the year 6.00 percent higher than the 2006 payments. The city has received \$17,047.90 in 2007, while the 2006 tax payments to the city totalled \$16,082.42.

Baird's monthly payment for February 2007 was \$10,701.23, which was 4.33 percent higher than the \$10,256.88 payment to Baird in February 2006.

—The 2007 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 12.67 percent ahead of payments made to the city in 2006. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$77,354.19 in 2007. The 2006 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$66,654.19.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for February 2007 was \$46,450.44, which was 12.93 percent ahead of the

### CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

Total yearly sales tax payments	2006	2007
	\$30,010.38	\$33,082.84
Total monthly sales tax payments	2006	2007
	\$16,152.48	\$18,792.71

February 2006 payment to the city of \$41,131.12.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2007 payments to the town totalled \$2,455.31, down 6.13 percent from the 2006 payments to the city in the amount of \$2,615.87.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of February 2007 was \$1,264.52, which was 12.46 percent lower than the \$1,444.63 check collected in February 2006.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 2007 in Callahan County are up 10.71 percent ahead of the 2006 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2007 amounting to \$129,940.24 while the 2006 payments to the county towns totalled \$117,362.86.

The tax rebate in Callahan County for the month of February 2007 was \$77,208.90, which was 11.92 percent ahead of the \$68,985.11 payments to Callahan County in February 2006.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4% share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to the local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined

tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax.

Clyde businesses collect 2.00% including one percent for the City of Clyde, one-half of one percent for the Clyde Economic Development Corporation and one-half of one percent to reduce property taxes (Proceeds to benefit the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department.)

Cross Plains collects 1.75% in local sales taxes, of which 1.00 percent is allocated to the city and 0.75% is allocated for economic development in the town.

Baird collects 1.50% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the city and 0.50% allocated to the community's economic development corporation.

Putnam Collects 1.00% in local sales tax of which all 1.00 percent is allocated to the city.

All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, the Comptroller said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.

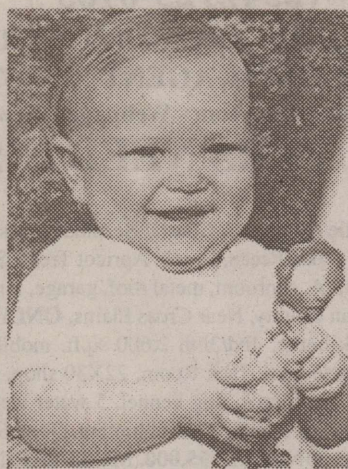
## Logan Townsend's story

Many people have asked about Logan Townsend, the little boy needing the small bowel and liver transplant. Let me tell you about Logan. I am his aunt and the manager for his fundraising campaign.

Logan was born April 18, 2005 in Abilene. He has the severest form of Hirschsprung's disease, total aganglionosis, which means he has no nerve cells in his intestines. He can't eat and is completely dependent on life sustaining IV fluid- TPN, that he receives through a central line in his chest. He is connected to this IV line 18 hours every day. TPN is necessary for Logan's survival but has damaged his liver. He has a colostomy and a GI button in his abdomen where he receives his medications. Logan had his first bottle at six months of age, he only gets water.

As if this isn't enough for this poor baby to deal with, he was born with a hole in his heart. In March 2006 a clot formed there and picked up a staff infection (infections are constant with the central line). Logan had sepsis, he was placed on a ventilator and care-flighted to Dallas. After arriving at the hospital he coded and was rushed for emergency open-heart surgery. During the operation Logan had a stroke. His right arm was paralyzed for several days, he also had weakness in his right leg. We almost lost him but with many prayers and this child's strong will to live he pulled through. He is a fighter.

Logan lives in Abilene with his grandparents, Donald and Lynn



LOGAN TOWNSEND  
...in need of liver transplant

Townsend ( former Clyde residents).

His grandmother has devoted her life to taking care of Logan. She left her job because of Logan's repeated extended hospital stays. He has spent most of his life in hospitals. He has in home nursing care and they have a wonderful group of nurses and therapists, who take excellent care of Logan. He loves them all. They are all volunteers for Logan's campaign.

Logan has many relatives in Clyde. Our family would like to thank everyone for the support they have given. First a big thank you to Clyde Journal for telling Logan's story. Thanks to all merchants who have allowed a coin canister in their business, Tally's, Howle's, Reel Action Video, Thrifty's, Outlaw Cleaners, Eula Store and Lawrence Brothers for the recycle box, also.

Hermann Memorial Hospital in Houston has placed Logan on the waiting list for a lifesaving small bowel and liver transplant. He is running out of sites for central lines, if this happens there is nothing they can do for him. He needs the transplant as soon as possible.

Logan's family needs help with his transplant-related expenses, an estimated \$40,000. They have asked for assistance from The Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA), a national charity based in Bloomington, Indiana. COTA is dedicated to organizing and guiding communities in raising funds for transplant-needy patients. COTA's services are completely free of charge and 100% of funds generated by COTA fundraising campaigns are available for transplant-related expenses.

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For more information contact campaign manager, Karin Gouddie at (325) 893-3216 or email [kamalene@msn.com](mailto:kamalene@msn.com). Read more about Logan and follow the campaign at his website [cotafodogant.com](http://cotafodogant.com)

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