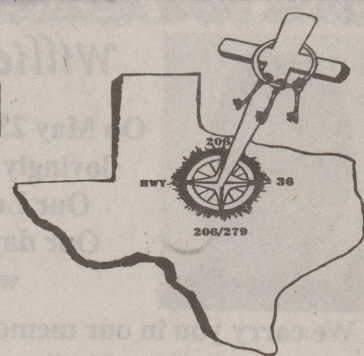


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DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: The following story describes the majority of our military. It seemed appropriate for the upcoming Memorial Day events scheduled in the area. Please remember to give tribute to those who have dedicated themselves, even to the point of giving their own life, to protecting our country. **Vanda Anderson**

"The Military"

The average age of military man is 19 years. He is a short haired, tight-muscled kid who, under normal circumstances is considered by society as half man, half boy. Not yet dry behind the ears, not old enough to buy a beer, but old enough to die for his country. He never really cared much for work and he would rather wax his own car than wash his father's; but he has never collected unemployment either.

He's a recent high school graduate; he was probably an average student, pursued some form of sport activities, drives a ten year old jalopy, and has a steady girlfriend that either broke up with him when he left, or swears to be waiting when he returns from half a world away.

He listens to rock and roll or hiphop or rap or jazz or swing and 155mm Howitzer. He is 10 or 15 pounds lighter now than when he was at home because he is working or fighting from dawn to well after dusk.

He has trouble spelling, thus letter writing is a pain for him, but he can field strip a rifle in 30 seconds and reassemble it in less time in the dark. He can recite to you the nomenclature of a machine gun or grenade launcher and use either one effectively if he must.

He digs foxholes and latrines and can apply first aid like a professional. He can march until he is told to stop or stop until he is told to march. He obeys orders instantly and without hesitation, but he is not without spirit or individual dignity. He is self-sufficient. He has two sets of fatigues; he washes one and wears the other.

He keeps his canteens full and his feet dry. He sometimes forgets to brush his teeth, but never to clean his rifle. He can cook his

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CROSS PLAINS VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION OF NAMES

SATURDAY, MAY 26th
10:00 am

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
Main Street Near CP City Hall

Color Guard from Dyess Air Force Base will unveil granite stones. Veterans in audience will stand as their Era is recognized.

Some seating will be provided.

Floral tributes to veterans are welcome.

Refreshments by City of Cross Plains after the ceremony.

Some Bridges are Mended, While Others Need More Work

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

New Prayer Rules Spelled Out, New Athletic Director Announced, Old Standards Withstand Scrutiny and the Cross Plains Review Gets Reviewed at the May 17th School Board Meeting.

Before the newly elected Board members were sworn in, outgoing President, Scott Childress informed those present that because of a 5th Circuit Court ruling in 2006 and 2007, prayer will no longer be allowed to be put on the agenda as an item to begin the meetings. The decisive case highlighted the Tangipahoa School Parish in Louisiana. (Doe v. Tangipahoa Parish School Board, 473 F.3d 188 (5th Cir. 2006) reh'g granted en banc, 478 F.3d 679 (5th Cir. 2007).

Apparently, the trouble started when a disgruntled parent sued the board and several school officials on behalf of his two sons. It was claimed that the prayer at the meetings violated the Establishment Clause. The references to Jesus constituted more than "allowable ceremonial deism" and demonstrated a preference for Christianity above other religions. The Louisiana school appealed. After being sued, they rejected an attempt to make prayers less focused on Christianity and more 'inclusive'. Childress stated however that in future CPISD meetings, anyone from the public that attends the Board meeting may ask for prayer in Open Forum, and anyone who chooses may join them in that prayer.

*Newly elected officers were sworn in and formally took office. Newcomer Tommy Ames joined returning members Jim Cook and Vicki Dillard. Scott Childress nominated Frankie

Hyles for Board President, with the endorsement, "Our community has an outpouring of young new leaders and Frankie needs the experience to lead." Hyles was elected with a vote of 7-0 and stated it was an honor and a privilege to get this position.

Vicki Dillard nominated Jim Cook as Vice-president and Burlie Taylor nominated Kim Crockett for Vice-president as well. In a vote of 3 against (Hyles, Dillard and Cook) and 4 for (Childress, Taylor, Ames and Crockett), Kim Crockett was elected the new Vice-president. Vicki Dillard remains the Treasurer/Secretary and Jim Cook is the Assistant Secretary.

*In Open Forum, newly elected Board member, Tommy Ames thanked those who voted for him, giving him the privilege of being a part of this year's School Board. He then added that Susan Schaefer (the board member he had replaced) had done a good job and he'd try to serve the CPISD as well as she had.

Ames went on to say, "I know we've all made mistakes and have faults. We need to get over our differences and problems and work together for the kids." With everyone's full attention, he went forward, "We all try to break bad habits. Sometimes we start with good intentions, but then something happens and we stop. Today we say we'll quit the division and heal. Let's put our kids first and start the healing process. Bad habits can be broken. I appreciate being elected and I take this seriously. There are lots of good people around that want to help. Let's all work together."

*When it was time for Jim Cook to read his statement regarding Scott Childress' statement from the March School Board meeting, See Bridges Page 8

REVIEW WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, MAY 28 FOR MEMORIAL DAY
WE NEED YOUR ARTICLES ON FRIDAY, FRIDAY 25 AND
ADS NO LATER THAN 12 NOON TUESDAY, MAY 29

2007 Cross Plains High School Seniors Graduate Friday Evening

Twenty-four students of the Class of 2007 at Cross Plains High School will be graduating in commencement exercises Friday, May 25 at 8:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

The program will begin with Charla White performing the processional as the Seniors enter. Dalton Carpenter will deliver the welcome speech and Russell Thomas will lead the invocation.

"Simple Man" will be performed by Senior Thomas Estes.

Thomas Estes will present the Salutatory Address. He is the son of David and Mindy Estes.

Academically, he has obtained a 97.21 GPA for four years; a member of the National Honor Society for the past three years; and named to Who's Who of American High Schools.

Estes is a multi-talented young man who has been involved in band, Ag judging, FFA, football, basketball, baseball, track, and Key Club.

His leadership characteristics are evident in that he has served as Chapter President of the FFA (2 years); Class President (2 years), Vice-president and Treasurer; and Student Council member.

Thomas has been outstanding as a jazz band guitarist earning 1st Chair All-Region. He was 1st place High Individual in Area competition in Poultry Judging. Estes was named to 1st Team All-District Football (2 years); 2nd Team All-District Football, 1st Team Academic All-State in Football, Top Football Offensive Player; 2nd Team All-District Basketball (2 years), Honorable Mention Basketball, Basketball MVP; Track Regional Qualifier; and 2nd Team All-District Baseball.

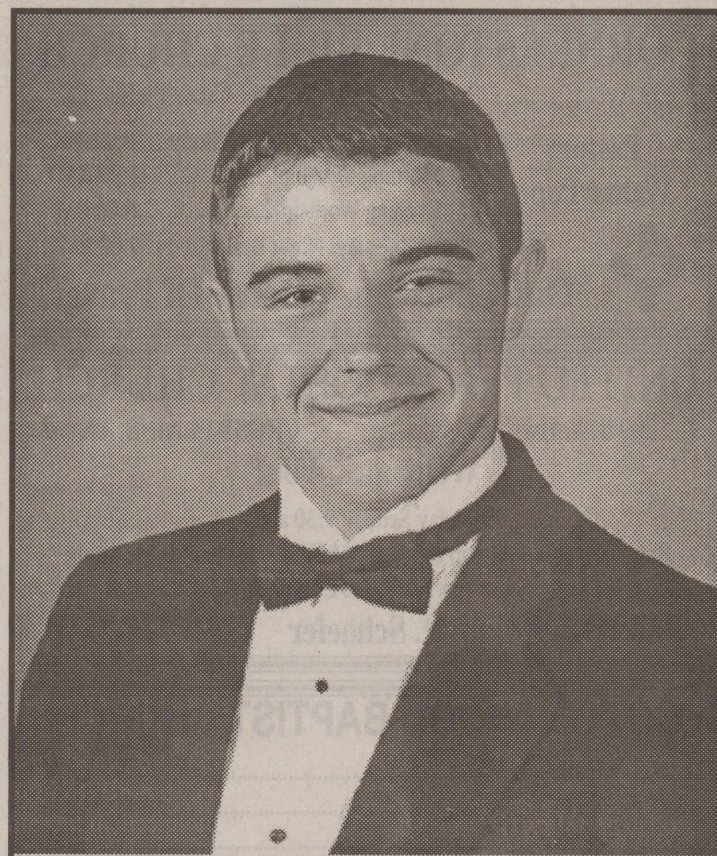
Estes plans to attend South Plains Commercial Music Program for two years before transferring to Wayland Baptist University to complete a Bachelor's Degree in Music Ministry.

Russell Thomas will deliver the Valedictory Address. He is the son of Jackie and Roxie Thomas.

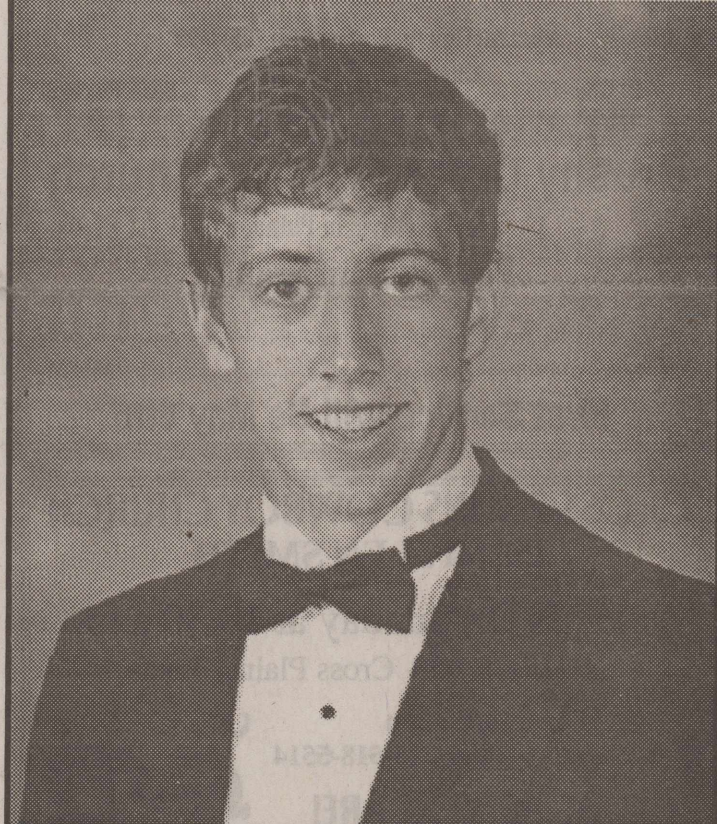
He has been active in baseball, basketball, football, tennis, track, UIL Science and Current Events, FFA and Key Club.

Academically he has proven exceptional, earning a 97.31 GPA for the past four years; a member of the National Honor Society for 3 years; named National Merit Commended Scholar; and named to the Academic All-State Elite Team.

Russell was a Regional Qualifier in UIL; Regional Qualifier Track; Basketball MVP; Top Boy in Tennis; Top Basketball Defensive Play; Top Baseball Offensive Play; Athlete of the Year 2007; recipient of the



VALEDICTORIAN—Russell Thomas



SALUTORIAN—Thomas Estes

Scott Cheshier Award.

He was 1st Runner Up Most Handsome; 1st Runner Up Mr. C.P.H.S.; and voted Best Dressed.

Russell plans to attend The University of Texas at Austin in the fall. He will major in Marketing and eventually attend law school or receive a MBA.

Principal David Hagler will present Awards and Scholarships to the Seniors.

At this time, Superintendent Jackie Tennison will introduce the speaker, Charlene Fleming, who will deliver the Commencement Address.

The Class of 2007 will be presented by Tennison and School Board Trustees will present their diplomas.

"My Wish" will be played during the presentation of family. The benediction will be given

by Matt McGowen followed by the recessional by Charla White.

See photos of each student and their autobiographies inside this edition.

The Top Ten Students of the Class of 2007 (in alphabetical order): Mitzi Anderson; Dalton Carpenter; Mykea Douglass; Thomas Estes; Colton Manley; Kaelen Martinez; Andrew Poole; Karen Scott; Russell Thomas; and Sean Williams II.

Class of 2007 Officers are Dalton Carpenter - President; Colton Manley - Vice President; Russell Thomas - Secretary; and Thomas Estes - Treasurer.

Class Sponsors are Charlene Fleming, Laci Bean and Roy Richey.

Project Graduation (a drug-free, alcohol-free tobacco-free event) will begin directly at the old gym on the school campus.

Atwell Cemetery Association Meeting Sunday, May 27th

The annual Atwell Cemetery Association meeting will be held Sunday, May 27th at the Atwell Shelter.

The business meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by the singing of gospel and patriotic songs.

Lunch will follow the meeting.

All who attend are asked to bring a covered dish or dishes of meat, vegetable, salads or desserts. The bread, tea and ice will be furnished by the Association.

Submitted by
Barbara Black
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENTION!!!

As of September 1, 2007 Plots at the Cross Plains Memorial Cemetery will be \$100.

Plots that have been reserved and have not paid are still \$75 until September 1, 2007.

For further information, call Bob Harrell at 254-725-6153.

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OBITUARIES



Willie E. Nelson

On May 23, 2003 you slipped lovingly into the arms of Our Lord and Savior. Our days ahead began without you.

We carry you in our memories, our thoughts and our hearts. Until we can be together again, please don't go far. We so miss you. Your family, *I Be Lovin U "G"*

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Walter Pope Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
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Rufus Wilson Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 am
254-725-7574 Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley 254-643-1977

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Sunday10:00 am Thursday7:00 pm

Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

Rowden Baptist Church

Interim Pastor: Wayne Lenz

Bible Study...10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

Ruby Cassle
Ruby Cassle, age 68 of Cross Plains went home to be with the Lord Saturday, May 19, 2007 in Brownwood. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2007 at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Rufus Wilson officiating assisted by Ronnie White; burial followed in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

She was born February 16, 1939 in Garrison, Texas to George and Bessie (Williams) McBride. She married Jerry Cassle April 30, 1976 in Surfside, Texas. She and Jerry and the family moved to Cross Plains in 1980. She started working for the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home in 1986 after a year she went to school to become the Food Service Supervisor for the nursing home. Ruby had a heart for elderly folks, especially those in the nursing home; she also loved children of all ages. She could often be found in the dining room at work playing UNO or Skip Bo with the residents. After retiring from the nursing home, she could be found at home cooking, crocheting or quilting items for her children or grandchildren. Ruby was a Christian wife, mother and homemaker for her family. She was member of the Dorcas Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church. She

Kenneth A. Herzing
Kenneth Allen Herzing, 60, of Cross Plains, formerly of Mascoutah, IL, died Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at his residence. Burial was at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 21, 2007, at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO, under the direction of George Renner and Sons Funeral Home, Belleville, IL.

Kenneth was born October 5, 1946 in Chicago, IL. He married Freda Lynn Moses November 21, 1980. He was a retired truck driver. Mr. Herzing was a U.S. Navy veteran. He was preceded in death by his father, Arnold E. Herzing. Survivors include his wife of 26 years, Freda Lynn Herzing; three daughters, Elizabeth (Russell) Schmidt, April (fiance, Paul Ochoa) Herzing, and Sara (Nick) Fry; five grandchildren, Katelyn, Mackenzie and Clarrissa Machuga and Haleigh and Grayson Fry; his mother, Elizabeth "Betty" (Quigley) Herzing; two brothers, Arnold J. (Sandy) Herzing and Dennis (Patricia) Herzing; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Harold and Pauline Moses; sisters-in-law, Wanda (Jonathan) Grover and Tina (Sam) Lato; brothers-in-law, Michael (Lori) Moses and Patrick (Cathy) Moses; numerous nieces and great-nephews; family and friends. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.rennerfh.com.

Betty Jerline Porter Baxter
Betty Jerline Baxter, age 71, of Cross Plains passed away Tuesday, May 22, 2007 in Rising Star. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2007 at Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Matt McGowen officiating; burial will follow in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

She was born March 18, 1936 in Burkett, Texas to Benjamin D. and Elsie Mae (Harris) Porter. She married Harold Baxter in Lovington, NM on May 21, 1955. Betty was a homemaker and mother and worked at the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home and Rising Star Nursing Center for a total of 17 years, then went to work at Village Market for a year. She was a member of the Church of Christ. In lieu of flowers memorials to the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control, Cottonwood Historical Association, Cottonwood Cemetery Association or Cottonwood Community Center.

Survivors include her daughter, Deana Terstegge and husband Joe

Veda Flippin Pavlow
Veda Flippin Pavlow passed away Tuesday, May 22, 2007 in San Marcus. Graveside services will be held at the Pioneer Cemetery Saturday, May 26th at 1:00 p.m.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Misdemeanor Filings
Velma Kay Ancell, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Douglas Shane Baker, public intoxication.
Douglas Shane Baker, reckless driving.
Erik W. Elliott, theft by check.
Bryan Edward Heatley, theft by check.
Dale S. O'dell, theft by check.
Deborah D. Woodhull, driving while license invalid (DWLI).
Adam W. Walker, possession of marijuana.

Misdemeanor Minutes
Steven L. Smith, compromise settlement agreement and order granted.
Robert L. Adkins, compromise settlement agreement and order granted.
Tonna Nix, plea of guilty to theft by check, 1 year probation, \$100 fine, \$306 court costs, \$129.04 restitution.
Patrick Hill, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 1 year probation, \$400 fine, \$356 court costs.
Christina Bolt, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 18 months probation, \$400 fine, \$256 court costs.
Rick Flores, plea of guilty to illegal dumping, 1 year probation, \$400 fine, \$256 court costs, \$106.53 restitution.
Angela Davis, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 18 month probation, \$400 fine, \$256 court costs.
Glenn Bass, plea of guilty to leaving the scene of accident, 18 month probation, \$400 fine, \$256 court costs.
Robert Grayson, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.
Anthony Podrovitz, plea of guilty to theft by check, 1 year probation, \$100 fine, \$306 court costs, \$195.45 restitution.
Nicky Hollis, order releasing cash bond granted.
Angela Davis, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Ector Co. granted.
Glenn Bass, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Brazoria Co. granted.
Velma Kay Ancell, plea of guilty to DWI, 15 days in jail, \$400 fine, \$331 court costs.

Marriage Licenses
Bradley A. Faircloth and Candy D. Jobe, both of Putnam.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

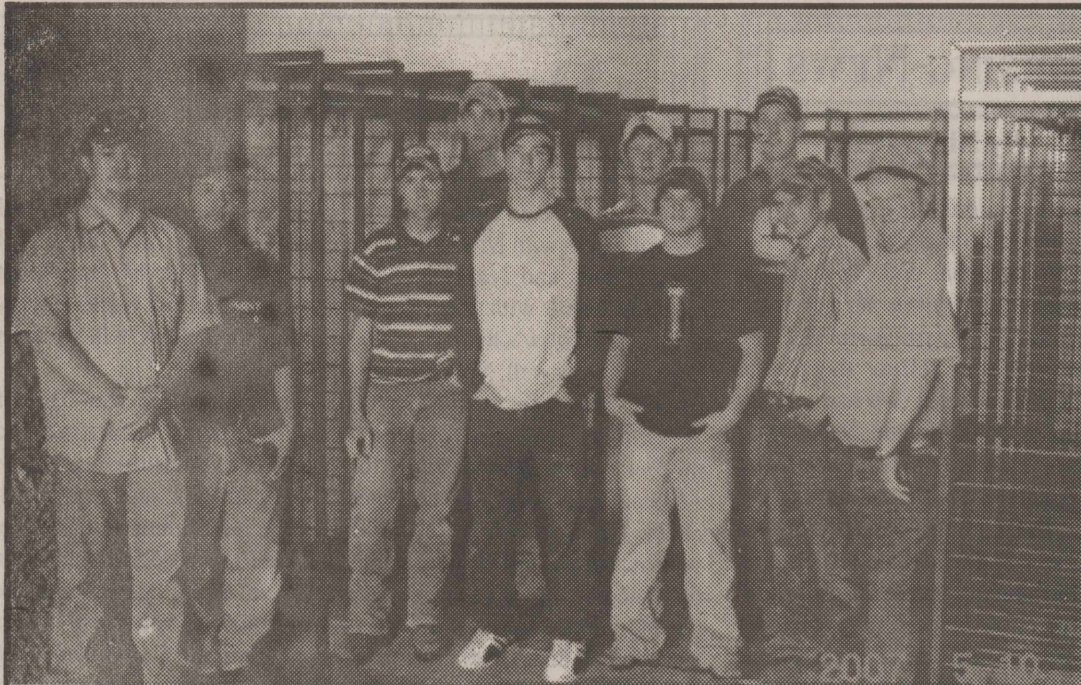
Criminal Information & Complaints
Kristopher C. Whitehead, unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Civil Filings
Estate of Duke Wayne Womack, Sr., deceased, estate contested.
The State of Texas vs. Oscar A. Meza, judgment nisi.
NOTICE: The Curtis Brown listed in last weeks courthouse records is not the Curtis James Brown of Clyde.

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Wednesday
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THANK YOU SO MUCH—The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department would like to extend a huge thank you to the Cross Plains FFA who built lockers for the departments protective gear. The lockers were greatly needed and the group did a fine job on them. Thanks again.



KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—Members of the local Vocational Agriculture Dairy Manufactures and Poultry CDE teams were guests of Roy Stambaugh (far right) during the Kiwanis meeting held May 15th. Each team had an outstanding record throughout the state for their judging accomplishments. Kiwanis meet each Tuesday at Jean's Feed Barn.

SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 22nd	Wednesday, May 23rd	Thursday, May 24th
Period 1st 8:00-10:08	Period 2nd 8:00-10:08	Period 7th 8:00-10:08
Period 3rd 10:12-12:20	Period 4th 10:12-12:20	Period 8th 10:12-12:20
Lunch 12:20-12:58	Lunch 12:20-12:58	Lunch 12:20-1:00
Period 5th 12:58-2:45	Period 6th 12:58-2:45	Buses will run at 1:00 p.m.
Buses will run at 2:45 p.m.	Buses will run at 2:45 p.m.	



SUMMER TREAT—Teri Hunter (teacher) (from left), Audrey Purvis and Donnel Clark (American Legion Members) and Becky Dillard (teacher) are photographed with the 1st Grade Class at Cross Plains Elementary. The Cross Plains Legion distributed an activity book and crayons to each student for use during their summer vacation. A similar activity will be an annual event for the local Post 423.

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Project Graduation 2007

The steering committee is busy making last minute reminders for food, prizes and etc. to insure that Project Graduation is a wonderful success. 27 seniors will be graduating Friday night.

The Project Graduation Celebration will begin right after graduation exercises. The event is for seniors and one guest of their choice. The all night party is a drug, alcohol, tobacco free event and we hope to have 100% attendance of the senior. The senior can come to the party at anytime but once there cannot leave and return. They may stay all night or leave when they like. If you are a senior parent and would like to know if your senior has left we will call you but we must have this in writing with your name and phone number.

Please get this information to Jean, Lurene or Cliffadean at the High School or Connie at the beauty salon or home. Thanks!

We are looking forward to this event. There are over 450 gifts for the Seniors and over \$3,000 in cash for gifts. You do the math with 27 Seniors drawing for them. They will each get some really nice prizes and money and at least 25 gifts each besides the cash.

We have a fun night planned—basketball, volleyball, movies, board games and lots of good food!

SENIORS!!! Come one, come all and bring your guest. Lets make this the best Project Graduation ever!

Submitted by
Connie Kirkham

To get your name on the Birthday Column, send your name and date of birth to
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There is no charge for this service.

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or Call 254-725-6111

Kids Corner Writing Project Honors Participants/Sponsors

Vilma Gonzalez, Director and Creator of the Kids Corner Writing Project, honored the young people of Cross Plains who participated in the writing project on Saturday, May 19 at the Robert E. Howard Pavilion (courtesy of Project Pride), with certificates and prizes.

Vilma wanted everyone to know that when she and her daughter arrived here a little over a year and a half ago, they were warmly welcomed and felt easily at home in Cross Plains. She said, "after a few months of being here, I felt I had to give something back to all of you, so I thought about starting a writing project where kids could participate and be published in the local newspaper, and later on have our own KCWP magazine. The main purpose of this project is to give our young ones a chance to express themselves freely, without being judged, so we can know what is on their minds and in their hearts. She told about the recent topics of Friendship, Spring Break and Easter and how each young person expressed their feelings. After summer break, she hopes all will be ready to begin again. She is asking "parents, teachers, sponsors, young people and the community for suggestions about topics and any other thing they can think of to make this project a continous success. I thank all of you who were involved in the project."

Then the moment arrived. Each young person waited with anticipation as they heard their name called and went up to receive their certificate from Vilma. Parents and friends applauded for them. Coordinators Sharon Pope and Janet Swanson assisted Vilma and presented each with their choice of a writing journal, pen and personalized pencil. After the ceremony, everyone enjoyed Subway sandwiches, chips, and soft drinks as well as much visiting and picture taking. Not all of the 56



SOME KIDS CORNER PARTICIPANTS—Daria Gonzalez (from left), Jae Lynn Stout, Kristin Bland, Sean Armer and Zach Gartman.



AWARDING CERTIFICATES—Vilma Gonzalez (left) awards her daughter Dania for participating in the Kids Corner Project.

participants could be there and they will receive their things soon.

Many people contributed to the success of the project including sponsors, coordinators, teachers and publisher who all received plaques or will have them delivered soon. The following sponsors helped make this a success and include David Mendieta, Mexico City Cafe; James Tidwell, Bless'd Automotive; Denis Coulter, Subway; Charles Chesshir, Liveoak Land and Real Estate; Cobra Drilling and Trucking;

Pastor Mike McGinn, Rising Star New Life Church; Ethel Ames, and Jimmy D. Wilson, Water Well Drilling. She also thanked teachers Melissa Richards and Rhonda Hinton for encouraging student writers. The coordinators, Connie Kirkham, Connie's Cuts and Curls, Sharon Pope and Janet Swanson worked with Vilma on the project. Also, Vilma thanked Vanda Anderson of the *Cross Plains Review* for publishing the student writing in the *Review*.

Submitted by
Janet Swanson

PLAYDAY Saturday, June 2nd Everyone Welcome

A PLAYDAY will be held on Saturday, June 2, at the Cross Plains Roping Club Arena on Highway 36.

Five events will be featured. Leadline and all ages including adults will be provided.

Daily and year-end awards in every age group will be presented.

There will be non-rider events, too!

For additional information call Jamie Wootton at 325-201-1140.

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mediums, in the following categories: Students, Amateurs & Professionals.

Work will be accepted through June 16, 2007. The show opens on Friday, July 6th. To submit your work, please send a detailed description with photos of your pieces to: clydearts@hotmail.com

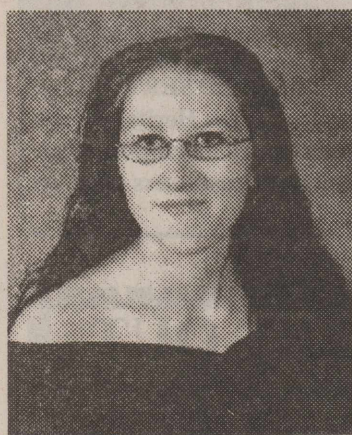
For more information, you can also call Erica at 325-665-8620.

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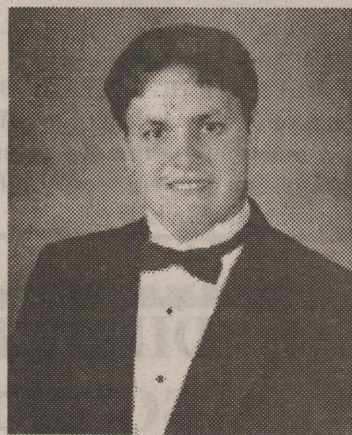
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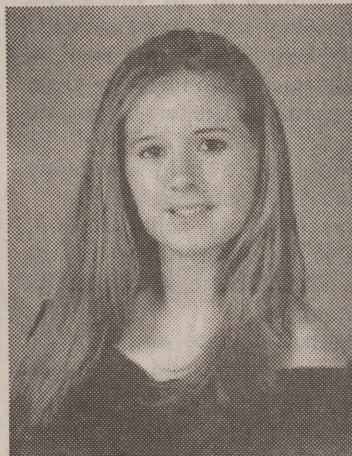
MITZI ANDERSON

Daughter of David and Karleen Anderson
Extracurricular Activities: Band 5 years; PALS 1 year
Awards and Honors: Most Talented; Most Likely to be Famous; Coolest Vehicle; Scholarship from Lions Club; Most Unique; Most Improved in English and Theater
Future Plans: I plan to go to college, double major in music and psychology and minor in writing.



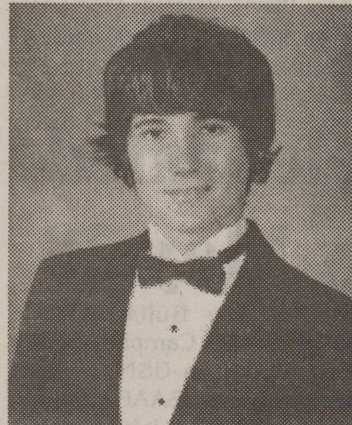
JOSEPH OWEN BAKER

Son of Theresa M. Baker
Extracurricular Activities: Football 1 year; Football manager 1 year; FFA 1 year
Future Plans: I will be going to college to study computers and graphics.



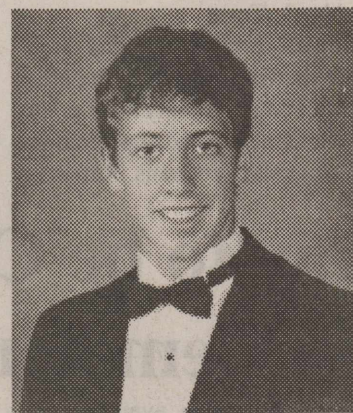
RENEE BYARS

Daughter of Billy and Donna Bell
Extracurricular Activities: Bank 4 years; PALS 1 year; FCCLA 1 year
Awards and Honors: FCCLA Vice President; Runner Up for Mrs. CPHS
Future Plans: I plan to attend Massage Therapy School and get my own office.



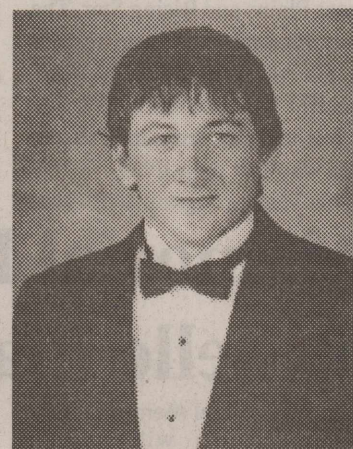
JUSTIN CLAY DICKSON

Son of Dennis and Bonnie Dickson
Extracurricular Activities: Baseball 3 years; Basketball 4 years; Football 4 years; Track 3 years; FFA 4 years; FHA 3 years; Key Club 4 years; Cross Country 1 year
Awards and Honors: Freshman President and Class Favorite; Regional Qualifier Cross Country; 6th at Regionals Livestock Judging; 2nd Team Offense Football; Honorable Mention Basketball; Key Club Ambassador; FCA Secretary; 2nd Runner Up Mr. CPHS; Best Personality; Most Outspoken; Biggest Complainer; Top Boy Basketball Offensive Player (Sr.); Top Boy Football Offensive Player (Sr.); Top Boy Baseball Defensive Player (Sr.); Barnard/Sibley Dedication Award
Future Plans: I plan to attend South Plains Jr. College majoring in Business Administration then transfer to Texas Tech University.



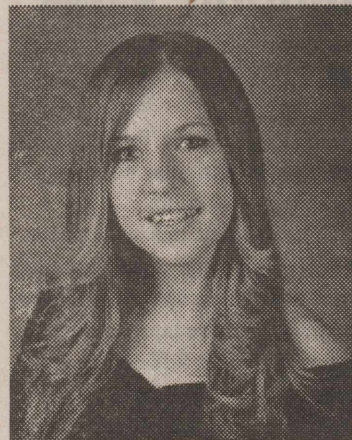
THOMAS WADE ESTES

Son of David and Mindy Estes
Extracurricular Activities: Baseball 2 years; Basketball 4 years; Football 4 years; Track 4 years; FFA 4 years; Key Club 3 years; NHS 3 years
Awards and Honors: 1st Chair All-Region Jazz Band Guitar (3 years); 2nd Chair All-State Jazz Band Guitar (1 year); 3rd Chair All-State Jazz Band Guitar (2 years); State Poultry Judging (4 years); 1st place high Individual Area (2 years); Chapter President of the FFA 2 years; Chapter Vice President of FFA 1 year; Class President 2 years; Vice President 1 year; Treasurer 1 year; Student Council 1 year; Who's Who; 1st Team All-District Football 1 year; 2nd Team All-District Football 2 years; 1st Team Academic All-State in Football; 2nd Team All-District Basketball 2 years; Honorable Mention Basketball 1 year; Track Regional Qualifier - 800 M. Relay; Track Area Qualifier - Mile Relay; 2nd Team All-District Baseball 1 year; Mr. CPHS; Friendliest; Most Dependable; Best Voice; Prettiest Eyes; Most Talented; Most Likely to be Famous; Basketball MVP (Sr.); Top Football Offensive Player (Sr.); Class of 2007 Salutatorian
Future Plans: I plan to go to South Plains Commercial Music Program for two years before transferring to Wayland Baptist University to finish my Bachelors Degree in Music Ministry.



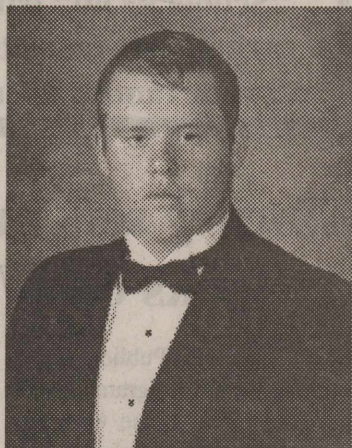
STEVE GARRETT

Son of Sharon Turner and Robert Garrett
Extracurricular Activities: Football 3 years; Golf 2 years; Track 2 years; FFA 2 years
Awards and Honors: 1st in 100 meters (Track); 2nd in 100 meters (Track)
Future Plans: I am planning to go to college and major in Criminal Justice and become a State Trooper.



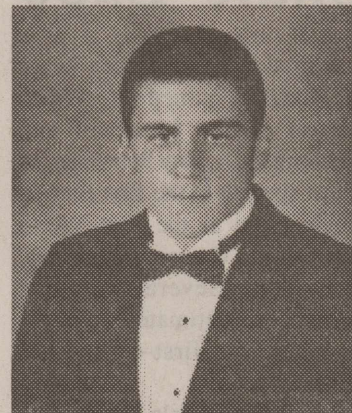
CHRISTINA LURENE AVANTS

Daughter of Marty and Jane Avants
Extracurricular Activities: Band 2 years; Basketball 3 years; Tennis 3 years; Track 1 year; FFA 4 years; FHA 3 years; Key Club 1 year; PALS 1 year; Cross Country 4 years; Cheerleading 1/2 year; Softball 1 year
Future Plans: I plan to attend Ranger College Cosmetology School, and then start my career, in cosmetology.



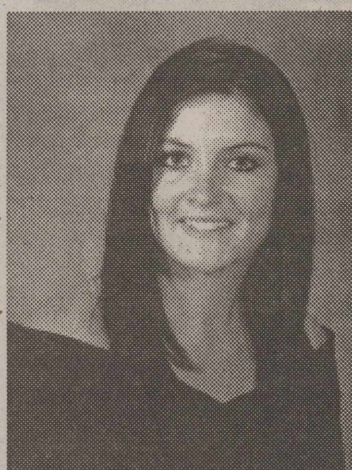
ZACH BENNETT

Son of Phillip Bennett and Sheri Bennett
Extracurricular Activities: Football 4 years; Track 3 years; PALS 1 year
Awards and Honors: Top Boy Football Defensive Player
Future Plans: I plan to go into the Marine Corps.



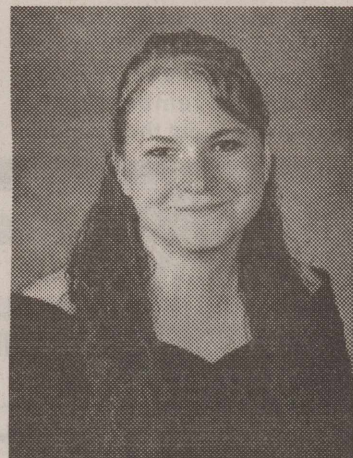
DALTON SCOTT CARPENTER

Son of Greg and Ellen Steinle and John and Kim Carpenter
Extracurricular Activities: Baseball 2 years; Football 6 years; Golf 4 years; Tennis 2 years; Track 6 years; FFA 2 years; Key Club 1 year
Awards and Honors: Senior Class President; Junior Class Favorite; Prettiest Smile; All-District 2nd Team-Football; 1st Team at Area in Poultry (2007)
Future Plans: I plan to attend South Plains College in Levelland for 2 years and then transfer to a four year university. I plan to study Sport Therapy or radiology.



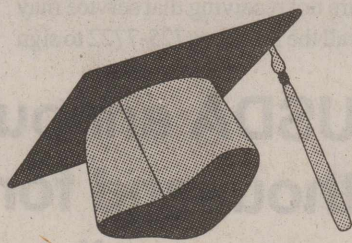
MYKEA SHYENNE DOUGLASS

Daughter of Frankie and Kelli Hyles
Extracurricular Activities: Basketball 4 years; Tennis 3 years; Track 3 years; FFA 4 years; FHA 4 years; PALS 1 year; Cross Country 4 years; Cheerleading 3 years
Awards and Honors: Most Beautiful 1st Runner Up; Miss CPHS 1st Runner Up; Biggest Clown; Most Spirited; Most Flirty; Most Fun to be Around; Best Laugh; Best Personality; Typical Senior; Richland Springs All Tournament; Sr. Showmanship 2005; Reserve Grand Champion Borrow 2005; State Qualifier in Livestock 2004; 2nd high Individual Brady Livestock Contest 2004
Future Plans: I plan to take a year off and then attend TSU to be an Agricultural Educator.



EMILY HARELSON

Daughter of Sandra Harelson
Extracurricular Activities: Band 2 years; Basketball 1 year; Tennis 1 year; OAP 1 year; FFA 4 years; FHA 3 years; Cross Country 1 year
Future Plans: I plan to attend Cisco Junior College for my basics and transfer to Tarleton and do Ranch Management.

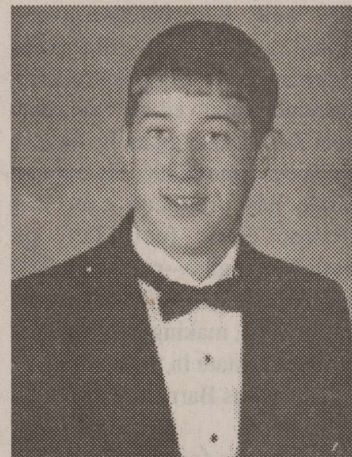


Dalton,

We're so proud of you! We know your going to do great things in and through your life because the Lord is in it to guide and direct you.
 "Live Loud, Live Proud!"
 We Love You Very Much, Mom, Greg and Kiefer

Joseph,

You have always been a blessing to me and to all that meet and know you. I'm so proud of you. You are not only a wonderful son, you are a great friend. Your pa would be proud of you, too! I love you so much.
 Mom, Monnie, Esther, Tonya, Jolena, Quentin & Pa



BROCK COOPER

Son of Curtis and Lindy Cooper
Extracurricular Activities: Baseball 2 years; Basketball 4 years; Football 3 years; Golf 1 year; FFA 4 years; Key Club 1 year; Cross Country 1 year; FCA 2 years; FCCLA 1 year
Awards and Honors: State Horse Judging Team; Honorable Mention in District Basketball
Future Plans: I plan to attend TSTC in Breckenridge to study General Contracting.

Mykea

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." Dr. Seuss
 Remain true to yourself and you will accomplish great things.

Love You, Mom, Frankie and Kelbi

Justin,

It has been a privilege an a blessing to watch you grow up. We miss you already. God has something wonderful planned for your life, just keep looking to Him for guidance and He will not lead you wrong. We are so proud of you.
 You are a great son and brother

We love you "Little Man", Dad Mom, Dusty and Samantha

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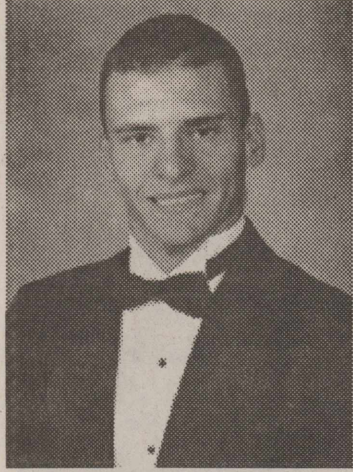
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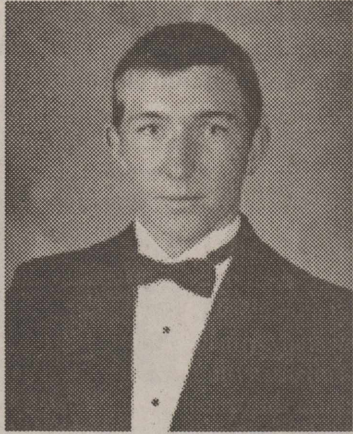
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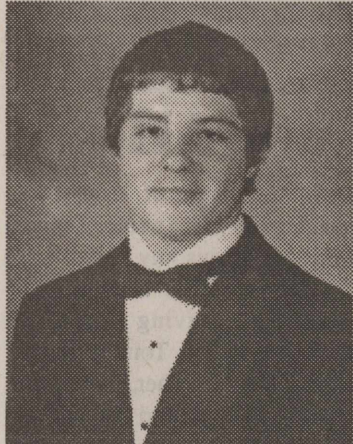
JONATHAN HOPKINS

Son of H.D. and Tricia Hopkins
Extracurricular Activities: Band 4 years; Basketball 4 years; Football 4 years; Golf 4 years; FFA 4 years
Future Plans: I plan to do ranch work on the Family Ranch.



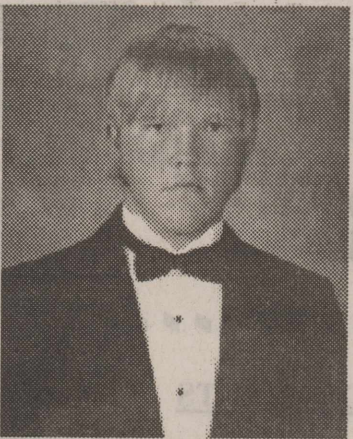
CLAYDON LEE KOENIG

Son of Lynn and Teresa Koenig
Extracurricular Activities: Baseball 4 years on Varsity; Basketball 4 years (3 years Varsity); Football 4 years (2 years Varsity); Golf 1 year; Track 2 years; FFA 4 year; Key Club 1 year
Awards and Honors: Baseball All-District; Honorable Mention (Fresh); 2nd Team Pitcher (Soph); 1st Team Pitcher (Jr.); Football All-District; 1st Team Tight End (Jr.); 1st Team Tight End (Sr.); Basketball Honorable Mention (2007-Sr.); Offensive Player of the Year (2006); FFA Skills Team 2004-2007; State Horse Judging 2006; 2004 Top 20 Tarleton Horse Judging; 3rd in District Track (Sr.); 6th Area Track; Skills Team 2004-2007 (FFA); Most Typical Senior; Basketball MVP (Sr.); Top Boy in Track (Sr.); Baseball MVP (Sr.); Athlete of the Year (Sr.)
Future Plans: I plan to attend Cisco Junior College going into Range Management.



CODY HYLES

Son of Frankie and Kelli Hyles
Extracurricular Activities: Baseball 1 year; Basketball 1 year; Football 3 years; Track 2 years; FFA 4 years;
Awards and Honors: Purple Heart Fighting Buffalo Award in Football; Senior Class Favorite; Most School Spirited; Biggest Clown
Future Plans: Undecided



COLTON MANLEY

Son of Lana and Danny Manley
Extracurricular Activities: Basketball 1 year; Football 6 years; Golf 2 years; Tennis 2 years; Track 4 years; PALS 2 years; NHS 2 years
Awards and Honors: Best Laugh; Most Fun to be Around
Future Plans: I plan to attend college and receive an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice to become a State Trooper.



KAELN MARTINEZ

Daughter of Angie Fortune and Al Martinez
Extracurricular Activities: Band 1 year; Softball 1 year; Basketball 4 years; Golf 1 year; Tennis 4 years; Track 4 years; UIL 3 years (Prose and Headline); OAP 3 years; Cheerleading 3 years
Awards and Honors: Biggest Complainer; Biggest Gossip; Academic All State Basketball; 1st Team All-District; Outstanding Powerlifter; Top Girl in Tennis; Top Girl Basketball Offensive Player (Sr.); Top Girl in Track (Sr.); Scott Cheshier Award
Future Plans: I plan to attend Ranger Jr. College to play basketball and work towards a Sports Medicine Degree.



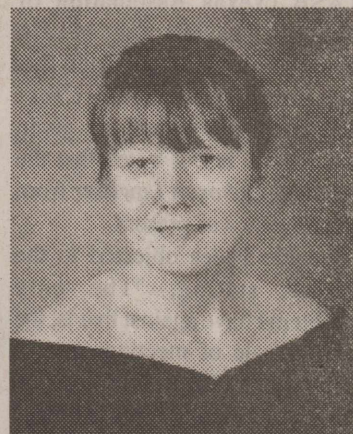
SHYLA POWELL

Daughter of Pete and Rhonda Powell; Granddaughter of Charlie Scott
Extracurricular Activities: Band 4 years; Basketball 4 years; Tennis 2 years; OAP 1 year; Cross Country 4 years
Awards and Honors: Band Sweetheart (05-06)
Future Plans: Undecided.



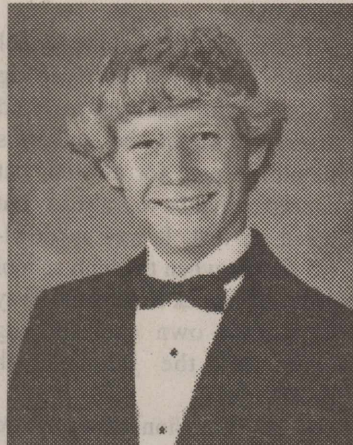
KAREN SCOTT

Daughter of Liz Scott and Ronnie and Bonnie Scott
Extracurricular Activities: Softball 1 year; Basketball 4 years; Track 2 years; FFA 4 years; Key Club 1 year; Cross Country 4 years; Cheerleading 3 years; NHS 3 years
Awards and Honors: Freshman-Class Secretary, Class Favorite, Vice President Greenhand Officer, Homecoming Queen Nominee; Sophomore-Class President, Class Favorite, Football Sweetheart nominee, NHS; Junior-Class Secretary, Class Favorite, Head Cheerleader, Football Sweetheart, 2nd Team All-District Basketball, NHS, MVP-Basketball, 110% Award; Senior-Homecoming Queen, Football Sweetheart, Most Beautiful, Prettiest Eyes, Nicest Smile, Nicest Hair, Miss CPHS, Most Likely to Succeed, NHS, Most Athletic, Class Favorite.
Future Plans: I plan to attend Cisco Jr. College in the Fall and then transfer to Tarleton University to pursue my degree in Sports Medicine.



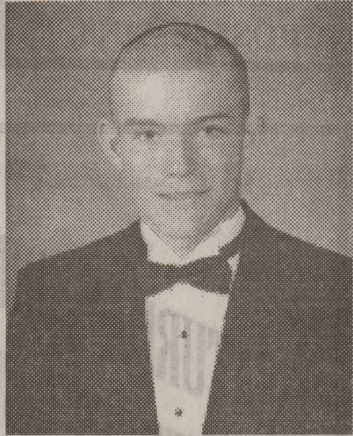
LAURALEI CHERI WHEELER

Daughter of Randy and Shannon Wheeler
Extracurricular Activities: Band 4 years; Annual 2 years
Future Plans: I plan on going to Tarrant County College transferring to a university eventually.



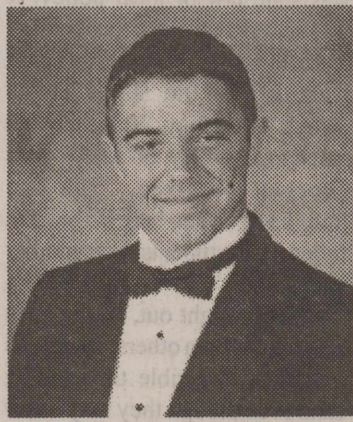
JOSHUA CLARK RADLE

Son of Cindy Webb and Charlie Radle
Extracurricular Activities: Baseball 1 year; Football 4 years; Track 3 years; FFA 4 years
Awards and Honors: Fighting Buffalo Award
Future Plans: I plan to go to Tulsa, get a Master Welder Degree, then become a professional welder.



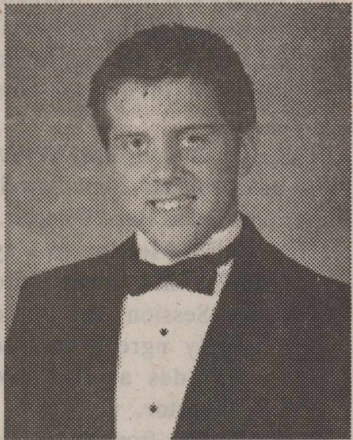
CHRISTOPHER MCBRIDE

Son of Julie and Eddy Wyatt
Extracurricular Activities: Band 1 year; Baseball 1 year; Basketball 2 years; Football 4 years; Golf 4 years; Track 4 years; FFA 4 years; Key Club 2 years
Awards and Honors: Billy Brown 110% Award
Future Plans: I plan to go to North Texas and major in History and play Football.



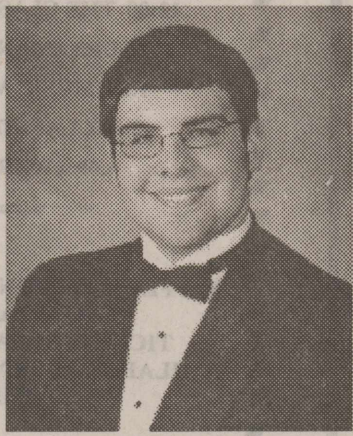
RUSSELL BYRON THOMAS

Son of Jackie and Roxie Thomas
Extracurricular Activities: Baseball 4 years; Basketball 4 years; Football 4 years; Tennis 3 years; Track 4 years; UIL Science and Current Events 3 years; FFA 3 years; Key Club 3 years; NHS 3 years
Awards and Honors: National Merit Commended Scholar; Academic All-State Elite Team; Regional Qualifier UIL; Regional Qualifier Track; Basketball MVP; Best Dressed; First Runner Up Most Handsome; First Runner Up Mr. CPHS; Top Boy in Tennis (Sr.); Top Basketball Defensive Player (Sr.); Top Baseball Offensive Player (Sr.); Scott Cheshier Award (Sr.); Athlete of the Year (Sr.); Valedictorian of the Class of 2007
Future Plans: I will be attending The University of Texas at Austin in the Fall. I plan to major in Marketing and eventually attend law school or get my MBA.



CLAYTON REYNOLDS

Son of Darby and Shannon Nichols and Greg Reynolds
Extracurricular Activities: Basketball 1 year; Golf 2 years; Track 1 year; Cross Country 1 year
Awards and Honors: Class officer for 4 years; Class Favorite Junior year; 4 year Chapter Conducting; 1st Public Relations; 2 years Dairy Cattle Judging for 2 years; Most Friendly
Future Plans: I plan to go to Lincoln Tech in Grand Prairie to attend Technical School for 2 years and become a mechanic.



ANDREW POOLE

Son of Andra Jackson and Jimmie Poole
Extracurricular Activities: UIL Current Events Social Studies; FFA 4 years; Key Club 3 years; NHS 3 years
Awards and Honors: Freshman Class Treasurer; Sophomore Class Treasurer; Junior Class Treasurer; Senior Class Reporter
Future Plans: Undecided.

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Cody,

"There is a good reason they call these ceremonies 'commencement exercises'.
 Graduation is not the end, it's the beginning." Orrin Hatch
 We know you are an exceptional young man, now show the world.
 Love You, Dad, Kelli, and Kelbi

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Andrew,

Albert Einstein says "if A is success in life, then A equals x plus y plus z. Work is x; y is play; and z is keeping your mouth shut."
 Remember to work hard, play often, think before you speak and you will go far in life. I am so proud of you and know with God's help you will succeed in life (success is not all about money).
 Congratulations! Love ya, Mom

SUSAN J. SCHAEFER, C.P.A



Class Colors

Purple, Black & Silver

Class Flower

Purple Rose

Class Motto

"You have brains in your head.
 You have feet in your shoes.
 You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
 You're on your own, and you know what you know.
 And you will be the guy who'll decide where you'll go.
 Oh the places you'll go."
 Dr. Seuss

Karen,

You are so Beautiful, inside and out.
 See all you can See, Be all you can Be.
 You have one chance at this life. Make it the Best!
 We Love You, Mom and Kevin

Russell,

Thanks so much for the adventure of the last 13 years.
 Words cannot begin to describe how proud we are of you and your accomplishments.
 We look forward to what the Lord has in store for your future.
 GO HORNS!
 Love, Mom, Dad, and Shena

Bridges

Mr. Cook also echoed the sentiment and responded amicably. He affirmed, "I don't want to criticize anyone. I'm not going to respond. We can move on. My desire too, is to improve relations. I believe this Board's actions showed that everyone here wants that tonight."

*Scott Childress asked the Board to adopt a resolution to honor the **Cross Plains Review** for its coverage of school events, by submitting an application to TASB (Texas Association of School Boards) for **Media Honor Roll**. He stated that if this resolution passed, the **Cross Plains Review** would be given this award. It was noted that the reporter, **Deborah Lowitzer** from the **Review** was present.

Frankie Hyles objected to the honor, stating, "The only problem I have against that is, the past couple of meetings and in past articles I've had a problem with things being reported that I felt weren't exactly true." Hyles did not elaborate on what reporting he felt was not 'exactly true'.

He went on to say, "Nothing against the newspaper, but I have a problem with giving them an award for printing articles that I feel caused conflict amongst the community. That's just my personal opinion though."

Childress responded by saying that this is the first time the School Board had ever been reported on and that a new reporter is a growing experience for the whole community, as there is a learning curve involved. He added, "We may not always agree on what's being reported, but it's at the discretion of the reporter to decide what is reported on and how."

The application was put to a vote with (3) Hyles, Cook and Dillard voting against the **Cross Plains Review** receiving the honor and (4) Childress, Taylor, Crockett and Ames voting for the **Review** to receive the award.

Helen Parson asked to make a statement. She assured the Board that it was not controversial. "Just keep it uncontroversial." Hyles said and nodded for her to speak.

"I think it's been wonderful how the newspaper supports the school here with our sports, the honor roll, kids with their grades and the A/B honor roll. A lot of papers don't list our kids in those positions and what our kids have done." She continued, "I think that's an accomplishment in itself, that we have a paper here that covers our children and what's going on in our school right here at home." Hyles added that he agreed with that, just not the coverage at the School Board meetings.

*The **2006-2007 TAKS scores** were announced and discussed at length. It was revealed that the TAKS Tests would most likely be eliminated in 3 more years. Elementary and Junior High schools will still use them, but High Schools will use End-of-Course Assessment Tests. The Board approved increasing required credits to graduate from 25 to 26, while the policy on Dual Credit Classes was tabled.

***Emotions ran high** as various parents and students showed up to speak in favor of allowing 3 Seniors to participate in Graduation Ceremonies, even though they did not pass the required TAKS test.

One parent sited a Grand Prairie School who lifted their policy. They allowed several students who failed to walk the stage in cap and gown, with the stipulation that the students would try to pass the TAKS after graduation. It was also brought out that Abilene had 38 seniors who failed the TAKS test, but they are going to allow

them to walk.

Another parent declared, "This is a once in a lifetime goal for these kids. It's a big deal to walk across that stage." **At that point a petition was presented to the Board with the signatures of the qualifying 24 seniors who did pass the test.** They were all in favor of letting the 3 who didn't pass walk on stage with them.

One of the students stated, "We've worked just as hard as other students have." A parent added, "These girls failed by 1, 2 or 3 questions. They studied as hard as the rest. It's like saying 'you're not good enough.'" It was voiced that the 3 should get a certificate of completion with the rest of their class.

Board President Hyles responded, "It hurts us, but we don't control the TAKS test. We had the same problem last year. If we do it now, we may face lawsuits. We haven't changed it in the past and we can't change it now for one group."

Another parent expressing frustration said, "I don't understand. Kids start school in kindergarten and go faithfully and at the end of 12 years. But because somebody in our school system says they don't get to walk across the stage, they are treated like they don't matter." They continued, "These kids have put in as much effort as the rest. I know my kid did. And now to shame her is wrong. We're not asking for a diploma, just a cap and gown."

Hyles responded, "We're not saying nobody is not good enough. You don't understand, it hurts us as much as it does you. We know they worked hard, we know they went 12 years. We can't do something for one that we don't do for the other."

Childress added, "No, we have standards. We have a bar. That bar has to be met. We've always had this bar, it doesn't go up and down every year. The bar is there. It has to be met. All kids in the future must meet the bar. All kids in the past either met the bar or didn't walk."

A couple of parents asked if this was state law or local policy. It was stated that it was local policy to not allow those who didn't pass walk across the stage. Hyles stated, "It's policy. We either vote to change policy or not." Kim Crockett observed, "The one thing I see wrong here is we have failed our students for another year."

It was brought out, "Some kids are smarter than others, some kids just have a terrible time taking tests even though they may know the answers." All the parents involved stated that they planned on going forward with this and having their kids re-tested.

One parent said, "My child stayed after class and took hours from her job." Another stated, "My daughter stayed after school for a month. I know how much she studied." Another parent said that their child had even come to school so sick that she could hardly hold her head up, but know she had to be there for the test. It was asked, "Why tell them just 2 weeks before they graduate that they can't?"

Crockett inquired, "If the TAKS is the standard and if it's going to be eliminated soon, would that make any difference?" Ames asked, "If they have done their very best, is it fair to penalize them? If the best I can jump is a 5 foot bar and the bar is 6 foot, I'll never get there. But if I tried my very best does that matter? Are we being fair to the kid that tried their best? There are kids out there that just can't do it, no matter how hard they try." Crockett added, "Are we doing our best to help them?"

A frustrated parent summed up

their viewpoint up this way. "Are these kids not at least entitled to walk the stage as a reward for putting in 12 years and sticking it out to the best of their ability... especially if the test is going to be done away with anyway?"

In a vote of 5 against changing the policy (Hyles, Childress, Dillard, Taylor and Cook) and 2 for (Crockett and Ames), the policy will remain as it is.

*Some changes were made to the **Local Parent Involvement Policy** before it was approved. Kim Crockett suggested adding to the policy that parents can utilize the school's web site to check on their child's grades. She said that some parents know the site is there, but may not know that up-to-date grades and records can be seen as well. Hyles asked if parents could see anyone else's child's grades. Crockett responded that after a parent is logged in securely, they could access only their child's grades.

Childress stressed that it is best to be positive around your kids regarding school issues. Therefore it was added: **Parents are strongly encouraged to speak positive about school personnel in the presence of their children.**

*The Board agreed to pay out the additional \$41.00 per employee (about \$20,000 a year) to cover the health insurance increases. In the past, the State of Texas covered part of that expense, but will no longer pay the additional cost. Employees voiced their thanks at this decision.

*It was decided that the school would pay for **Cheerleading Camp**. Childress also offered that he thought the uniforms should be paid for as well, but conceded that he was already out voted on that. It was acknowledged that when the high school girls come back from camp, they hold their own cheerleading camp for the junior high cheerleaders.

*The discussion about Board Policy regarding members inquiring about legal issues was tabled for now. The Board agreed for Cameron and Guley to remain as their auditor. It was approved to continue with Big Country Library Media. The Depository Pledge Contract with Texas Heritage Bank was approved. Tension added that Texas Heritage Bank had done a wonderful job serving the school.

*After returning from an Executive Session that lasted until 10 p.m. the Board agreed to a \$2,000 stipend for Ag teachers, **Roy Richey** and **Marc Morgan**. They also approved an additional \$2,000 for coaches approved by the Administration for "2-a-days".

The resignation of **Trey Wyatt** was accepted and **Matt Sowell** was approved as Band Director.

*In a **Called Meeting** on May 15, 2007, that went into Executive Session, the Board unanimously agreed to hire **Mr. Jim Sides** as the new Athletic Director.

The following from the public attended this meeting: David Estes, Monty Richards, Gene Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Joe Holland, Susan Holland, Nora Odom, Donna Ames, Cliffadean Hargrove, Patricia Cook, Tonya Walker, Deanna Golson, Mitchell Atchley, Rhonda Hinten, Helen Parson, Billy Bell, Judy Luter, Rene' Byers, Shyla Jessup, Charlie Scott, Tanya Scott, April Cowan, Lindsey Barnett, Ashley Rose, Chris McBride, Anita Rose and Rhonda Powell.

The next regular School Board Meeting will be held on June 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library. The public is encouraged to attend.

Cross Plains Cemetery Association Meeting

Monday
June 4th
5:30 pm
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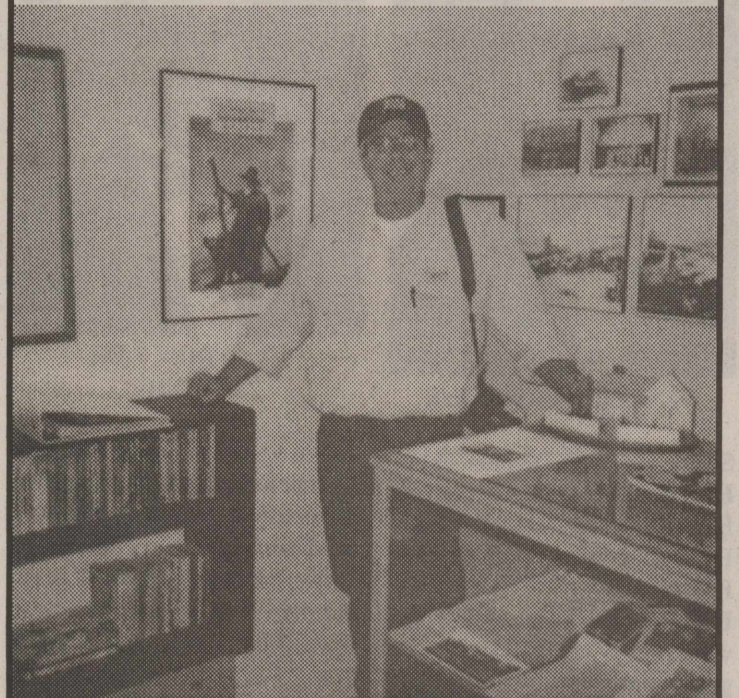
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Anne Rone (left), Project Pride member, greets Dr. Rose-Mary Brumley, tour guide, as a group from Dallas arrives at the Howard Museum on Saturday.



Tom Wiley, freelance writer/photographer, is shown during a recent tour of the Howard Museum.

Visitors Tour Howard House

May has already proven to be a busy place for the Howard House Museum. Project Pride members Era Lee Hanke and Anne Rone, hosted 31 senior citizens from the University Park United Methodist Church in Dallas on May 5. The Seniors were on one of their frequent trips to places of interest within a day's drive of their meeting place. Although most were interested in the well-preserved house that reminded them of their childhood homes, others were impressed

with the scope of Howard's imagination as he wrote of other worlds from his tiny room.

Another visitor arrived on a motorcycle, having ridden up from Wimberly. Tom Wiley, a retired schoolteacher, toured the house and explored the life of Howard for the basis of an article he was writing for "Ride Texas" magazine.

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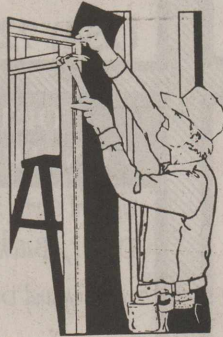
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70 YEARS TOGETHER—John and Loraine Kilgore

Local Couple to Celebrate 70th Wedding Anniversary

John and Loraine Kilgore, long time residents of Cross Plains, were married on May 29, 1937. John reports that after trying it out for 70 years, he thinks the marriage will probably last.

John Kilgore was born on his family's ranch, southeast of Cross Plains; Loraine was born in Ballinger, but grew up in Eastland. They have lived in a

number of places during their 70 years of marriage, but they decided at retirement that there was no better place than Cross Plains to call home.

The Kilgores are members of the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains, and John is a member of the Cross Plains Masonic Lodge. They have two daughters, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Down Home

own meals, mend his own clothes, and fix his own hurts. He feels ever note of the National Anthem vibrate through his body while at rigid attention, while tempering the burning desire to 'square-away' those around him who haven't bothered to stand, remove their hat, or even stop talking. In an odd twist, day in and day out, far from home, he defends their rights to be disrespectful. Just as did his father, grandfather and great-grandfather, he is paying the price for our freedom. Beardless or not, he is not a boy. He is the American Fighting Man who has kept this country free for over 200 years. He has asked nothing in return, except our friendship and understanding. Remember him, always, for he has earned our respect and admiration with his blood. And now we even have women over there in danger, doing their part in this tradition of going to war when our nation calls us to do so. As you go to bed tonight, remember this shot. A short lull, a little shade and a picture of loved ones in their helmets. Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need." Amen.

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 Possession of Marijuana—2
 Fugitive Arrest—Possession of Marijuana—1
 Vehicle Accidents
 There were four vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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JORDAN COLLIER

Jordan Collier to participate in the National American Miss Pageant

Miss Jordan Lea Collier, age 8, has been chosen as a State Finalist in the National American Miss Texas Pageant to be held July 27-28, 2007 at the beautiful Hotel Inter Continental in Dallas. The pageant is held for girls ages 7 years through 9 years.

The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Disneyland in California. Pageants are held for girls ages four to eighteen, in five age groups.

The National American Miss pageants are dedicated to celebrating America's greatness and encouraging its future leaders. Each year, the pageant awards thousands in scholarships and prizes to recognize and assist in the development of young women nationwide. All activities are age-appropriate and family-oriented.

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The National American Miss pageants are for "Today's Girl" and "Tomorrow's Leaders." The

pageant is based on inner beauty, as well as poise and presentation, and offers an "All-American spirit of fun for family and friends." Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self-confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition, and setting a achieving personal goals. The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for the future.

Miss Collier's activities include Girl Scouts (2 years), gymnastics (1 year), Lobo Howlers (2 years), had guest at her birthday bring socks to donate to local crisis center. She also enjoys spending time with grandma in her green house, painting, playing with her dogs, jumping on her trampoline, and is a true Dallas Cowboy fan. She loves being a girl, dancing and singing, too.

Miss Collier's sponsors include Texas H Kennels & Rescue, 4 Season's Fun & Fitness, as well as her parents. Anyone wishing to help support Jordan in representing Cisco, please contact Rebecca Collier at 254-442-4403. Good Luck, we love you!!

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