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DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: Geneva Nelson, of Cross Plains, wrote the following poem about mothers. I had the privilege of meeting her mother about two weeks ago, and she is delightful. This time of the year brings to mind memories of my mother, who I miss so much.

This year I've received my Mother's Day gifts in advance. Both my daughters presented me with beautiful flowering plants for my yard. I can't think of anything better!

If your mother is living, please remember to honor her on this special day. Happy Mother's Day to every mother!! Vanda Anderson

"Days With Mother"

Not far from our hearts or far from our minds,
Are days spent with mother down through the time.

Days of gentle guidance to help us become, that special kind of daughter,
That special kind of son!

A mother is a creature made from God's design.
To teach us how to give, to love and to be kind.

Her nature is forgiveness for the wrong things that we do,
Her answer to our questions, "Because, I love you."

Since "Love" is the biggest lesson,
The Lord would have us know, He gave us our dear mothers to show us how to grow.

Cottonwood Quilting Club Mother's Day Bake Sale

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will hold its annual **Mother's Day Bake Sale** this Saturday, May 10, in front of the Village Market on Highway 36 in Cross Plains.

Assorted baked goods will be sold from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is your chance to surprise mom with a delicious homemade dessert for her special day.

Local Meals on Wheels Needs Your HELP

The need for volunteers to deliver meals in Cross Plains has become close to an emergency. We need the public's help in this matter.

We have requested, asked and now I guess it is time to get on our knees and beg for your help in delivering meals to the shut-ins in our towns.

Please call the following number to visit with Kathy Anderson to set up a schedule for delivering meals. 254-725-6521.

You may also call the main office and visit with project director Katie Dunn for information. Phone- 325-854-5858.



GENEROSITY OF OTHERS IS EVIDENT—Victoria Gross is pictured admiring the gifts that covered one of the three beds that were full of household items.

Community Shower for Cross Cut Couple a Wonderful Reflection of a Caring Community

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

The community of Cross Plains, along with area citizens passing through, helped provide Richard and Victoria Gross an abundance of gifts at the Community Shower held Saturday afternoon in the home of Cliff and Connie Kirkham.

Approximately thirty individuals attended and got acquainted with Victoria. She was overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity expressed by so many.

Three beds full of gifts were bestowed on the couple who recently lost their mobile home

and all their belongings to a tornado. The great assortment of items will help them re-establish a new household and baskets of personal items were presented. A money gift bag was filled with cards, cash and gift certificates. This will come in handy to replace clothing and other necessities.

Members of the First United Methodist Church assisted by picking up scattered debris, along with neighbors who have gone above and beyond. A travel trailer is being provided by a local couple until Richard and Victoria have the house they recently purchased moved in and set up.

Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and delighted in the joy expressed by Victoria. Many of the attendants were former fire victims who had been in the exact position themselves. They could relate to the traumatic experience and were so kind to extend graciously to this couple.

Thank you to all who helped with the shower by providing food, washing dishes, loading gifts, etc. and of course to all who caringly gave to Richard and Victoria.

Without a doubt, we have claimed our title of "A Caring Community" one more time.

Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson

Mark Finn is Named Guest of Honor at Robert E. Howard Days

Project Pride and The Robert E. Howard Foundation are pleased to announce that this year's guest of honor for Robert E. Howard Days will be Mark Finn. Finn will be the featured speaker at the celebration dinner on Friday, June 13, as well as leading panel discussions throughout the two-day festival.

Finn is no stranger to Cross Plains as he frequently visits the Howard Museum and was the guest of the local Library for a Meet the Author event in February 2007. The book he reviewed at that time was his newly released biography of Robert E. Howard, *Blood & Thunder: The Life and Art of Robert E. Howard* in which he explored historical, environmental and social factor that had influenced Howard's writing career.

The intense two years that Finn spent researching and writing the

first book-length biography on Howard in twenty years had its delayed rewards. The book won the 2007 Cimmerian Award winner for Book by a Single Author as well as being nominated for a World Fantasy Award and a finalist for the Locus Award for Best Non-Fiction.

Although Finn admires, and has had numerous pieces published on all aspects of Howard's writings, he seems to favor the boxing and comic western genres. The stories featuring Breckinridge Elkins, as a larger-than-life Pecos Bill type character showcases Howard's humorous side.

Finn is a lively and entertaining speaker and raconteur who is sure to keep the audience in stitches, even as they learn something about the broader scope of the famed Texas writer.

The chicken-fried steak dinner in the Community Center on

Friday, June 13, 7:00 p.m. is open to the public. **Reservations of \$10.00 per person must be made by May 6. Checks, payable to Project Pride, may be mailed to P.O. Box 534, Cross Plains, TX 76443.**

For additional information, please call 254-725-4993 or 254-725-6562.

Garden Club Annual Plant Sale set for Friday

The Cross Plains Garden Club will have their annual Plant Sale this coming Friday, May 9th, from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon, on the sidewalk in front of Johnson's

Dry Goods Store.
Hope to see you there!

Submitted by
Joyce Odom
Garden Club Reporter

All Sports Banquet Tickets on Sale Now

The Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club will be hosting the **All Sports Banquet, Monday, May 12th, at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.**

Tickets will be sold in advance for \$5.00 each. They may be purchased from Lurene McNutt's office at the high school. Tickets can also be purchased at the door,

but request in advance so we can have an accurate head count.

Athletes are \$1.00 each and all dates who are not athletes will be \$5.00 each.

All are invited to attend as we recognize and award our athletes for their hard work and commitment to Cross Plains Athletics.

Can You Top This?

Spring is in the air. Wildflowers, iris, wisteria and of course, roses all bursting into bloom. It's the time of year that we honor those women who mean the most to us. It might be your mom, grandma, aunt, sister, cousin, or that wonderful friend who's always there for you when you want to share a laugh, shed a tear, or just chat with over a fresh cup of coffee about the 'goings on' in our community.

Wouldn't it be great if you could show these women how much they mean to you by taking them to lunch, letting them enjoy a style show starring our youth and children from the Home Economics and Apparel Class, AND possibly winning a great door prize donated by one of our local merchants?

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority has put such as event together! We invite you to join us on May 10, 2008 in the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church for this gathering of family and friends. Seating

begins at 11:30 a.m. Speaking of door prizes, our heartfelt thanks go out to Connie Kirkham and Donna Ames of Connie's Cuts n Curls, Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones, Sue Neal/Mary Kay Cosmetics, Johnson's Dry Goods, Subway, Wanda Merryman/Jafra Cosmetics, Snippets, Lou Rodenberger, a noted author, *Cross Plains Review* and the Holmes Agency for their generous donations.

Tickets are \$10 each, and are available from BSP members, or you can purchase them at Kimmy's, Pancake's Home Stitches, City Hall or Texas Heritage Bank. For reservations (in case you can't get out to purchase a ticket), call Wanda Merryman at 725-6476. **Deadline for reservations and tickets is Wednesday, May 7th at 5 p.m.**

Come and join the fun and fellowship honoring the special women in our Lives!

Submitted by
Sharon Parr

Area Youth Invited to "Disciple Now" Weekend

Cottonwood Baptist Church invites all sixth through twelfth grade students to a special youth weekend coming up May 9-11. This "Disciple Now" weekend will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday the 9th and will end Sunday the 11th at 12:00 noon.

Students should meet at Cottonwood Baptist at 5:30 p.m. or, if a ride is needed, meet at Main Street Pool House & Surf Shop at 5:00 p.m.

The weekend will include Bible studies, cookouts,

recreation, and music. Music will be provided by "Brightside" featuring Thomas Estes. The band will also play at the high school auditorium Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. and will give a concert Saturday night at 7:00 at Cottonwood Baptist. Both of these concerts are open to the public.

We hope to see you there! For more information, call Greg or Ellen Steinle at 325-660-1862 or Mindy Estes at 325-370-1984.

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to win. Certificates will be displayed on each item thanking the donor.

Local businesses make the Scholarship possible each year to a graduating Senior/ Seniors of Cross Plains High School pursuing a college career. Previous recipients of his award include Nathan Joy- Texas A&M, Karen

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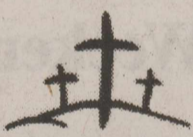
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OBITUARIES

Joe Ward



Joe Ward, age 90, of Cross Plains passed away Sunday, May 4, 2008 in Abilene. Funeral services were held 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel, with Dub Hendricks officiating assisted by Bill Dodd; burial followed in the May Cemetery.

He is survived by his three sons, Don Ward in El Paso, TX, Jimmy Ward of Odessa, Jerry Ward of Ferndale, WA; a daughter, Barbara Smith of Cross Plains; a sister, Fayne Jolley of Brownwood; a sister-in-law Lois Ward of Brownwood; 8 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was born on February 2, 1918 in Tahlequah, OK to William and Veora (Gammill) Ward. He was the 8th son of 12 siblings. Joe worked building Liberty Ships during WWII in

California. After the war he moved to Kermit, TX where he raised his family with his wife Helen (Brown) Ward. Helen preceded him in death in 1981. He married Evelyn Chick in 1988 and she preceded him in death in 2000. Joe worked in the west Texas oil fields until he retired.

Joe was a true Okie, always rooting for the Sooners. He was a member of the NRA and John Birch Society. He was a true Patriot and a Proud American. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and collected guns and coins. His Legacy is his strong belief that we will lose our liberties to a tyrant One World Government.

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Florence Kathryn Bowen



Florence Kathryn Bowen, 83, of Abilene died Friday, May 2, 2008 at a local hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, May 5, 2008 at the Parker Funeral Home Chapel. Billy Sellers officiated. Burial followed at the Admiral Cemetery under the direction of Parker Funeral Home in Baird.

Mrs. Bowen was born July 3, 1924 in Cottonwood to Ed and Mary (Brown) Nigar. She attended school in Cedar Bluff. She married J. N. Bowen on June 28, 1948 in Baird. They moved to Abilene in 1948. Mrs. Bowen worked as a seamstress for Langford for many years. She was a member of Cedar Bluff Baptist Church in Cedar Bluff.

She is survived by: her husband, J. N. (Buddy) Bowen of Abilene; one sister, Jeffie Bell of Clyde; one brother, Eddie Vic Nigar, also of Clyde and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two children, Kathryn Ann Bowen and Jimmy Newman Bowen, one brother, Britten Nigar and two sisters, Pauline Gresham and Velma Jones.

Jack LeRoy Ripper

Jack LeRoy Ripper, 81, died April 15, 2008, at a Midland hospital from complications of diabetes.

A memorial service has held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 19, 2008, at Indian Lodge on the grounds of Davis Mountain State Park west of Fort Davis.

Jack was born November 3, 1926, in Ranger, to Edith Enola and John Ripper. He was a graduate of Cross Plains High School, with his beloved Class of 1942. Jack earned a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism at North Texas State University, where he sang in the famed A Capella Chorus. He also was editor of the university's *Avesta* literary magazine. For 20 years he worked for Volkswagen of America and acted as merchandise manager of North America there in his later years.

Jack and his wife, Joan, retired

to Alpine in 1990. He loved living in the Big Bend region and made many memorable trips on the train to the Copper Canyon area of Mexico. He loved guns and Leica cameras and had fine collections of both. He was interested in survival techniques and became friends with the late David Alloway of Alpine, famed survival expert. He was extremely proud of having completed one of David's advanced courses on desert survival held in the desert, in a wheelchair.

Survivors include his loving wife, Joan of Alpine; one sister, Dorothy Davis of Logan, Utah, two daughters, Susan Christin of Ferndale, Michigan and Carolyn Ripper of Alpine; two nephews, John Ripper of Albuquerque, NM and Mark Davis of Logan, Utah; and three grandchildren, Juliet Christin, Claire Christin and Will Dunstan.

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Redeemed in Concert this Sunday, May 11

Redeemed, a men's choir from the First Baptist Church Cross Valley Grove Baptist Church in Stephenville, will be in concert Sunday, May 11th, 6:30 p.m. at Plains. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this time of fellowship.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Carmen Herbrandson, assault.

Walter Andrew Emmert, criminal mischief.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Roger Dale Brown, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Rhonda West, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Robert E. Lee, judgment revoking probation granted, sentenced to jail.

Ernest W. Vincent, motion to dismiss to attempted burglary of coin operated machine granted for plea to other case.

Jeremy Alexander, plea of guilty to unlawful carrying weapon, 10 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$260 court costs.

Felipe Gomez-Luevano, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI) - 1st, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$410 court costs.

Felipe Gomez-Luevano, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Tony Moreno Jr., plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 18 month probation, \$750 fine, \$410 court costs.

John Mercado, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$410 court costs.

John Mercado, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Jaime Lomas, order amending condition of probation granted.

Jaime Lomas, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 2 year probation, \$700 fine, \$310 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

James M. Miller of Clyde and Alda R. Smith of Abilene.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Robin Nicole Weeks and Charles Wayne Hallmark, divorce.

In Re: order for foreclosure, Deborah J. Chrane and 706 Kennedy St., Clyde, Tx. 79510.

Civil Minutes

Misty Broadfoot and Tim Broadfoot, decree of annulment granted.

Harold Switzer and Daysha Switzer, order granting nonsuit.

Criminal Indictments

Carl Ancell, possession of a controlled substance.

Clinton A. Grubbs, aggravated assault, 2 counts.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Historical Association Meets

The Cottonwood Historical Association met last Saturday for its annual business meeting and fellowship hour.

Buster Woody, former resident of Cottonwood, was the principal speaker and regaled the audience with song, guitar playing and wit. Buster left Cottonwood at the beginning of WWII and went to California. While there he joined the service and returned to Texas after the war.

"Buster Woody was outstanding", said a visiting member. "He brought old Cottonwood back to life as he described his childhood here and played his guitar and told funny stories."

Discussion at the business meeting included the two pieces of property which the Historical Association owns, the old Post Office and the old Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which have a new coat of paint and some repairs to the wood work and are looking pretty good. The work

had been approved by the previous Annual Business meeting.

Terri Brown had taken pictures of the old Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the old Post Office and had had them blown up to a good size, which made an impressive display for the out of town members of the Association.

A report of the Cookbook Committee was given and the committee reported that a supplement to the original book was ready. This work was also approved by a previous business meeting, and a means of paying for the work was also approved.

A committee was appointed to collect family recipes, old photo, and historical statements. Thus was born the Cottonwood Cookbook which turned out to be a success.

For many reasons, some families of old Cottonwood did not get represented in the

original cookbook, so an addendum to the Cookbook was collected and ready for sale this year along with copies of the original cookbook.

It was reported by a member of the Board of Directors that an additional amount of money was collected to the tune of around \$3400. This money will be used for future repairs of the property owned by the Association.

A member of the Cottonwood Quilting Club reported that the Club wished to turn over the Community Center, which was the former old School House, to the Historical Association. The association decided to hold a decision open till the matter could be discussed by the Board of Directors.

R.T. and Yvonne Peevy won the bid for the Cross made out of old shingles recovered from the repair of the old Methodist Episcopal Church, South. And Naomi Farmer, won the unique rolling pin.

RIISING STAR NURSING CENTER

Well, hello everybody! May is here, and another school year is almost over. I can't believe it. We have exciting things coming up in May here at the nursing center.

We will be celebrating Mother's Day with Coke floats, and later on in the month we will have Western Day. I will let you know more next week.

I would like to thank Bernice and Royce Newman for donating Bingo candy. I would also like to say "thank you" to Reggie Barr for donating nursing supplies to the facility. Thank you both, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Nell Lancaster was in the hospital but she is back with us.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Mr. Perry Curtis. He was a great man and he will be greatly missed.

We would like to wish Latricia and Linda Chandler luck and happiness, as they were discharged home. We will miss them as well.

Our birthday party will be Monday, May 19th, for Audrey Dyer, May 1st, Bessie Pope May 10th, Pat Bush May 12th, and Louise Miller May 12th. Our employees are Traci Smith and Robert Lee.

Well, I guess that will do it for now. See all of you back here next week. Until then, take care and God Bless.

Joy/Clark Reunion Set for May 9-10 in Cottonwood

The descendants of Robert and Lois Joy and Marvin and Myrtle Clark, long time residents of Cottonwood, will hold their reunion at the Cottonwood

Community Center starting on the evening of May 9th and continuing through May 10th. Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

The Blind Girl

There was a blind girl who hated herself just because she was blind. She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She said that if she could only see the world, she would marry her boyfriend.

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her. She was then able to see everything, including her boyfriend.

Her boyfriend asked her, "Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?" The girl was shocked when she saw that her boyfriend was blind. She then refused to marry him.

Her boyfriend walked away in tears, and later wrote a letter to her saying, "Just take care of my eyes dear, for I loved you so much that it was I who was the donor of your gift."

This is how the human brain changes when our status changes. Only few remember what life was before, and who's always been there even in the most painful situations.

Life Is A Gift

Today before you say an unkind word - Think of someone who can't speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food - Think of someone who has nothing to

eat. Before you complain about your husband or wife - Think of someone who's crying out to God for a companion.

Today before you complain about life - Think of someone who went too early to heaven.

Before you complain about your children - Think of someone who desires children but they're barren.

Before you argue about your dirty house, someone didn't clean or sweep - Think of the people who are living in the streets.

Before whining about the distance you drive - Think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.

And when you are tired and complain about your job - Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.

But before you think of pointing the finger or condemning another, remember that not one of us are without sin and we all answer to one maker.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down - Put a smile on your face and thank God you're alive and still around. Life is a gift, Live it, Enjoy it, Celebrate it, And Fulfill it.

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PIONEER COMMUNITY NEWS

There was a good number of ladies quilting Tuesday. Several members were missing for various reasons. Those who were there always have a good time. They worked on Laverne's "Sunflower" top, the "Nine Patch", and they haven't started on Glenda's "Star" yet. Shirley Smith stopped by for a minute and we were glad to see her and her little granddaughter.

The Pioneer Baptist Church ladies had a Tea Party on Saturday, April 25th, with a hat decorating contest. They had 22 ladies present. The ladies decorated their hats in many styles: flower hats, western hats, animal and bird hats, hats made with net and other things. Frances Wolf gave a devotional on

Proverbs 31 which they all enjoyed.

They enjoyed finger sandwiches, chips, pickles, punch and old time tea cookies. Each lady received a special tea cup with tea bags, an old fashion handkerchief, and a spoon. When the ladies drink their hot tea they can remember what God has done for them.

On Sunday morning, the ladies wore their hats to church and the men voted on the best constructed hat. Frances Wolfe won the contest.

The Pioneer Baptist Church is going to have a Gospel Singing Saturday, May 17th, at 10:00 a.m. Singers are Frank Moreno and Darrell Hurst. Then on May 21st, the church will have a Revival. Holding the revival will be

Robert Chambers of the Second Baptist Church in Abilene.

Howard Phillips and his daughter, Breana, came to Glenda Phillip's the last two weekends. (Glenda is getting back in the cooking mode.) Breana rodeoed at Goldthwaite this past weekend. Howard, Breana, Allen, Janice, Krista, Logan, Kali and Charlie all had lunch with Glenda Sunday. They all had a good time. Glenda loves to see her kids.

The Cross Plains Buffalo Baseball team went to Bi-District. They played Goldthwaite and came up short on the score. We are all very proud of their effort. It has been a while since our teams have moved on past district. Good going boys!

Pray for RAIN!!!! See you all next time!

Work Day Pioneer Cemetery

There will be a community workday at the Pioneer Cemetery on Saturday, May 17th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will be getting the cemetery ready for the Memorial Day Service.

We are planning to pickup the faded and tattered silk flowers. If you have such flowers as this on the graves, and do not want them removed, you might want to consider picking them up before time.

We will try to have the heavy mowing done before this workday, but will probably need weed eaters, some lawn mowers, etc.

The benches and chairs under the pavilion will need to be cleaned. Water is now available at the cemetery.

See you the 17th!!!!

Submitted by Jo Veda Watson

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to commend the City of Cross Plains, including all the employees, extra workers and volunteers (some who don't reside in the city limits) for the excellent and generous act of service provided during the City Wide Cleanup. The time, expense, patience, labor and danger were all realized. Doug,

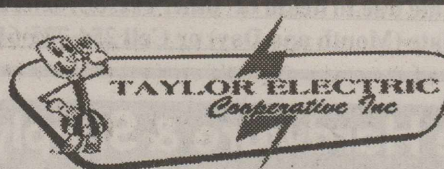
Jerry, Jim, Mark and Stuart—you guys are great!

We are blessed to have a city government that can and will meet the needs and concerns of all its citizens to the best of its knowledge and capacity.

THANK YOU CITY HALL!!!

Leslie Manicchia Cross Plains

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"Crayons can teach us a good lesson — they're different colors, have strange names, but all learn to live together in the same box." (Family Circus cartoon, Apr. 24.) One lesson to be learned is: **avoid prejudice**. It really is a difficult one to learn — **even harder to live**. The best way to "get there" is to do as Paul advised: "...by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility **consider others better than yourselves**" (Philippians 2:2b-3). And, "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. **Honor one another above yourselves**" (Romans 12:10).

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MAY 12-16

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TUESDAY- Sausage, Potato Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Peaches, Oatmeal Cookie, Bread

WEDNESDAY- Soft Taco, Lettuce-Cheese-Tomato Salad, Mexican Corn, Refried Beans, Applesauce

THURSDAY- Chicken Strips w/ Gravy, Tossed Salad, Whipped Potatoes, Fruited Gelatin, Bread

FRIDAY- Beef/Vegetable Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Fruit, Cookie, Crackers

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GET YOUR OFFICE SUPPLIES AT THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

Are you ready for Change in City Council? Vote Homer Parson

I was raised in the Sabanno area and attended school in Cross Plains. I'm an Air Force Viet Nam Vet. I worked for Raz Dillard as a driller for about 15 years, farmed peanuts and ranched for many years. I've driven school buses and worked in maintenance at CPSID 16 years. My wife, Helen, is an active volunteer in our community. When we all work together the result will be a better community with organizations and businesses that benefit all ages.

Your vote is appreciated.

Speak Out! - VOTE May 10th

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Worship: Bright Side

Saturday Night Concert

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Sign-up at Main Street Pool House & Surf Shop

School Powder Puff Championship Slated for May 16th

The time is approaching for the annual powder puff games featuring the athletic talents of the females students. This year sophomore and junior girls, coached by Coach Dillard and Rhonda Hinten, will take on the senior, freshman, and eighth grade girls, coached by Coach Atchley and Taylor Dillard. This year's games seems to be building a rivalry between the coaches as well as players. Referees for the game are Coach Harrison and Coach Ellerbie. Calling the play by play will be Coach Bullock and Coach Edmonds. Kickoff will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16th.

Prepare to see a hard fought game as well as be entertained by the "lovely" squad of cheerleaders. Leading cheers during the game will be juniors Berit Anderson and Ashton Yates,

sophomores Reece Allen, and Josh Harrison, freshman, Thomas Haile and Patrick Border, and eighth graders Ryder Foster and Jayton Ames. A halftime show is planned with the crowning of the 2008 Powder Puff Queen nominees include: senior, Jacob Melton, junior Bobby Simpkins, sophomore Jerrad Eisenbach, and freshman Patrick Border. You may vote for your favorite nominee by dropping money in designated boxes, which are placed at several local businesses. Admission to this evening of fun is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. All the money raised will benefit the sophomore class.

Come out for a fun evening, cheer for your favorite team, and support the sophomore class!

Submitted by
Rhonda Hinten

Thank You from the OAP

The OAP cast, crew, and directors would like to thank everyone who attended our Dessert Theatre. Also, thanks to the loyal fans and parents who supported our efforts during competition. We enjoyed a successful season, and seeing

familiar faces in the audience encouraged and strengthened us. We look forward to another successful season next year. May God bless you all.

Rhonda Hinten
Matt Sowell

Cross Plains High School receives \$350 grant for Project Celebration

ABILENE, Texas - High schools awarded \$350 mini-grants. To help defray the cost of all-night high school graduation events, the Texas Department of Transportation is again awarding area high schools with a mini-grant.

Called Project Celebration 2008, Cross Plains High School is among 29 high schools in the Abilene District taking part in TxDOT's graduation program. Each participating school will receive a \$350 mini-grant. Other Callahan County high schools involved in Project Celebration 2008 are Baird, Clyde, and Eula.

"As the Abilene District's traffic safety coordinator, I was so pleased when TxDOT decided to again support high schools across the state with their organized and chaperoned graduation activities. By providing these funds, we are supporting communities in our district that provide a safe and sober occasion for their graduating students," Brenda Mitchell

said. Mitchell visited each of the 29 participating high schools in the district. In addition to the \$350 each school will receive, she presented the Project Celebration chairperson mementos for each of the graduates who attend their high school all night event. One of the mementos is a colorful backpack that bears a safety slogan.

According to the traffic safety coordinator, these mini-grants are not intended to fully fund a Project Celebration event, but to provide seed money for schools to start and support alcohol and drug-free parties for high school students. The funds are to be used to cover expenses such as printing, materials, postage, supplies, room rentals, and the like.

Mitchell said this program, which began in 1984 with only two schools, is one of TxDOT's most popular and well-received projects offered throughout the state.

Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship Deadline Approaching

Deadline to apply for Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship will be here soon! Seniors may pick up an application from the School Counselor's office or contact her at 254-725-6121.

Other applicants can also stop by the CPHS counselor's office to pick up an application or you may contact Wanda Merryman at 254-725-6476 for an application to be mailed to you.

This annual scholarship in the amount of \$500 is made possible through community support of various events sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Don't forget.....the deadline to submit your application for this scholarship is May 12, 2008.

Submitted by
Lavonne Childress

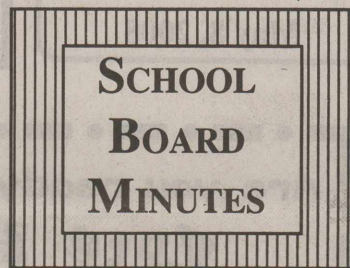
Ryann West to attend Medical Conference

Local student, Ryann West received an invitation to attend a conference presented by the medical division of Texas Tech University. Attendance was by invitation only, and was based on certain test scores given to high school students. The conference was designed to attract attention to the Texas Tech Pharmaceutical School located in Abilene.

Ryann previously received an invitation, based on the same set of test scores, to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine in Houston this summer.

Ryann is a former Clyde student and a junior at Cross Plains High School this year.

Ryann is the daughter of Kendra McGhee.



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

May 1, 2008

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Tommy Ames, Burlie Taylor, Frankie Hyles, Jim Cook, Scott Childress and Kim Crockett.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tennison; High School Principal Stacy Loyless; and guests, Annette Nickerson, Nora Odom and Susan Holland.

Entered Executive Session at 5:04 a.m. and came out at 5:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Cook to offer Kevin Bryant the position of Athletic Director. For 7 Against 0.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Cook to adjourn.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MAY 12 - 16
BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Eggs, Biscuit, Jelly, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY - Pancakes, Sausage Links, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Donut, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY- Corn Dog, Tator Tots, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY- Ham Slices, Scalloped or New Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Honey
WEDNESDAY -Beef-Cheese Nachos, Salad, Corn, Fruit Crisp
THURSDAY-Chicken Pot Pie, Corn on Cob, Bread Stick, Apple
FRIDAY-Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Potato Wedges, Cookie

May 5th - 9th Teacher Appreciation Week

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TEACHER OF THE YEAR—April Cowan (right) was named Teacher of the Year. Last years winner, Kathy Purvis (left), presented her the plaque.

Alcohol Traffic Fatalities take a big Rise during Graduation Time

Prevention of underage drinking means saving the lives of students

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration released data from its Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) showing that alcohol-related fatalities increase between the middle of April and the middle of June. What's significant about these time periods? It happens to be when teenagers tend to do a lot of partying, namely prom and graduation.

"Alcohol is one of the most difficult drugs to combat, especially with youth," comments Gary Smith, who is Executive Director of Narconon Arrowhead, "Being a legal drug that is easily obtained, clear and effective prevention and education measures must be taken."

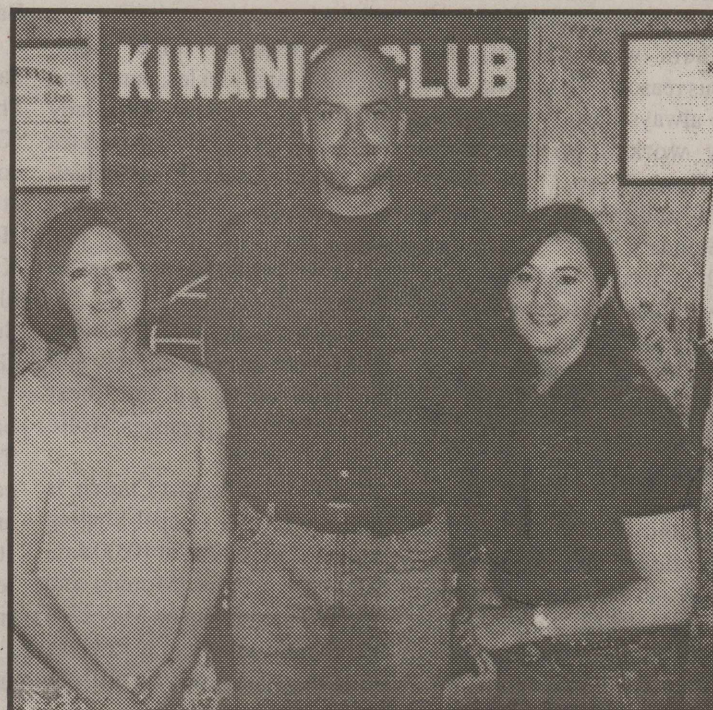
The Fatality Analysis Reporting System data showed that in the year 2000, 58 percent of traffic fatalities were alcohol-related during the prom and graduation period. This compares with 41 percent for the rest of the year. In addition, 36 percent of all alcohol-related traffic fatalities are young people between the ages of 15 and 20, below the legal age to consume alcohol beverages.

This data shows that more work needs to be done on the education and prevention front. April is national Alcohol Awareness month and the message must be delivered, alcohol is a drug and it costs Americans too much time, money, lives and grief for us not to make a stand.

Advertisements from alcoholic beverage companies specifically market out nation's youth, depicting a fun atmosphere, good-looking people and sometimes a picture of total irresponsibility, making it appealing for rebellious or thrill-seeking teenagers.

"Nobody starts using drug or alcohol with the intent of becoming addicted or losing their lives," exclaims Smith, "but when people wait and don't get help immediately, they can die or end up in the hospital or prison. Some people are fortunate enough to get the help they need but those are the people who have the courage to reach out."

For information on Narconon's successful drug treatment and educational programs and materials contact Narconon Arrowhead at 1-800-468-6933 or visit www.stopaddiction.com.



KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—Rhonda Hinten (left) and Matt Sowell (center) were recent guest speakers of Karen Lenz (right) at the Kiwanis Club. Rhonda and Matt shared with us about all the time and commitment it takes to put together a cast and crew for one act play competition. The CPHS OAP advanced to Area this year. Come join the fun and fellowship every Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn

Fax Any School Related Information To 254-725-7225

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LAP/Lapsit Programs Celebrate Ending of Year at Public Library

The LAP and Lapsit programs at the Cross Plains Library ended another great year with both groups and their parents getting together to celebrate. It has been a very successful and exciting time of learning for the eleven children. The last program consisted of singing the educational songs and finger plays taught to them this year by dedicated and talented volunteers. The children were awarded certificates for participating in completing the programs. Everyone enjoyed refreshments of cookies, ice cream and fruit drinks served to them in the park beside the library. Playing on the child friendly rock in the park and blowing bubbles are a year-end tradition for the children.

Beverly Ross, Sue Bennett and Bobbye Hinkle inspired and instructed the three year old and up. Catherine Bass and Linda Burns guided the little ones under three years old in their discovery of songs and stories. Lavonne Childress assisted by checking in and out books selected by the children.

The programs are scheduled to resume next fall at the library.



LAP AND LAPSIT PARTICIPANTS

I LOVE YOU ALWAYS

Mother, please don't mourn for me;

I'm still here, though you don't see.

I'm right by your side each night and day and within your heart I long to stay.

My body is gone, but I'm always near

I'm everything you feel, see or hear.

My spirit is free, but I'll never depart as long as you keep me alive in your heart.

I'll never wander out of your sight—

I'm the brightest star on a summer night.

I'll never be beyond your reach—

I'm there with you at the lease counting cows, ensuring you have each.

I'm the colorful leaves when fall comes around, And the pure white snow that blankets the ground.

I'm the beautiful flowers of which you're so fond— The clear cool water in a quiet pond.

I'm the first bright blossom you'll see in the spring; The first warm raindrop that April will bring.

I'm the first ray of light when the sun starts to shine, And you'll see that the face in the moon is mine.

When you start thinking there's no one to love you, You can talk to me through the Lord above you.

I'll whisper my answer through the leaves on the trees, And you'll feel my presence in the soft summer breeze.

I'm the hot salty tears that flow when you weep, And the beautiful dreams that come while you sleep.

I'm the smile you see on Tristan's face, Just look for me Wuff, I'm every place!

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RE-ELECT AS YOUR CITY COUNCILMAN

JERRY CASSLE

As your present city councilman, who has served the city in this capacity for the past 14 years, I am once again asking for your support.

Over the past 14 years, the City has seen a lot of changes. Although many people were involved in these changes, I appreciate having the opportunity to be a part of the growth the city has experienced.

Just a few of the improvements the City has seen include the upgrading of the water and wastewater systems, implementing and continuing the street paving project, hiring a second policeman, a new backhoe, sewer jet machine, dump truck, maintainer and city personnel vehicles, and much more, all while maintaining a reserve fund to address any future or emergency needs as well as maintaining stable water and wastewater rates.

During my tenure as councilman, I have also served the City on the Cross Plains Economic Development Board. Some of these projects include Dollar General, Hardwick Nursery, Jason Bien's "Boss Hogg", Cross Plains Community Health Center, Pancake's Home Stitchin, Main Street Pool House and Surf Shop, a new girls softball field and several park projects as well as many small business grants and loans to help maintain the economic growth and stability of our community. Again I ask for your support on May 10, 2008

PLEASE VOTE

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Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from April 27, 2008 through May 3, 2008 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—150
Complaints—75
DWI—2
DWLI—1
Fugitive Arrest-Prostitution—1

Vehicle Accidents
There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

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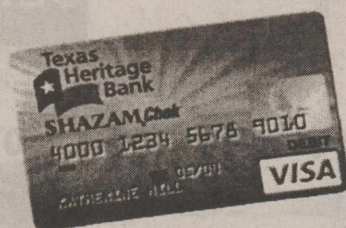
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Thursday, May 15

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Every three months, BRMC presents you with an opportunity to preregister for admission, listen to a guest speaker and talk with financial advisors about delivering at BRMC. You may also tour the Women's Center labor, delivery and recovery suites. All in all, a great evening and a great way to become familiar with the facilities and caring staff at BRMC.

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Logan Phillips
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Mrs. Leo Franke

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Ready for Change in City Council?

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Last call for Texas quilters!

AUSTIN—Don't miss your chance to enter the Texas Department of Agriculture's 2008 quilt block competition. The contest is open to everyone across the state. This year's theme, "Toast a Rising Star," highlights Texas' thriving and popular wine industry. As the nation's fifth-largest wine producing state with more than 220 family-owned vineyards covering 3,700 acres, the Texas wine industry contributes more than \$1 billion annually to the state's economy.

This year, TDA is honored and delighted to have Janet Staples, wife of Commissioner Todd Staples, assisting the agency with the competition.

"This competition provides a great opportunity to work with fabulous, quality Texas materials while incorporating our great Texas creativity and spirit," said Mrs. Staples, an experienced quilter. "The entries submitted so far demonstrate that Texas quilters have found truly innovative ways to depict the Texas wine industry."

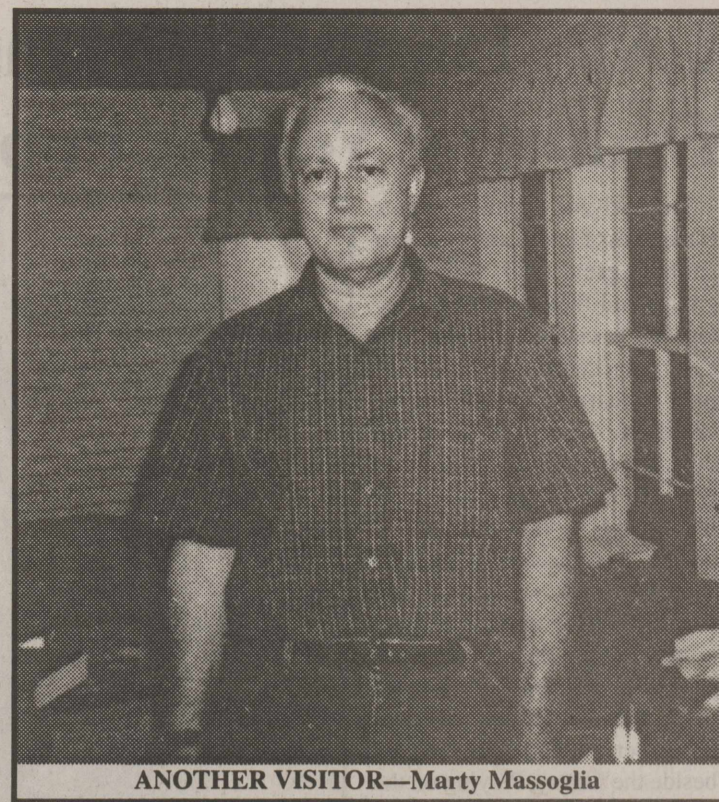
Each contest participant will use Texas natural fibers - cotton, wool and leather - to create a quilt block design that will be submitted to TDA. A panel of judges will select the winning entries, which will be pieced together into a quilt and unveiled

in TDA's Food and Fiber Pavilion at the 2008 State Fair of Texas in September. The quilt will become part of TDA's quilt collection and traveling natural fiber exhibition.

To help defray the cost of the material packets, postage and the statewide travel and display of the quilt, a \$12 donation for each participant packet is requested. Only a handful of material packets remain, so request yours today. The deadline for submitting a quilt block is June 5, 2008.

This year's contest sponsors include Hobbs Bonded Fibers of Waco, Joy's Fabrics & Quilts in Godley, P & B Textiles of Dallas, Tandy Leather Factory of Fort Worth and the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. This year's final quilt will once again be designed and constructed by Terri Vogds of Denton and will be quilted by Johanna Iaia of Denton.

The packets contain the natural fiber fabrics to be used in the design along with tips and techniques for developing the block and more information about the contest theme. To participate in the 2008 quilt block competition, call (877) 99GO-TEX or download a participant form by visiting the Tips and More page at www.gotexan.org.



ANOTHER VISITOR—Marty Massoglia

California Visitor Tours Local Library and the Howard Museum

Our out-of-state visitor of the week was Marty Massoglia from Canoga Park, CA. An avid reader of Howard's writings and collector of used, rare and out-of-prints books, Massoglia was totally impressed with the holdings of the Cross Plains Public Library and the Robert E. Howard Museum. So impressed that he would have examined all of the paperback copies of Howard's works had he not been rushed to make an appointment in

Abilene. With a quick glance, he did spot some fairly rare copies that have been donated to the local facilities. Marty and his wife Alice have owned and operated Massoglia Books in the Los Angeles area for many years and paperbacks are their specialty.

Interest in the Museum and Library starts to pick up this time of the year as folks from around the country begin to make plans to attend the annual Robert E. Howard Days in June.

Rising Star Chamber of Commerce Welcomes Tritan Satellite Service

The Rising Star Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture conducted a ribbon cutting for a new business in Rising Star, Tritan Satellite Service, located on 102 S. Main Street, downtown Rising Star. The business is located in the old western auto/hardware store, most recently an antique business.

The owner of Tritan Satellite Service is Michial Ratliff who has family roots in Rising Star and spent time here as a child with

parents and grandparents. At present Tritan Satellite Services offers Dish Network, XM Radio and Hughes Satellite Internet. "Under Construction" future plans include video game tournaments. The business is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is 254-643-3213. Michial invites everyone to drop by and talk with him about any of the services offered by Tritan Satellite Services.

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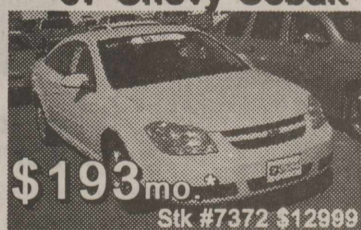
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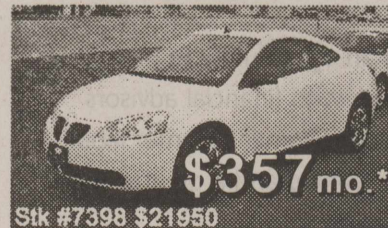
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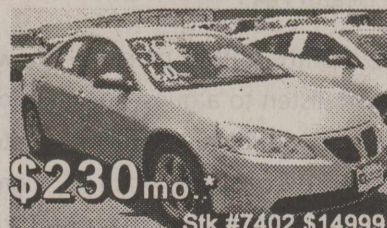
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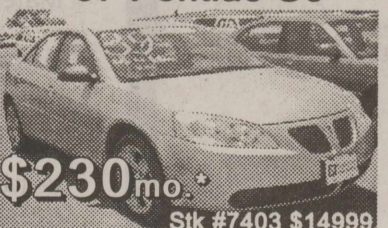
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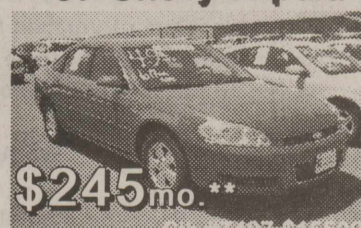
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This Week in Texas History

By: Bartee Haile

End of the road for America's Most Wanted Couple

MAY 7 - 13, 2008

Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker may still have believed on May 13, 1934 that they could stay on the run forever, but America's most wanted couple had just ten days of life left in them.

The star-crossed lovers began their romance as teenagers in the crime-infested slums of West Dallas. Their families had fled the grinding poverty of rural Texas for the supposedly greener pastures of the big city only to expose their wild offspring to the temptations of the urban cesspool.

Clyde's passion for cars got him into trouble at 17, when he was booked on the first of many counts of auto theft. Four years later, a Waco judge sentenced the repeat offender to 14 years in the state penitentiary. But while awaiting transfer to Huntsville, he escaped with a pistol smuggled by Bonnie into the county jail.

Clyde was caught in Ohio and returned to Texas, where he started his prison term in April 1930. Hating the manual labor demanded of inmates, he coaxed a fellow convict into chopping off a couple of toes with an ax. Although the intentional amputation kept him out of the hot sun, the maiming left him with a painful and permanent limp.

Clyde's timing could not have been worse because two weeks later he was paroled from the overcrowded penal system after serving less than a seventh of his sentence. Still on crutches, he hobbled out of the Eastham unit near Crockett a free man.

Bonnie, Clyde and Raymond Hamilton, a West Dallas bootlegger, teamed up for a sensational crime spree. The trio played hopscotch across northeastern Texas in the spring of 1932 pulling stick-ups in Dallas, Palestine, Grand Prairie and Willis.

A routine robbery in Hillsboro

turned into a homicide when Hamilton's pistol discharged, allegedly by accident, killing the proprietor of a gas station. Although their sidekick had fired the fatal shot, Bonnie and Clyde realized that as accomplices they too were subject to the death penalty. Preferring a barrage of bullets to the electric chair, the pair publicly vowed never to be taken alive and lawmen took them at their word.

Gov. Miriam "Ma" Ferguson pardoned Buck Barrow in March 1933. Over the protests of his wife Blanche, the ex-con immediately visited his baby brother, the foremost fugitive in the Southwest with five murders and a long list of hijackings to his credit. The reunion was held in a rented bungalow in Joplin, Missouri.

Spying a cache of weapons being carted into the dwelling, nervous neighbors notified police, who quickly encircled the suspects. But the element of surprise failed to even the odds for officers badly outgunned by the gang's arsenal of automatic rifles recently stolen from a federal armory. The outlaws shot their way out leaving in their wake two dead policemen.

At Platte City, Iowa on July 19, 1933, the Barrows again eluded capture after a pitched battle with authorities. They did not escape unscathed, however, as Buck sustained two serious head wounds.

Four days later, a hundred-man posse surrounded the Depression desperadoes in a roadside park and a bloody battle ensued. Bonnie and Clyde disappeared on foot into nearby woods, but Buck and Blanche were shot and apprehended. The elder Barrow soon succumbed to multiple gunshot wounds dying just four months after his pardon.

Bonnie and Clyde surfaced in Shreveport on the night of May 19, 1934. They were seen dropping off Henry Methvin,

whose family lived in the vicinity. Confident the killers would be back for their partner in crime, several Lone Star lawmen - including Dallas deputies Ted Hinton and Bob Alcorn as well as famous former Ranger Frank Hamer - staked out the two-lane road leading to the Methvin farm.

To trick their targets into stopping, the truck belonging to Henry Methvin's father was parked on the shoulder with a tire removed to feign a blowout. The uncooperative owner was chained to a tree to keep him from sounding the alarm.

At 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 1934, the familiar tan Ford rolled down the country lane toward the ambush. Recognizing the disabled truck on the side of the road, Clyde hit the brakes and came almost to a complete stop a mere 20 feet from the concealed firing squad.

A half dozen high-powered rifles roared in unison perforating the vehicle with more than 150 rounds. Clyde never made a sound, but Bonnie's high-pitched scream could be heard over the deafening sound of the gunfire.

By the time their executioners pried open the doors of the bullet-riddled Ford, Bonnie Parker, 23, and Clyde Barrow, 25, were long gone. It was not a pretty sight. Each had been hit by approximately 50 slugs.

The public enemies were brought back to Dallas for burial but not laid to rest next to each other according to their wishes. After an out-of-control mob of 20,000 showed up for Bonnie's funeral, Clyde was quietly interred in a separate cemetery.

Bartee Haile welcomes your comments, questions and suggestions at HYPERLINK "mailto:haile@pdq.net" haile@pdq.net or P.O. Box 152, Friendswood, TX 77549. And don't forget to visit www.twth.com!



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS—Volunteers present at celebration were John Rosson (back, from left), Betse Rosson, Kayla Lawrence, Sue Bennett, Helen Parson, Michelle Kaiser, Lavinne Childress, Bob Childress, Tom Stephenson, Henry Ring and Linda Burns; Judy Killgo (middle, from left), Bobby Hinkle, Arlene Stephenson, Ann Beeler, Judy Luter and Ginny Hoskins; Jennifer Wootton (front, from left), Riley Lawrence, Sheldon Libby, Megan France, Brittani Libby and Kim Crockett. Attending but not pictured, Beverly Ross.

National Volunteer Week Celebrated at the Cross Plains Public Library

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, April 27 through May 3, a reception was held at the Cross Plains Public Library to recognize volunteers who had contributed their time and talents to the library from May 2007 to April 2008. The services they had provided have greatly benefited the library and the community. The Summer Reading Programs, After School Adventure Programs, Little Readers Program, LAP and LAPsit

programs have all been through the generosity of volunteers. Volunteers have maintained the circulation desk and performed many beneficial tasks in the daily operation of the library. The library board members, who have outstanding management skills and a dedication that keeps that library active and current, were also recognized for their volunteer service.

Volunteers not able to attend reception: Catherine Bass, Bob and Delores Carter, Jim Cook, Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, Bobby Golson, Katharine and Lauren Goode, Era Lee Hanke, Rolan Jones, Wilma Lawrence, Joan McCowen, Jean and Joe McWilliams, Reggie and Suzi Pillans, Mark Ring, Charles Rodenberger, Barbara Sanders, Deanna, Joe and Kathleen Terstege, Randy Turner, Azalee Womack and LeaJean Wyatt.

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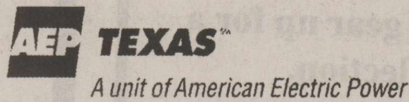


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MAYBE IT'S JUST ME, BUT...

By DEBORAH LOWITZER

By Deborah Lowitzer

All throughout history in our culture fashion has changed. And it's true that each successive generation hasn't liked the next style typically, as much as their own. I myself have never found it necessary to follow fads or fashion trends. I have marched to my own drummer, not necessarily wearing the uniform of the day. So when I write the following, know that I like many different styles of expression and clothing.

Mushrooms

In case you're hopelessly 'behind-the-times' that "cute" sometime not so little bulge just above those low-rise jeans that most girls wear these days is called their "mushroom", (i.e., as the top of a mushroom burgeons out above its stem). When girls wore normal jeans that actually hit their waist, no one could really tell they had that unsightly bulge. Lately, I've seen a few with enough mushrooms to saute, if you know what I mean. It's not becoming.

How low can you go?

In booming economic times, typically the necklines have gotten lower and the skirts higher. In times of depression, the opposite seemed true. Obviously someone hasn't gotten the memo.

With more skin exposed, apparently the more canvas there is to tattoo. Icons, sentiments, portraits and yea verily, whole stories are permanently engraved into the fresh virgin palettes of today's Americans. Advertising gone wild. I'm not against art. I love art and consider myself an artist. I just like mine on the wall, where I can change it out if I want to without pain and regret.

Way on Down

Excuse me, but what's with the pants-below-the-derriere-thing-where- you-can-see-the underwear? I think Madonna was the mother of that fashion faux pas in the 80's when the 'material girl' forgot whether spandex or denim went on first. Believe me, 'Victoria' doesn't have many secrets left!

In the 'olden' days, if a girl's slip or strap was showing, it used to be embarrassing and quickly remedied. Now...do you do a girl a favor and mention it or assume she's "expressing herself"?

Pull Ups Not Just For Toddlers

Then gangs latched on to the baggy pants, clown look. Supposedly it was to conceal their handguns or shoplifted merchandise. Talk about profiling... Gee, now there's a clue. There are 5 customers in your store. Four are dressed in normal clothes that fit. Their pants are pulled up all the way and are the right size for their body. One isn't. Hummmmm...

There is actually a campaign in Dallas with Billboards and a rap song pleading, "Pull Your Pants Up!"

If you stand up straight, bet your pants fall.

Might as well walk around with your pants off.

Pull 'em up, pull 'em up, pull 'em up.

Be a real man. Stand up.

Is that your underwear, man?

Pull your pants up!

Songwriter Dooney Brown says that most of the boys who are saggin' don't know where it really comes from. He explains saggin' is another word for jailin' (men in jail).

This last week I actually saw a high school age boy in Abilene (of all places) with not only his pants way below his striking white boxers, but he had black garters holding the sides of the pants up! I have to admit I stared in disbelief. I guess he had tired of holding on to the pesky waistband as he tried to walk.

Raw Jeans

As unappealing as those falling down jeans are, another new hot trend is about to hit the market. They're called "Raw Jeans". The maintenance instructions are very specific: **Do not wash them for six months.** This is supposed to personalize your jeans so the untreated, unwashed fabric can form to your body. They say by

waiting six months, you create jeans that are "perfectly molded to your body". No duh! And it gives them character. (You stick 'em in the freezer to freshen them up). Right next to the ice cream I guess... EUWWW! They're selling in high dollar boutiques starting at \$150.00! The name is all wrong. They should be called "Ripe Jeans".

Cockroach Killers

When I thumbed through a shoe magazine last year, I couldn't tell the men's shoes from the women's. I'm glad that shoemakers are once again turning back to the feminine shoe for women. I hated the combat boot look with skirts. And those "Witchy-poo" heels! Why in the world would a woman want her toes to look like a leprechaun or something the Orkin man would need to wear to kill bugs in a corner? Whoever designs these things must be laughing all the way to the bank.

Cat in the Hat

Did you know that baseball caps were invented to keep the sun out of player's eyes? That's why the brim was worn in the front. Then the cap got turned around and everyone wore it backwards, so the sun shone in their eyes. Now folks are wearing the brim cocked to one side or the other. I'm sure there's some significance to the left or right, but it probably doesn't involve being able to see better.

Hair Today Gone Tomorrow

Just an observation, and I'm not saying it's necessarily good, bad or ugly, but when in American History have there been so many bald men by choice? Some men can pull this off, others...not so much. And now there's this little piece of facial hair that males grow that's not quite a beard. It's between their lower lip and chin. What's that? There's also the scrubby 2-3 day growth that supposedly drives women wild. You know, that unkempt scruffy look. It's actually called "Designer Stubble". It never did anything for me. I just want to hand them a razor.

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Woman wins State Hopping Contest after using Thera-Gesic®

BEXAR COUNTY- Mary Ann W. applied Thera-Gesic® to her aching hip and one day later went on to win the State Hopping Contest. When asked what she likes most about entering hopping contests, she painlessly replied, "None of your dang business!"

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Deputies, jailer, dispatchers receive salary increases

In an effort to hire qualified law enforcement officers, the Callahan County Commissioners voted to raise the salaries of the county's chief deputy, deputies, jailer and dispatchers.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, April 28th during a commissioners' court meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

After discussion with County Sheriff Eddie Curtis and Chief Deputy Bobby Beard about the Sheriff's Department salaries, Commissioner Bryan Farmer made a motion to raise the salaries of the sheriff's department employees. Commissioner Cliff Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

The new salaries are as follows:

Chief Deputy	\$31,000.
Deputies (3)	\$28,000.
Jailer	\$26,000.
Dispatchers	\$0.50 an hour

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The commissioners' court meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by County Judge Roger Corn. Present were Judge Corn, Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter, and County Clerk Donna Bell.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion that an item in the commissioners' court meeting minutes for April 14th be corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner

Kirkham. The motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes of the commissioners' court meeting of April 14th be approved after the correction is made. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Windham and approved with a 5-0 vote.

—There were no public comments made to the commissioners' court.

—County Extension Agent Robert Pritz came before the court to discuss the Lease between the City of Baird and Callahan County on the Shooting Sports Range used by the Callahan County 4-H. Mr. Pritz had gone before the Baird City Council to request the lease be extended for an additional 25 years. The City of Baird agreed. The extension would help in the process of applying for and receiving grants for the Shooting Sports Range located between Clyde and Baird, south of FM 18.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to extend the Lease between the City of Baird and Callahan County on the Shooting Sports Range. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Windham and carried with a 5-0 vote. Mr. Pritz will bring a revised Lease agreement to the commissioners' court to be signed.

—There was discussion by the commissioners' court on the formation of a Safety Committee. Texas Association of Counties Representative James Cain spoke with Dianne Gunter and recommended the County Judge, County Treasurer, a County Commissioner and two or three others be appointed to the Safety Committee.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to appoint Bobby Voigts, Shannon O'Shields, Commissioner Tom Windham, County Judge Roger Corn and County Treasurer Dianne Gunter to the Safety Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote. After further discussion, Commissioner Hicks made a motion to add Sheriff Eddie Curtis to the Safety Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer and approved with a 5-0 vote.

—Sheriff Eddie Curtis brought before the commissioners' court a plan to purchase a console base and four radios using a grant from Homeland Security. The grant was in the amount of \$57,763.48. Commissioner Windham made a motion to accept the plan and Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve a Resolution Supporting Expedited Development of Competitive Renewable Energy Zones in West Texas, including Infrastructure to Export Wind Power from West Texas. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and it passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and it carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and it carried with a 5-0 vote.

Texas Department of Ag Commissioner Staples Awards \$1 Million to remove, Feral Hogs

Austin—The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) recently awarded Texas AgriLife Extension Service \$1 million for the agency's new Texas Feral Hog Control Program: Moving Towards A Long-Term Abatement Strategy.

Texas is home to more than 2 million feral hogs, the largest feral hog population in the U.S., and their numbers continue to increase due to high reproductive potential and the lack of natural predators.

Feral hogs wreak havoc on property, livestock, crops and pastures across the state and frustrate landowners because of their destructive nature. In fact the Extension Service estimates the statewide annual economic damage caused by feral hog is close to \$52 million.

The 80th Legislature directed this \$1,000,000 in funding following a \$500,000 pilot project funded by the 79th Legislature. The pilot program was administered by Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Tech University through a TDA grant in 2006-2007 and did provide technical assistance to landowners at three sites, and promote educational events for the other landowners statewide. The pilot project succeeded in removing more than 3,000 feral hogs, saving landowners/agricultural producers nearly \$3 million in losses.

Mother's Day-Ideal time to remind women to take care of themselves

(Kansas City, Missouri) As Mother's Day quickly approaches, our female loved ones are on the forefront of our minds. What better way to honor these individuals than to remind them to take care of themselves by asking their doctor about yearly cancer screenings, such as having their annual mammogram. Mammography can detect breast cancer at an early stage when treatment may be more effective.

Early detection – finding a cancer early before it has spread – gives individuals the best chance to do something about it. Knowing about these cancers and prevention steps can save their life.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death among women with lung cancer being the top killer followed by breast and colon cancers. Other cancers that most frequently affect women are endometrial, ovarian, skin, and cervical cancers. In the United States, it's estimated that more than 270,000 women will die from cancer this year. Many cancers are linked to poor nutrition, physical inactivity, obesity, and other lifestyles factors including smoking.

But there is hope; by following simple measures women can reduce their risk for cancer and other diseases: Women are encouraged to:

- Follow the American Cancer Society screening guidelines, available online at www.cancer.org or by calling 1-800-227-2345. Get regular health check ups. Visit with

physicians about testing for breast, colon, cervical, and skin cancer; and based on family history visit with their doctor on how often to be tested.

- Eat a variety of healthful foods, emphasizing plant sources such as vegetables, fruits, and whole grains, limit red meat, adopt a physically active lifestyle, maintain a healthful weight throughout life, and limit alcohol consumption.

- Avoid smoking or other tobacco products. The American Cancer Society can help smokers quit, through telephone counseling sessions by calling 1-800-227-2345.

- Limit or avoid sun exposure during midday hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). When outdoors, wear a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen with SPF of 15 or higher. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer. The most serious form of skin cancer, malignant melanoma, will be diagnosed in approximately 62,480 people in 2008.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service. For more information on cancer prevention, early detection, and services call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Workers' Compensation education session offered in Abilene

AUSTIN—The Abilene Field Office of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) is hosting a brown bag educational session for health care providers, employers, human resource managers, claim adjuster, case managers and employee organizations on Thursday, May 29, 2008.

The topic is the Newly Revised Medical Fee Guidelines. This free session will be held from 11:50

a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the West Texas Health and Human Services Complex, Room K-101, 4601 South First Street in Abilene. This session will provide a general overview of the topic.

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

Dyess Air Force Base offering lifeguarding class

Dyess Air Force Base will be conducting an American Red Cross Lifeguarding class beginning Friday, May 9th at 4:00 p.m. at the Outdoor Recreation on Dyess Air Force Base. Class will continue Saturday through Sunday, May 10th-May 11th at

9:00 a.m. The class will have a final session on May 17th beginning at 8:00 a.m. The cost of the class is \$155.00.

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Oplin Community-Wide Dinner on Saturday, June 7th

The Oplin Community Center will be holding its bi-annual Homecoming and Community-Wide dinner on Saturday, June 7th. Everyone that has ever resided or now resides in the Oplin Community is invited. Come out and visit with old friends or come on out and meet your newest neighbors. This is an opportunity to visit with the old-timers and learn a bit of Oplin history. Its also a time to find out what our community can do for you, and what you can do to make our community a better place to live.

Dinner will be served somewhere around noon. The Oplin Community Center will provide the brisket and sausage. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to be enjoyed by all.

So be sure to spread the news and mark your calendar for Saturday, June 7th. Gather the entire family and come on out for an afternoon of old friends, new friends and great food.

For further information please contact Pam Rumfield at 325-529-4522 or Alice d'Nunzio at 325-529-4646.

Willingham Family Reunion set for May 25th

The Family Reunion for the descendants of the late Sam and Etta Willingham of Oplin has been set for May 25, 2008.

The family will all come together at the Red Man Lodge in Tye, TX, for a day of visiting and reminiscing.

Everyone is to bring a basket lunch all to be spread together for the noon meal.

Trips to the Oplin and Baird Cemeteries will be made to place new flowers on the graves of deceased family members.

Family members from as far as Nebraska, California and New Mexico are expected to make the Memorial Day weekend trip to Texas to visit with families here.

Submitted by: Mary Payne

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The 2008 Golf Pass is ideal for the golfer in your life, and it gives the American Cancer Society vital financial support in its local lifesaving mission.

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Ag Commissioner asks federal agencies to do more for Texas wildfire victims

AUSTIN—In a letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Commissioner Todd Staples asked for an increase in assistance to farmers and ranchers who have suffered damages due to wildfires. Since January, the Texas Forest Service has recorded nearly one million acres lost to wildfires.

"Unfortunately, as our state continues to experience severe dry and windy conditions, Texas land owners will be susceptible to wildfire danger," Commissioner Staples said. "The good news is, there are measures farmers and ranchers can take to proactively protect their livelihood, and we are working to identify assistance programs that will help producers if they do in fact suffer losses."

Commissioner Staples urged USDA to grant emergency grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres in areas impacted by wildfires and in contiguous counties, providing the livestock producer has suffered forage loss in the primary county. The commissioner also asked for the authorization of cost share reimbursements for the installation of firebreaks on CRP land. Barren firebreaks are valuable tools to prevent fire damage.

When preventative measures are not successful, producers can often encounter high expenses when restoring their operations after devastation. With this in mind, Commissioner Staples has asked USDA to allo-

cate appropriate funding levels to cover Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) resources that can assist Texas livestock producers who suffer damages this year. Without timely disaster aid, many producers face bankruptcy and the potential loss of their operations.

Commissioner Staples is also encouraging farmers and ranchers to take advantage of the Texas Department of Agriculture's Hay Hotline, especially now that producers will not need a hay permit. The commissioner recently requested and was granted a hay permit waiver that suspends permitting requirements and legal height restrictions for haulers to move cattle and other livestock. Producers can access the Hay Hotline through TDA's Web site, or call TDA at (800) TELL-TDA.

TDA also offers an Interest Rate Reduction Program to farmers and ranchers who have experienced crop and livestock losses. Some producers might be eligible for loans of up to \$250,000, if the county in which their property is located was declared a federal disaster area. For more information on this service, contact TDA's Rural Economic Development Division at 512-936-1273 or toll free at 877-428-7848.

Producers can also contact their local Farm Service Agency office or county judge. These offices can perform damage assessments to assist with the disaster declaration process.

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