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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

NUMBER 17

DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: There are songs about spiritual growth that transpires in the valleys, but this is a poem about it. For those who love poetry, you will enjoy this.
Vanda Anderson

"It's In the Valleys I Grow"

Sometimes life seems hard
to bear,
Full of sorrow, troubles
and woe,
It's then I have to remember
That it's in the valleys I grow.

If I always stayed on the
mountain top
And never experienced pain,
I would never appreciate
God's love
And would be living in vain.

I have so much to learn
And my growth is very slow,
Sometimes I need the
mountain tops,
But it's in the valleys I grow.

I do not always understand
Why things happen as they do,
But I am very sure of one thing.
My Lord will see me through.

My little valleys are nothing
When I picture Christ on the
cross
He went through the valley
of death;
His victory was Satan's loss.

Forgive me Lord, for
complaining
When I'm feeling so very low.
Just give me a gentle reminder
That it's in the valleys I grow.

Continue to strengthen me, Lord
And use my life each day
To share your love with others
And help them find their way.

Thank you for valleys, Lord
For this one thing I know
The mountain tops are glorious
But it's in the valley I grow.

Author Unknown

New Services at Cross Plains Community Health Center

The Cross Plains Community Health Center is excited about the new services added to the existing Full-Scale Family Practice.

WIC services began seeing clients on Tuesday, July 1st. WIC is a nutritional program for infants, children less than 5 years of age, pregnant women and new mothers.

WIC is open to many incomes. Even if you don't qualify for Medicaid you may still be eligible for WIC. They will see clients locally the 1st Tuesday of every month, call for an appointment at the Clyde office 325-893-4552.

Feeling stressed out? Angry? Depressed? Nannette Keith,

M.Ed. LBSW LPC, Counselor, will be seeing patients on Tuesdays. Counseling is available to adults and children by calling for an appointment.

Athletic Physicals are scheduled for July 23rd at the local clinic for grades 7th, 9th and 11th. New students will also need a physical. They will be **FREE only on July 23rd.**

The clinic's mission is to ensure that all residents of Cross Plains have access to health and human services regardless of their ability to pay.

To make appointments at the Cross Plains Community Health Center call 254-725-4311.

Cross Plains Man Attends White House Faith-Based and Community Initiative Conference Recently

Harold Garrett attended a White House Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Conference in Washington D.C. June 26-27.

The Conference was called by President Bush who gave the keynote address.

The Conference covered many community problems including (1) Drug and Alcohol addiction, (2) HIV AIDS, (3) Underperforming school systems, (4) homelessness, (5) hunger, and (6) the absence of the father figure in the family. These six issues destroy the effectiveness of the family unit and result in billions of dollars being spent each year to maintain our prisons.

It is not the policy of this Faith-Based program to give large amounts of money to federal programs to solve the problems for local communities. Instead it is to provide local volunteer Faith-Based and Community organizations with organization skills and some basic funding to accomplish their goals.

Also of great interest to Garrett was the strong attention given to Prisoners Reentry programs. Mr. Garrett spent about 20 hours a week for the last 4 years working as a volunteer in maximum security prisons. His goal being rehabilitation both spiritually and educationally for reentry into the free world.

Each year in the United States over 650,000 prisoners complete their sentences and enter the free

world. They have been given little rehabilitation inside the prison and are released into the free world with no money, no job and no place to live. As a result, over 50 percent return to prison within 3 years at an average cost to the taxpayer of \$30,000 a year per inmate. This is about the same cost as to send a student to Harvard or Princeton for a year. Several of the President's Cabinet were among the speakers including:

- Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
- Secretary of Labor
- Secretary of Agriculture
- Attorney General of the U.S.
- Ambassadors of Foreign Nations
- Several Senators and Congressmen
- State Governors.

Garrett noted that his business card was in demand because of the statement on the back of the card.

"If your local school district announced that 50% of the students that spent 12 years in your system were being returned to you because of inability to function in the work world, would you not reconsider the educational program?"

"Sixty percent of Texas prisoners released on parole return to prison at a cost to the taxpayer of \$30,000 per year."

"Should we not reconsider the rehabilitation program?"

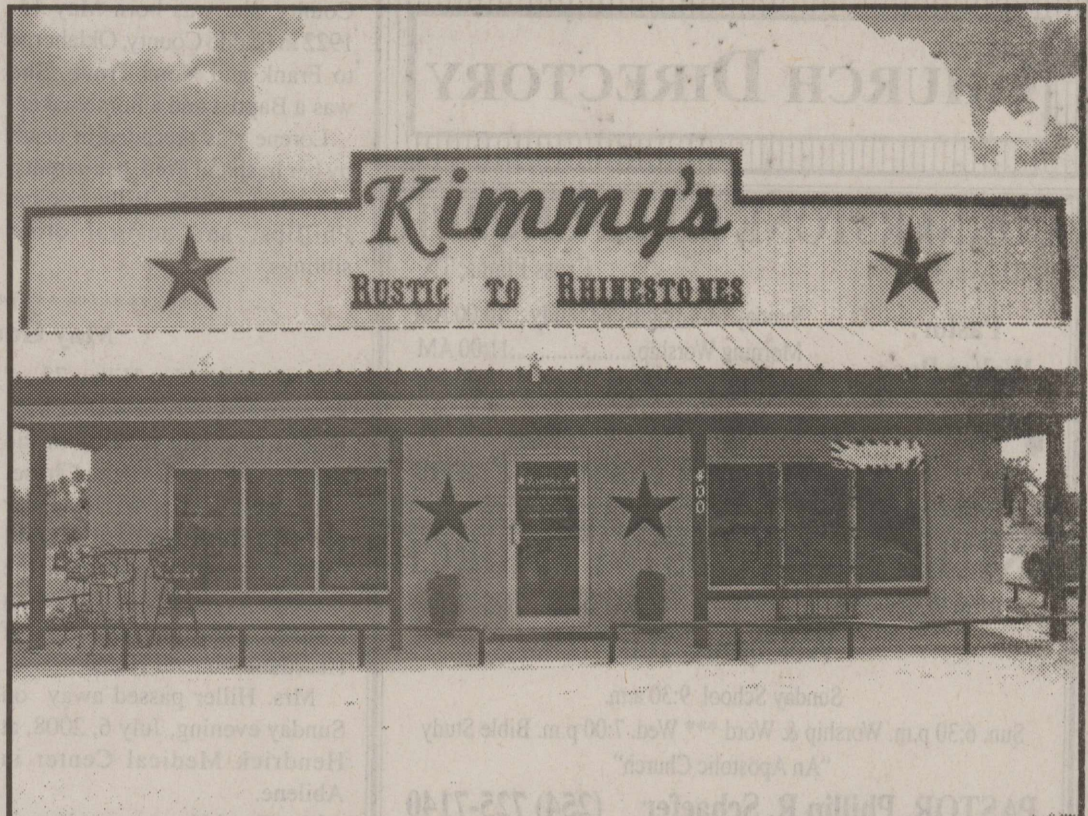
Cross Cut Reunion Planned for July 20th

The Annual Cross Cut Reunion will be held Sunday, July 20, at the Cross Plains Community Center. All alumni, Cross Cut residents, friends and family are invited to attend, as they enjoy a delicious covered dish luncheon followed by a silent auction and a brief Cross Cut Cemetery Association annual business

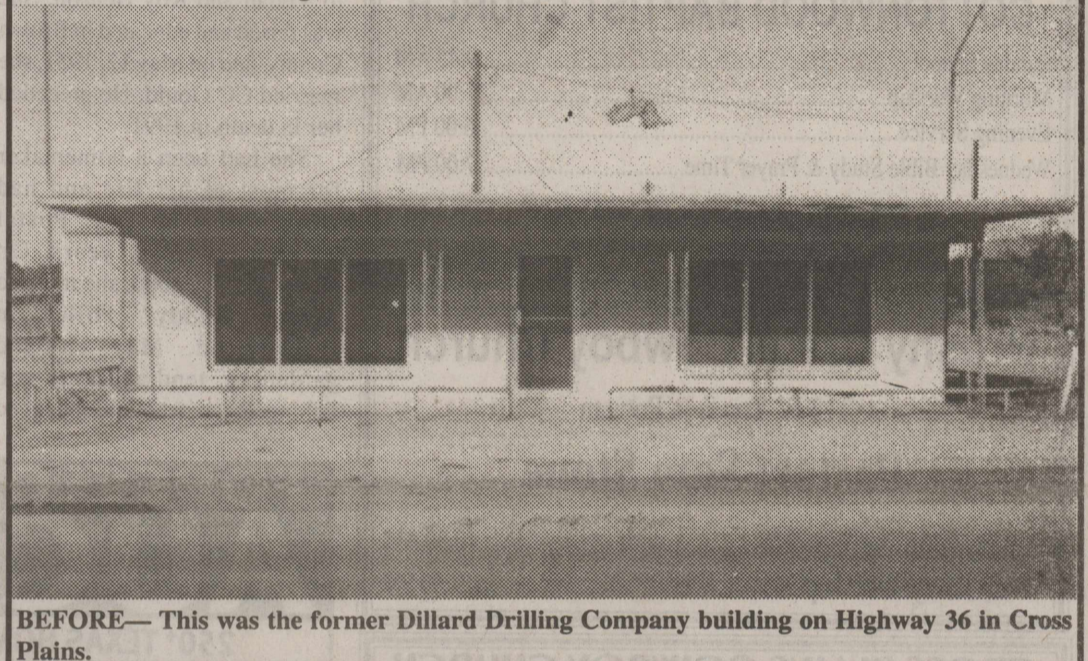
meeting.

Lunch is at noon but the doors will open at 9:00 a.m. for those wanting to drop off their covered dishes and/or items for the silent auction.

Please call Keeka Byrd at (254) 725-6836 for more information or to be placed on the mailing list.



AFTER— Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones now adds beauty to our town after a complete restoration of the building.



BEFORE— This was the former Dillard Drilling Company building on Highway 36 in Cross Plains.

Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones Grand Re-Opening and Ribbon Cutting Set for Friday, July 11th

Brandon and Kimberly Stover invite you to attend the Grand Re-Opening of Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones, formerly Sun Rayz Tanning and Gifts. Most people referred to the business as Kimmy's, which was the name Kim's family and friend's children called her. In a small town everyone could remember this better. In July of 2002, they opened Sun Rayz Tanning and Gifts in Cross Plains, with the goal of expanding their business. This could not have been possible without the guidance from God and the support of the community. Five years later their business has outgrown its space.

Brandon and Kimberly have purchased a building on Highway 36 to expand. Through months of hard work and fulfilled dreams, Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones has become a reality. In October of 2007, they were finally able to move to the new location. They now offer many of the same things but more to choose from including rhinestone and chunky jewelry, rhinestones and western purses and belts, rustic and western home decor, picture frames, unique lamps, wall crosses, rhinestone studded t-shirts, tanning and tanning lotions and much, much more. Our regular business hours are

Monday through Friday from 10 am to 7 p.m and Saturday from 10 am to 6 p.m. Come out Friday, July 11 to celebrate the Grand Re-Opening/Anniversary and meet the store manager Terrie Parum, who has also been a blessing to the business. They will have a ribbon cutting at 11:30 am, and be serving brisket sandwiches and homemade ice cream from 12:00 to 1:00 as well as other refreshments throughout the day. There will be in-store specials and door prizes. The couple would also like to say thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at the Grand Re-Opening.



GET YOUR TICKET FOR A 4-WHEELER NOW— Purchase a ticket for a Polaris 4-wheeler for \$10.00 or 6 for \$50.00 from any Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Board of Director, EDC Board Member; at Texas Heritage Bank or the local City Hall. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will be used to reconstruct the restrooms at Treadway Park, etc.

Gospel Singing to be held July 15th at Gospel Mission in Cross Plains

The regular monthly "Singing" will be held Tuesday, July 15th, at 7 p.m. at Gospel Mission, 716 SE 1st Street, Cross Plains. Come and enjoy some old time gospel hymns and great fellowship.

Cross Plains Cemetery Association Meeting
Thursday, July 10th
5:30 p.m.
Mozelle Bryan Richardson
Community Room at
Texas Heritage Bank

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 Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

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 Sunday Morning Worship....11:00 am
 Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.
 Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley 254-725-4589

Living Water Ministries Fellowship
 Restoring And Equipping The Saints
 Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm
 Pastor Max Evans
 For Information Call (254) 725-7418

Rowden Baptist Church
 Pastor: Wayne Lenz
 Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods
 Bible Study...10:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
 2990 Highway 30 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

OBITUARIES

Lorene Purcell
 Lorene Purcell, age 86, of Brownwood passed away July 5, 2008 at a local nursing home. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, 2008 in the Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Dwayne Clowers officiating. Interment followed in the Smith Cemetery, Brown County, Texas. A longtime resident of Brown County, she was born May 15, 1922 in Caddo County, Oklahoma to Frank and Nona Troub. She was a Baptist and a homemaker. Lorene was preceded in death by her husband Fred, her parents, one granddaughter, Billie Loraine Phillips, and several other siblings. Survivors include three children, Nina Phillips and husband Dwayne of Cross Plains, Danny Carroll and wife Linda of Phoenix, Arizona, and Tommy Carroll and wife Brenda of Troy, Texas; seven stepchildren, Marie Hays and husband Bill of Brownwood, Betty Jo Anderson of Lake Brownwood, O.J. Purcell of Brownwood, Eddie Purcell and wife Randi of Lake Brownwood, Michael Purcell of Cedar Park, and Larry Purcell of Stephenville; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; four brothers; one sister; and numerous nieces and nephews.

May Gould Hiller
 Services for May Hiller, 72, of Brownwood were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 9, 2008 in the Heartland Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Curtis W. Schneider and the Rev. Richard Hetzel officiating. Burial followed at the Burkett Cemetery in Coleman County, under the direction of Heartland Funeral Home. Mrs. Hiller passed away on Sunday evening, July 6, 2008, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. May Pearl Henson was born in Valera, Texas, on April 29, 1936, to Vivian and Roy Henson. She was raised and educated in Brown County, and on May 12, 1951, she married CC Gould. He preceded her in death in 1991. She had been a homemaker for most of her life and had worked for the U.S. Postal Service for many years. On November 11, 2000, she married Alton "Buddy" Hiller in Brownwood. May enjoyed gardening, tending cattle and fishing. But most of all, she loved to dance. She was a lifelong resident of Brown County and a member of Grace Lutheran Church. May was preceded in death by two brothers, Hiram "Buddy" Henson and John Henson. Survivors include her husband, Alton Hiller; son, Clayton Gould and wife Suzanne of San Angelo; daughter, Celia Drury and husband Larry of Bangs; and three brothers, Sam Henson and wife Connie of Austin, Roy Henson and wife Margaret of Houston and Gene Henson and wife Wanda of Brownwood. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Melissa Gober, Greg Drury and wife, Melissa, Brynna Gould, and Bradley Gould; and five great-grandchildren, Chris Gober, Jeremy Gober, Amanda Gober, Doug Drury and Lexy Drury. Donations can be made to the West Texas Boys Ranch in San Angelo. May was loved by all and will be missed by many.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
 Jeanette G. Gray, theft by check.
 Amy L. Fish, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes
 Leellen Geneva Johnson, order amending condition of probation granted.
 Amy Fish, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 30 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$286 court costs.
 Randall Scott Cooley, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.
 Amy Fish, plea of guilty to theft by check, 120 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$305 court costs.

Marriage Licenses
 John A. Estrella and Sheldie L. Jones, both of Clyde.
 Ryan M. Gibson and Libby S. Connel, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Filings
 Melissa Higgins Beeman and Steven J. Beeman, divorce.
 Dorthie Saunders vs. Debra Kay Saunders, Raelyn Saunders Nail, Garland Chris Saunders, James Derrick Saunders, declaration of rights to title.

Criminal Minutes
 Patricia Carolynn Whitmire and Edward Kermit Whitmire, divorce granted.
 Donald E. Baskin and Sunie Sang Baskin, divorce granted.

Civil Minutes
 Jason Lee Monsey, order discharging defendant from probation (no deferred adjudication).
 Order discharging defendants from probation under deferred adjudication: Lewis A. McWhorter; Billy R. Elliott.
 Donny Joe Curry, judgment revoking probation granted.
 Lisa Gay McCarty, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Farm Bureau pleased with progress in I-69 project

Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau members are hoping the Texas Department of Transportation's recent announcement to make use of existing roadways for the Interstate 69 corridor will be a positive sign when it comes to ongoing battles involving the Trans-Texas Corridor. "We're glad to see that TxDOT is beginning to listen to what so many Farm Bureau members have been saying for years," said Sam Snyder, Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau President. "This is a great first step, but we're far from finished when it comes to protecting all of the state's landowners whose lands fall in the footprint of Trans-Texas Corridor possibilities." TxDOT announced on June 11th it would only make use of existing highway rights-of-way for the I-69 construction. Newly-

constructed lanes will be tolled; however, existing lanes will remain free. Most of that project will follow the path of Highway 59. That announcement came in the wake of a number of public hearings held statewide in which 28,000 Texans—many of them Farm Bureau members—aired grievances about the controversial super-highway plan. The June 11th announcement applies only to the I-69 project; it does not affect the project proposals along Interstate 35, which still has miles of some of the state's best farm land under consideration as alternative stretches to the expansive highway project. For more on TxDOT's announcement and Trans-Texas Corridor plans, visit them online at www.keeptexasmoving.org <<http://www.keeptexasmoving.org>>

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

JULY 4TH, A BIG HIT IN COTTONWOOD

July 4th in Cottonwood was a great day so thanks to everyone who came to the celebration this year and a double-thanks to those who participated.

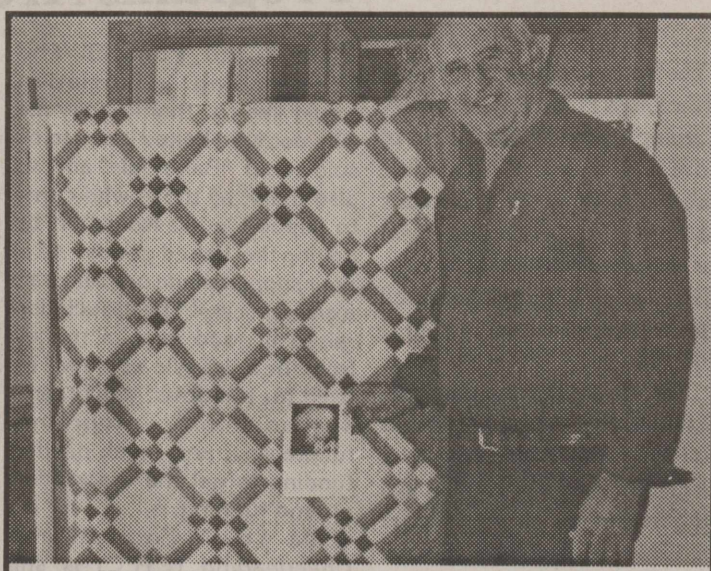
Approximately forty people enjoyed the celebration as the children of Cottonwood posted the flag of the United States and the Texas State flag and then let the celebrants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Garmond Parrish acted as Master of Ceremonies, Carol Bennett read the Declaration of Independence, and to the tune of "I'm Proud to Be an American," Tracy Dillard performed with her puppet. Lou Parrish, recalling a memory from her school days, recited the Preamble to the Constitution. Herman Weaver recited some of his patriotic poems and Jacque Childress and Gail Ransdell on the piano led the group in singing many of the familiar old patriotic songs.

H.D. Weaver was lucky enough to hold the winning ticket as the Cottonwood Quilting Club drew for their annual 4th of July quilt (see photo).

Then the crowd visited with each other as they consumed sandwiches and drinks.

Next year, we might just have a parade in Cottonwood. We could make up our own rules; like, each element in the parade would have to be driving or riding a piece of farm equipment, powered by horses, or mules, or with tractor power, or in a buggy, lawn mower, shredder or a combine even.



Herman Weaver proudly stands in front of the Cottonwood Quilting Club's 2008 quilt he won after the July 4th Celebration. (Photo by Terri Brown)

WEAVER FAMILY AND FRIENDS ATTEND REUNION

The E.E. Weaver family held their annual reunion in Cottonwood last Friday and Saturday.

Those attending included: Carl, Camille and Clint Weaver from Houston; Glynna, Matt and Charles Nickerson from Borne; Dena Jo Hines of Weatherford; Shirley Bryd of Keller; Dennis and Kathy Kelly of Brownwood plus Carol Ann and Buster Pharr from Scranton.

Then came, Charlie and Kali Rogers; Carrie Beth, Scott and Jolie Hutton; Jimmy Kelly; Rickie Jo, Gerald, Megan and Braxton Brown; Porcious, Kaitlyn, Trent and Alana Potter; Willie, Jenny, Autum, Cadence and Barrett Nickerson; Jessica, Haylee and Gus Nickerson; and Connie Potter, all from Cross Plains.

Then came Dena Nickerson; Tammy and Jerry Brown; Billie

and Bill Kelly; Keith Kelly; Mary Ella Weaver, and Annette and Bill Nickerson; all from Cottonwood.

COTTONWOOD ROUND-UP

How many of you people out there remember the days when Texas had a Ford plant in Dallas? People lucky enough to possess one of those old Fords proudly supported the sticker attached to the rear window which read "Made in Texas by Texans".

I remember many of them came by to the father's Blue Arrow Filing Station in Baird, with that sticker still in evidence. I was allowed to fill them up with gasoline at \$0.12 per gallon. I felt almost as proud of that Ford automobile as did the owner.

(For new items or personal items about Cottonwood, please contact, Wallace Bennett, at 254-725-7474 or e-mail at csb5@airmail.net, or snail mail at 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, TX, 76443.)

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Unit Meeting

Tuesday, July 15th
7:00 p.m.
at

Cottonwood Fire House

LIBRARY NOTES

June 30 - July 3, 2008

Patrons: 113
Summer Reading Program: 48
Books Checked Out: 165
Copies: 44
Reference: 8
Internet Users: 40
Interlibrary Loans: 1

Book Donations:
Bonnie Scott
Bob Dunn

Memorials:
Bob and Lavonne Childress
In Memory of Ruth Fish

Bill and Barbara Robinson
In Memory of Patsy Bush

Donations:
Alan Oak
Curt and Ginny Hoskins

Volunteers:
Gerald Brown
Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Dept.
Arlene Stephenson
Sue Bennett
Megan France
Kathleen Terstegge
Ginny Hoskins
Michele Kaiser
Azalee Womack
Ann Beeler

Cross Plains Kiwanis Upcoming Programs

July 15- David Cole, Bangs, TX
Antique & Hobby Enthusiast

Kiwanis meet weekly at noon on Tuesday at Jean's Feed Barn.

Everyone is welcome.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JULY 14-18

MONDAY- Beef Vegetable Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Peaches, Sugar Cookie, Crackers
TUESDAY- BBQ Brisket, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fruited Gelatin, Bread
WEDNESDAY- Pork Chops w/ Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Pineapple Upside Down Cake, Bread
THURSDAY- Salmon Patty, Peas & Cauliflower, Spinach, Chocolate Pudding, Roll
FRIDAY- Chef Salad, Ham-Cheese-Egg, Baked Potato, Gelatin, Crackers
2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

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88th Annual Pioneer Reunion Well Attended

The 88th annual reunion of the Pioneer and area schools was held on June 28th at the Cross Plains Community Center. There were 49 exes and friends present. We had a very good time visiting and remembering with old friends. A memorial was conducted by Jean Fore for the 13 that we lost this last year.

We honored the oldest man, Cowan Hutton, the oldest woman, Jean Fore, the longest traveler, Jimmie Morgan Smith of Santa Fe, Texas and the family with most members, The Flippin/Freeman family.

Entertainment was a song sung backward by Bobby J.

McCowan. He also led the singing of "America". We also had a special visitor, "Sally May", also known as Laverne Hutton. Sally May told all she learned in Bible College. She really fractured some of the Proverbs. She is so funny. She reminds you of Minnie Pearl.

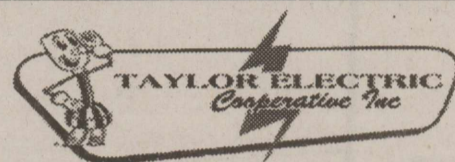
The exes voted to continue the reunion through at least 2010.

The same officers were elected for another year. They are: Jim McCowan- President; May Jones- Vice President; and Frances Grider Taylor- Secretary and Treasurer. We all look forward to next year.

Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones

Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Friday, July 11th - 11:30 a.m.

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July 14-18

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Tuesday, July 22nd

Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

Thursday July 24th at 6:30pm

FUMC Fellowship Hall

Tickets are \$15 each and are only available at the Chamber Office, Texas Heritage Bank, City Hall or Chamber Board Members.

Catered by Roger Goodwin

Special Guest Speaker Don Newbury

Philosopher, University President, Author, Humorist, Teacher and Patriot

For more information contact the chamber office at (254) 725-7251.

Direct & Counter Cyclical payment signup underway in new farm bill

(Baird, TX), July 1, 2008. Robert Frost, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Callahan County says that signup begins immediately for the 2008 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP) which helps delivers certainty for the crop year and the option of a timely advance payment.

Contracts are available today at USDA Service Centers and signup will continue until September 30, 2008. USDA's DCP readiness follows the June 12th availability of marketing assistance loan and loan deficiency payment (LDP) provisions, within three weeks of commodity title enactment.

Producers can fill out their 2008 DCP contract at any USDA Service Center. Producers can also sign-up online. They can choose payment options, assign crop shares and sign and submit their contracts from any computer with Internet access. They can also view and print submitted contract options.

USDA computes DCP payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm.

Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2008, eligible producers may request to receive an advance payment of 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. USDA will issue advance direct payments as soon as practical after enrollment. Final direct payments will be issued after Oct. 1st, 2008. Counter-cyclical payments vary depending on market prices, and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate).

Since 2002, USDA has issued approximately \$40 billion in DCP payments to America's agricultural producers. Participants must submit the completed DCP contract by Sept. 30, 2008. Applications filed after this date will not be approved.

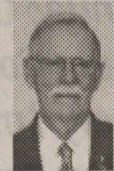
The online, electronic DCP (or eDCP) service saves producers time, reduces paperwork and speeds contract processing at USDA

Farm Service Agency offices. It is available to all producers who are eligible to participate in DCP and who obtain eAuthentication accounts.

The electronic service is available by going to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/edcp> and clicking on "Access eDCP Service." To access the service, producers must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account. To get a Level 2 account, producers must complete an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov> and then visit the local USDA Service Center to verify their identity. The service has strict security measures to protect participants' private information. Only authorized federal employees have access to information producers submit electronically. For more information about DCP, which will include a fact sheet, go to the DCP Web page at: HYPERLINK "<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=edcp&topic=landing>"

BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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An insurance company advertised: "We've changed our name, not our nature." That might be OK for an insurance company- if their "nature" was OK before changing their name- but it's not OK for anyone who becomes a Christian! Over and over we read from ones like Paul, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). "Put off...the old person...and be renewed in the spirit of your mind...and...put on the person which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph. 4:22-24). "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above...set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Col. 3:1-3).

It is obvious, especially in reading the fuller context of these verses, that one's nature must change if they play to "change their name to 'Christian'." Jesus has other names for those who don't, one being "hypocrite."

I encourage you to share in times of Bible study and worship with us as we strive to "sign our lives with the excellence of God." Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m. Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m. Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

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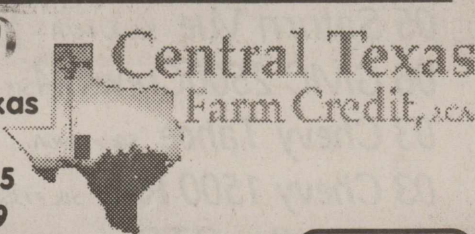
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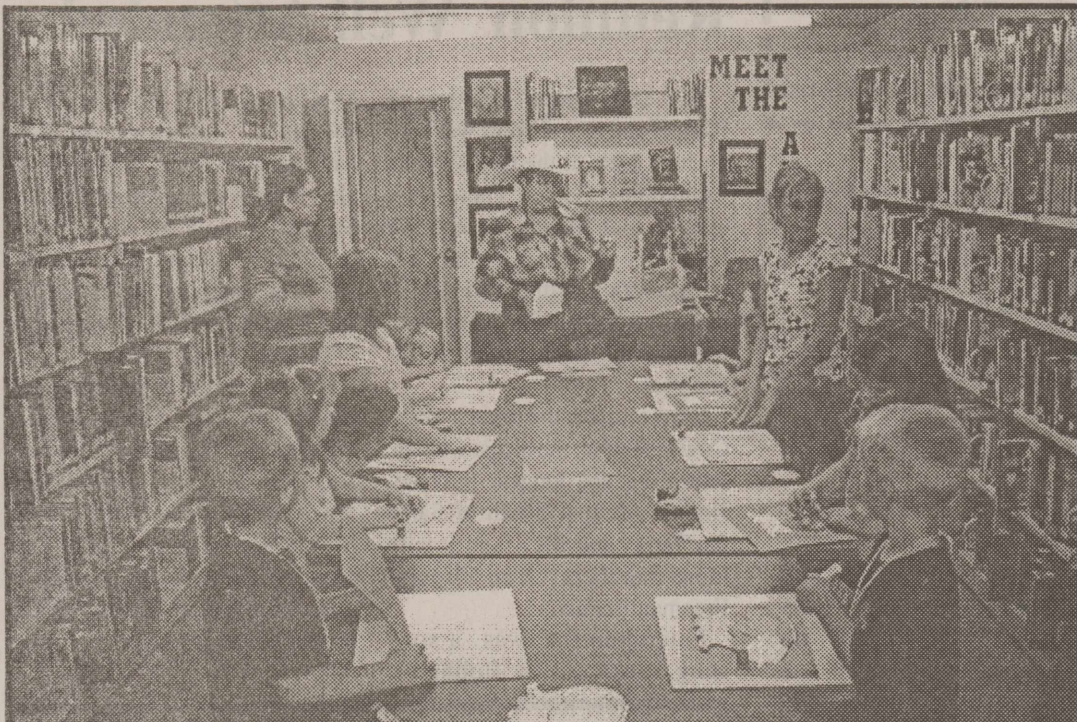


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Cross Plains Public Library Summer Reading Program is Going Great!!!!!!

Football season is upon us... Eula Football/Cheerleading Programs Are Beginning



WILD WEDNESDAYS AT THE LIBRARY—Cowgirl Sue Bennett and her little readers had a great time.

The Summer Reading Program at the Cross Plains Public Library is going GREAT! The World of Love was the theme for the Little Readers in Wrangler Sue's class last week. They made a fish bowl for Gertie the goldfish that always gives kisses with her puckered lips, and they learned to sign 'I Love You'.

For the 2:00 p.m. program, Gerald Brown of the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department took 31 children and 7 adults through the Fire Station on a wonderful tour. He explained the difference in the house fire engine and the brush fire engine, while opening the storage compartment doors and showing the children the tools used by the firefighters.

The firefighting gear and apparel were demonstrated and their uses discussed. The alteration of a firefighters voice while wearing an oxygen mask amused the children, and learning how to refill the oxygen tanks was very interesting. The tour concluded with a peek inside the ambulance and reminders of basic safety.

This week children are doing science experiments with LeaJean Wyatt. Next week the program will be on Longhorns with Sharon Parr, so come on by the library for exciting times at the CPPL Corral!

Submitted by
Linda Burns



LIBRARY CHILDREN TAKE A LITTLE FIELD TRIP—Gerald Brown, member of Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, took them on an information tour of the facility.

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Eula Youth Football and Cheerleading Association would like to thank everyone who donated baked items to be sold at our "Bake Sale" and we also thank all those who came to support our association by buying the baked goods. All of your support made our bake sale a great success! The association raised a good deal of money from the bake sale which will be used for uniforms, equipment, sponsorship programs, fundraisers, and much needed funding to get the association up and running.

Eula Youth Football and Cheerleading (EYFC) is still looking for youth to get registered to participate in the football and cheerleading programs who are ages 4 to 12.

In the Eula School district only, if a child is 12 years old by August 1st, 2008 and in the 7th grade, that child can participate in either sport as well.

This is the first year for Eula to have its own youth football and cheerleading program and it is being organized through the West Texas Rural Youth Football Association.

All children who will be participating in the Eula Youth Football and Cheerleading program will be covered with insurance and the insurance cost is part of the registration fee.

Boys ages 7 to 12 will have all the necessary protective equipment, such as helmets, shoulder pads, game pants, and protective pads for the pants provided to them from the association. This uniform and pads will have to be returned to the association at the end of the season. All of the participants in football will get to keep their football jersey.

Those participating in cheerleading will be keeping their cheerleading uniform.

As it stands now there are seven teams, Clyde, Eula, Coleman, Merkel, Anson, Hamlin, and Hawley who will be participating in youth football. EYFC will be having another registration on July 11, 2008 at Butterman's (Talley's) Convenience Store at 6:00 PM. We encourage all of the parents that are interested in allowing their children to participate in either of the programs, to come out and get them registered.

Registration for football and cheerleading is \$75 per child, but for those with larger families a 10% discount is offered after the first child.

The goal of Eula Youth Football and Cheerleading Association is to allow every child who wants to participate the opportunity to do so. In order for that to happen we are setting aside special funds for scholarships that will be made available to those children who need them.

Since this is the first year the association has been established, the group is starting from the ground up. This year's registration fees will be used to pay for insurance, league fees, football jerseys, cheerleading uniforms, flag football equipment and the purchase of protective equipment needed for tackle football.

If someone is unable to attend the registration, or would just simply like to do it before hand please contact James Weaver at 325-660-4452 or Kevin Seigman at 806-544-1851 for a registration form.

The uniforms for both sports will need to be ordered and taking into account the time frame it takes to receive those orders, deadlines are creeping up fast. Those interested in playing or cheering are encouraged to come out and get signed up.

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CROSS PLAINS MASONS—The Cross Plains Masonic Lodge #627 held its officer installation on Tuesday, June 24th at the Cross Plains Masonic Lodge. Members include Larry Rice, Senior Warden (front row/from left); Kenneth Beeler, Junior Steward; Stan Painter, Senior Steward; Dale Aaron, Worshipful Master; and Bobby Davis, Marshal; H.D. Weaver, Chaplain (back row, from left); Ron Wooten, Master or Ceremony; Bobbie Aaron, Senior Deacon; Jack Shepard, Junior Deacon; Phillip Strength, Junior Warden; Ray Purvis, Secretary; and Ed Walt, Tiler.



LORI HAIL

Graduate from CPHS Makes President's List at Hardin Simmons University

Lori is the daughter of Dianne and Emmanuel Alvertos of Cross Plains and David and Beth Hail of Rowlett. Her grandparents are Noah and Bobbie Johnson of Cross Plains and Cecil and Nadine Hail of Abilene. Lori will be a senior the fall of 2008. She plans to graduate with a Bachelors Degree in Art with a minor in Psychology. After graduation Lori intends to attend HSU for a Masters Degree in Family Therapy with an emphasis in Art Therapy. Lori is a member of the National Honor Society and Gamma Beta Phi.

This Week in Texas History

By: Bartee Haile

Popular public enemy preferred 'chock' to 'pretty boy'

JULY 9 - 15, 2008

When bandits cleaned out the bank at Grapeland on July 11, 1932, shaken employees identified the machine-gun toting leader of the gang as none other than "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

In their excitement the eyewitnesses must have mistaken a handsome look-alike for the popular enemy. "Pretty Boy" was much too busy that summer knocking over banks in the Sooner State to venture south of the Red River.

Though born in Georgia, Charles Arthur Floyd was brought up in the Cookson Hills of far eastern Oklahoma. When the strapping six-footer was not working from dawn to dusk on the family farm, he was guzzling a local concoction called Choctaw Beer. His fondness for the brew earned him the only nickname he ever liked - Chock.

Twenty year old Floyd married his teenaged sweetheart in 1921 and spent the next four years trying to scratch a living out of an uncooperative piece of land. Deciding survival should not be so hard, he swapped several jugs of moonshine for a pearl-handled revolver and lit out for St. Louis with a pair of like-minded pals.

The amateur crooks relieved a courier of an \$11,000 payroll on Sep. 11, 1925 and hurried home to celebrate. The good times rolled until the law dug up the balance of the stolen money on Floyd's farm and returned him in chains to the scene of the crime. The out-of-state offender was sentenced to five years in the Missouri penitentiary.

Bad news was waiting for Floyd, when he made parole in March 1929. His father was murdered in cold blood while he was locked up, and a jury had acquitted the killer. In accordance with the time-honored custom of the hills, the son took his revenge and his first life.

Floyd fled to Kansas City, the midwestern mecca of organized crime where fugitives were always welcome. He got a crash course in armed robbery from stick-up specialists as well as a new nickname from a wisecracking madam, who greeted the good-looking stranger with, "I want you for myself, pretty boy."

Barely a year after Missouri turned him loose, an Ohio judge gave Floyd 15 years for a bank job that ended in the death of a pursuing policeman. But a funny thing happened on the way to prison. Floyd's traveling companions nodded off, and he jumped from the train.

Aided by Bill "The Killer" Miller, whose claim to fame was the murder of his own brother, Floyd rattled tellers' cages across Michigan. Stopping in Kansas City just long enough to pick up two women and permanently silence their protesting boyfriends, the deadly duo turned their attention to Kentucky.

A main-street shootout with Bowling Green police in June 1931 cost Floyd his partner-in-crime and, more importantly, his anonymity. The bereaved mother of a Kansas City victim asked if "Pretty Boy" made it out of Kentucky alive, and the press transformed the obscure outlaw into a national celebrity.

As usual, Floyd found sanctuary in Kansas City. Prohibition agents stormed his hiding place in July, but the two-gun tough guy shot his way out leaving a mortally wounded liquor lawman in his wake.

The federal casualty pushed the bandit to the top of the most-wanted list. Fearing the price on his head would prove too tempting for underworld cronies, Floyd took refuge among the only mortals on earth he trusted.

The hill people rolled out the red carpet for their Robin Hood, the fellow Okie who had turned

the tables on the heartless bankers so fond of foreclosures. Food, shelter and the shirts off their aching backs were his for the asking.

But the posses that combed the Cooksons could not pry the time of day out of his protectors. To quote a character from the dust-bowl novel *The Grapes of Wrath*, "When Floyd was loose and goin' wild, law said we got to give him up an' nobody give him up."

"Pretty Boy" and his new sidekick, an ornery ex-preacher, emptied so many vaults over the next 18 months that insurance companies doubled the rates for Oklahoma banks. Floyd heard the governor on statewide radio offer \$6,000 for his apprehension and replied in writing, "I have robbed no one but moneyed men."

The machine-gun massacre of four law enforcement officers and their handcuffed prisoner at the Kansas City train station in June 1933 appalled the country. Despite an utter lack of evidence, the feds blamed Floyd for the bloodbath causing his popularity to plummet.

The four and a half year chase ended in an Ohio cornfield in October 1934. "Pretty Boy" died like Jesse James, his boyhood idol, with a bullet in the back.

Twenty thousand attended the funeral for Charles Arthur Floyd. Morbid curiosity accounted for the presence of many, but most were the rural poor hardest hit by the Great Depression. They came to pay defiant tribute to their fallen hero and to collectively thumb their noses at the rich and powerful they blamed for hard times.

"Revolution & Republic: Texas 1832-1846" - "Best of This Week in Texas History" collection now available for \$10.95 plus \$3.25 postage and handling from Bartee Haile, P.O. Box 152, Friendswood, TX 77549 or order online at www.twiwh.com.

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Rolling Oaks Golf News

Things are really looking good at the course. Edward Aviles, Arthur Aviles, Raymond Sutton, Jonathon Hubbard, Kat Leal, Carl Pendergast, Zack Nall, Juan Cardenas, Samuel Aviles and Juan Rodriguez all worked really hard trimming trees and weed eating. Mike Jaynes mows the greens for us every weekend. Shannon has put out new flags and the Yamaha repairman just left. All of our carts are running and we were ready for the 4th of July.

Tuesday, July 1st, 25 players teed off in the Tuesday ABCD Scramble. Closest to the pin on 14 went to Terry Odom and on 16 it went to Jimmy Kelly. The scramble was tied three ways by Terry Odom, David Evans and Bruce River's teams and carried over until July 8th.

If you are interested in playing come by the course before 6 p.m. on Tuesday and sign up. Cost of the 9 Hole Scramble is \$5.00 per player and \$2.00 for closest to the pin. Members have no green fees and cart rental for members is \$3.75 for a cost of \$10.75. Non-member green fee is \$6.50 and cart rental is \$4.50 or \$18.00 total.

The Saturday Scramble is coming up July 12th at 1:00 p.m. Cost to play for non-members is \$36.00 and for members it will be \$14.00 without a cart and \$21.50 with a cart. Remember we always have 100 percent jackpot pay-outs.

New caps are in at the Pro Shop. We have mesh fitted caps, 6 panel khaki and green caps, and pony tail caps for ladies. We are taking orders for zip top tote bags in khaki with their logo. New hunter green logo golf towels should arrive within the next week or two.

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In the Application, Coleman and Golden Spread request that the Commission approve their proposal to transfer the CCN rights concerning certain transmission facilities from Coleman to Golden Spread. No new facilities are being sought and the boundaries of Coleman's service area are not affected by the Application.

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CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone who came to our Bake Sale, Quilt Raffle and Cottonwood Cookbook Sale.

Thanks to everyone who helped with donations of cash and baked goods.

Also, thanks to our special volunteer guys who baked some good things.

Thanks to Sherryl and Village Market to letting us set up in the front of the store. Thanks to Eva for donating the bake bread and rolls.

Submitted by
Cottonwood Fire Control Unit
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The family of Michael Dale Dupriest deeply appreciates all the prayers, cards, flowers, the use of the First Baptist Church, the funeral dinner that was provided for the family and Brother Ronnie during this time of sorrow. We would also like to thank Higginbothams funeral home and Tim's Floral for all the services that were provided for our family. We will always remember your kindness during our sorrow. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Submitted by
The Dupriest Family
Garland, Evla Nell, Debi, Austin, Gary, Christy, Ryan, Tyler and Kayla

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The Varsity Cheerleaders thank the businesses and community for you generous donations, food, and water at our July 4th fundraiser. We thank our parents for all their help and support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thanks again! ^{17-1tp}

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The Varsity Cheerleaders

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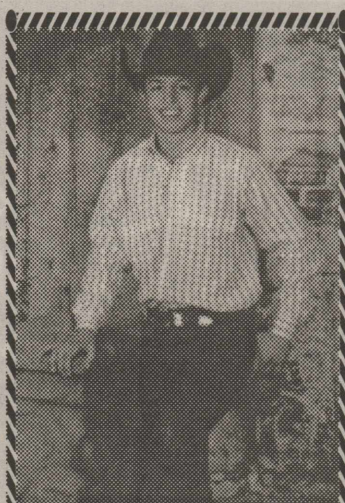
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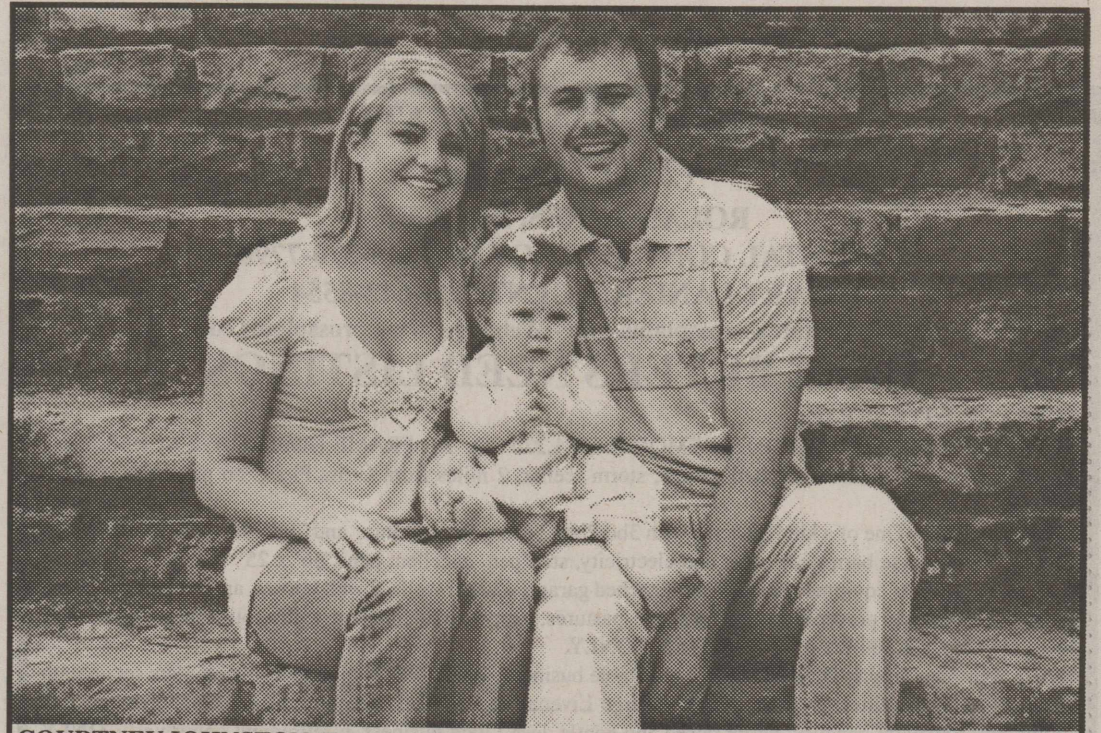
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COURTNEY JOHNSTON (From left), KEARA WESTERMAN, AND LANDON WESTERMAN

Westerman - Johnston Engagement Announced

Keara Westerman is happy to announce the upcoming marriage of her Mom and Dad, Courtney Duff Johnston and Landon Chace Westerman. The wedding will take place Friday, July 18 at Paradise Cove located on Lake Grapevine.

Courtney's parents are Duff and Patrick O' Dell of Grapevine, South Dakota on Lewis & Clark Reservoir. There were two Callahan County Bass Club members who qualified for this tournament by winning the regional tournament earlier this year. They are Bryan Schmidt of Olney and Mike Pruitt of Clyde.

They were a part of the elite 12 members representing Team Texas who made it to this level. There were three days of competition in which weigh-ins were being broadcasted each

Yvonne Johnston of Grapevine and Jeanette and Truman Worth of Caro, MI. Landon's grandparents are the late Alma and Noel King, and Sybil and L.D. Westerman.

The family reside in Stephenville where they both attend Tarleton State University.

Attorney General Abbott Agrees to Protect Texans from Identity Theft

AUSTIN - Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has reached an agreement with two Austin companies that will protect Texans from identity theft. The settlement resolves the state's May 2007 enforcement action against EZMONEY, L.P. and EZPAWN L.P., which were charged with violating state laws governing the disposal of customer records containing sensitive personal information. Under Texas law, vendors must take specific precautions before discarding documents that include customers' bank accounts, driver's license and Social Security numbers.

Today's agreed final judgment requires that EZMONEY and EZPAWN overhaul their information security program and pay \$600,000 to the State of Texas, which will help fund future identity theft investigations.

"Today's agreement protects Texans from identity theft and ensures that the defendant will comply with important laws governing the disposal of sensitive customer information," Attorney General Abbott said. "Recognizing that identity theft is one of the state's fastest growing crimes, the Texas Legislature enacted legislation to ensure that customers' sensitive information is protected from identity thieves. The Office of the Attorney General will continue cracking down on identity theft."

Under the agreement with the state, EZMONEY and EZPAWN must implement a new training program to inform its Texas employees about the companies' enhanced information security procedures. The employee training program must provide employees with a review of the companies' privacy

procedures and a review of state laws governing the disposal of customer records. Today's agreement requires that the training program explain identity theft, its costs to individual customers, and the importance of abiding by the company's newly implemented document disposal protocol.

To further assure that employees comply with the protocol, each EZPAWN and EZMONEY store must post signs explaining records storage and disposal requirements. The companies must conduct unannounced compliance checks at all of its stores every six months and provide annual training to its employees, which will help ensure customers' personal information is protected.

Investigators with the Office of the Attorney General discovered that several San Antonio EZPAWN stores improperly discarded business records. Documents containing sensitive customer information were found in easily accessible trash receptacles behind EZPAWN stores. According to investigators, the records included promissory notes and bank statements that contained names, addresses, Social Security and driver's license numbers, and checking account information.

Investigators also found evidence of improper document dumping at a dozen other EZPAWN locations around the state, including locations in Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Lubbock and the Rio Grande Valley. In all, investigators found evidence that 483 individual customers' records were improperly discarded.

Although the investigation revealed no confirmed incidents of personal information being misused, customers who interacted with EZPAWN stores should carefully monitor bank, credit card and any similar financial statements for evidence of suspicious activity. All EZPAWN customers should also annually obtain free copies of their credit reports to guard against this growing crime.

Consumers who wish to file a complaint may contact the Office of the Attorney General at (800) 252-8011 or do so online at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov, where they can also obtain information on identity theft detection and prevention.

Callahan County Bass Club member one step away from Bassmaster Classic

The 2008 B.A.S.S. Federation Division Tournament took place on June 25th-27th in Yankton, South Dakota on Lewis & Clark Reservoir. There were two Callahan County Bass Club members who qualified for this tournament by winning the regional tournament earlier this year. They are Bryan Schmidt of Olney and Mike Pruitt of Clyde.

Final results are Bryan Schmidt winning for Texas and Mike Pruitt placing 7th for the state. The team Texas came in 3rd place for the Division and won \$6000. Bryan will advance to the next level which is a tournament held in November in Kansas and if he wins there, he will be in the 2009 Bassmaster Classic.

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