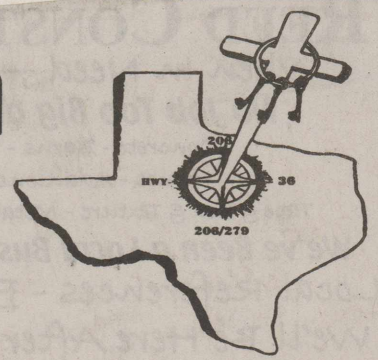


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DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: The following story was left in the ICU waiting room at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock where Tommy Phillips was airlifted following his accident. His mother-in-law, Naomi Wilson, thought it was worthy of reprinting for our readers. There was no name attached to the words of wisdom but, we can all relate to the message. We need to spend our time edifying each other instead.

Vanda Anderson

"GENUINE LOVE"

Nobody likes to be criticized. It hurts even worse when it comes from someone who talks about us behind our backs. In Romans 1:29-30, Paul called such people "whisperers" and "back-biters". He listed them among the proud, murderers, inventors of evil, God-haters, and the like.

Whisperers are gossipers who secretly spread rumors, and **back-biters** are those who talk spitefully about a person.

Tragically, some Christians are guilty of these sins. They wouldn't run people down with their cars, but they willingly "run them down" with their words, belittling what they do or say.

People who engage in these destructive acts don't see the inconsistency of their behavior and haven't taken to heart the words of the apostle Paul: "Let love be without hypocrisy" (Romans 12:9). Or, as one translator has paraphrased it, "Don't fake love."

We need to repent of our gossip and replace it with what John Stott calls "holy gossip".

That is, we need to talk enthusiastically about the transforming work that Christ is doing in people's lives.

For example, "Have you noticed that Joe is a completely changed person since he gave his life to Christ?"

Or, "I certainly see the Lord at work in Susan!"

How genuine is your love?

National Sports Figure Speaks Out for Libraries

In a world fraught with professional athletes so far above any kind of income level than most of us can comprehend, it seems too easy to stereotype them into "caring only about the money." Even as we know that is not a fair assessment, sometimes it is a real challenge to find a famous spokesperson for a common cause, when there is not a big paycheck connected.

Public Libraries are about as "common" as any cause can be. Common...as in housing books that can be used in only one beneficial way...being read.

But then, along comes the proclamation that September is National Library Card Sign-up Month and "common" goes out the window. And along with the proclamation comes a most unusual sports figure as honorary chair of the event. All seven plus feet of him, all of his NBA scoring records, all of his international recognition AND all of his love for libraries. Who is this guy who has said, "Libraries have always been my own personal time machine. I can walk through the doors and land in any place, any time or period in history. I don't have to wonder what their worlds were like; I can experience it first hand."

As schools get underway for another year, the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the smartest card a student can carry. Libraries play an important role

in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

"A library card has always been the most important school supply of all," says Linda Burns, Director of the Cross Plains Public Library. "Kids can come to our library to get on-line and on-site homework help, check out books and DVD's. They can also use the Internet to make after school life a little more fun. There's always something going at our Library," she continued.

However, in the case of the local library, a library card as such does not exist. To make life easier for our patrons, a computerized circulation system makes an actual card unnecessary. By a few strokes on the keyboard, the appropriate record can be accessed and books can be checked; thus, library cards can never be lost, the dog can never eat them and they can never be run through the washing machine!

Our mystery spokesman? He is currently reading the *Raymond Chandler Omnibus* and encourages young readers that "a library is like a testing ground of who you are and who you want to become, because every time you walk out of those doors, you can be smarter than you were going in. My advice? Use it to

transform yourself into the person you know you can be."

According to a recent household survey by the American Library Association, 44 percent of parents report that they bring their children to the library because it gives them something to do together. Parents can help their children explore new interests and, at the same time, enjoy a family program or pick out a best seller for themselves. Best of all, family time at the library won't break the bank. The library and its resources are FREE.

The local library has 1075 patrons in the circulation database; all carrying the invisible library card! An average of 13 new patrons have signed up monthly this year. Attendance at the children's summer reading programs had kids utilizing every nook and cranny of space. New programs will run concurrently with the public school schedule; making the library the IN place to be.

Honorary Chair of Library Card Sign-up Month?? None other than Kareem Abdul-Jabbar; legendary basketball player, who left the game 1989 in possession of virtually every listing in the record book. Early in his career, he launched his "sky hook" shot for others to imitate; now he is launching his support of reading and encourages everybody to follow his lead to the nearest library to get a "card."

Everybody is encouraged to come on in, say hello and sign up!
Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson

4th Annual Cowboy Camp Meeting Sept. 17-21

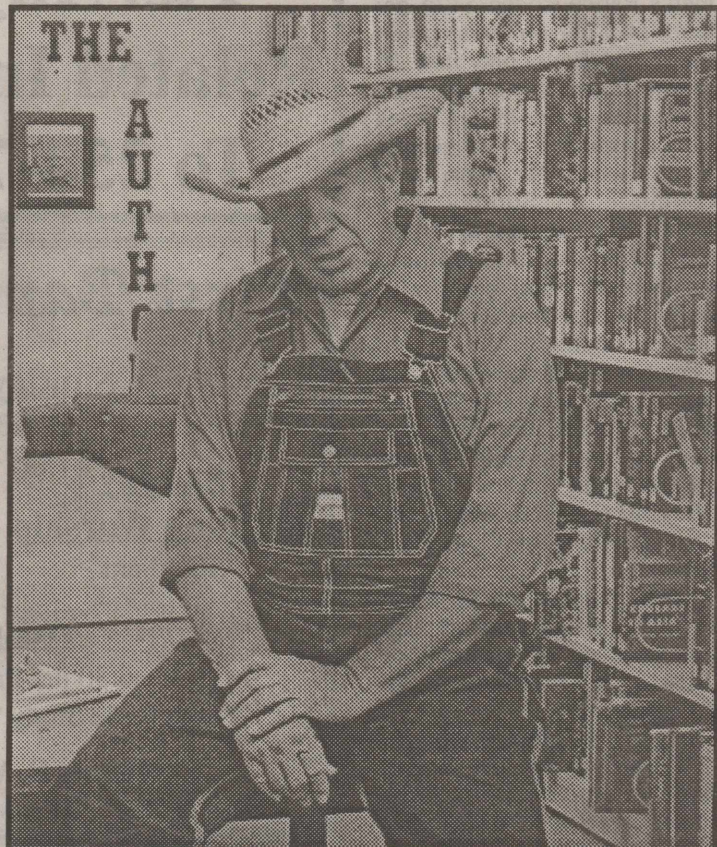
Round up your family and friends for 5 days of fun Christian fellowship, food and time spent in God's word.

Cowboy Heritage Church, in Clyde, will be holding its 4th annual Cowboy Camp Meeting Wednesday, September 17th through Sunday, September 21st with Cowboy Evangelist Barry Clower, live music provided by the CHC band, and a special music presentation Friday and Saturday night by Justin Todd Herod.

The events will begin with a chuck wagon dinner on Wednesday night from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with a night service to follow. Thursday through Saturday, we will begin each day with Cowboy breakfast at 8:00 a.m., followed by a morning worship service. We will meet up again from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for a chuck wagon dinner (donations accepted) followed by night services with Barry Clower, and we conclude each evening with an arena event and campfire coffee.

Arena events will be Wednesday night; family night Buddy Roping, Thursday night; Team Roping \$15 per person or \$30 per team, Friday Night Women's Ranch Rodeo \$125 per team (4-5 person teams made up of Women/Girls) only

See Cowboy Camp Page 2



SPECIAL GUEST AT CROSS PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY—Buck Moore, also known as Johnny Appleseed.

Johnny Appleseed Visits the After School Adventure Program

The Cross Plains Public Library had a special guest last Wednesday for the September ASAP, or After School Adventure Program. Johnny Appleseed, also known as Buck Moore, stopped by the library on his journey through America. John Chapman earned the name of Appleseed because of many apple trees he planted while walking through the country. Johnny told the children attending the program of the many adventures he had while traveling. He told of the opportunity he had to meet many pioneering settlers and Indians. He generously gave away apple seeds from the bag he always

carried and helped them clear land to plant the seeds.

After Johnny Appleseed told of his exciting life, the children were treated to samples of apple juice, apple butter, applesauce, apple dip, dried apples and fresh apples! The children were reminded all of these things were results of the gift Johnny Appleseed gave to his country, and to all of us.

Sue Bennett instructed the children how to make a cute apple pin to wear on their shirts, complete with a little fuzzy worm!

Our next ASAP will be on Wednesday, October 1st, at 4:00 p.m. Watch for upcoming details.

Cross Plains EMS Monthly Report for August 2008 Relays Message

MORE Volunteers Needed

The Cross Plains EMS Volunteers were called for 22 EMS ambulance runs for August. They drove, attended and served 137 volunteer hours providing these professional services as trained and qualified Emergency Medical Attendants and drivers.

More, to meaningfully provide this Cross Plains area community Emergency Medical service, their 25 trained and qualified active members committed to be scheduled as responsible on-call 3 person crews, on 12 hour shifts for every day of the month.

This scheduling required over 2,232 hours of their personal

commitment in addition to multiple hours of maintenance, administration and training.

On Saturday, August 30, ten members completed 4 hours of Emergency Medicine skills training relating to Emergency Airway Maintenance and Emergency Pharmaceuticals use and administration.

Many hands make the burden lighter. The Cross Plains EMS need volunteers for professional training as Emergency Medical Technicians and qualified trained drivers. Call John Swift 254-725-6443 or David Holmes 254-725-7141 for information.

Submitted by
David Holmes

Callahan County Fire Association Needs Your HELP

The Callahan County Fire Association is an association established to bring all of the departments in Callahan County together to better serve and protect our county.

Current members of this association are Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, Baird Volunteer Fire Department, Clyde Volunteer Fire Department, Oplin Volunteer Fire Department, Eula Volunteer Fire Department and Putnam Volunteer Fire Department.

The Association is asking for your HELP! We are currently trying to purchase some much needed equipment that will be used county-wide. This equipment will be accessible by all member departments. For the Association to be able to make

these purchases, we will need the support of all the communities in Callahan County.

If you would like to assist the association in acquiring this equipment, you can send a donation to:

Callahan County Fire Association
P O Box 1013
Baird, TX 79504.

If you have any questions or want to help in other ways, you may contact Gerald Brown, Association President, at 325-665-6435 or call any of your local Fire Chiefs. For additional information you can also visit our website @ callahanfire.com. Thank you in advance for your support!

Helping Hearts and Hands Need Applicants Deadline the end of September

Is your home in need of minor repairs: painting, plumbing, insulation and caulking??

The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative would like to extend a hand to assist you in the help you might need. Free assistance is available to homeowners who are elderly, handicapped and/or very low income. Applications are available now at the Senior Citizen's Center, Texas Heritage Bank and City Hall.

The deadline will be at the end of September and if you need any assistance in filling out the

application please call Pat Stephens at 254-725-6819. This is a worthwhile community project that has been in action since 1998. Volunteers will be needed once again to complete these projects, so be looking for a date to be set in the fall of this year.

The Housing Authority Initiative is excited and looking forward to this year's endeavor. If you have any questions or would if you would like information, please contact Roxie Thomas at 254-725-6141 or Pat Stephens 254-725-6819.

<p>Junior High vs. Rotan September 11, 2008 5:30 p.m. Here</p>		<p>Varsity vs. Santo September 5, 2008 7:30 p.m. There</p>
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 Wednesday Night Bible Study...6:00 PM



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Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599

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 Wednesday Worship.....7:00 PM

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For Information

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Rufus Wilson Sunday Morning Worship....11:00 am

254-725-4589 Sunday Evening Worship....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley 254-725-4589

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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 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

OBITUARIES

Wanda Lee Edwards

Funeral services for Wanda Lee Edwards, 77, of Joshua was held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, September 7, at Comanche Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Matt McGowen officiating. Burial was in Pettijohn Cemetery in Comanche County.

She died Thursday, September 4, 2008, at Arlington Memorial Hospital in Arlington.

She was born on January 27, 1931, in Comanche County to Jasper Applewhite Pettijohn and Sarah Iva (Berna) Pettijohn. For many years she worked as a supervisor for Rockwell Electronic. She was married to Edwin Edwards on May 27, 1948, in Comanche. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Edwin Edwards, Sr. of Joshua; daughter, Wyvonna Horton of Joshua; son and daughter-in-law, Edwin Jr. and Pam Edwards of Bedford; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, sisters and brother-in-law, Pat Nelson of Carleton, Faye and James Robertson of Temple, Dorothy and Shirley and Don Kirkland of Grosvenor; brothers and sisters-in-law, A.J. and Marie Pettijohn of Gustine, Henry Pettijohn of Joshua, and Denney and Marilyn Pettijohn of Hico.

She was preceded in death by one son, Sam Pettijohn in 1973.

Betty Joyce Chilton

Betty Joyce Chilton, 81, died Thursday, September 4, 2008 at Stamford Community Care Center. Services was held at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 6, 2008, at Paint Creek Baptist Church with Rev. James Brigham officiating. Burial followed in Howard Cemetery under the direction of Kinney-Underwood Funeral Home.

Born June 16, 1927 in Haskell, Texas to E.D. and Ola Mae (Watson) Treadwell. Joyce was the seventh of nine daughters. She was a hairdresser and caregiver.

Survivors include one son, Rod Middleton and wife Neva, of Cross Plains; one daughter, Betty Murphree and husband Randy of Stamford; two grandsons, Clint Middleton of Eastland and Josh Murphree and wife Carri of Stamford; one great-granddaughter, Braleigh Middleton of Abilene; and two sisters, Oweida Weaver of Haskell and Mrs. Claudie (Jackie) Riley of Albany; special niece Debbie Gilliam and husband Larry; and numerous other nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, six sisters and one grandson, Wade Gentry Middleton.

As pretty on the inside as she was on the outside, Joyce loved to fish, root for the Dallas Cowboys, especially Emmitt Smith, and for her favorite golfer, Tiger Woods. She enjoyed her big close and boisterous family. She had a delightful sense of humor with a wonderful ability to laugh at herself.

Pallbearers were Larry Gilliam, Josh Murphree, Dennis Rodriguez, Clint Middleton, Mike Stinson and Wayne Taylor. Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford Street, Abilene, TX 79605.

Cowboy Camp—

first 15 teams taken. (You may only participate on one team). Saturdays' events kick off at 9:00 a.m., with children's events running up until noon, and Mutton Bustin starts at 12:00 noon. \$10 per child (70 lb. weight limit). Following the night service we will have our Men's Ranch Rodeo \$125 per team (4-5 person teams made up of Men/Boys) only first 15 teams taken. (You may only participate on one team). Prizes will be awarded for all events. The Camp Meeting will conclude on Sunday with coffee and donuts at 10:00 a.m., followed by morning services at 10:30 a.m., with Barry Clower followed by a potluck lunch.

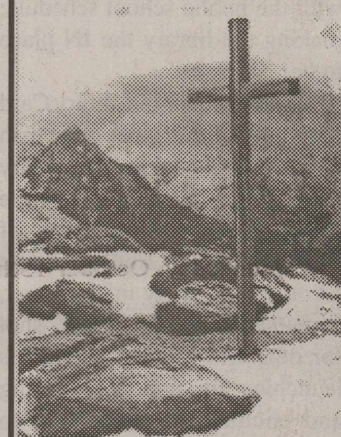
Cowboy Heritage Church is located just north of I-20 at 8468 CR 112. Take exit 299 Hays Rd. and go north. We are the tan metal building on your left. CHC is directly across the interstate from the Clyde High School.

If participant is under the age of 18, they must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. No exceptions!!!

Negative Coggins required.

To sign up for the Ranch Rodeos or for more info contact: Pastor Greg Clemmer at 325-338-4287.

Operation Real Tree



September 27, 2008

Don't Miss The Target



8:00-9:00 am: Breakfast
 9:00-10:00 am: Guest Speaker
 10:00-10:30 am: Bow Specialist from Cabela's
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 12:30 pm: Guest Speaker



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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Michael Strickland, assault.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Amber Grace Stewart, an adult, name change.

Britneay D. Flanary and Raymond J. Flanary, divorce.

Dana Lynn Caldwell and Richard Michael Caldwell, divorce.

Sheila Mae Thomason and Gary Ray Thomason, divorce.

CALLAHAN Co. DPS REPORT

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from August 31, 2008 through September 6, 2008 include:

Cases Investigated
 Warnings—83

Complaints—65

DWI—1

Driving While License Invalid—4

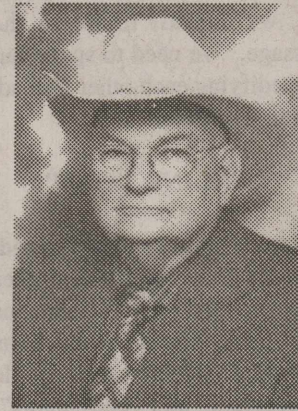
Vehicle Accidents

There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

VOTE

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Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education. I served as a Dallas Police Officer, was Chief Deputy for Callahan County under Sheriff Bill Skinner, and as a Callahan County Attorney's investigator. I spent almost 15 years as a Deputy Sheriff in Sutton County and then moved to Cross Plains as Chief of Police. I retired in 1998 and have worked in the same machine shop since that time.

My wife, Mary Jo and I are members of the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains, and I am a Mason.

If elected to this position I promise to do my job in a fair, honest and professional manner and to cooperate with city, county and state officers and governments.

I would appreciate your vote.

Pol. ad. Pd. by Ed Duncan, Rt 1 Cross Plains, Texas 76443

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 To 254-725-7225**

First Baptist Church

Sunday School

9:30 am

Sunday

Morning Worship

10:45 am

Sunday

Evening Worship

6:30 pm

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship
 Youth Bible Study "The Show" 6:30 pm

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

(254) 725-7629 3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Service 9:00 AM

Music- Connie Swift

& Betty Lewis

Lead Singers: Rhonda Swift

Amanda Sowell

Matt Sowell

Pastor Kathy Monroe

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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

A NICKEL'S WORTH

What a scared little seven year old boy I was when the orphanage finally let me out of that dark closet, after two days.

I took my bath, brushed my teeth with soap and dressed myself for school in the clothes that the matron had laid on my bed. Clothes that were always too big, or too small for me.

When I reached Spring Park Elementary I just kept walking. I walked and walked for what seemed to be hours. Finally I came to this great big wide street which was at the end of Spring Park Road. I had never seen a street that big before and I had never seen so many cars in all my life. Across the street was a big brick store and the sign on top said Preston's Drugs. There was also a sign in the window that read, "Everything you'll ever want is here."

It took me almost an hour to get across Atlantic Boulevard, because I was so scared. But finally I ran across the road as fast as I could and none of the cars hit me. Then I walked into the large Preston's Drug Store and noticed people sitting at a counter drinking drinks with ice cream in them. I had never seen anything like that before. I don't think I ever had ice cream before, but that is not what I was looking for anyway.

The sign said they had everything that you would ever need in the whole wide world. I had heard about something very special and I wanted to buy one if they had it. I looked, and I looked, and I looked but I just could not find the thing that I had heard about on the television movie. Finally this old man

grabbed me by the arm, and scared me real bad too. "What are you doing in here, boy?" he yelled at me. "I'm looking for something special," I told him, as I backed against the wall. "Are you stealing stuff?" he said as he pointed directly at my nose.

"No sir. Mister," I said. "I'm not a stealer."

I was taken into the back office and a Policeman came and asked me why I was not in school. I didn't tell him anything because I was afraid that he would take me to jail for running away from the orphanage. So I just started crying really loud. After the Policeman left the room this old lady about twenty-five years old, came in and sat by me.

"Were you stealing?" she asked me.

"No ma'am. I was just looking for something special," I told her.

"And what might that be," she asked.

"Do you have a 'hug' in this here store?" I asked.

"We always have hugs for kids in this store," she said as she stood up, wrapped her arms around me and squeezed real tight. She smiled, walked out of the office and when no one came back for a long time I looked out the office door and saw that the back door of the store was open. I quickly walked out of the back door and I ran all the way back to school.

When I got back I found out that I was only 20 minutes late, I was the only kid in my class that day that did not have the five cent milk money for lunch. But that was OK, because I had laid my nickel on the man's

desk at the Preston's Drug Store to pay for the "hug" that the lady gave me.

It really was the store "that had everything in the world that you would ever need," and nobody can ever say that I stole it either.

BY Roger Dean Kiser
God's Work Ministry
Dwayne Sayava

Midwestern Corn Bread

1 1/4 cup flour, sifted
3/4 cup corn meal
5 teaspoons baking powder
5 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
1 egg
3 tablespoons butter, melted

Sift flour together with dry ingredients. Beat 1 egg and milk together. Add flour mixture and beat well. Add melted shortening. Bake in 9" iron skillet at 425° about 25 minutes or until browned.

Janet Wenger
Raleigh, N.C.

Kentucky Corn Bread

1 cup corn meal
1 cup buttermilk
1 tablespoon sugar
1 egg
1 heaping teaspoon baking powder
Pinch of soda
1 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup Crisco oil or any oil you prefer

Mix dry ingredients. Add hot oil and stir. Break egg in cups, fill to top with buttermilk, beat and pour into dry ingredients. Stir. Add about 1/4 cup more buttermilk. Stir and pour into greased and heated corn stick pan. Bake in hot oven (500°) until brown. "Finger-lickin' good."

Mrs. Nellie H. Clarkson
Raleigh, N.C.

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LIBRARY NOTES

September 2-5, 2008

Patrons	73
Library Programs	24
ASAP	3
Books Checked Out	85
Copies	11
Reference	6
Internet Users	17
Interlibrary Loans	1

Book Donations
Elzie and Evelyn Wilson
Sylvia King

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Chad and Kim Cunningham

Memorials
Linda Burns
In Memory of Wylie and Bonnie
Fay Sosebee

Volunteers
Buck Moore
Sue Bennett
Arlene Stephenson
Michelle Kaiser
Wilma Lawrence
Ann Beeler

Love Fund Established for Tommy Phillips

The Love Fund established for Tommy Phillips at Texas Heritage Bank remains open. Tommy was seriously injured in a one-vehicle accident on August 22nd. He was released from Covenant Hospital

in Lubbock last week.

Tommy and his family are appreciative of the concern expressed by many and for all contributions. They are especially thankful for the prayers

Commissioners approve the 2008 tax rate at .44081¢

The Callahan County Commissioners met Tuesday, September 2nd to adopt the new tax rate for the 2008 fiscal year, not the 2009 fiscal year as previously reported.

The minutes of the commissioners' court meeting should have read a motion by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham and a second by Commissioner Bryan Farmer, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to adopt the proposed 2008 tax rate of .44081 cents per \$100 of property value.

Voting for the motion were Commissioners Kirkham, Farmer, Harold Hicks and Tom Windham and County Judge Roger Corn.

At the meeting, the commissioners' court also voted to adopt the proposed 2008-2009 budget at the Tuesday morning meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and a second by Commissioner Farmer, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to adopt the budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

SEPTEMBER 15-19

MONDAY- Chicken Strips w/ Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Bread
TUESDAY- Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Italian Blend Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Gelatin, Garlic Toast
WEDNESDAY- Pinto Beans w/ Ham, Cucumber/Tomato Salad, Sauerkraut, Salad, Peach Cobbler, Cornbread
THURSDAY- Chicken Rice Broccoli Casserole, Waldorf Salad, Squash Medley, Pineapple, Bread
FRIDAY- Beef Vegetable Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Ranger Cookie, Pears, Crackers

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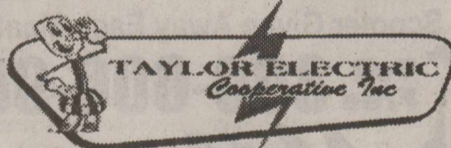
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A bank's advertisement began with a picture of a salt and pepper shaker set with the caption: "Some Partnerships are Meant to Be." Then it read: "Like salt and pepper, the bank and its customers create winning partnerships. That's the way business banking should be."

A song's lyrics of some time ago included, "Love and marriage, love and marriage, go together like a horse and a carriage" — then adds, "You can't have one without the other." There are some things that go together— and must go together— in order to "create winner partnerships."

Claims of being a Christian and living as a Christian go together. "You can't have one without the other!" Claims of loving God and loving all others go together. "You can't have one without the other!" The list of things that go together are endless— yet some things that don't go together need to be considered also. I'll save that until next week...

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Texas Midwest Conference is October 15th in San Angelo

The 15th annual Texas-Midwest Conference sponsored by the Texas Midwest Community Network will be held on Wednesday, October 15th at the San Angelo Convention Center in San Angelo. This year's Conference title is "From DREAMS to TRIUMPH: Defining the Path."

Online registration is underway now at TexasMidwest.org. Pre-registration must be received by October 10th and all registration received after October 10th is the walk-in rate.

The Early Arrival Event is \$25.00 per person. Conference pre-registration for individuals is \$35.00 per person. Conference pre-registration for groups of 5 or more on one registration form is \$30.00 per person. The walk-in registration rate is \$40.00 per person and is due upon arrival.

Early arrival events on Tuesday, October 14th will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Fiddle Fire and dinner and entertainment at Fort Concho.

Conference Schedule

Wednesday, October 15th

8:30 Registration
9:00 All Star Community Review
9:30 Opening Session
10:30 Solution Seminars
11:30 Entertainment & Silent Auction

12:15 Luncheon with Special Guest Speaker Rick Rhodes Assistant Commissioner for Rural Economic Development, Texas Department of Agriculture and TMCN Founder and Past President. Rhodes served as TMCN President from 1994-1995.

2:00 Marketing Panel
2:00 TMCN ED Alliance Meeting
3:00 Concho Valley Economic Development Consortium Meeting

Hotel prices for early arrivals at the San Angelo Inn & Convention Center is \$85 a night. The TMCN will have a block of rooms until October 7th. Call 1-800-784-7839 for reservations.

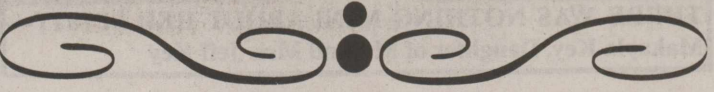


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who married on Saturday, August 16, 2008.

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MINI CHEER CAMP—1st and 2nd Graders.



MINI CHEER CAMP—5th and 6th Graders.

Junior High Football Kicks Off Season

By Coach Mitchell Atchley

The Cross Plains Junior High boys will start their season this Thursday at home against the Santo Wildcats. Game time is 6:00 p.m.

These young Buffs have been hard at work since the first day of school. They could not play the first two weeks because UIL rules prohibits them from starting any sooner.

Playing this year is 8th graders, Preston Posuk, Riley

Lawrence, Daniel Higgins, Blake Hutchins, Dakota Gilliam, Nathan Craft, Christ Yancy, Tony Skidmore, Joe Holland, Matt Purvis; 7th Graders, Tristen Stephenson, Taylor Parker, Michael Carpenter, Josh Branch, Christ Yancy, Justin Willis, D.J. Horito, Colton McWilliams, Chance Perry; 6th Graders, Keifer Steinle, Ben Branch, Bronc Dillard, Korbin McLean and Ricky Higgins.

So be there to root for these young Buffs as they start their season.

Cross Plains High School FOOTBALL UPDATE

By Coach Mitchell Atchley

The Cross Plains Buffaloes hosted the Menard Yellow Jacks last Friday night. Both teams came into the game with 1-0 records.

The Buffaloes faced a tough challenge against Menard. They are a Senior/Junior dominated team with a lot of team speed. They proved to be the better team. The Buffaloes fell behind quickly and at half the score was 41-0 and the final score was Menard 60-0.

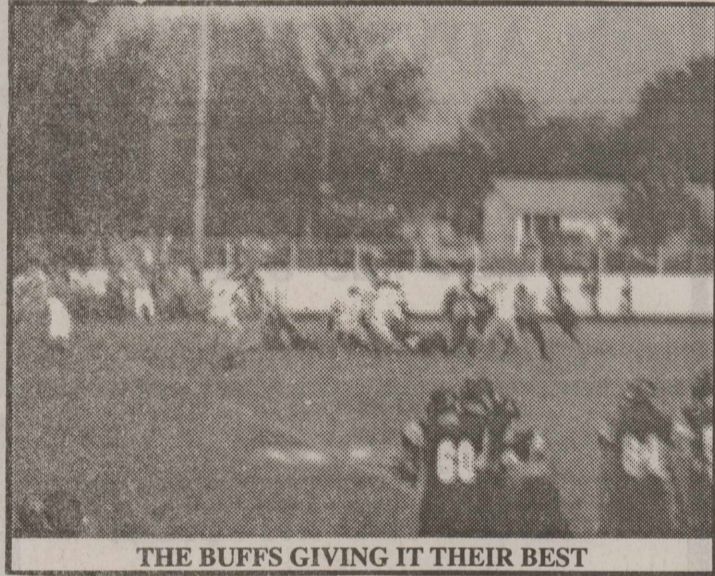
The Buffs had some offensive drives but could not sustain the drives. The team speed of Menard

closed the openings very quickly.

Defensively, the young Buffs had not seen speed like they saw Friday night. With time they will learn to adjust to the speed of the game.

The young Buffs played hard and came away with experience that will help them as the season goes on.

The Buffs will travel to Santo Friday night. The game time is 7:30 p.m. Both teams are coming off lop-sided losses. The team that uses last week's contest as a learning experience and put it behind them and focuses on improving this week, will come out victorious Friday evening.



THE BUFFS GIVING IT THEIR BEST

September 9 Registration Deadline Approaching for October ACT Test

The next ACT test will be administered on October 25, 2008. Students who wish to take the college admission and placement exam must register by September 19—the deadline for having the registration postmarked. Late registrations, with an additional fee, will be accepted until the final postmark deadline of October 3.

Students can register online at www.actstudent.org, or pick up registration packets from high school counseling offices.

The cost is \$31 for the traditional ACT and \$46 for the ACT Plus Writing. Some colleges require or recommend ACT's optional Writing Test score, so

students should find out the requirements of prospective colleges before registering for the exam. ACT scores are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the United States.

Additional information about registration for those with special needs can be found at www.actstudent.org. Students in need of financial assistance should visit their school counselor for qualification information and to apply for a fee waiver.

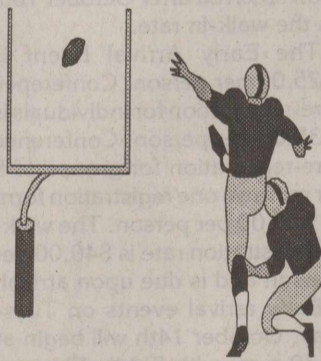
The ACT website (www.actstudent.org) has helpful information, free sample tests and the opportunity to order inexpensive test preparation materials.

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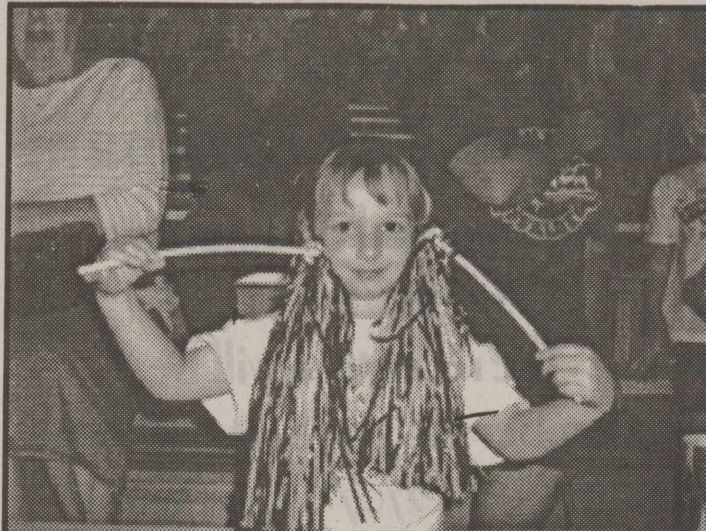
FRIDAY NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS

Football Photos Courtesy of Kim Lambert

GO BUFFS!



CHEERLEADERS SHOWING OFF THEIR TALENTS DURING GAME TIME.



THERE WAS NOTHING MINI ABOUT HER SPIRIT—Makayla Key, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Key

“Buffalo Breakfast” this Friday, Sept. 12

This Friday's Buffalo Breakfast will be hosted by the First Baptist Church at their Family Life Center beginning at 7 a.m. All football players, cheerleaders, band members, parents, coaches and administration are invited and encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the meal. There will be a 5-10 minute devotional and everyone is encouraged to stay and partake of the spiritual food as well as the physical.

Remember: Friday, September 12, 7 a.m.—First Baptist Family Life Center! Our Junior High team will be playing Santo here on Thursday night, 6 p.m.) Come and support our Junior High team if you possibly can. Our varsity team will be playing Santo at Santo beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Friday night (12th). Go and support our team there if you can!

Submitted by Bob Pipes

Commissioner Staples Launches Statewide Campaign Encourages Students to Eat School Meals

AUSTIN—In recognition of Obesity Awareness Week and as part of his ongoing effort to help end a growing obesity epidemic among Texas children and teenagers, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples launched the “Good Grades Start with Good Nutrition” campaign. The promotion encourages parents and students to take advantage of the healthy and affordable meals served at Texas schools.

“School meals are better than ever before. Today's school breakfasts and lunches include a

tasty array of fresh fruit, vegetables and baked meats,” Commissioner Staples said. “The Texas Department of Agriculture is committed to encouraging students to follow the 3Es for healthy living—Education, Exercise and Eating right, and we will continue to work with our Healthy Students = Healthy Families advisory team and with individual schools across the state to ensure students are offered nutritious meal choices at school.”

For more information about TDA's school meal programs, visit www.squaremeals.org.

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WEDNESDAY - Muffin, Yogurt, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY - Chalupas, Salad, Mixed Fruit
THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	THURSDAY- Lasagna or Corn Dog, Meadow Blend Vegetable, Bread Stick, Apricots
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Attorney General Greg Abbott Announces Confidential Address Program For Crime Victims

Victims of family violence, stalking and sexual assault can register for anonymous address

AUSTIN - Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today announced that family violence, stalking and sexual assault victims may be eligible to participate in a new, state-sponsored address confidentiality program. Eligible Texans can register for an anonymous address that will appear on voter and school registration cards, driver's licenses, and most government documents, including court records.

The Attorney General's Crime Victim Services Division will designate a substitute address for eligible victims; receive service of process and mail for the participants; and forward mail to participants' actual address. During the 80th Legislative Session, Sen. Eddie Lucio authored the legislation creating the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP), which authorizes the attorney general to provide this service to crime victims.

"Texas family violence, stalking and sexual assault victims can now obtain a confidential address that will help them protect their privacy and keep them secure," Attorney General Abbott said. "We are grateful to the victim assistance organizations that partnered with us to ensure this program provides the meaningful protections intended by the Legislature."

Applicants must meet with a local domestic violence shelter, sexual assault center, law enforcement, or prosecution staff member to discuss a safety plan and learn more about the enrollment process. To get contact information for local shelters,

access the Texas Council on Family Violence Web site at www.tcfv.org or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-SAFE. To contact local sexual assault centers, access the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault Web site at www.taasa.org or the National Sexual Assault Hotline at (800) 656-HOPE. Meeting with a victim advocate is vital to this process and required by law.

Sheryl Cates, chief executive officer of the TCFV and the National Domestic Violence Hotline praised the new program: "The ACP is yet another valuable tool available to victims of family violence in protecting themselves from the perpetrators who abuse them. We are grateful to General Abbott and his staff for seeking input from the Texas Council on Family Violence and many other domestic violence service providers in the development of ACP guidelines."

Annette Burrhus-Clay, executive director of TAASA, added: "Rape is a crime that removes control from a victim; this measure provides one additional avenue for restoring that control."

TAASA is proud to have worked with the Legislature, the Attorney General and other victim advocacy organizations to see this important program through to fruition and we're hopeful that survivors of sexual violence, stalking and domestic violence will find this a helpful tool on their path to recovery.

For more information about the Address Confidentiality Program or to learn more about the eligibility criteria, contact the program at (512) 936-1750 or (888) 832-2322, or visit the agency's Web site at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.

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AMERICAN JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION CHAMPION—Casey Carter, a junior at Baird High School, is the American Junior Rodeo Association (AJRA) Champion in the barrel racing and the pole bending events. She also placed 4th in the All-around for the year. The finals were held in San Angelo on July 28-August 3, 2008. Casey's parents are Ricky and Kelley Carter.



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Rolling Oaks Golf NEWS

There has been a lot happening at the course since the last article.

On Thursday, August 21, a new course record was set in the Two Man Scramble by Corey Morris and Chaz Odom, who came in at 8 under on the back nine. Eight teams participated and Corey and Chaz won. Kobey Morris Terry Odom came in tied for second with Bruce Rivers and David Scroggins at 7 under. Fourth went to Dave Evans and Terry Simmons with three under. Dave Evans was closest to the pin on 14 and on 16 it went to David Scroggins.

On Tuesday, August 26, seventeen competed in the ABCD Scramble. Three teams tied with 5 under. Team One was Kobey Morris, David Evans, Jimmy Kelly and Paula Cole. Team two was Bruce Rivers, Charlie Rogers, David Scroggins and Allen Phillips. Team three was Terry Odom, Terry Simmons, Byron Tolbert, Phil Davis and

Mike Jaynes. The scramble will carry over until next Tuesday, September 2, at 6:00 p.m. Closest to the pin on 14 will carry over and on 16 it went to Terry Odom.

On Thursday, August 28, we held our last Two Man Scramble of the season. Thursday night football is starting up and many of the golfers to the games. Only four teams participated. The winning team was Corey Morris and Chaz Odom with 7 under. Second place went to David Evans and Kobey Morris with 4 under. Closest to the pin went to Chaz Odom on 2 and to Kobey Morris on 6.

Remember the Saturday ABCD Scramble on September 13th at 1 p.m. Also be sure and mark your calendar for the 3M Company Tournament on Saturday, September 20, at 8 a.m. The course will be closed until 1:30 p.m. as a large turn out is expected.

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Commissioners approve 2008-2009 Citizens EMS service contract

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court voted to approve the 2008-2009 service contract with Citizens Emergency Medical Service during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, September 8th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve the 2008-2009 emergency medical service contract with Citizens EMS.

Also at Monday morning's meeting, the commissioners' court voted to appoint Steve Odom to replace Larry Ivy on the Citizens Emergency Medical Service Board of Directors. Before appointing Odom, commissioners had a discussion pertaining to the Citizens EMS board. The Citizens EMS board currently consists of six members and two of those members represent Callahan County. Each person on the board shall serve a two year term and may serve multiple terms. The County's representatives at this time are Doug Ford and Larry Ivy. Ford is currently in the middle of his two year term, while Ivy has served several times and is at the end of his current two year term.

Commissioner Windham made a motion to appoint Steve Odom to replace Larry Ivy for the next term as Callahan County's representative on the Citizens EMS Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote with Judge Roger Corn abstaining from voting. Judge Corn expressed his appreciation to Larry Ivy and the work he has done on the Citizens EMS board.

Other agenda items brought

before the commissioners' court included:

—The commissioners' court meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Judge Roger Corn. Present were 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.

—The minutes of the previous commissioners' court meetings were reviewed and signed.

—Under public comments, Justice of the Peace Burlie Taylor expressed his appreciation to the commissioners' court for appointing him to the office of Justice of the Peace Precinct #4. The appointment was to fill the vacancy left by the death of Bob Hill.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adopt the Callahan County Aging Services Agreement Resolution. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and it passed with a 5-0 vote.

—After discussing the appointment of a representative of Callahan County to the Callahan County Nutrition Board, Commissioner Windham made a motion to appoint Joe Odom to the Nutrition Board. Judge Corn seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Joe Odom will be Callahan County's representative on the Callahan County Nutrition Board.

—By a motion made by Commissioner Kirkham, a proclamation was signed proclaiming October 2008 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and October 1st as Callahan County Breast Cancer Awareness Day. The motion was seconded by Judge

Corn and carried with a 5-0 vote. A wreath will be hung on the County Courthouse door in Baird October 1st, commemorating the day as Callahan County Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

—Justice of the Peace Precinct #3 Steve Odom, Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 Roy Chapman, and Justice of the Peace Precinct #4 Burlie Taylor presented to the commissioners' court a request to purchase new Court Management Software. The JP offices are currently using EDOC Tech software. EDOC is updating their software at a mandatory cost of more than \$30,000. Judge Odom, Judge Chapman and Judge Taylor participated in live demonstrations from Hill Country Software and Net Data Software. Hill Country Software was chosen by the JP's due to the cost of the software, the maintenance and technical training and support. Net Data was significantly higher in cost in all areas. The funding for the software will come out of the JP Technology Fund. Payment for the software will be made in monthly installments of \$1,338.40. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the JP's recommendations of Hill Country Software and Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to pay all the approved bills. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, which passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and it passed with a 5-0 vote.

The Cowboy Strike

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

When the "beef bonanza" came to the Texas Panhandle in the 1880s, it sparked a classic confrontation – cattle punchers versus cattle barons – that ranks as one of the great tales of the golden age of the American cowboy. More than just a good story, though, it continues to provide valuable lessons about the pursuit of happiness and the American dream. Traditionally, cowboys and ranchers shared a friendly relationship. Frequently paid with cattle, and allowed to build their own maverick herds, cowboys lived with the hope, and prospect, of becoming ranchers themselves.

But when the demand for beef soared, a new "breed" of owners from England and Scotland came in and dominated the Panhandle lands. They formed corporations, claimed the maverick cattle as their own and insisted that the cowboys work for wages only.

When barbed wire was introduced, they fenced in the open range. Naturally, the cowboys resisted. At stake was their chance to claim a part of the American dream. Denied the right to own cattle, they demanded higher pay. The owners said no. So, just before

spring roundup 125 years ago, the cowboys shocked the cattle country. "They went on strike."

It was called the first cowboy strike in America. By some estimates, the number of striking cowboys grew to more than 300 across five large ranches. The owners fought back, firing cowboys and hiring replacements. Their strike in 1883, 10 years before Labor Day became a legal holiday in Texas, accentuated a deep-seated belief that hard work deserves honest pay and fair treatment. After two-and-a-half months, the resistance of the cowboys weakened and the strike ended. During the strike, the town of Tascosa became a popular place for out-of-work cowboys. Money saved to weather the walkout all too often evaporated amid the temptations of this "Cowboy Capital of the Panhandle," northwest of Amarillo. In the daytime, Tascosa was a trade and supply center. At night, its rip-roaring "suburb" of Hogtown provided entertainment for a cast of characters that even Hollywood could not invent.

The mysterious and intriguing Frenchy McCormick and her husband, Mickey, reigned over

the gambling parlors of Hogtown. Frenchy dealt the cards and Mickey tended the bar. Keeping the law in Hogtown were Sheriff Pat Garrett and District Attorney Temple Lea Houston, son of Sam Houston. Keeping them busy were a cast of notorious characters, including famed bad man Billy the Kid. The cowboys around Tascosa were rugged individualists with a deep streak of independence. They worked from sunrise to sundown – from "can see to can't see" – roping, bulldozing, branding and herding cattle. But their way of life on the open range would fade, as would Tascosa. The death knell for the town came when the main east-west railroad bypassed it.

But the American dream did not die with it.

Tascosa took on a new purpose when the ghost town was donated to help start Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in 1939. Since it was founded nearly 70 years ago, the Boys Ranch has cared for more than 8,000 at-risk children. Cal Farley became known as "America's Greatest Foster Father." On the site of old Tascosa, the chance to fulfill the American dream has come full circle.

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This Week in Texas History

By: Bartee Haile

Texans go down fighting in Central America

September 10 - 16, 2008
Two hundred Texans itching for a fight answered the call of Gen. William Walker and sailed for Nicaragua on Sep. 13, 1856.

By the mid-1800's, the South was caught between the proverbial rock and a hard place. To satisfy the increasing demand for cotton, planters from Texas to Virginia were in desperate need of more field hands. But a strong back sold at auction for as much as \$1,500, a price only the wealthiest plantation owners could pay.

Texans, who had argued for years over the slavery issue, found themselves in the same leaky boat. Putting aside their differences, the rabid and the reasonable agreed on reopening the African slave trade.

But the illegal shipment of human cargo required a convenient way-station south of the border, and no such hospitable depot existed. That was where a pint-sized adventurer named William Walker came in.

Six inches shy of six feet and barely a hundred pounds soaking wet, the tiny Tennessean did not look the part of an American Napoleon. Yet Walker believed with all his heart that fate had cast him in the role.

Accompanied by 55 fervent followers, Walker intervened in the Nicaraguan civil war in the summer of 1855. Six months later, after a series of amazing victories, the self-commissioned General was the undisputed ruler of the tropical country.

By May 1856, the same month the United States recognized his regime, Texas editors and prominent personalities were singing Walker's praises. At Galveston none other than David G. Burnet, first president of independent Texas, presided over a mass meeting to drum up support for the General, and ships bound for Nicaragua regularly stopped at the island

to pick up eager passengers.

Walker did have his detractors, such as a North Texas newspaper which branded him a slaver rather than a liberator. Jumping to the defense of the General and resumption of the slave trade, the "Galveston News" expressed the prevailing opinion of the day: "If you agree to slavery, you must agree to the trade, for they are one. Those who are not for us must be against us. Those who deny slavery and the slave trade are against the South."

In a June 1856 election, Nicaraguans chose Gen. Walker as their president, but the neighboring nations of Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Costa Rica refused to abide by the surprising results. Backed by the British, whose navy blockaded Nicaraguan ports, the four countries launched a simultaneous invasion.

When word of Walker's predicament reached Texas, young men by the score volunteered to risk their lives for the embattled cause. Two hundred, personally recruited by a top Walker lieutenant, sailed from New Orleans in September followed by 280 more in December.

Bolstered by the reinforcements, the outnumbered filibusters stood their ground and drove the enemy from Nicaragua. But a second invasion was imminent, and in January 1857 the "Galveston News" published a letter from a detachment called the "Texas Rangers" asking for additional aid.

Once again the response was swift and impressive. At San Antonio 104 men banded together under the banner "Alamo Texans." At their departure for the faraway front, admiring residents gave the group a battle flag with the inscription "Remember you are Texans." A Corpus Christi contingent was led by the mayor, who resigned from office in order to fight on the

foreign shore.

The inevitable counterattack came in the winter of 1857. Although a predominantly Texan force of 400 whipped 3,000 Guatemalans, the deck was stacked against the Americans. Faced with the choice of extermination or exile, Walker and his surviving troops abandoned Nicaragua in May.

Texans made up the majority of the 300 stubborn souls that returned with the General in 1857 to recapture the country. This expedition was nipped in the bud by a U.S. naval officer, who took it upon himself to evict his fellow countrymen from Nicaraguan soil.

The single-minded Walker tried to mount still another comeback, but the twin prospects of secession and civil war caused Texas and the rest of the South to lose interest. Refusing to quit while he was ahead, Walker set sail for the last time in 1860 with a boatload of drunks and misfits.

In the end, Walker traded his own life for the safety of the pathetic band. The obliging British made the necessary arrangements, including the cold-blooded surrender of the General to his Honduran executioners, and on Sep. 12, 1860 he was shot to death by a firing squad of barefoot peasants.

Of the estimated 3,000 Americans who fought with William Walker, as many as half hailed from the Lone Star State. Of the thousand that died from wounds, disease and inhumane treatment as prisoners, at least 400 were Texans, for whom Nicaragua turned out to be an Alamo without a San Jacinto.

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 come on by HYPERLINK "http://www.twlwith.com" www.twlwith.com for a visit!

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DATED September 3, 2008, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Callahan County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter styled and numbered causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on September 3, 2008, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in October, 2008, the same being the 7th day of October, 2008, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Baird, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Callahan and the State of Texas, to-wit:

CAUSE NO.

STYLED, DEFENDANTS AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

T-1327 County of Callahan v. Eddie L. Rose and Anita Rose

Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4, Block 88, Central Addition to the City of Cross Plains

T-1341 County of Callahan v. Virginia Ann Green, Jimmy Hash a/k/a Jimmy Bryan Hash, A.D. Ash, Jessica Allene Timea, Jamie Kyle Hash, Tyene Lou Echols, Mary Jo Ash, R.G. Maxwell, R. W. Wolf, Almeta Wolf, W.T. Cross, T.F. Steele, Annie L. Eggar, Emil H. Juergensen and J.M. Jones

Lots 3 & 4, Block A, Fair Oaks Acres Addition to the City of Clyde

Lots 1, 2 & 3, Block B of the Fair Oaks Acres Addition to the City of Clyde

T-1519 County of Callahan v. Barbara J. Ramos

1 acre out of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 63, BBB & C RR Co.

Survey

T-1621 County of Callahan v. Grace Ann Meads

160 acres, more or less, out of the Northwest 1/4 of the Deaf & Dumb Asylum Survey, out of Abstract 773

10.67 acres, more or less, out of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Deaf & Dumb Asylum Survey #33, out of Abstract 1803

T-1631 County of Callahan v. David H. Cox, Minnie M. Cox and Marie Laird (In Rem Only)

Lots 16, 17 and 18, Block 14, Railroad Addition, City of Clyde

T-1638 County of Callahan v. Janie Gomez, First National Bank, Baird, Lienholder (In Rem Only) and J.L. Cavender

Lot 11, Block 10, Original Townsite to the Town of Baird

Lot 12, Block 10, Original Townsite to the Town of Baird

T-1637 County of Callahan v. Allison Renee Wilson

35.38 acres, more or less, out of Subdivision 15 of the Powell and Leggett Subdivision of the J & R Johnson Ranch, part of the Powell and Leggett Subdivision of the J & R Johnson Ranch, part of Victoria County School Land Survey #337, out of Abstract 515

T-1655 County of Callahan v. Mack E. Ayers and Dorothy C. Ayers

one acre of land out of Tracts 6 and 7 of the Mystic Eastwood Subdivision of a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 63, T & PRR County Survey, Block 14

T-1651 County of Callahan v. Gary Griffin

Lot 5, Block 31, Original Townsite of the Town of Baird Lot 10, Block 21, of the Town of Baird Lot 6, Block 31, Original Townsite of the Town of Baird

T-1660 County of Callahan v. Brenda Brooker Lewis and Danny Lewis

7.02 acres, more or less, out of Abstract 675, BBB & RR Co. Survey 120 Lot 11, Block 28, Railroad Addition to the South 1/2 of Lot 6, Block 3,

Newlon's Addition to the City of Baird

T-1670 County of Callahan v. Randy Fox, Irma Jean Fox and Internal Revenue Service, Lienholder (In Rem Only)

all of Lot 8 and the South 1/2 of Lot 9, Block 1, City of Baird

T-1664 County of Callahan v. Philip Staten

100' x 150' of Lot 2, Block 73, Railroad Addition, City of Baird

T-1667 County of Callahan v. Christina Sutphen a/k/a Christina Sutphen Bozeman a/k/a Tina Sutphen Bozeman

80' x 150' out of Abstract 761, City of Baird

T-1677 County of Callahan v. Dorcie L. Miller

Lots 1 and 2, Block 6, of the Haley Addition of the City of Cross Plains

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

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Beginning September 17th, Allied Waste will begin delivering 95 gal poly carts to Cross Plains residents and commercial customers currently receiving curbside service. The new containers will be blue in color, and marked with AW Logo. Poly carts will be set with literature explaining the service. For additional information please contact City Hall at 254.725.6114.

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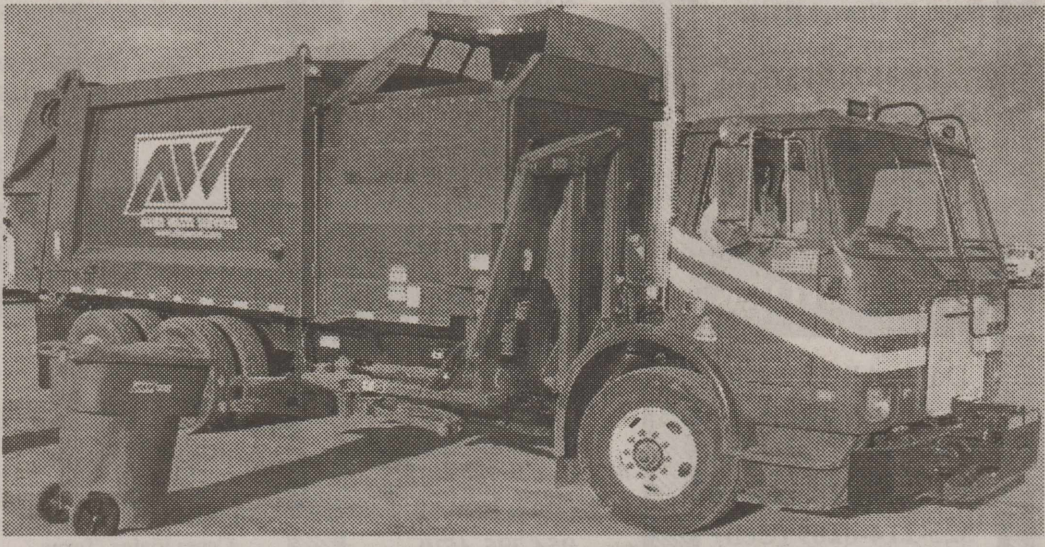
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Please be patient with us as we start this process. Representatives from City Hall (254.725.6114) are available to answer your questions.



Future of Texas windpower unveiled

AUSTIN - Sunday marks the beginning of North America's largest wind energy conference, Windpower 2008 in Houston, where officials are expected to announce a historic new federal wind blade test facility will be built on the Texas coast. Governor Perry is scheduled to provide the conference keynote address.

"The Texas wind energy industry will reach critical mass with this announcement," said Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office and leading proponent of wind energy. "Not only will Texas lead the nation in installed windpower capacity, we will be poised to be the one-stop shop for research, manufacturing and production of wind turbines."

To be built through an innovative public-private partnership led by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the facility will test wind turbine blades for

use in commercial wind farms around the world. The testing lab will be built in Ingleside near Corpus Christi on land donated by BP.

"Once we build this test facility in Texas, the wind turbine and blade manufacturers will come," Patterson said. "Just like when the federal government put the space center in Houston, this test facility will launch new wind blade research and manufacturing jobs in Texas. This facility will establish Texas as a worldwide leader in wind power for decades to come."

Patterson also noted a Texas-based test facility will give the U.S. an advantage in getting a bigger share of the projected \$80 billion annual international business in designing and building turbines.

Under Patterson's leadership, Texas signed the nation's first six leases for the development of offshore wind power. Texas is

primed for wind industry development, Patterson said.

"Texas has deep industrial know-how based on our history of oil and gas development. Texas has strong gulf winds, the political will and the infrastructure, like transportation and deep-water ports, to make our state the perfect site for this fast-growing industry," Patterson said.

And no coastal state has greater wind energy potential than Texas. Texas could generate as much as 10 gigawatts of offshore wind energy, according to resource assessments conducted by the University of Houston. The nation's cumulative wind power capacity is currently 9,971 megawatts, approximately half of which is installed in Texas. The booming growth of the wind industry in Texas makes the state a natural fit for the testing of the huge turbine components required for future wind farms.

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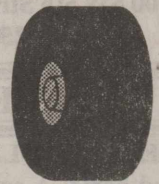
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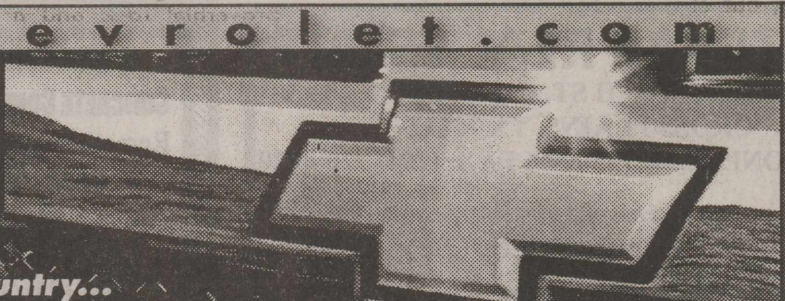
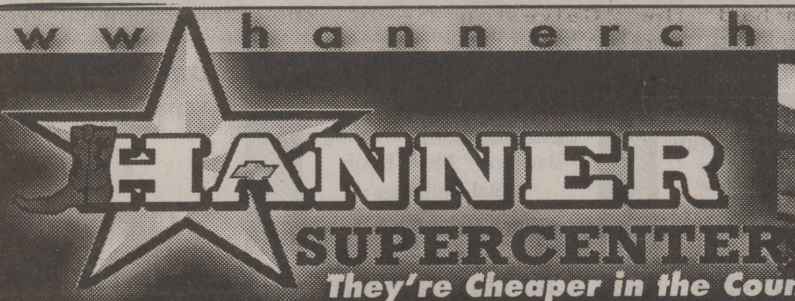
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MAYBE IT'S JUST ME BUT...

By DEBORAH LOWITZER

Politics aside, I have experienced an awakening of sorts the last week or so. I can only speak from my life awareness as a woman about this phenomenon. Since hearing Sarah Palin speak a few times, I have felt an enormous surge of possibility, confidence and inspiration as a female.

I'm not a 'feminist'. In my opinion, those women who have cloaked themselves in that banner are surprising silent during this opportunity handed to them on a silver platter. Are they rallying around Sarah as they have other female leaders who represented more of their off-center agenda? No.

It's certainly not that Sarah isn't capable enough. She's strong, skilled, sharp, sensitive and sassy. I think it's political sunscreen that's blocking the healing warmth generated by this astounding, yet everyday woman. They just don't seem to be awakening the gift Sarah has given us.

Politics aside, that gift is astounding in its potential. This week I have felt more hopeful and empowered as a wife, mother and woman than I ever have. I have embraced the opportunity to come closer along side my husband. Isn't that God's original intent, to be a strong competent compatible partner?

I have felt braver. Case in point: I have faced a snake with confidence and shot a gun. A new capability has possessed me. Lingering back in an unsure female position (whatever that

was) has fled. I feel more comfortable in my own skin. I stand firmer and taller.

Alaska's slogan is the "Last Frontier". What woman doesn't wonder if she would have been strong enough to have trailblazed along side her man as they struck off for the Wild West, Texas or Alaska before each were settled? Those were might strong men and women. They dared to push. To reach farther than their fellow city-rooted peers, in order to make a better life in an unknown territory. They dare to put feet to their dreams.

I believe Sarah Palin has struck a chord in a lot of women about Frontiers and Pioneering in their own lives. Ladies, what has been idling in your life behind the scenes, just waiting for the green flag to wave? What plans were shoved to the back burner because you believed you just couldn't reach to attain it? Well, what ever those goals and dreams are, I've got good news for you. The flag is waving and the burner is set to red hot.

Now is the time to accept our inspiring roles as full-fledged capable women, wives and mothers. Sarah Palin has opened the door. We can be who we were meant to be and do what we were meant to do with femininity, grace and style. By the way, the name Sarah means "Noble Princess".

Some people say there are 18 million cracks in the 'glass ceiling', as Mayor, Governor and now Vice-Presidential Candidate, it appears as though Sarah Palin has not only broken through, but has built a door welcoming us in.

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SHANDA MCCLURE AND WILLIAM JOHNSON

McClure - Johnson to Wed on September 20th

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Daniels and Mr. and Mrs. Mike McClure, Jr. would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shanda Michelle, to William Lee Johnson, Jr. The ceremony will be September 20, 2008 at the Cross Plains Community Center. Shanda is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Mike McClure, Sr. and the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Velma Lee, the late Damon Jones, Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Merrill, and Mr. and Mrs. W.T. McClure. William is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Johnson, Sr. and the grandson of Helen Whitley, the late Carl Whitley, Margret Gregory and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Johnson.

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