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**ROBERT E. HOWARD MUSEUM** Price 50 d

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THE FIGHTING BUFFALOES Masthead designed by Barbara J. Sowell

**93RD YEAR** 

### **CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443**



EDITOR'S NOTE: The following poem was written by my daughter-in-law, Jamie King, and seemed appropriate for Father's Day. "Happy Father's Day" to every dad and let's hold dear the memories of those already past. Vanda Anderson-Creech

"The Things You Taught Me I Will Always Know"

**By Jamie King** 

The things you taught me I will always know. How could I not? The roots have sunk so deep:

All lessons of the heart that I will keep

No matter who I am or where I go. Kids learn from what their parents are, and so

You are my book of life, the thoughts I reap;

Only in your arms I quiet sleep; Under my words your voice sings

soft and slow. From you I learned the rules of right

and wrong Against which I at times had to

rebel, Though with regret I carry with me

still. How lucky I am to have been loved

so well, Even as I pushed against your will,

Relying on a father fair and strong.



### **BEND OVER OLD FLAG**

Oh bend over halfway, old flag, and weep tears. While your colors on high do soar. Oh bend over half way and weep, old flag, for the brothers we lost on foreign and distant shores. So cling to the pole, old flag, half mast there to stand. To remind us of the price we paid, for the freedom of this land.

So bend half over, old flag, and don't be ashaned to cry.

For you are what they were fighting for, the brothers that had to die.

So let your stars shine, there among your tears, for you have been waving now for freedom,

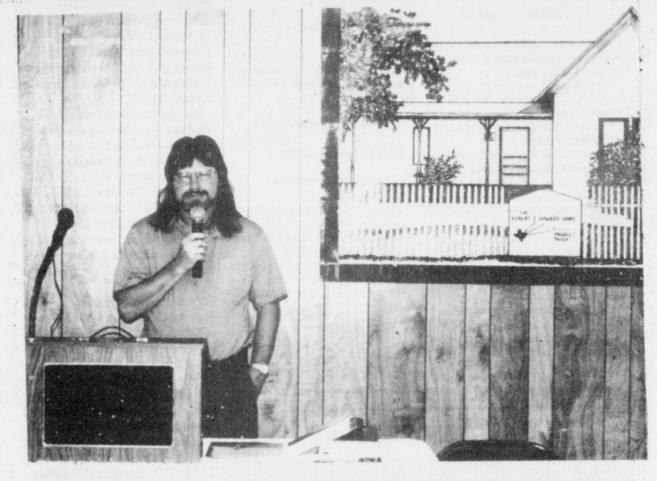
for many a many a year.

So don't be ashamed old flag, as you bend half over. For you are showing the world there is peace and love in this land that you fly over. For you are Old Glory, waving there on high.

And you stand for Freedom. So don't be ashamed to cry.

> D.B. GUNN 11-10-1980

**Commissioners** approve order prohibiting use of fireworks



DR. CHARLES GRAMLICH WAS THE SPEAKER AT THE HOWARD DAYS FRIDAY EVENING DINNER. (Howard Days photos courtesy of Wallace Bennett.)



# Cottonwood Musical

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will be hosting their Country and Western Musical on Friday, June 15, at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The ladies will be serving salad plates, sandwiches and pies, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Musical entertainment begins at 6 p.m. with Mary E. Weaver serving as emcee.

There is no admission to the musical and everybody is invited to attend. Ya'll come!

## Community **Hosting Blood Drive Tuesday**

The Cross Plains Community will host a blood drive on Tuesday, June 19. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at Food Plaza from 3:00 until 6:30 p.m. "The summer months present a difficult challenge and we are grateful to the citizens of Cross Plains for hosting this blood are crucial in helping us maintain an adequate supply of safe blood."

Less than 5 percent of healthy Americans eligible to donate blood actually donate each year, yet 72 percent of the population will require a transfusion of some type of blood product or component before the age of 70. Accident victims, cancer patients, premature babies and patients being treated for severe anemia are some of the recipients of blood donations. Bach denation san help up to three different people. Platelets and plasma are separated from the red cells to meet the differing needs of the public.

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along County Roads

Callahan County Commissioners, holding a regular bimonthly meeting Monday, June 11, approved an order prohibiting use of fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the order effective immediately. Under the order, a person commits an offense if he or she intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly detonates, ignites, or in any way uses fireworks on 'a County Road or in the right-of-way of a County Road.

The order states if the landowners' permission is obtained prior to, a person may detonate, ignite, or use fireworks on private property in unincorporated areas of the County as long as: (1) the person using the fireworks is not intoxicated as defined in Vernon's Act. Civ. St. Art 62011-1 (a), (2) Reasonable precautions are taken concerning proximity to structures and flammable vegetation, (3) Children are adequately supervised by adults, (4) Water is readily available for extinguishing fires. An offense under this order is a

Class C Misdemeanor punishable

#### by fine up to \$500.00.

Other agenda items brought before the Commissioners' Court included:

-There was no public comment received.

-County Commissioners voted to table discussion of the County Employee Health Insurance until the June 25 Commissioners' Court meeting. The item was tabled because two Commissioners were unable to attend the June 11th meeting.

-Commissioners reported receiving a rough draft of the redistricting plans for the Callahan County Commissioners and voting precincts. The item was tabled by the Commissioners' Court until the June 11th Court meeting.

-Commissioners voted unanimously to approve waiving taxes for the Cross Plains Housing Authority

-Commissioners voted unanimously to approve a resolution for program changes on the supplemental death benefits for County employees

-Commissioners voted to pay all approved bills.

# drive," said Frances Baker, Donor Recruiter. "The blood drives we have New Pastor at First **United Methodist Church**

### **By VICKI DILLARD**

The members of the First United Methodist Church would like to welcome and announce that Rev. Michael Redd and his wife, Sandy, are officially here in Cross Plains. His first sermon will be conducted on Surning, June 17, at 10:45 a.m.

The members are anxious and excited about experiencing a new pastor. We would like to regain attendance numbers now that we are blessed with a new pastor. Our faith has increased knowing God has a plan and we will be taken care of.

First United Methodist Church invites members of the community to join us in welcoming Rev. Reed and his wife, Sandy, on Sunday, June 17th. Church service begins at 10:45 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Our youth will also be hosting a hamburger/hot dog lunch in honor of Father's Day, so plan to stay for lunch also. Hope to see you there! God Ricer

STEVE TOMKINS (FROM LEFT), DR. CHARLES GRAMLICH AND RUSTY BURKE MEMBERS OF ONE OF THE PANEL DISCUSSIONS SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

# **Robert E. Howard Days**

## **Project Pride proudly presents proof** that Robert E. Howard was not crazy

### **By WALLACE BENNETT**

Robert E. Howard was not just "Dr. Howard's crazy son," as popular rumor around Cross Plains seems to have been in the early 1930's. That is the consensus of opinions expressed during the celebration of Robert E. Howard Days this past weekend.

Calling on psychology professor Charles Gramlich of Xavier University, New Orleans, to examine the known evidence of Robert Howard's life in Cross Plains and his writings for a determination of Howard's mental state, Project Pride presented a positive side of Howard to begin the festivities. The positive theme carried on throughout the two days of celebration.

Over 75 out-of-towners and members of the Robert E. Howard United Press Association (REHUPA), plus local Howard fans registered for the events. They came from California, Vancouver, British Columbia, Ohio, Virginia, Indiana, Arkansas, Dallas, San Antonio and other locations, to honor Howard and discuss his body of "fantasy" writings.

Events of the weekend included open house tours of the Howard House, refreshments under the pavil-

known haunts of Robert Howard, two Howard's suicide was, in all probdiscussion groups on Saturday and a ability a reactive depression brought final gathering to feast on hot dogs and watch the sun go down at the Caddo Peak Ranch. This event was sponsored by the Middleton family, owners of the ranch.

The Project Pride organization owns the Howard House Museum and sponsors the Robert E, Howard Days celebration and considers the event as a primary effort in their mission to booster and boast the image of Cross Plains.

Under the title, "Robert E. Howard: Creating Himself," Dr. Gramlich delivered the keynote speech for the dinner meeting on Friday night that entertained all the visiting Howard fans and local dignitaries.

Holding up a copy of the Diagnostic Statistical Manual (DSM4), used by the American Psychological Association as the standard for diagnosing mental illnesses, Gramlich carefully checked off several of the common tags of "craziness."

Bi-polar disorder: no! Manic-depressive: no! Clinical depression: no! So on and so on. In fact, the term, "crazy" is not a clinically correct term

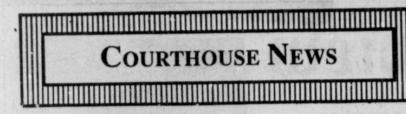
LITTLE LEAGUE Trophy Presentation: Friday June 15th 6:00 p.m. at Little League Fields For All Teams

ion, walking tours of Cross Plains and Dr. Gramlich indicated that on by the death of his mother, and that his episodes of strange behavior; such as, shadowboxing along the streets of Cross Plains, wearing bizarre clothing and other odd behaviors were in effect, his way of creating, unconsciously, a series of new "persona"; different than his true self and with which he populated his

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#### COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding

#### **Misdemeanor Filings**

Edward T. Stone, theft of property by check. Grady Joe Groves, theft of prop-

erty by check.

Freddy Mendez, Jr., theft of property by check. Michael G. Dawson, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

#### **Misdemeanor Minutes**

Christopher Denton, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Mary Zuniga, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.

Debbie Ingram, order extending probation granted.

John Lachenmeyer, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Grayson Co. granted.

Miguel Molina, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Tarrant Co. granted.

Robin Denton, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Tarrant Co. granted.

Cindy Watts, order revoking probation granted.

Francisco Gomez, order revoking probation granted.

Christopher Espitia, order revoking probation granted.

### Marriage Licenses

Jay Earl Jackson and Beatrice Kay Bell, both of Cross Plains. Ricky Allen Losee, Sr. and Shirley Ann Conley, both of Cross Plains. Brian Jayson Stearns and Jeri Renea Barron, both of Canyon.

> 42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

> > **Civil Filings**

#### **Civil Minutes**

First Select Corporation vs. Randy K. Davis, default judgment granted to plaintiff from defendant for \$5,472.45.

**Criminal Indictments** 

dismiss to possession of controlled substance granted, defendant sentenced to federal prison.

theft, 5 years probation, \$500 fine, \$255.25 court costs, \$18,075.79 restitution

### **OBITUARIES**

**Frances Brewster Rone** 

Mrs. Frances Brewster Rone, 85, of Cross Plains, died Tuesday, June 5, 2001, in the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home in Cross Plains.

Services were held at 10 a.m., Thursday, June 7, 2001, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Burlie

Taylor officiating. Burial was in the Abilene Memorial Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.

Frances was born October 16, 1915, in Taylor County, Texas to Hugh Brewster and Maude (Thomas) Brewster. She married Frank Wellman Rone in Sudan, Texas on January 2, 1937.

She was a devoted wife to Frank Wellman Rone for more than 64 years and is now with her beloved husband, who preceded her in death last August. The couple moved to Cross Plains in 1972 when Frank retired from Gulf Oil Corp. He was a Gulf Oil distributor and she was his bookkeeper in Sudan where she grew up and raised her sons. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

She is survived by two son, Robert Rone of Houston and Tommy Rone of Lubbock and their families, including three grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

Pallbearers were Rickey Carey, Jack Rhyne, Eugene Hamilton, Mike Rone, Jimmy Dale Long and Harold Garrett.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to the Cross Plains E.M.S., P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, Texas 76443 in Frances' name.

Andrew Manuel Sawyer Andrew Manuel Sawyer, age 59, of West Liberty, Iowa, passed away June 6, 2001, in Liberty Iowa.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 11, 2001, at Pioneer Cemetery in Eastland County, under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Mr. Sawyer was born January 17. 1942, in Baird, Texas to Roy Sawyer and Pauline Lee.

Survivors include his mother, Pauline Regian of Cross Plains; a brother, Troy Sawyer of Brownwood; half sister, Edith Sorrell, and half brother, James Nelson, both of Arizona.

Minnie R. Swann

Minnie R. Swann, 97, passed away Thursday, June 7, 2001, in the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home in Cross Plains.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 9, 2001, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Burlie Taylor officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of the arrangements.

Minnie was born February 23, 1904, in Hilton, Texas in Nolan County to William Medford Lewis and Annie Elizabeth Bruce. She married Harlie L. Swann in Electra, Texas on October 1, 1922.

She is survived by four grandchildren, Latricia Chandler and Linda Chandler, both of Cross Plains, Lavena Peppler of Denton and Lisa Marquez of Fort Worth; four greatgrandchildren; and two great-greatgrandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Building, P.O. Box 333, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Henry G. Wellmaker, Jr. Henry G. Wellmaker, Jr., 71, died Saturday, June 9, 2001, at an Abilene medical center.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 5701 Hwy 277, South, Abilene.

He was born February 18, 1930, in Grandview, Johnson County, Texas. He owned and operated the Singer Sewing Center in Abilene for 51 years. He married Zexia Parmer in Sudan, Texas on August 1, 1992. Mr. Wellmaker was a member of First Baptist Church in Eastland.

Survivors include his wife, Zexia Wellmaker of Abilene; two sons, Henry G. Wellmaker, III, of Abilene and George Wellmaker of Houston; two daughters, Adie Thomas of Cisco and Bonnie Potter of Cross Plains; two sisters, Mary Williams of Brownwood and Betty Tidwell of Stamford: and several grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association ALS (Lou Gehrig's) Research, P.O. Box 3011, Abilene, Texas 79604; American Cancer Research, PA.O. Box 41, Abilene, Texas 79604 or the American Heart Association, 149 N. Willis,

# **VA Establishes Claim Processing Task Force**

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According to Billy Murphey, Vet- of claims, from medical examinations erans County Service for Brown County, a commitment to make the processing of applications for veterans benefits faster, easier and more accurate took a major step forward today when Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Pincipi signed the charter to establish a special Claims Processing Task Force for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

"The president promised a top-tobottom review of our claims, we should use the best processes available."

The 10-person task force, headed by retired Vice Admiral Daniel L. Cooper, will examine a wide range of issues affecting the speedy processing

Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association meeting June 21

The Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association will meet at the Highway 206 Baptist Mission in Cross Plains on Thursday, June 21

The executive board meeting and WMU meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by supper at 6:00 p.m. Music will begin at 7:00 p.m. under the direction of Mike and Karen Anderson of Brownwood. Guest speaker will be Miles Seaborn, retired pastor of Birchman Baptist Church in Fort Worth and former president of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.

Edward Walters, Sr., pastor of Highway 206 Baptist Mission, Invites all area churches to attend. **Cross Timbers Southern Baptist** Association has thirty member churches located in Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Hamilton, Nolan, Stephens and Taylor counties. The association is affiliated wit the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

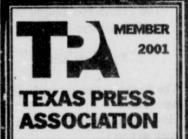
For more information about this meeting contact Dwaine Clower, Association Moderator at (254) 725-7574.

and information technology, to efforts to shrink the backlog and increase the accuracy of decisions. The panel's. final report to the secretary is due in approximately 120 days.

The average time to process a claim for disability compensation or a VA pension is expected to increase from 202 days this year to 273 days next year. Among the factors lengthening the delay are new legislation strengthening VA's "duty to assist" veterans when they file for benefits and a decision earlier this year to make it easier for Vietnam veterans with adult-onset diabetes to receive disability compensation for the illness.

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GOSPEL MISSION 716 1st Street **Full Gospel** 

Sunday Morning Worship..... ..10:00 a.m.

**Michael Ingram, Pastor** 

### **BELIEVER'S FELLOWSHIP**

Inner-denominational-Evangelical

EAST HIGHWAY 36
Sunday School
Morning Worship
Evening Worship
EAST HIGHWAY 36 Sunday School

Joanne Holland, theft.

#### **Criminal Minutes**

Jarrad E. Hoggett, motion to

Joanne Holland, plea of guilty to

Wednesday Prayer Service. Bob Wallace, Pastor (254) 725-6607

UNITED PRESBYTER	RIAN CHURCH
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Colleen Anderson	Sunday Morning 10:00 a.m.
Maxey Evans	Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Youth Pastors - James &	dlenda Tidwell
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### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School9:	45 A.M.
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Evening Service	00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time7	
Joe Coppinger, Pastor (254) 725 -7730 Church (254)725	
Friendly Church · Bible Teaching	



# **Little George Haven's Cowboy Camp June 15-24**

meeting was held at Flying H Acres on Highway 84 between Coleman and Santa Anna. This year, June 15th thru the 24th, the camp will celebrate its 35th year with great gospel messages and soul-stirring songs once again. There will again be top evangelists preaching and singing under the big tent at eight each evening and ten each morning except Saturdays. There are also tentative plans for a

new outreach that may include a rodeo play day at the Santa Anna Rodeo grounds that would be held after the camp meeting.

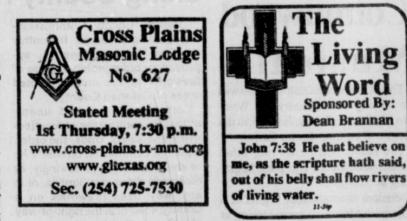
On Friday and Saturday Evangelist Rick Ingle will open with the Wills Family. Also joining in will be Rev. Sjolander and the Santa Anna Church Choir. Todd Hervey will preach on Monday and Jeff Gore on Tuesday. Wednesday, Rev. Joe Price of Mesquite will preach and sing. On Wednesday and Thursday, Johnny and Nelda Flanagan will perform. **Evangelist Larry Taylor will preach** on Thursday and Friday. Harold Council of Paducah, Kentucky was a speaker at the 25th anniversary and returns this year for Saturday and Sunday services. On Sunday morning the 23rd, Jack Pediford of Granbury will begin services.

Soul winning classes are scheduled for Saturday, 6/16, after chuck wagon 942-9874 or during camptime (915) breakfast and Monday and Tuesday 348-3686.

It was in 1966 that the first camp at 10 a.m. and will be led by Randy James. This year the camp will be blessed by Kathy Stephens - comic with a melodrama presentation. Bob McClain, president of the Christian Motorcyclists of Brownwood area chapter and Ben Chipley, president of the Dallas area chapter will also bring a group for song and testimony on the 22nd and 23rd. Paul Cornelius joins the camp for the first time as a representative from the Southern Baptist of Texas of the Comanche region. Levi Aultridge will come to take us all for "rides" in old-time more of travel. There will be more singer and evangelists that you will not want to miss.

> Tim Conti of Bastrop joins the camp as youth leader. Betty and James Murry returns as childrens' leaders. There will be campfires after services led by Jeff Gore with group singing, western recitations and songs of Zion and the old west. Chuck wagon meals just like yesteryear are at 6 p.m. on Saturdays with the camp furnishing barbecue, biscuits, tea and coffee. The other nights the campers gather together for potluck.

> Church groups and families are invited to come and camp out in trailers or tents or stay at nearby motels in Santa Anna or Coleman. For more information call Lucy Havens (214)





## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 10th & Main Cross Plains (254) 725-7629

9:45 a.m. Bible Study Opportunities For All Age

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

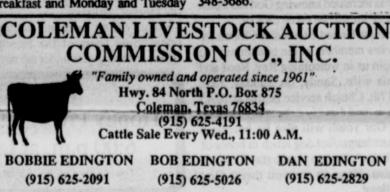
"FATHER'S DAY" "Being Men Who Measure Up"

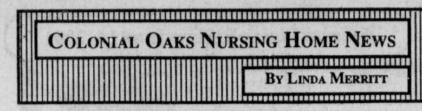
4:00 p.m. Church Wide Picnic

6:00 p.m. Worship Service (Outdoor Worship- 5 min. sermon)

"The Men Speak Up - Testimonies"

Jimmie Mize - Interim Pastor Zeb Alexander - Youth Frank O'Banion - Music Welcome!





We are proud to announce that O.B. Switzer. thanks to some fine folks, we have ten Hank and Hannah stuffed dogs to pass around to our residents to enjoy. Our appreciation to the Cross Plains Quilting Club, Teri and Beverly Brown, Lurene McNutt, the Cross Plains Fire Department and Cecil Barton. Thank you all so much for your thoughtfulness.

We express our heartfelt sympathies to the families of Frances Rone; Minnie Swann; and Pauline Regian on the passing of her son.

Thoughts and prayers for Myrtle Owen who is the hospital.

Our appreciation to the Balkum family and Rone family for the beautiful flowers; to Laura Chastain for the plums; Herman Weaver for the peaches; and Ruby Cassle for the donuts!

Vita Johnson surprised her dad, Victor Long, with a cake and house shoes for his birthday last Friday. Victor turned 88 years young.

Charlie Rogers of Cottonwood visited Mary Weaver. David and Danny Adams, Ruth

Thurman and Joan visited with Doris Adams. Glen and Charlott Gardner from

Coleman visited with Roy Gardner. Daisy Holcomb and Lucile Callaway visited with Pauline and

June 4-8

nal Howard manuscripts, the library

draws a large number of Howard fans.

Price Movie "The Whole Wide

World", and you have a sure crowd-

drawing weekend. At last 50 out-oftown guests visited the library on Fri-

day, June 8, and almost that many on Saturday -- by demand. The visit on

Saturday was not scheduled, but so

many visitors were disappointed that

Joan McCowen graciously opened

The library and Project Pride draws

the library on Saturday afternoon.

Add to that the Howard-Novalyne

LIBRARY

Betty Beggs visited with Falba

Shofner and others. Sharene, Taylor and Bailey Deshmukh of Stephenville and Lurene McNutt visited with Louise

Richardson. Lydia and Mandy Nixon visited

with Carl McKenzie. Cecil and Naoma Wilson visited

with Delilah Goble. Emily Harris and Krista Phillips visited with Frank Bartek.

Thor, Zed Aspen and Kim Woerner visited Blackie Reynolds. Activities

MONDAY: Bingo winners were Falba Shofner, Clifford King (2), Ruby Harrell, Jessie Casey and Vera Belyeu. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds.

TUESDAY: Art class. Exercise. WEDNESDAY: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Movie and popcorn. THURSDAY: Manicures. Ball toss. FRIDAY: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (2), Falba Shofner, Jessie Casey (2) and Clifford King (2). Popcorn

SUNDAY: First Baptist Church.

Anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a Daddy. HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!



The quilting ladies had an enjoyable time on Tuesday. Most of our members were there and we did a lot of work. Charlene's "Card Trick" and Donna's "Pinwheel" were finished. We are working on Lou's pretty red and black quilt. Bee and Dee will have their quilts in to start on. We had a great "pot luck" lunch with lots of fresh vegetables.

The Quilting Club thanks the Merrills for the cooler they gave us. Also, we wish to thank Debra and Bill Kehrer for helping get it into place. Everyone at the Pioneer Reunion seemed to really enjoy themselves. Earlene, Ray and Frances, you really did a great job of putting things together. We are already looking forward to next year. There is more about the reunion in this paper.

Donna enjoyed her family this weekend. They had the Cecil Brown children and grandchildren reunion. It was at Brenda's this year. They had fun. Thanks, Brenda and Stacy. Cowan and Laverne and children, J.D., Sandy, Danny and Trish, were in Lubbock Mondav to attend the fu-

Linda Brady, secretary/treasurer of

neral services of Cowan's youngest brother, Walter Hutton, who died from a heart attack.

Cindy Ochoa came to spend the day with her grandmother, Earlene Burge, on Saturday. They enjoyed visiting and plan to get together again soon. Olena, Anna and Janet went to Houston to attend the wedding of John David Ezzell and Cory Ravidamar Saturday night. John is Olena's grandson and nephew of Anna and Janet. His parents are R.T., Jr. (Skipper) and Roberta Ezzell of Ft. Worth. They also enjoyed the rehearsal Friday night. Sunday, they went to Deer Park to visit Olera's sister, LaFond Ghormley, and members of her family. LaFond is recovering from heart surgery and is doing well. What an enjoyable trip they had! Lots of what is getting cut around the country. Some coastal grass is getting cut, too. Maybe when all this

rain. It is getting a bit dry. Everyone have a good week. See you next time!

> .............................. BY LOVERA STRICKLAND

is done we will get some very needed

On this your very special day Don't be bad, just be glad. Happy Father's Day, Dudes and Dads!

I just had to squeeze a little poetry in here somewhere, so I chose to slip it in at the first. The following is my salute to all good fathers near and far.

### "Truly Treasures"

A very special day is in the offing. However you plan to honor your father on June 17th; it is fairly certain that he is a very deserving father and consequently as such will be most appreciative of you and your gracious endeavors toward honoring him on this father's day.

There are quite a few variations of names, fathers are called. The most familiar to the general public, or seem to be are: Father, Daddy, Dad, Papa, Pa. Pop and of course there are also ethnic variations of those. I have often wondered what children of roy-

alty call their fathers. Maybe they call him "Pater" as in paternal? Do they call him "Your Royal Highness", or "Your Excellency". Or perhaps they call him Dad or Pop. Or another possibility would be if Wills and his younger brother might possibly refer to their father as "Prince Charles".

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By KAY MOSLEY

At one point when we were young children, my sister, Ann, had a pet name she sometimes called our Dad, and that was "Father Hidalgo"! I think she must have picked up that name from her study of history in school. You know, the Priest, Father Hidalgo.

Actually, in real life we called him Daddy. Our father's name was John Ervin Dennis. He was most often called Ervin or Slim by others. He passed away March of 1978.

So---however you honor your father, whether with a gift, a special meal, a hug, a special visit, or perhaps by placing flowers on his headstone; remember to treasure the moment; for fathers themselves "TRULY TREASURES"!!!

## 2nd Place Winner in the **Library Writing Contest**

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**QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS** 

Sarah Anderson won 2nd place in the Writing Contest sponsored by the their generosity. These donations go Cross Plains Public Library with her poem "Ballet". She was a student in Robert and Nicole Walker and Lo- Connie Ricci's sixth grade class at the gan visited their grandfather, Andrew time. Sarah is the daughter of Jady

### "Ballet"

#### **By SARAH ANDERSON**

Working, Working, Working. Practicing in your some old black leotards for hours. Getting dizzy from twirling round and round.

### Leaping high in the air; so high it feels as if you're flying. Dancing' till you drop.

Ordering bright pink, blue and red costumes. Shining purple sequins all over the place. Glittering faces make people applaud.

Finally you earn your anklewrapped toes shoes, and you think you're almost done. Then you realize, you have just begun.

# **Kitchens-McWilliams Reunion 2001/Wedding**

The Kitchens McWilliams Reunion drew, Brett and Christopher Wheeler. folks gathered June 2nd and 3rd at the Brooklyn Strength, Chris and Kyle

### Social Security Representative Schedule Told

A representative from Social Security Administration, 209 S. Danville Dr., Abilene, will be in Eastland on Some folks may not know how involved the library is in the Howard Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Court-Days event. But with an unusually house, First Floor on July 24, August great Howard collection and 38 origi-28 and September 25.

### Students Named to Angelo State **Dean's List**

Two Cross Plains area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo are listed on the Dean's List for the 2001 Spring semester at ASU.

Those listed include Joanna Nicole Harris, in interdisciplinary studies major, and Malyssa A. Sowell, a kinesiology major.

(Bob) Miller \$10; Mertie and Foy Brown \$10; Omie Slate \$20; Lucille Creek \$15; Lucille Carmichael \$100; James Bludworth \$200; Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Porter \$25; Berenda Cason Brown \$25; Glenda Rawls (In Memory of Noel) \$25; Tommy Underwood \$50; Norris Sonnier In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Hollon \$10; W.O. Russell \$50; Mary Aaron Helton \$25; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Porter \$25; Edna Gray McCleve \$100; J. Pat DeBusk \$100; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Russell \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Biehl \$25; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Holmons \$100; and Jean Slaughter In Memory

of Mr. and Mrs. Arl (Toad) Boyle \$25. The Burkett-Adams Cemetery Board wishes to thank each one for

for the upkeep of the cemeteries. the Burkett-Adams Cemetery reports more donations received. Those making donations are: Mr. and Mrs. R.E.

**BURKETT NEWS** 

Lana Ketchum and Pete Sloan all of San Saba. They all attended the Memorial Service at the Burkett Cemetery. Last weekend Stari Cooper,

Deonna, Staci and Jacob Strickland and Dwight Moses of Somerville visited. They enjoyed swimming in the Pecan Bayou. Tommy Burns of Breckenridge vis-

ited with Lanett Burns on Sunday. David and Laura Dean visited their daughter, Belinda and family, in Lampasas over the weekend.

Walker. They all visited the Darryi and Michelle Pipes of Cross Plains. Walker family Memorial Day. Those visiting Lovera Strickland were Darryl Tinney of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, Jackie Strickland of Somerville and Marsha and Jon Turney of Whon, Eureta Whitley,

large crowds to Cross Plains for the Howard event. Both organizations welcome new members who are eager to "sell" Cross Plains to the whole wide world.

### Circulation

Cross Plains	117
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### Memorials

Jack and Kathryn Tunnell for Wilsie Balkum Ann McMullen for Nita Luter

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To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.



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BREAKTHRU

The lack of involvement of some dads with their children is illustrated by this story:

Dad had consented to take care of the children one night so Mom could have a long overdue "night out." At bedtime he sent the youngsters upstairs to bed and settled down to read. One child kept creeping back down the stairs only to hear a sharp "Get back upstairs and to bed!" About 9:00 p.m. the doorbell rang and it was the next-door neighbor, Mrs. Jones. She asked, "Is my son over here?" "Why NO !" the father replied. But just then a little head appeared over the stairs' banister and a voice shouted, "Yes I am, Mom- but he won't let me come home!" Well that may sound a little farfetched- but in some instances, not so! It would surprise some of us to know how few minutes we actually spend in a very personal way with the other members of our family- especially fathers with their children. And yet the Heavenly Father says, "You fathers, nurture (bring up) your children in the chastening and admonition of the Lord," Ephesians 6:4a.

This Sunday is Father's Day and I hope children will rise up and give honor to whom honor is due - to their fathers. I believe fathers are doing a much better job nowadays than what some of us did a few years past. But fathers, do you really know where your children are? Spiritually? Emotionally? Physically?

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## **Pioneer Reunion Celebrated** at C.P. Community Center

Pioneer ex-students celebrated their 81st school reunion Saturday, June 9th. Earlene Brown Burge is the president, Ray Curry of Abilene is vicepresident and Frances Grider Taylor is Secretary-Treasurer.

Approximately 80 people were present from as far away as Oklahoma. Cook, Peak, Hickman, Crocker, Curtis, Gunn, Liberty and Sabanno schools that consolidated with Pioneer years ago were included in the reunion.

Prizes were given to the person traveling the longest distance, the oldest man and woman, and the family with the most members present.

A delicious meal was served by Del Rich Country Buffet and Catering of Eastland. Everyone enjoyed the meal. The highlight of the day was a

speech given by Mr. Dorothy Jean Cash David. When she told us about the 200th birthday celebration of George Washington in 1932, when the school children went through all the street gathering up all the trash to make it one of the cleanest towns, we all felt proud of our heritage.

A table was set up with the cookbooks the Pioneer Quilting Club had prepared and Mae Jones and Glenda Phillips were selling them.

New officers were elected as follows: Laverne Hutton - president; J.W. Fore - vice president; and Frances Grider Taylor secretary-treasurer.

Next year's reunion will be, as always, the second Saturday in June. We hope to see you there.

Submitted by Earlene Burge

Cottonwood Community Center with 60 people in attendance. Some of the Brownwood "Bunch" couldn't be here due to the beautiful outdoor wedding of Mark and Missy Tyler on Saturday night, June 2nd.

We still had many relatives here and first for the reunion. Walter and Cindy Kitchens were united in marriage by Brother Bob Pipes at 5 p.m. in the auditorium of the building with all the relatives in attendance.

Thank you Bob, for the very touching ceremony.

We had lots of new relatives and many regulars here for the reunion this year. The loss of several close relatives made it tough this year. But, I think it brought us all a little closer together and to the meaning of family and friends.

We had lots of great visiting and going through family pictures and history, lots of good food and played several games.

Those in attendance were:

Jesse and Doris Kitchens, Abilene; Jerry and Ruby Kitchens, Albany; Karen Kitchens Barfield, Sherry Foster and Kiersten, Belton; Ann Kitchens, Jesse and Sheri Kitchens, An-

Kitchens and Brittany Apple, Cross Plains; Susan Seider, Justin and Shelby, Clyde; Walter and Cindy Kitchens, Ray, Jason White and Bethany, Denton Valley; Perle and Julian Baird, Farmers Branch; Bill and Robyn Stansell and Collin Holt, Hurst; Jason and Michelle Lewis, Kevin Lewis and Lacy Wengar, Irvin; Rena and Weldon Pittman, Sr., Longview; Josh and Jagohn Kitchens, Lueders; Clyde and Sue Kitchens, Evelyn Mae Lane, Mariesca Massey, Donna Hummer, Windy, Krystal and Kayle Reed, Odessa; Claude and Verlette Kitchens, Slaton; G.W. and Bobby Kitchens, Buddy and Patsy Kitchens, Snyder; Vera Holloman, Bill Talbot, Sweetwater; Olena and Billie Talbot, Vernon; Out-of-State --Bill and Barbara Kitchens, Tillemook, Oregon.

Door prizes were won by Vera Holloman, Olen Talbot, Willeen Roberts, Rena Pittman and Claude Kitch-

Hope to see everyone in Cottonwood next year!

Submitted by Ann Kitchens

## Please join us in honoring Mattie Faye Wilson

The friends and family of Mattie Faye Wilson cordially invite you to celebrate her retirement after 33 years of loyal service to C.P.I.S.D.

The event will be held Friday June 15th from 7-8:30 p.m. at the home of:

> **Cliff & Connie Kirkham** 20235 FM 2707 **Cross Plains**, Texas

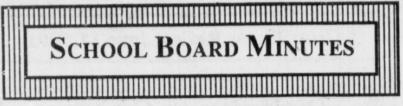
Your presence is gift enough, but a money tree will be available.

## **Father's Day Breakfast** Planned for Saturday, June 16

Sparkettes, Inc. for the North Lake Brownwood Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a Father's Day Celebration Breakfast on Saturday, June 16, from 8 to 10 a.m. at Fire Station t Harbor Point at Lake Brownwood.

This will be full breakfast, including coffee. Adult cost is \$4.00 and children 10 and younger \$2.50. Children under 5 years eat free. Treat your dad to a great breakfast that he will always remember!





#### June 8, 2001

Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Donnie Dillard, Scott Childress, Jim Cook, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt.

The following administrators and guest were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tennison, High School Principal Leonard Wilson, Elementary Principal Margie Sowell, and guests, Tony Mathison and Ronald Casey.

Interviewed Tony B. Mathison and Ronald J. Casey.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Richards that we adjourn.

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Superintendent Jackie Tennison recommended Jimmy Randolph for Athletic Director position for 2001/2002. Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Wyatt that Jimmy Randolph be hired as Athletic Director for 2001/2002 school year with a stipend of \$7,500.00 on an 11 month contract. For 6/Against 1 (Childress) Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Childress that we adjourn. For 7 Against 0

## **Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit Cross Plains Public Library** and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority

How many ounces of spaghetti to feed 200 people? How many heads of lettuce, how many tea bags, how many delicious homemade cakes and cobblers? These are the questions being banded about by ladies of the Beta Sigma Phi (BSP) as they plan for the spaghetti dinner to be held on the evening of the Cross Plains Library special fund-raising auctions, June 29, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Dinner tickets for \$6.00 per person may be purchased at the Library, at the Chamber of Commerce and from members of BSP.

The Library Board of Directors has planned an outstanding fun and productive way to spend this particular Friday night, by raising monies for the community's library, its improvements and its services to all residents of the area. A Silent Auction will begin at 5:30 p.m. and a Live Auction will begin at 7 p.m. (See details separate article next week). Raffles and

door prizes will also be given away. Preceding the Live Auction will be time for everyone to eat the dinner prepared by the members of BSP. (Take-out meals are available if one insists on not staying for the Auction). The dinner proceeds will be utilized by the BSP organization for other community activities.

Beta Sigma Phi is a national sorority and the Cross Plains' chapter was started in 1975. Supporting the Library's auction is only one of many activities of BSP. BSP supports Cross Plains by providing college scholarships, purchasing eyeglasses for children in need, by providing volunteers for community, events, supporting the local food pantry, sponsoring the 7th grade Texas History trip to the Capitol in Austin and an Annual Tour of Homes. BSP is a friendship and service organization. Mary Graves is the new president, succeeding past president Wanda Merryman.

## **Howard Days**

many stories.

Bill Cavalier, president of **REHUPA**, presented Project Pride with a relic of Howard's early life in the form of a rare book once owned by Robert Howard and given to him in 1931 as a Christmas gift. Joe Howser, president of Project Pride, accepted the gift, which will be installed in the Howard House.

The two discussion groups on Saturday continued the positive tone of Howard's life and carried it over into a critical look at his writings and a look into future prospects of publishing and publicizing his works.

Please understand, this band of Howard devotees was not a ragtag cultish fan club bent on worshiping a folk hero or hanging on to the coattails of a religious guru. Rather, the group of visitors that gathered in Cross Plains this past weekend was a serious group of professionals and seemed bent on establishing Howard as a legitimate author and literary figure with a variety of diverse and published writings and with a growing body of critical studies.

The earliest critique of Howard work appeared in 1935 in Palouse, Washington, The Republic and in the Burkett News in the Cross Plains Review. The article complimented Howard for his novelettes and short stories and "vivid" command of the English language. The article featured Howard characters; "his characters stand out from ordinary run of fiction" as "living men and breathing women." (See complete article published previously in the Cross Plains Review, June 7, 2001.)

The first discussion group, "Robert E. Howard in Cross Plains" featured Charles Gramlich, Rusty Burke and Bill Cavalier, all members of **REHUPA** and fantasy writers.

The Robert E. Howard United Press Association was established in 1972 among Howard fans who liked to get together and discuss his writings. The group celebrated the 29th anniversary of REHUPA this year.

They presented Howard as not just an author of Conan stories. He also wrote western stories, boxing stories and other adventure tales, all full of action with larger than life characters and set amid scenes of rough and tumble frontier days or "unhistorical" times of the ancient past.

The second discussion hour featured Bill Cavalier, Rusty Burke and Frank Coffman in a give-and-take hour looking at the topic "Robert E. Howard: "Past and Future."

Rusty Burke displayed a hot-



BILL CAVALIER (LEFT) PRESENTS JOE HOWSER, PROJECT PRIDE PRESIDENT, WITH RARE BOOK PREVIOUSLY OWNED BY ROBERT E. HOWARD.



MRS. RUSTY BURKE (FROM LEFT), BILLIE LOVING AND RUSTY BURKE ENJOYED THE CADDO PEAK RANCH ACTIVITIES.



Lake Brownwood Flea Market BARGAIN DAYS



'BIG FOOT" with Camron of Brownwood

"Big Foot" spent two days having his picture taken with children attending the recent Bargain Days Celebration at the Lake Brownwood Flea Market . Vendors, with hundreds of bargains came in from all over the state. The next Bargain Days Celebration will be (4th weekend in June) Friday 22nd, Saturday 23rd, and Sunday 24th. The coming celebration will feature a country dance, a D.J., and a Karaoke contest. The public is welcome, at no charge to the dance which will be Saturday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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press and "elite" edition of "The Last King," a collection of Howard stories.

All-in-all, the future of publishing Robert E. Howard writings appears to be bright. And as the publication of his works continue, so grows the body of critical studies and so grows the continued interest and legitimacy of Howard as a serious author. Soon, it may be that he will not be remembered as "just Dr. Howard's crazy son."

So, the ever-growing body of Howard fans can look forward to returning to Cross Plains year after year for Robert E. Howard Days.

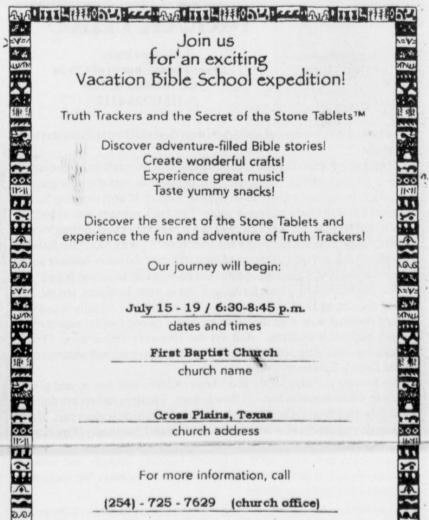
JACK BAUM (FROM LEFT), BARBARA BAUMAND BETTIE CAVANAUGH TALK IN THE COOL OF THE SHADE AT THE MIDDLETON RANCH.



ESIDENTS, BETTIE CAVANAUGH (FROM LEFT), ZORA MAE BRYANT AND MARGARET MCNEEL WERE PRESENT AT THE CADDO PEAK RANCH ACTIVITIES.



MICHAEL MEYERS (LEFT) WAS AN ENTERTAINING SPEAKER, BEING THE SCREENPLAY WRITER OF THE **MOVIE "THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD."** 



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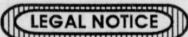
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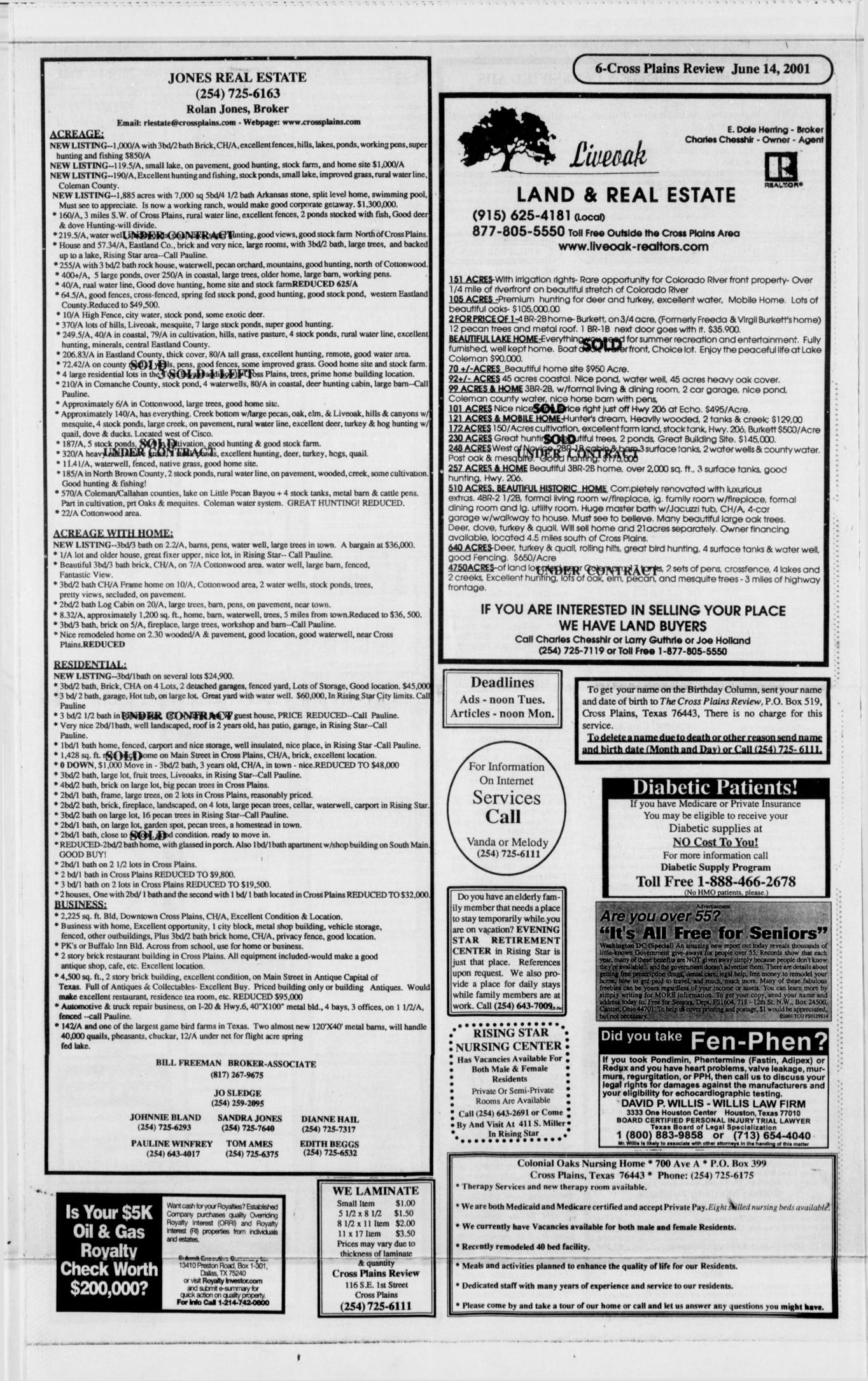
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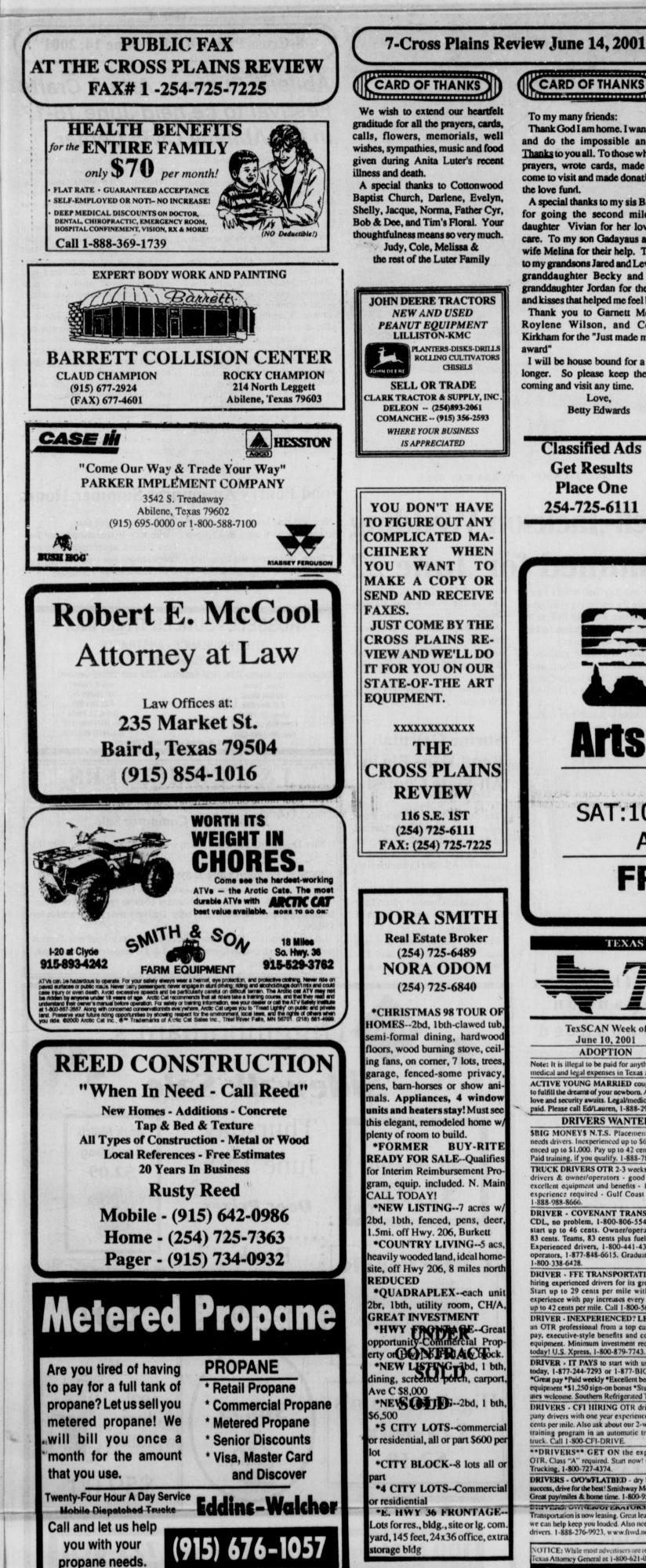
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## A Sequel...

A story about MyKeeper and the computer was on the boards for this week's column, but it's been preempted, because THIS story has to be told. It's more crazy-making stuff about the odd relationship between my telephone and motor vehicles

It's true! I discovered the strange alliance just as I told it in a recent County Roads column titled "Your truck called ...

I had been getting crank calls. When the phone rang, I'd hear clicks and static on the line, or only the severing disconnect.

Eventually, there was that morning call when the beeps and the whup-whup-whup and the tick-tick matched up with the windshield wipers and the revving of our pickup truck in the driveway. That's how I found myself in the unbelievable situation of talking to MyKeeper's truck!

I'spoke sternly to our telephone about manners. "You should have better sense!" I said, "and please don't involve me in your silly games." I even called the phone company, but they are stumped, and said there is nothing they can do to curtail the unseemly behavior of my errant telephone.

So my phone is still sneaking around, in broad daylight or midnight trysts, talking with any vehicle that happens to call. I'm not much of a sleuth, but I caught them in the act again last night. Here's how I found out. It was through the aid of modem technology, of course.

I drove up the driveway after a long day. dragged myself into the house, calmed the dog welcoming committee, and turned the air down

The blinking light of the message machine caught my eye as I headed back out to the kitchen. It had

collected four messages for me before the callers hung up. I think it wanted a pat on the back or a hug, but I just groaned and pushed the "play" button.

The first voice was my granddaughter; something about needing a ride - I'll listen closer later. A quick second message said don't forget a meeting. Third was a recorded telemarketer announcement which was recorded onto my message tape for my convenience! My convenience was the "delete" button.

The fourth message was screeches and rumbles. I thought it might be a prank caller. The noises went on and on. And on. I left my post by the phone to grab a banana. Back at the phone I stared, as if by staring I could see the caller or at least gauge the length of the total message.

When the sounds ceased, I rewound the tape and listened again. Suddenly I knew! My phone had suckered me in again. It was another call from a vehicle driving down the road. I wasn't home to run for the phone, so the car left a message

Last night, this disgusting game was taken to a new level. It's a moving violation of my right to privacy, and I'm going to have to take desperate measures. If you see me walking around town looking over my shoulder with a hooded look in my eyes, you'll know just how paranoid I'm getting over this. Oh, and just in case the men in

white coats are headed down the road holding a straitjacket ready, I saved the message! © Ginny Greene 2001

### C.P. Roping Club Making Plans for Upcoming Events

The Cross Plains Roping Club met Monday at the arena and discussed the cook-off and dance. They are making plans for the cook-off and welcome your input.

Buck Brown is the cook-off chairman and coordinator. Feel free to call 725-6545 with any ideas or comments you may have. A meeting is planned for Monday, June 18, to discuss more details on the trail ride/cook-off. Discussion of having a playday will be held. There will be more information in next week's issue.

JAY JACKSON AND BEA KAY BELL

# **Bell-Jackson Wedding Planned for June 22**

Star.

Billy and Kay Bell would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Bea Kay Bell, to Jay Jackson, the son of Sharon Jackson and the late Jerry Jackson.

Bea Kay is a 2000 graduate of Cross Plains High School and a sophomore at Cisco Junior College. Jay is a 1999 graduate of Chico High School.

The couple will exchange wedding

vows on Friday, June 22, 2001, at 7 p.m. at the Rising Star Bapti Church.

A wedding shower will be hel Saturday, June 16, at 7 p.m. in th home of Ronny and Chrysta McGinn at 810 W. Smith in Risir

Everyone is cordially invited both events.

### **Shrine Oriental Band Wins Big in All-State Contest**

The Shrine Oriental Band from Brownwood placed first in Conce (on the floor in the auditorium); fir in the Parade; and first in Best Show at the All-State Competition of June 8.

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## Abilene Summer Arts & Crafts Festival to be held June 16-17 in the Abilene Civic Center

The ninth annual Abilene Summer Arts and Crafts Festival will be held June 16-17 in the Abilene Civic Center. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will fill the main exhibit hall and foyer with original art and handcrafted items. Hours for the show are Saturday from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. and Sunday from noon to 5 P.M. There is no admission charge.

Mel Prather, organizer for the twoday event, said the upcoming show would feature a number of newcomers. "First-time exhibitors will offer items such as nail art, soup and dip mixes, woodcrafts, cap poles, fishing pole stands, sewing baskets, children's furniture, teddy bears, decorated antiques, handmade soaps, tole painting, light houses, bird houses, and hanging sunflowers," Prather said.

Also new are those with jewelry, clothing, night lights, framed prints, candles, beaded jewelry, wood crafts, wood cutouts, wood furniture, ceramics, wood turning, crystal rock, hand painted mason jar candles, wood signs, rope baskets, mirrors, frames, glass bead jewelry, hand poured candles, and unfinished furniture.

Returning exhibitors will offer a wide assortment of items, including peanut brittle, jewelry, belt buckles, jar candles and votives, painted furniture, decorated bird houses, wood shelves, wood wreaths, chip and dip mixes, candy, plant lamps, over-the-sink racks, handmade purses, scented candles, wood baskets, metal art, Southwest ceramics, barn wood frames, sun catchers, night lights, stained glass panels, silver jewelry and country crafts.

Also back are those with dress sets, floral wreaths, swags, wood wreaths, canister sets, kitchen ceramics, metal art, fudge, bags, carved fish, rustic birdhouses, framed wall paper, quilt racks, cap racks, wood baskets, and gifts.

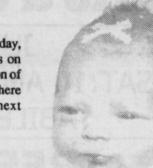
### **Food Pantry Announces Summer Hours**

New summer hours for the Food 701 N.E. 1st at that time. Pantry will be 8 a.m. to 12 noon Thursdays ONLY.

wish to donate food are asked to (254) 725-6510 or 725-6594. come to the Multi-Purpose Center,

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brief pinch, and the 5-8 minute donation will be over before you know it. Afterward, you can relax for a few minutes with refreshments.

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### Little Miss Bohannon Announced

Elizabeth Teal Bohannon is proud to announce the birth of her sister, Tatum Nicole Bohannon. She was born at 5:24 p.m., May 16, 2001, at Hendricks Health System. She weighted 7 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 19-1/4 inches long.

Parents are Paige and Alan Bohannon of Abilene. Grandparents are Prudy Tyler and Toby Tyler of Abilene, Jeanie and Glen Bohannon of Baird. Great grandparents are Elizabeth and Horace Elliott of San Diego, Ca., Harriett Ditchkus of Melbourne, Fl., Frances Berry and Lucy Bohannon of Coleman.

**Colonial Oaks** Services

First Baptist Churchwill conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, June 17, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

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