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## DOWN HOME

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Chris Biggerstaff brought in the following composition her daughter, Sheri Duderstadt, wrote in the 1980's, while she was in school. This young lady was wise for her years and clever in her discovery. She is so right about "choices". Please read and consider her advice. Vanda Anderson Creech

"I Think the Best...I Expect the Best"

By Sheri Biggerstaff Duderstadt

When I was a little girl and cried to my father, "I can't", he would always respond with, "Can't never did anything." Throughout my life when I doubted my abilities, those words have rung in my ears. Little did I know that my dad was cultivating my self-confidence. Little did I know that my wise father knew that self-confidence should be taught as a part of any child's life. When a child has a feeling of self-confidence, it can help mold him into the person he will become.

We can expand our lives, or we can stay the same. The choice belongs to us. I have a choice every day of my life. I can do it...or I can't do it...

When I wake up in the morning and look in the mirror with an "I Can" attitude, my day can be enjoyable, pleasant and even rewarding. When I see my image and know that my clothes are tidy, my hair is in place, and there is a smile on my face, and I know that the school day will be better. If I walk in the doors of the school with a positive attitude, then I know I can succeed and my work will not only be easier, but more fun. If I greet my friends with a smile and happy attitude, I discover that they are more accepting of me and will return my good will.

On the other hand, what happens to me if I get up "on the wrong side of the bed" and my attitude is an "I Can't attitude?" My hair won't look good, no matter what I do; my clothes will need ironing, and I will run into the school 15 minutes late. My friends will return my frown and poor attitude, and regardless of what anyone does or says, I will hate the school work and anything the teachers say to me. They will say, "Boy, she's in a bad mood!"...and I will be. The "I Can't" in my day will have destroyed the day and me.

Someone once said, "The way you see life will largely determine what you get out of it...if you get lemons, make lemonade. If we have an attitude of accomplishment, we will accomplish...if we have an attitude of failure, we will surely fail.

There are many types of failure—but the one that affects people the most is the one that says, "I Can't"—when we probably could. Many people have this kind of failure every day because of what other people think. They base their lives on how others think about them. For example: if someone dislikes the way they dress, then they will think of that all day and consider themselves a failure in the eyes of others. The attitudes of others can make success or failure. One definition of failure is to be "unsuccessful". This definition is not saying that a person must be a

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## Cottonwood Baptist Kiwanis Club's Pancake Supper Tuesday, March 11

Cottonwood Baptist Church would like to invite you to Dr. James Dobson's "Bringing Up Boys" video seminar. Parents, educators, mentors, grandparents, ANYONE who deals with boys can benefit from this study! There is no cost for this 12 week seminar, and you may be present for any or all of the sessions.

## C.P. Roping Club Firing Up for Summer - New Projects Suggested

The Cross Plains Roping Club met Monday, March 3. Plans were solidified for the upcoming Ranch Rodeo and Dance to be held Saturday, June 21st. Entries are now officially open and entry blanks can be obtained from Secretary/Treasurer Barbie Creach. Call or write for entries: P.O. Box 95, Cross Plains, TX 76443 or call (254) 725-4359 work or (915) 668-3103 cell phone. For those individuals who have already contacted Barbie about the rodeo, an entry blank will be

## Band Booster Meeting Monday, March 10th

Band Boosters will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10, at the band hall. The main topic of discussion

## Severe Weather Awareness: Emergency Supply Kit Items Announced

Callahan County Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Public Safety urges Texas to prepare for severe storms before they strike. Your family should have an emergency supply kit on hand, maintaining supplies in water resistant, easy to lift containers you can move rapidly if necessary. This supply kit is appropriate for severe weather events and other emergencies as well. It should include:

- First-aid kit
- Cash (power outages mean banks and ATMs may be unavailable)
- Battery-operated radio
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Important documents and records, photo Id's, proof of residence
- 3-day supply of non-perishable food, one gallon of bottle water per person per day,

The video seminar will be held at Cottonwood Baptist Church Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning March 13. If you have any questions, please call (254) 725-4599. Pastor Matt McGowen stated that they hope to see you there!!!

mailed to you. Entries for the Ranch Rodeo close June 1, 2003. Other items addressed at the meeting included the possibility of hosting a Jr. Rodeo, a Working Cow Horse Clinic, or a Cook Off and Cowboy Trades Day. Anyone interested in these activities is encouraged to attend their next meeting and discuss it with the Roping Club.

The Cross Plains Roping Club will meet again Monday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the rodeo office by the arena.

will be the upcoming band banquet and other important items. Everyone who can needs to attend.

- coolers for food and ice storage
- Fire extinguisher
- Blankets, sleeping bags and extra clothing
- Extra prescription medications, extra written copies of prescriptions, hearing aids, other special medical items
- Eyeglasses and sunglasses
- Extra Keys
- Toilet paper, clean-up supplies, duct tape, tarp, rope
- Can opener, knife, tools
- Booster cables, road maps
- Special supplies needed for babies, older adults, or pets

Remember to change perishable supplies and water every six months. For more information on Severe Weather Awareness Week, see the Division of Emergency Management Web Site.

For more information, contact Mary Lenz or William Ayres at (512) 424-2138 or visit DEM's Web site: www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

This coming Tuesday night is the time for the annual Pancake Supper Fund-raiser for the Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains.

Roy Stambaugh, chairman of the fund-raiser, reports that we have some pancake flippers that I-HOP has been trying to hire away from us, but we've been able to keep them until after this great event! It is hoped that one of those great cooks, Charlie Ross, will bring the special recipe for "M & M Pancakes" (stolen

from Steve Mack of years past), and that he will be able to supply plenty of that special variety for all the young and the "young at heart".

We will have all the pancakes and sausage you want (maybe "all you need" would be better-Ha!), along with tea, coffee or water, for only \$3 person. (Children eating off their parent's plate will not be charged.) We will accept donations above the designated amount, however, if you want to

help the Kiwanis Club in an extra way with our many projects.

The Kiwanis Club hopes that you will take part in great food and fellowship on Tuesday, March 11th, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. You may purchase tickets ahead of time from Kiwanis members, or pay at the door. Bring some guests and have a great time together!

Submitted by Bob Pipes

## School Board/City Council Candidates Announced

Incumbent Tony Wyatt and D.T. Crockett, Jr. have filed applications to run for school board trustee for Cross Plains I.S.D. The 3-year terms of Donnie Dillard and Tony Wyatt are expiring.

Incumbent James Nichols has announced his intentions to seek re-election as councilman. The 2-

year terms of Nichols, Edwin Weiss and Joe Ingram are expiring.

Anyone interested in filing applications for school board trustee must file at the superintendent's office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Spring Break is March 17-21 and

if an application is needed during this time, you may call (254) 725-7458 or (254) 725-6767. Councilman candidates must file at City Hall.

The deadline to file for both elections is March 19, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. Early filings are encouraged.

## Area Wide Youth Rally This Friday, March 7

An Area Wide Youth Rally will be held Friday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center. Come meet Christian youth area wide.

Admission to the rally is FREE and refreshments are FREE!

Pastor Phillip S. Schaefer welcomes everyone!

## Project Pride to Meet Tuesday, March 11th

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 11, at 6:00 p.m.

at the Cross Plains Public Library. You are invited to come share your ideas.

## Callahan County Meals on Wheels Needs Volunteers

Due to the bad weather on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, the Callahan County Nutrition Project made the decision to close the centers and not to deliver meals, in Baird, Clyde and Cross Plains.

These decisions are made for the safety of our seniors and also the volunteers who deliver the meals. We will always take these conditions very serious and extend our thanks to the people that received the meals for their patients.

We have a food van that delivers the food and meals from the kitchen in Clyde to Baird and Cross Plains. We also need to make sure the road conditions are safe for these trips.

The volunteers are just that, volunteers, their only pay is the appreciation from someone at home who receives a meal. Let

us not forget these people at anytime. Remember the month of April 2003 is National Volunteer Week.

This project appreciates the news media in Abilene who assists in broadcasting our closing.

We would like to let people know that volunteers are needed in Baird and Clyde. If you would like to visit with Katie Dunn, Project Director, concerning this matter, the office is on the 3rd floor of the Callahan Courthouse, or call 854-1277 and she will be glad to visit with you.

You may also call any of the site managers, Delores Stewart, Baird, 854-1937. Arlene Sanders, Clyde, 893-4556 or Kathy Anderson, Cross Plains, 254-725-6531.

## Pipeline public awareness meeting March 13

A public awareness meeting, sponsored by Exxon Pipeline, will be held Thursday, March 13, 2003 at 12:00 noon at Baggage House Restaurant in Baird.

Guest speaker for the meeting will be Terry Hartman. Please RSVP by calling (915) 854-1155. Please limit attendance to 2-3 representatives.

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## No SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Friday, March 7, 2003 (Due to recent bad weather)

# Down Home

success every day, but a person can avoid failure by trying and having belief in their ability to achieve. The people who think they are failures are usually the ones who walk with their heads low; they have a frown hanging on their faces and they show sadness in their eyes.

You aren't meant to have an obsession with the desire to achieve, only the attitude that there is a possibility of achieving.

The greatest of all mistakes is to do nothing because we think we can do only a little. This land is full of people who say, "I Can't"... and just think where we would be if we hadn't had optimistic people who turned lemons into lemonade. Where would we

be if Columbus hadn't gone against all odds and continued to sail because he knew the earth was round?

And where would we be if someone, somewhere, didn't believe in higher education, better jobs, or more money? America is the land of opportunity, and when opportunity knocks at our doors, we should be ready to greet it with positive attitudes. The last four letters of the word "American" are I-C-A-N... that spells I Can.

I am proud to be an American and I am glad to live in a country that gives me the opportunity to choose whether I Can or I Can't.

I know what my choice is...Do you?

# OBITUARIES

## Ted McKeehan

Ted McKeehan, 55, of Cross Plains, died Tuesday, February 25, 2003, in the Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 27, 2003, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial was in the Gunsight Cemetery directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Ted was born February 21, 1948 in Big Springs, Texas to Clyde R. McKeehan and Ethel Neal McKeehan. He married Sandra Tomlinson in Dallas on March 20, 1971. He was a Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra McKeehan of Cross Plains; a son, Shawn Christopher McKeehan of Irving; a daughter, Becky Renee Bland of Cross Plains; two sisters, Ann Fourton of Iredale and Janice McKeehan of Dallas; two granddaughters, Kristen and Catilyn Bland of Cross Plains.

Pallbearers were Bob Hill, Don Gosnell, J.O. Koenig, Danny Lewis, Joe Burrage and Frank Orr, Sr.

## Lois B. Henderson

Lois B. Henderson, 73, of Springtown, passed away Monday, March 3, 2003, in Fort Worth.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 6, 2003, at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Cross Plains. Burial will follow in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday at Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Lois was born September 6, 1929 in Clovis, New Mexico, the daughter of Thomas Edwin and Montie Slater Baldrige.

She retired from Northern Natural Gas Company after 30 years service. She was a member of the Springtown Church of Christ. Lois lived west of Cross Plains for many years before moving to Springtown to be near her daughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Henderson, and a son, Thomas L. Henderson.

Survivors include her daughter, Cindy Graves and husband, Walter, of Springtown; two brothers, Ed Baldrige and wife, Noreen, of Amarillo, and Fred Baldrige and wife, Marilyn, of Clovis, New Mexico; three grandchildren, Shadoc McGhee of Fort Worth, Wayne Graves and wife, Brandi, and Debbie Graves, all of Azle; and four great-grandchildren.



## Vanessa Gregston Stanley

Vanessa Gregston Stanley was born January 20, 1976 in Abilene, Texas and passed away on February 24, 2003 at Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 28, 2003, at Baggerley Funeral Home in Edmond, Oklahoma. Graveside services and burial were held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2003, in the Cross Plains Cemetery in Cross Plains, Texas.

She met the love of her life, Scott Stanley, and married him on November 16, 2001. Vanessa's life revolved around her family and she was the light of her families' life. She was the beloved wife of Scott and adoring mother to her two daughters, Allison and Hannah.

She was employed as the office manager of Precision Pools.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Jamey Ryan Gregston, maternal grandmother, Jean Trinkner, and cousin, Patricia Nicole Ziegler.

Survivors include her soul mate, her beloved husband, Scott Stanley; her two precious daughters, Allison, 6 years old, and Hannah, 6 months old; her mother and step-father, Kathy and Gary Lewis of Fritch; her father, Gary Peterson of Abilene; an older brother and sister-in-law, Chris and Candi Shearin of Swansea, South Carolina; an older sister and brother-in-law, Kristi and Lee Giza of Harrah, Oklahoma; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Sharon and Doug Stanley of Red Key, Indiana; sister-in-law, Holly Stanley of Red Key, Indiana; paternal grandparents, Joann and Royce Peterson and paternal great-grandmother, Allie Strickland, all of Abilene; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Ford of San Angelo; aunts and uncles as follows: Carol Rogers, Pat and Butch Albus, Junior Ford, Tony and Sherry Trinkner, Nancy Cisco, Charlie and Shreva Trinkner, Sharon and Alan Davis; 4 nieces; 6 nephews; many cousins and friends too numerous to mention, all who loved and adored her. She will be missed so much. There will always be a spot in all of our hearts where only she will ever be.

## Cordelia F. Rae

Cordelia F. Rae, 66, of Clyde, passed away Thursday, February 27, 2003, at a Clyde care center.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 2003, at the Clyde First Baptist Church with Dr. Jack Riddlehoover officiating. Burial followed in the Oplin Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home of Clyde.

Cordelia was born August 5, 1936 in Oplin, Texas to Oran and Betty Irby Bains. She attended school at Bayou, Denton Valley and Cross Plains schools, and was a life long resident of Callahan County. She was the widow of Raymond Rae, whom she married February 15, 1991 in Abilene. He preceded her in death on August 18, 1995.

Cordelia operated Joy Packing Plant for 18 years and was employed as a postal clerk at the Clyde Post Office, retiring in 1999 after 15 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Clyde and the American Business Women's Association.

Survivors include two sons and daughter-in-laws, Jimmy and Becky Joy of Cross Plains and Jackie and Sue Joy of Clyde; one daughter, Diane Green of Baird; one brother and sister-in-law, Oran S. and Blenda Bains of Cross Plains; six grandchildren, Nathan Joy of Cross Plains, Shaney Ellis and Otis Ellis of Lubbock, Devin Joy of Clyde, Lacey Cooper of Abilene, and Will Green of Baird; and a special friend, Roger Schmidt of Abilene.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Mattie Sue Bains.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care at 1692 Hickory, Abilene, Texas 79601.

## Ruth Barnett

Ruth Barnett, 87, formerly of Cross Plains, passed away February 25, 2003 at the Fort Worth Nursing and Rehab Center.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 28, 2003, at the Cross Plains Cemetery with Ronnie White officiating. Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains was in charge of arrangements.

Ruth was born May 10, 1915 in Abilene, Texas to Jim and Edith Kemper. She lived most of her life in Cross Plains. The last 10 years she lived with her daughter, Belva, in Fort Worth.

Survivors include her daughter, Belva, and husband, Richard Guinn, of Fort Worth; granddaughter, Michelle, and husband, Jim Jares, of Katy; grandson, John Little, of Fort Worth, and many relatives and friends in Cross Plains.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Judd Barnett.

## Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 23, 2003 through March 1, 2003 include:

- Cases Investigated
- Warnings—42
- Complaints—59
- Delivery of marijuana—2
- Unlawful carrying of weapon—1
- Evading arrest—1
- Possession of marijuana—1
- Vehicle Accidents
- There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.
- People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants
- There were 49 outstanding warrants for a total of \$13,811.00 collected.

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**COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00

Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599  
Church (254) 725-6266

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....11:00 A.M.

Pastor: Carl Mauldin  
Come Worship With Us!

**NIMROD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sponsor: Pioneer Baptist Church

Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

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**Hear National JOHN WAYNE Impersonator DR. GENE HOWARD Bring his "Big Ring Rifle" message**

Dr. HOWARD WILL BE USING THE BIG RING RIFLE THAT WINCHESTER CUSTOM MADE FOR HIM, TO BRING A MESSAGE THAT YOU WILL REMEMBER FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. DON'T MISS HEARING DR. HOWARD.

Dr. Howard will also recite some of his poems from his album "WHAT MADE AMERICA GREAT" Dr. Howard has appeared at National events such as the John Wayne convention with John Wayne's widow Pilar, the NRA meeting, national V.F.W. commanders homecoming. On television ESPN, TEXAS COUNTRY REPORTER and many other TV and radio interviews across America.

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Sunday Morning Bible Study.....10:00 AM  
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Evening Worship.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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Sunday's Sermon  
**"God Relates"**

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

**COUNTY COURT**  
Roger Corn, presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings

Earnest O. Cox Jr., driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
Christine D. Rivers, driving while license suspended (DWLS).  
Anthony M. Vasques, possession of marijuana.  
Michael P. Forbess, possession of marijuana.  
Thomas B. Jessen, possession of marijuana.  
Edward A. Mahan, II, possession of marijuana.  
Thomas E. Edgar, theft by check.  
Glenn Lyon, theft by check.  
Cora Floding, theft by check.  
Michelle Villeneuve, theft by check.  
Franklin B. Gomez, possess an illegal short barrel firearm.  
Jake Freiman, possession of controlled substance.  
Russell C. Jones, DWLS.  
Harry Allen Mason, theft by check.  
Jefforie Frazier, theft by check.  
Sara N. Uzueta, possession of marijuana.

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Michael Keith, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50 fine, court costs and restitution.  
Brian D. Casey, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50 fine, court costs and restitution.  
Willie C. Coleman, motion to dismiss to DWLS granted, case dismissed, defendant is in prison.  
Scott Daniel Reed, motion in procedendo granted.  
Laura K. Macarthur Philips, order amending conditions of probation granted.  
Knycie Harbuck, motion to revoke probation granted.  
Jana Bergen, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, defendant in prison on other charge.  
Cara Toler, plea of guilty to theft of service, class C, \$50 fine, \$342.25 court costs, \$383 restitution.  
Kertie Lee Helmuth, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.  
Susan Flesman, motion to withdraw as counsel granted.  
Becky Brooks, order discharge.

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## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

March 10 - March 14

**MONDAY**--King Rach Cass., Corn, Cauliflower, Tomato Wedge, Cookie, Bread, Milk  
**TUESDAY**-- German Sausage, Potato Salad, Spinach, Lemon Cake, Bread, Milk  
**WEDNESDAY**-- Roast Beef, New Potatoes, Fresh Carrots, Tossed Salad, Peanut Butter Chew, Bread, Milk

**THURSDAY**--Oven Fried Chicken w/gravy, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Carrot Salad, Apple Crisp, Bread, Milk  
**FRIDAY**--Chef Salad, Ham/Egg/Cheese, Baked Potato, Chocolate Pudding, Crackers, Milk

## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
Cross Plains Church of Christ  
433 N. Main  
(254) 725-6117



A note from a ten year old read: "I would rather play 'hug-of-war' than 'tug-of-war' — where everyone hugs instead of tugs, where everyone hugs, kisses, giggles and grins — and where everyone wins!"

The more you read that, the more you wonder if a ten year old wrote it — not only from the standpoint of its masterful construction and superb thought, but I just don't remember ten year olds being that interested in hugin' and kissin' — maybe giglin' and grinnin' and even winnin', but not a huggin' and kissin'!

Nonetheless, the idea is golden: when there's a tug-of-war, no one wins; when it's a hug-of-war though, everybody wins. One problem with divorces is that it usually extends an already tug-of-war — between the ones getting the divorce, in settlements of property, in deciding who gets the kids... And then there's the tug-of-war between the children and their parents: it's a battle for them to not take "sides" — and then there's the rest of their emotional tug-of-war...

I'm wondering if we could not take the ten year old's suggestion/advice of playing "hug-of-war" a lot more, thus eliminating, even preventing, many tug-of-wars. Paul wrote: "Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify (build up) another," Romans 14:19. It doesn't have to be a literal hug: try being more congenial, agreeable, understanding, patient, selfless, humble, cool-tempered, forgiving, trusting and persevering — and throw in a kiss and a hug or two now and then for good measure (at least in the family)!

Come learn along with us, about God's "hugs and kisses."

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.  
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

ing defendant from misdemeanor probation granted.  
Alfredo Cortez, Jr., motion to revoke probation granted.

### Marriage Licenses

Michael Christopher Spinks and Amber LeAnn Tinsley, both of Baird.  
Ryan Jay Stotts of Abilene and Dalena Lee Lyn Hall of Clyde.  
Jared Adam Stevens of Clyde and Kristal Loriele King of Abilene.  
Kyle Wade McClure of Rising Star and Kathryn Evi Gowens of Burk Burnett.  
Henry Gene Lozano and Jerilan Gay Stallings, both of Clyde.

**42nd DISTRICT COURT**  
John Weeks, presiding

### Civil Filings

Gale Myron Lambert, an adult, name change.  
Elvan Levi Goode and Barbara Lynn Goode, divorce.  
The State of Texas vs. Darlene McCoy, application for writ of habeas corpus.  
Marion Perkins and Candyce Perkins vs. Jimmy Dean Morris, damages.  
Bobbie Ann Betz and Timothy H. Betz, II, divorce.  
Terralynn Poncy and Curtis Craig Poncy, divorce.  
Tiffany Mae Soliz and Jason Michael Soliz, divorce.

### Civil Minutes

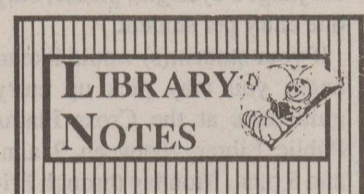
Crystal Dawn Chapman and Russell David Chapman, divorce granted.  
Kelly Gill and Kimberly Ann Lassiter, divorce granted.  
Gale Myron Lambert, decree changing name to Ruachyah Gale Lambert Hawkins granted.  
Tommy Neal Brown and Vicki Darlene Brown, divorce granted.

### Criminal Minutes

Corey D. Haas, plea of guilty to possession of firearm by a felon, 4 years in prison, \$251 court costs.  
Deborah Taylor, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.  
Corey Haas, motion to revoke probation granted.

## Senior Citizens Selling Tickets for Quilt

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens are selling tickets for an opportunity to win an antique "Turtle" quilt donated by Delores Garrett. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00. The quilt can be viewed at the Senior Citizens' Center. Proceeds will benefit the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center. Remember: The senior citizens have game nights on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights from 5 p.m. on. All ages are invited to come play table games.



February 24 - 28

### Statistics

**Circulation:**  
Books 56  
Interlibrary Loan 1  
Total 57

**Memorials:**  
In Memory of Ruth Barnett  
Ruthie Lawrence  
Connie Kirkham  
Alice Roby

## QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

**Note:** Remember to mark your calendar for Trade Day, sponsored by the Cross Plains Garden Club for March 22. The location will be on the bank lot behind the Dairy Queen.

Keep rabbits away from plants in your garden, by boiling red pepper, crushed garlic and water for several hours. Let the mixture cool, strain through cheesecloth and pour in a sprayer. It works on any number of plants, especially rabbit favorites like cabbage and broccoli. The mixture is environmentally friendly, inexpensive and effective!

### "A Bear of a Storm"

Cold!! Snow, sleet, rain, ice, sleet, snow, ice, rain—it was cold, cold and even more cold! I guess the only thing we can do is grin and bear it.

Did I say BEAR? That reminds me. I told my husband the other day, "You know, I've about come to the conclusion that one of my ancestors way back when, long, long ago, must have been a bear.

A shocked look came over his face, his eyes crossed and his ears

turned red. Next, he said, "A what, who, a bear who, what, when?" I repeated, "I think one of my ancestors must have been a bear..." He said "A bear? Why?" I said when it's cold (way down in the teens) all I want to do is eat a "great big meal" and then hibernate (get under the covers) and stay there till spring. He laughed, but hibernating still sounds good to me!

It is my fervent hope that very soon, old man winter will be packing up his bags and heading out.

Some folks say they like cold weather and sleet and snow. I'm sure it's lots of fun for kids and some adults. There are many and varied games to play in the snow, always there is throwing snowballs, making snow angels, ice skating, sledding, making snow ice cream, building a fort in the snow, skiing and many more, such as building a snow man and watching Frosty go.

At sports I'm not very good but I've been told that I'm a great spectator!

Until I see you again. Stay warm!

## COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett



**COTTONWOOD FIRE CONTROL UNIT WORK DAY VOLUNTEERS—** Bobby Childress (from left), Roger Hinkle, Bob Childress, Richard Parr and Bryan Bennett; Tanner Childress, son of Bobby Childress (pictured on fire truck).

**Volunteer Fire Control Meets for Spring Work Day**  
The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control unit met February 22, for a work day and performed preventive maintenance on fire trucks and other equipment.

Those present included ones in the photo above, plus Walter Thomason, Don Gilliam, Tom Bennett and Wallace Bennett.

"This was a good meeting and we accomplished some important work to get ready for future emergency responses," said Bob Childress, newly elected Fire Chief.

The regular monthly meeting of the Fire Control unit is set for the 3rd Tuesday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.

These meetings are very important to keep volunteers knowledgeable about how to respond to emergency calls and keep equipment in good working order.

### Baptist Church Aims at Mission Trip to Mexico

The congregation of the Cottonwood Baptist Church is looking forward to Spring Break and their annual Mission Trip to Piedras Negras, Mexico. The group will leave on March 17 and return on March 21, and while there will work on construction projects for an orphanage and church to improve facilities.

We, their fans and supporters back home, will be looking forward to their return and a report of their activities. This writer knows

from personal experiences the exciting and unexpected turn of events that comes from encountering and working with Christian Missionaries in foreign lands. The good memories never go away.

### Cottonwood Calendar for March

\*Cottonwood Quilting Club - March 6, 13, 18, and 27  
\*Volunteer Fire Control - March 18, 7 p.m. Fire Station  
\*Cottonwood Musical - March 21, sponsored by the Quilting Club, refreshment starts at 5:30 p.m. and music at 6 p.m.  
\*Work Day for Cottonwood Cemetery - March 22, details later.

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# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

## Lady Buffs and Buffaloes Have Strong Outing in Menard

The Lady Buffs and Buffaloes traveled to Menard on Saturday, March 1st, for the Silver Mine Relays. This was the first meet of the 2003 Track Season for the squads. A total of 30 athletes competed at the meet for Cross Plains High School. All three squads had outstanding showings.

The Lady Buffs scored 49 points as a team and finished in 5th place. There were 14 varsity girls teams. The Lady Buffs were led by first place finishes by Kelsee Richards in the shot put and Ashley Cook in the 300 meter hurdles.

The J.V. Boys Team finished the meet in 4th place. There were 11 teams in the competition. The Buffs were led by strong finishes in all three relays. Relay team members are Chance Watkins, River Dillard, Randy Duncan and Roy Smith.

The Varsity Boys finished the meet in 3rd place with a total of 93 points. There were 15 teams attending this meet. The Buffaloes were led by first place finishes from Andy Bennett in the 3200 meter run and 1600 meter run; Dusty Dickson in the high jump and the 4 X 200 meter relay team consisting of Dusty Dickson, Dusty Purvis, Thomas Dimitri and Micheal Allen. The 4 X 200 Relay Team established a new school record in the event with a time 1:39.3.

"I am very proud of each one of our kinds. They came to this meet with a great attitude and competed very hard. I am really excited about our potential this spring," Coach Jimmy Randolph remarked.

The next outing for the tracksters will be March 8 at the

Blizzard Relays in Winters.

J.V. Boys Results

### High Jump

2nd Roy Smith 5' 8"  
3rd Chance Watkins 5' 0"  
3rd River Dillard 5' 0"

### 4 X 200 Relay - 3rd Place

Cross Plains 1:48.2  
Chance Watkins, River Dillard, Randy Duncan, Roy Smith

### 4 X 400 Relay - 2nd Place

Cross Plains 4:09.6  
Chance Watkins, River Dillard, Randy Duncan, Roy Smith

### 4 X 100 Relay - 3rd Place

Cross Plains 50.08  
Chance Watkins, River Dillard, Randy Duncan, Roy Smith

### 200 Meter Dash

4th Place - Travis Black 27.95

### Varsity Girls Results

### Shot Put

1st Kelsee Richards 36' 7 1/2"

### Discus

3rd Kelsee Richards 88' 3"  
7th Angela Rodriguez 71' 0"

### 100 Meter Hurdles

4th Ashley Cook 18.33

### 100 Meter Dash

5th Brittany Adams 13.65

### 400 Meter Dash

3rd Kim Mosier 66.64

### 300 Meter Hurdles

1st Ashley Cook 53.04

### 200 Meter Dash

6th Naomi Isbell 30.22

### 4 X 100 Relay - 6th Place

Cross Plains 56.07  
Amanda Rivard, Kelsee Richards, Jennifer Young, Kim Mosier

### 4 X 200 Relay - 7th Place

Cross Plains 2:02.2  
Amanda Rivard, Kelsee Richards, Brittany Adams, Jennifer Young

### 4 X 400 Relay - 4th Place

Cross Plains 4:40.6  
Jennifer Young, Ashley Cook, Shanna Hyles, Kim Mosier

### Varsity Boys Results

### High Jump

1st Dusty Dickson 5' 8"

### 3200 Meter Run

1st Andy Bennett 11:17.9

### 800 Meter Run

6th Marcus Williams 2:20.6

### 4 X 200 Relay - 1st Place

Cross Plains 1:39.3  
Dusty Dickson, Dusty Purvis, Thomas Dimitri, Micheal Allen

### 4 X 400 Relay - 2nd Place

Cross Plains 3:45.5  
Dusty Dickson, Dusty Purvis, Thomas Dimitri, Micheal Allen

### Pole Vault

2nd Thomas Dimitri 11' 0"  
3rd Brandon Horton 10' 0"

### 4 X 100 Relay - 3rd Place

Cross Plains 47.14  
Dusty Purvis, Dusty Dickson, Marcus Williams, Micheal Allen

### 1600 Meter Run

1st Andy Bennett 5:07.7

## Local Library Writing Contest

For the fourth consecutive year, the Cross Plains Public Library is sponsoring a writing contest for all students in Grades Pre-K through 12. In the past three years, the opportunity to enter was offered to students in the Cross Plains schools. Realizing that there are now many home-schooled students in the area, the Library Board decided the contest should also be open to them. Any home-schooled students who are eligible to attend the Cross Plains schools are encouraged to enter. Students may enter any one of the three categories: poetry, essay, or short story. Poems may be of any kind: blank verse, haiku, etc. (For the sake of the judge's eyesight: please, only one entry per student!)

If your student(s) would like to enter, you may pick up entry guidelines at the Cross Plains Public Library between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and return the entries there by 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 21, 2003. The entries will be "blind" judged by a retired college level teacher of English. As in previous years, we will award ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each grade, and trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall. Additionally, the three best overall entries will be printed in the Cross Plains Review.

Contributed by Ginny Hoskins

## Clyde Library Announces Essay Contest for County

The Clyde Public Library is sponsoring an essay contest titled "How Libraries Have Changed My Life" to commemorate National Library Week, April 6-12. A panel of judges will select the winning essay, which will be published in the April 9th *Clyde Journal*. The winner will also be awarded their choice of \$100.00 worth of books from Turtleback Books, courtesy of Opal Booze and Associates of Clyde.

The essay contest is open to all Callahan County students, 1st through 12th grade, and should creatively describe how a public or school library has made a positive impact on the student. Essays can be handwritten or typed, but should not exceed one handwritten page (front and back) or one double-spaced typed page (one side only). Each entry should also

include the writer's name, address, telephone number, grade level and the name of the school they attend.

Essays must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2. They can be mailed to the Clyde Public Library, P.O. Box 1779, Clyde, Texas 79510, or they can be dropped off at the library, located at 125 Oak Street, during business hours. The library is open Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

During National Library Week, all the essays will be on display for public viewing at the Clyde Public Library. Libraries DO make a difference.

Students, this is your chance to show your support for your library!

**Friday, March 14, 2003**  
**School Will Dismiss at 2:30 p.m.**  
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**at Regular Time.**

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## ELEMENTARY EXTRA

BY NANCY RANDOLPH

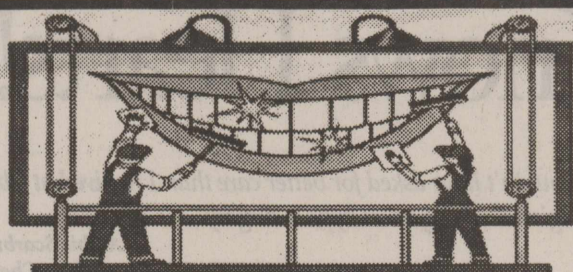
The 3rd graders will be taking the TAKS reading test this Wednesday, March 5. The test is very important since it is now a state law that all 3rd graders must pass this test to be promoted to the next level. The students and Mrs. Odom have worked very hard on reading and reading skills. If a child does not pass the test they will have two more tries at passing. The elementary staff knows that the students did a great job and everyone has passed.

The screening for next year's

Pre-Kindergarten will be held on Thursday, April 4. This screening is open to students who will be 3 or 4 years old before September 1st. Parents will need to bring the child's social security card and shot record. Parents will be asked to call the school and schedule an appointment following Spring Break (March 24).

The 4th graders worked very hard on the TAKS writing test. We hope that everyone did a great job and that 100 percent were passing.

Any business, group or individual who would like to be included on the Signature Page for holidays, special occasions and athletic tributes may do so by calling the *Cross Plains Review* (254) 725-6111. The cost is \$3.00 each run and there is usually 12 or less per year. This is a great, inexpensive way to advertise and support community events.



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## SCHOOL MENU

**MARCH 10 - MARCH 14**  
**BBREAKFAST**

**MONDAY**--Cream of Wheat, Toast, Assorted Juice  
**TUESDAY**--Pancakes, Sausage, Assorted Juice  
**WEDNESDAY**--Eggs, Bacon, Biscuit, Assorted Juice  
**THURSDAY**--Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice  
**FRIDAY**--Cinnamon Rolls, Assorted Juice

### LUNCH

**MONDAY**--Burrito w/Chili & Cheese, Salad, Crackers, Pineapple  
**TUESDAY**--Salisbury Steak w/ brown gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Peaches  
**WEDNESDAY**--Beef-Veggy Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Pears  
**THURSDAY**--Pizza, Salad, Corn, Jello w/Fruit  
**FRIDAY**--Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie

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## LEGAL NOTICE

On February 6, 2003, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with seven hundred thirteen (713) Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented in and between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and in many instances, exchanges of other local telephone companies. The application is filed based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26.221 titled, "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges".

ELCS expands a local calling scope to include one or more additional telephone exchanges, if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot, the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. The costs and lost revenues associated with VALOR's surcharge application are those not recoverable through the ELCS fee.

In the application, VALOR proposes to implement on an interim basis a monthly per line surcharge of \$0.99 for residential customers and \$1.98 for business customers beginning with the April, 2003 bill cycle. This proposed surcharge will apply in addition to any monthly ELCS fees. If rates at or above the level of the interim surcharges are not ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR will refund all or part of the interim surcharges, as directed by the Commission. Ultimately, VALOR seeks approval of monthly surcharges of \$3.38 for business lines and \$1.69 for residential lines to replace the interim surcharges. Additionally, the application proposes that customers currently billed ELCS fees lower than \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, will have those fees raised to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line.

The net annual effect on the revenues of VALOR will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses VALOR for the increased cost of service associated with ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$7,601,145 annually.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible and no later than April 14, 2003, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

## AVISO

El 6 de febrero de 2003, VALOR Telecom de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados con siete cientos trece (713) rutas implementadas del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La solicitud se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la solicitud, VALOR propone implementar temporalmente un cargo mensual por línea de \$0.99 por cliente residencial y \$1.98 para clientes comerciales empezando con la facturación del ciclo de Abril, 2003. Este cargo propuesto se aplicará en adición a cualquier cargo mensual ELCS. Si las tarifas al o sobre el nivel de los sobrecargos temporarios no son ultimadamente aprobados por la Comisión, VALOR reembolsará todo o parte de los sobrecargos temporales, indicados por La Comisión. Ultimadamente, VALOR busca aprobación de sobrecargos mensuales de \$3.38 por líneas comerciales y \$1.69 por líneas residenciales para reemplazar los sobrecargos temporarios. Adicionalmente, la solicitud propone que los clientes que actualmente son facturados con tarifas ELCS más bajas de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, tendrán un incremento de tarifas a \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial.

El efecto anual en las ganancias de VALOR serán cero siendo que los sobrecargos solicitados reemplazan las ganancias perdidas y reembolsa a VALOR por incremento en el costo del servicio relacionado con ELCS. El costo estimado total de las ganancias perdidas y el incremento de costos que VALOR tiene como fin recuperar a través de este procedimiento es \$7,601,145 anualmente.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propuestos o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 14 de Abril 2003, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

## Grand Ole Oplin Announces March Band Line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin is proud to announce their band line-up for the month of March. Starting off on March 7th Muddy Creek will be here to play all you favorite dancing tunes and on March 14th Roland Smith and the Roadrunners will be here to entertain us all. On March 15 (our third Saturday dance) we will be celebrating St. Patrick's day. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy a bowl of Irish stew and dance to the tunes of Jack Rosser. The Irish stew will be served before the dance beginning at 6:30 p.m.; be sure to wear green for a wee bit of Irish luck. On Friday, March 21 Texas Touch will be joining us playing the kind of music that will make you want to get up and dance and closing out the month on March 28th Muddy Creek will once again be joining us.

The Oplin Community Center hosts the Grand Ole Oplin every Friday night and every third Saturday night and is located at F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926 in Oplin. Our dances start each evening at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Admission to our dances is \$4.00 per person. Everyone is invited to bring a

snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed. So gather the family and all your friends and come on out for an evening of good music, good friends and a good time.

The Oplin Community Center will host a Community Wide Garage and Craft Sale on Saturday, April 5th. If anyone is interested in setting up a booth to sell their goods or crafts please call either Liz Boggess at 529-4303 or Pam Rumfield at 529-4522 for information. The Oplin Volunteer Fire Department will also hold a bake sale during the Community Wide Garage and Craft Sale. The organizers of this event hope to make this a semi-annual or annual event, but to do this we need your support. This is a good way to get rid of all your old antique junk you've been gathering for years, and we know there are a lot of good arts and crafts looking for good homes. Don't wait until the last minute, call either Liz or Pam now, spaces are available both inside and outside the community center.

Submitted by Pam Rumfield

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

After reading the article "A Service of the Cross Plains Public Library" dated February 27, 2003, I would like to know if the writer of the article only read the four books he quoted from, or if only books of his persuasion were available at the library.

As a public library shouldn't we expect books on all subjects? Especially controversial ones?

It's the responsibility of each person to make up his own mind, after he has studied all sides of question.

The Library has given its stamp of approval for this Republican viewpoint. Now if it is truly a "Public Library" it will publish a Democratic viewpoint by a Democrat.

Earlene Burge

Dear Editor:

Hats off KUDO's to Councilman James Nichols:

Thank you so much for taking care of the "Bee Problem" beside Clara Nell Spencer's house. Joyce and Clara Nell were pretty worried about the massive bees living in the old Methodist Church. One phone call to you and all is well.

I hope Cross Plains knows how lucky it is to have you as a councilman!

Thanks,  
Teri Coburn



ACU GRADUATE—Allen Wayne Bland, III is receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree at December commencement ceremonies at Abilene Christian University.

## ACU Student from Burkett Graduates

Allen Wayne Bland, III from Burkett graduated from Abilene Christian University during December 2002 commencement. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree majoring in physics. Bland was a 1998 graduate of Cross Plains High School.

He is the son of Allen Wayne, Jr. and Karen Bland of Burkett. He is the grandson of Allen Wayne, Sr. and Johnnie Bland of Cross Plains and Betty Sellars of Lake Coleman. His great-grandmother is Lerlene Fortune of Cross Plains.

## Zach Edington Named West Division Pitcher of the Week

Zach Edington, senior at Howard Payne University, was named West Division Pitcher of the Week in the American Southwest Conference. Zach made two relief appearances last week,

throwing 5.0 innings against the University of Dallas (February 19) and Waylan Baptist (February 22). The senior faced 23 batters allowing eight hits and no earned runs.

## Shena Thomas Invited to Join the Alpha Lambda Delta at UT

Shena Thomas has been invited to join the Alpha Lambda Delta organization at the University of Texas in Austin. To qualify for membership, you must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average

during your first semester. Shena earned a 4.0 and is on the University Honors Program.

She is the daughter of Jackie and Roxie Thomas of Cross Plains.

## WIC gives tips for preventing iron deficiency

AUSTIN—Iron deficiency is the most common nutritional deficiency in the world. It affects an estimated 7-8 million adolescent girls and women of child-bearing age and 700,000 one- to two-year-old children.

"Because iron plays a critical role in our ability to think, remember and learn, the effects of iron deficiency are very serious," says Ann Latham, registered licensed dietitian and an assistant director for Outreach Health Services (OHS) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.

Nutrition research has shown that children who do not get enough iron in their diets score lower on mental and motor development tests, have shorter attention spans, explore their environment less and are not as happy as other children. That's the bad news.

The good news is that iron deficiency is preventable. The OHS WIC program offers these tips for making sure your child consumes enough iron:

- From birth to age one year, feed your baby breast milk or iron-fortified infant formula. The American Academy of Pediatrics (MP) recommends that formula with iron be given to children who are not breast-fed to prevent iron deficiency. It is a myth that low-iron formulas help treat colic, constipation, cramps or gastroesophageal reflux. Low-iron formulas should only be used under the supervision of a pediatrician.

- At age four to six months, introduce iron-fortified infant cereal as your baby's first solid food. Start with a single-grain infant cereal with iron. Most experts recommend beginning with rice cereal, then adding oat and barley cereals to expand baby's

tastes.

- Include meat in your child's diet. The form of iron found in beef, poultry and fish is called "hemeiron." It is up to five times more absorbable by the body than "non-hemeiron", which is the type found in fruits, vegetables, breads and cereals.

- For extra "oomph," give your child an orange or orange juice with his breakfast cereal. Eating foods containing vitamin C in the same meal with iron-rich plant foods helps the body absorb more iron. In addition to citrus fruits, cantaloupe, broccoli and green peppers are excellent sources of vitamin C.

WIC is a well respected, federally funded program that gives children a healthy start by encouraging optimal nutrition during the critical stages of development. WIC participants have access to vouchers for healthy foods, ongoing nutrition education classes, meal planning assistance, nutritional assessments, immunizations and breast-feeding instruction and support.

Each month Outreach Health Services offers WIC services to more than 33,500 clients in 58 Texas counties. Free WIC services are available to middle- to low-income women who are pregnant, breast-feeding, post-partum or have an infant and/or children younger than five years of age. Income and residency requirements may apply. For information on WIC services, contact the Clyde WIC Clinic at 605 Hunt Street (915) 893-4552 in Clyde or visit [www.outreachhealth.com](http://www.outreachhealth.com).

WIC is an equal opportunity program that does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

## Callahan County included in Columbia shuttle debris field

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) continue seeking assistance of individuals, foresters, farmers and landowners from California to New Mexico and parts of West Texas in reporting suspected shuttle material finds.

"We are attempting to inform the public in the states and counties that potentially contain Space Shuttle Columbia debris of the extreme importance of reporting suspected finds to the toll-free 866-446-6603 number," said Federal Coordinating Officer Scott Wells.

The possibility exists that there may be material in California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico and in 28 West Texas counties. The counties may contain material that came off the shuttle before the break-up occurred, which could be important to the accident investigation.

"NASA is particularly interested in Columbia material that may have fallen from the craft prior to the break-up over East Texas. We are hoping that some of the possible early material may reveal important information about what happened to Columbia and her crew," said Astronaut Dom Gorie.

The specific counties in West Texas along the flight path before the actual break up are: Archer, Bailey, Baylor, Briscoe, Callahan, Castro, Cochran, Cottle, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Floyd, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn Motley, Palo Pinto, Dickens, Foard, Garza, Hale, Haskell, Hockley, Jack, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Parmer, Shackelford, Stonewall, Stephens, Swisher, Throckmorton and Young.

People finding suspected material are asked not to handle the items. Call the toll free number with all reports at 866-446-6603.

## Big Country Master Naturalist Class to Begin May 1st

The Abilene Zoo, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Abilene Christian University and the Taylor County Extension Office will be presenting Master Naturalist™ classes beginning May 1, 2003. The classes will provide education, outreach and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within our community. Sessions will meet each Thursday evening at 6:30 PM, concluding June 24. In addition, two Saturday field trips will be part of the training.

Following the training classes and completion of 40 hours of volunteer service, attendees will become Certified Master Naturalists. Volunteer service may include support time with any of

the sponsoring agencies, habitat restoration, native plant projects, school programs, educational program or programs of self design.

Applications for the 2003 Master Naturalist™ program are available by calling the Taylor County Extension office at (915) 672-6048. Registration for the class is \$50.00 per person and must accompany application. The fee includes all class materials. Application deadline is April 1, 2003.

Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aid or accommodation are asked to contact the Taylor County Extension office one week in advance of the program.

## GPS Workshop to be held Thursday March 27th

Taylor County Extension will offer a GPS workshop March 27, 2003, 1:30 PM at the Extension office, which is located on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene.

This workshop is designed to teach basic aspects and applications of the hand-held units. Dr. Allan McGinty, Extension range specialist, and Ken Cearley, Extension wildlife associate, will teach how to create

way-points and other aspects of this technology.

There is no charge for the class, but preregistration is required. To register, call the Taylor County Extension office at (915) 672-6048.

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## Texas Midwest Community Network recognized in Texas House and Senate

More than 200 people representing rural Central and West Texas towns traveled to Austin for "Texas Midwest Day" on February 19th to honor legislators and demonstrate a unified voice for rural Texas.

Texas Midwest Community Network sponsored its fifth biennial visit to the State Capitol during the Legislative Session. Resolutions were passed in the House and Senate commending the regional organization, which helps rural community leaders work together to enhance economic development and quality of life in the region.

"Texas Midwest Day gives a message to the 181 legislators that community leaders in rural Texas work together and merit their attention," according to TMCN Executive Director Nicki

Harle. "Our presence in Austin is especially significant this year with nearly 40 newly elected, first-time legislators. Most from urban districts and not familiar with rural issues."

The large Texas Midwest delegation gathered on the Capitol steps for a photo session that provided a surprise visit with Governor Rick Perry. The day concluded with a Texas Midwest Tailgate reception to honor the three State Senators and seven State Representatives whose districts serve the region.

TMCN includes 41 member cities in 25 counties. TMCN Member cities: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross

Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan, Snyder, Stamford, Sterling City, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

State Senators for TMCN include Dist. 2-Troy Fraser, Dist. 2-Robert Duncan and Dist. 2-Craig Estes. State Representatives include Dist. 53-Harvey Hilderbran, Dist. 5-Sid Miller, Dist. 6-Jim Keffer, Dist. 6-Rick Hardcastle, Dist. 71-Bob Hunter, Dist. 72-Scott Campbell, and Dist. 85-Pete Laney.

For more information about Texas Midwest Community Network visit their web site at [www.TexasMidwest.org](http://www.TexasMidwest.org).

## NASA asks for help from landowners for locating Columbia debris

LUFKIN, TX—The search for Columbia shuttle debris continues to intensify as more than 3,000 searchers representing 38 states trek daily through field, forests and farm lands attempting to find any pieces that may help the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) determine the cause of the Columbia accident.

Ground crews are combing the primary search area, which consists of a 10 mile wide by 240-mile long swath that extends from Ellis County, south of Dallas; to Hemphill; on the shore of Toledo Bend Reservoir in deep East Texas.

"These people are doing a tremendous job especially in light of the adverse weather conditions they face and the wet, dense terrain they are covering," said Federal Coordinating Officer Scott Wells, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

NASA Astronaut Dom Gorie, at a Lufkin news conference Monday, issued a plea to those living near the flight path of the Columbia to "continue to search for and report anything that will help us determine the cause of our loss of Columbia and her crew."

Residents, farmers, ranchers, and landowners who reside and work in the area of the New Mexico/ Texas state line by Bailey County and continuing in a line to just south of Fort Worth are asked to be aware of potential shuttle material.

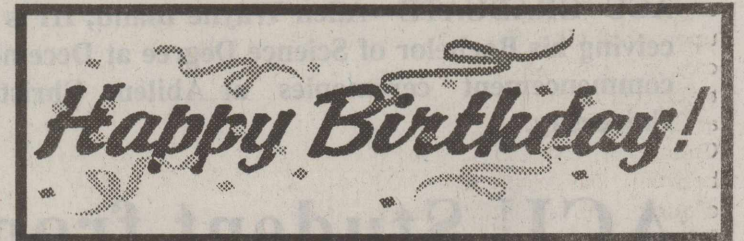
"Anyone finding what they suspect to be Columbia debris should call the toll-free Material Recovery Line at 1-866-446-6603. This will allow Environmental Protection Agency officials to make arrangements to recover the suspected material," said Division of Emergency Management (DEM), Department of Public Safety, Deputy State Coordinating Officer Dell Greer.

## C.P. Garden Club Annual Trade Day and Plant Sale Told

The Cross Plains Garden Club Annual Trade Day and Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, March 22. The Trade Day will be located on the vacant lot north of the Dairy Queen in Cross Plains. Everyone mark your calendars.

No reservations are required. The charges are \$15.00 for each 12' X 12' space. Trade Day will open to the public at 8:00 a.m.

For additional information you may contact Bob Powell at (254) 643-2404 or Julene Franke at (254) 725-7712.



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Joy Gerking  
Brooke Bowden

## State Employee Charitable Campaign Begins

The Local Campaign Manager for the State Employee Charitable Campaign is currently accepting applications from federated and unaffiliated organizations wanting to participate in the 2003 Big Country State Employee Charitable Campaign. Applications are available at the United Way of Abilene office, 240 Cypress. Contact personnel are Dixie Bassett or Deborah Griswold (915) 677-1841.

Eligibility requirements for inclusion are certification as a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization, 2002 audit report, a copy of the organizations' most recent IRS

Form 990 from its local office, and demonstration of a substantial presence in the area covered by the Big Country campaign. This includes the following counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Mitchell, Nolan, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Throckmorton, and Scurry.

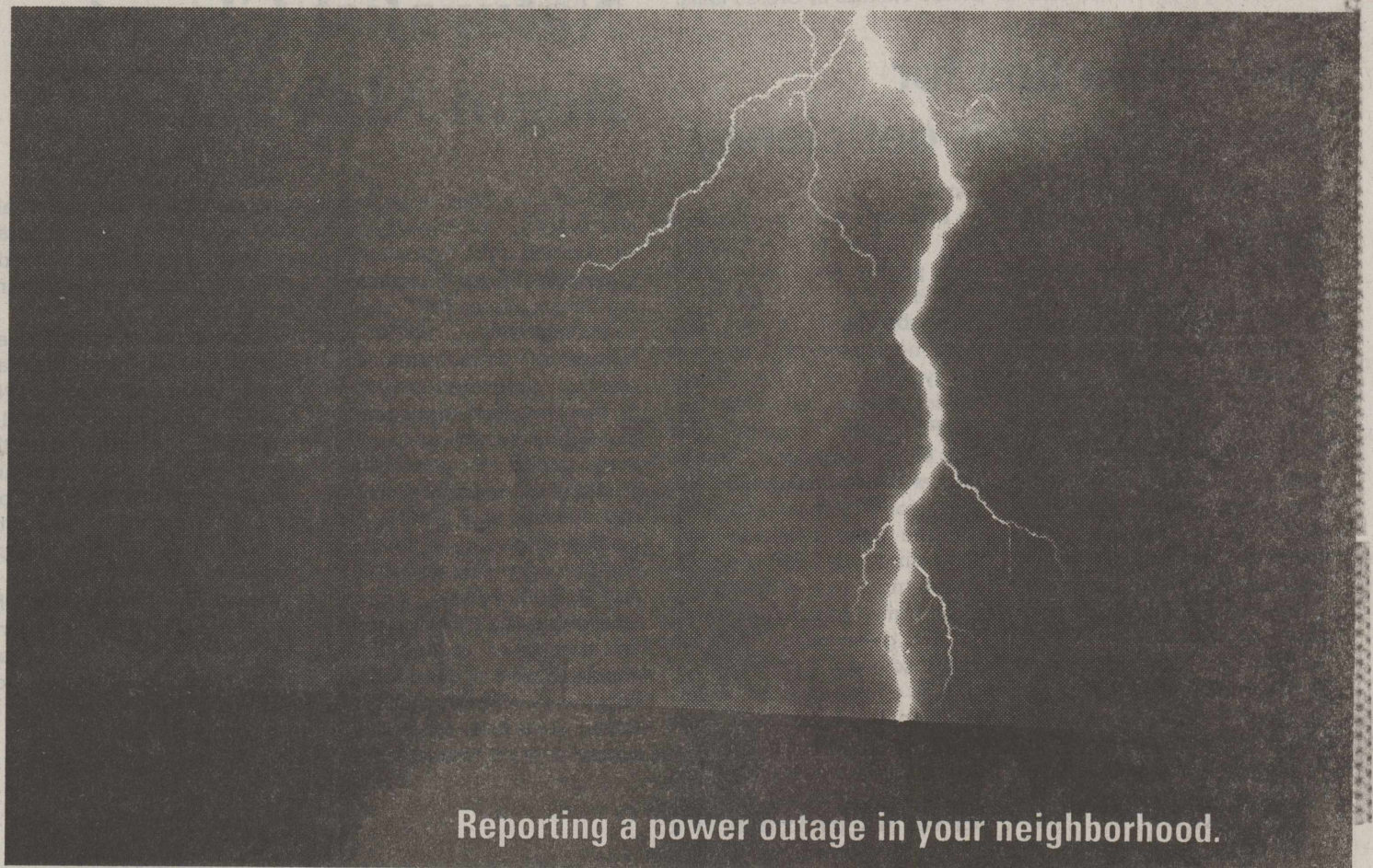
Applications should be submitted to Local Campaign Manager, c/o United Way of Abilene, P.O. Box 92, Abilene, TX 79604-0092 or delivered to 240 Cypress and received no later than April 9, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.

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#### COUNTY OF CALLAHAN

DATED February 26, 2003, 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 a certain suit No. T-1162, and styled County of Callahan vs. Gerald Roberts and Martha Roberts, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on February 26, 2003, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in April, 2003, the same being the 1st day of said month 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:

Lots 1 & 2, Block 1, A. B. Foster Subdivision, 1st Addition, City of Clyde, Callahan County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 273, Page 523 of the Deed Records, Callahan County, Texas,

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.

DATED February 26, 2003, at Baird, Texas.

By Eddie Curtis  
Sheriff, Callahan County,  
Texas

(s) Jeremy Scott McGee  
Deputy

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DATED February 26, 2003, 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 a certain suit No. T-1240, and styled County of Callahan vs. Tony Orth, Trustee of the Orth Trust, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on February 26, 2003, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in April, 2003, the same being the 1st day of said month 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:

.847656, WI, Ed Cornelius Lease, 21.70 Acres, Abstract 523, Block 2, G. M. Vigal Survey #798, 302.36 Acres, OPERATOR: Orth Oil Co., Callahan County, Texas being that prop-

erty more particularly described in Vol. 26, Page 398 of the Deed Records, Callahan County, Texas;

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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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the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit No. T-1476, and styled County of Callahan vs. James DeLaCruz and Deanna DeLaCruz, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on February 26, 2003, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in April, 2003, the same being the 1st day of said month 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:

Tract 7 out of a subdivided 2.18 acres, R.C. Stewart Survey, out of Abstract 34, Callahan County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 61, Page 723 of the Deed Records, Callahan County, Texas,

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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2.630 acres, out of Abstract 523, Section 798, G.M. Vigal Survey, Callahan County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 584, Page 339 of the Deed Records, Callahan County, Texas,

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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:

211.250 acres of Victoria County School Land Survey 202, out of Abstract 514, Callahan County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 431, Page 613 of the Deed Records, Callahan County, Texas,

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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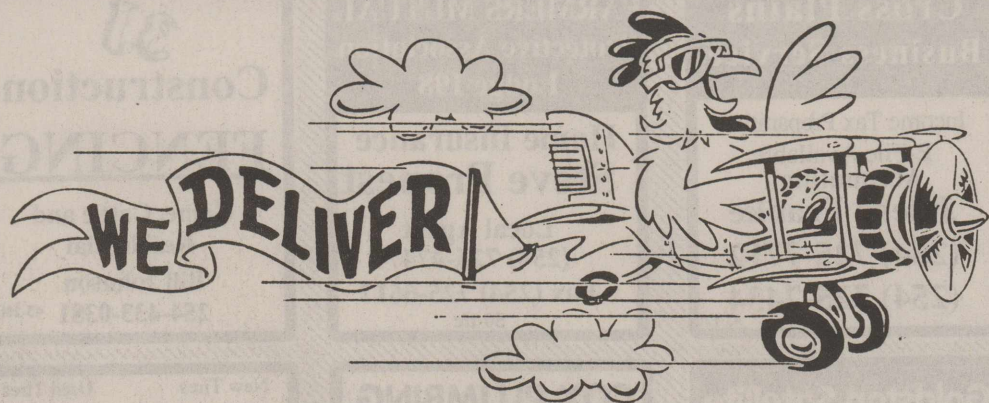
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If you only read one book this year, and I suggest you read it immediately, considering our possibility of war with Iraq, read *The Two Faces of Islam: The House of Sa'ud From Tradition to Terror* by Stephen Schwartz. I have read three other books on Islam and this is by far the most complete and best one I have read.

Islam has been hijacked by a group of extremists who have used the enormous oil revenues of Saudi Arabia to create a terrorist operation to kill Muslims who do not agree with them and to use terror to achieve their idea of governing the world so that it all looks like the Taliban operation in Afghanistan. They are behind all of the suicide bombings in Israel as well as the September 11 attack on the United States. Ben Ladin is only one small piece of the picture.

Their branch of Islam is called Wahhabism after a bandit who joined up with the Saudis to create an offshoot of Islam that rejects all early teachings of Muhammad and developed their own interpretation of the Koran to reject music, architecture, any learning other than their teachings, enslave women and teach dying as a martyr as the ultimate goal for men.

Schwartz's book gives a better history of Islam than any I have read. He developed his interest when he moved to Bosnia for a few years to study the conflict there. Bosnian Muslims have rejected the Wahhabism, but it has spread through the Arab world and is being pushed into Europe and the United States. He documents the history and is up to date as of late 2002.

One quote from the book: "In this way, they sought to introduce extremists activities based in the

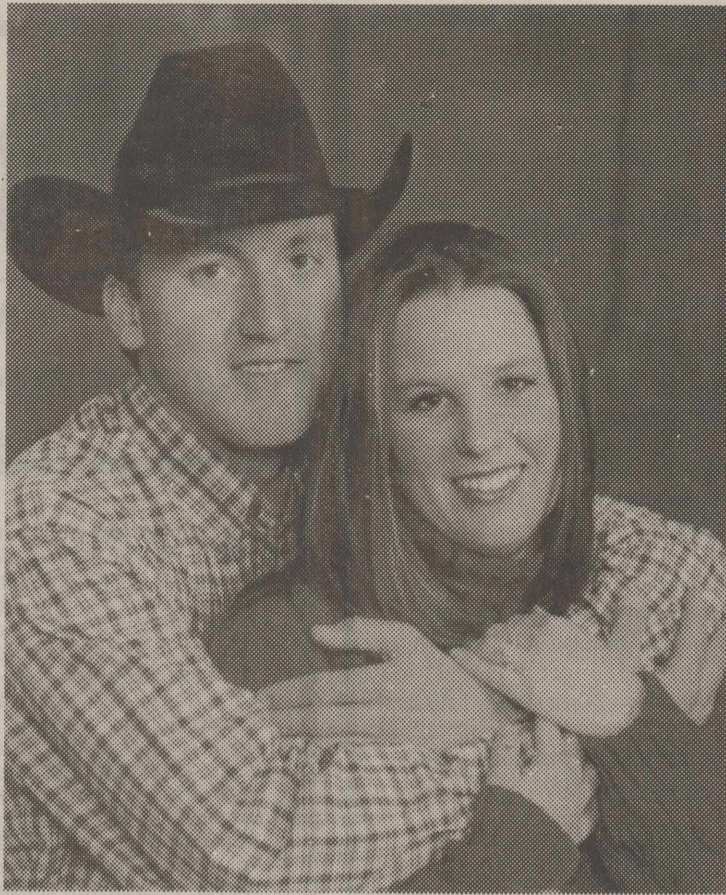
Middle East into the American heartland. Indeed, the functional center of the system was located in Richardson, Texas, in the form of the Holy Land Foundation." He explains how they work to complain about injuries allegedly done to Muslims purporting to speak for all Muslims. He names the organizations in Washington and around the country pumping big bucks into their propaganda.

He urges President Bush and the U.S. to help Saudi Arabia change their government to reject the terrorist approach and restore Mecca and the historic sites of Islam to all who claim heritage to Abraham. He states, "Saudi dissidents say there are three kinds of Muslims in the kingdom: Those who want to kill everybody (the most extreme Wahhabis); those who wish to kill all non-Wahhabi Muslims but also seek to maintain good relations with the Christian powers (the royals); and the rest, who are traditional Muslims and do not want to kill anybody. The way out of this nightmare can only be found by Muslim believers."

He proposes a multi-religious university in Jerusalem for the study of comparative religions around the world, supporting research in the history of the Abrahamic faiths and preserving archives and structures. A fascinating book that made me support the statements by President Bush when he said that terror backed government will not be permitted anywhere in the world. Things will definitely change in the year 2003.

These and many more books are yours to read at your Cross Plains Public Library. You can send me E-mail at CAR926@aol.com.

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BRANDON STOVER AND KIMBERLY RATLIFF

## Ratliff-Stover to Wed April 5th in Brownwood

Bud and Rhonda McCorkle of Kingsland proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Dawn Ratliff of Cross Plains, to Brandon Shane Stover of Cross Plains.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Cross Plains High School. She has attended Tarleton State University and plans to graduate in May 2004. She is owner of Sun Rayz Tanning and Gifts Salon in Cross Plains.

The prospective bride-groom is the son of Reggy and Dianna Stover of Cross Plains.

He is a 1997 graduate of Cross Plains High School, and a 1999 graduate of Cisco Junior College. He is currently ranching on his family-owned ranch in Cross Plains and is employed by Jordan Cattle Auction in San Saba. He is also owner of Sun Rayz Tanning and Gift Salon in Cross Plains.

The couple will exchange vows at 3 p.m. on April 5, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Brownwood with Bro. Dwayne Clower officiating. All friends and family are cordially invited.

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## A Message from the Johnson Space Center

Editor's Note: Mark Baird is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Baird, former residents of Cross Plains. Mark has many relatives who reside in this area and his thoughts on the shuttle disaster (written February 4, 2003 at 9:17 a.m.) are of interest. Mark's article was published in the Coleman newspapers. **Vanda Anderson Creech**

I cannot tell you how much it meant to me today to pull up colemannews.com and find not only the home page tribute to Columbia and her crew, but also the fine article by Billie Mercer. Some of you know me from the years I spent growing up in Coleman. Today I work at the Johnson Space Center public affairs office. As you might imagine, this has been a very trying time for all of us.

First I want to pass along something Ron Ditamore, the head of the Space Shuttle Program said in a press conference this afternoon. He stressed the importance of finding debris "upstream" of Dallas/Fort Worth. The further west you go, the more important the debris become. The things we find in West Texas, New Mexico, perhaps even Arizona, those will be the first pieces to come off the shuttle and finding them will be the most important clues to what happened.

Now Coleman County is a fair bit south of Columbia's ground track, but not so far south that it would be impossible to find any debris there. So I urge the farmers and ranchers of the area, if you find something in your fields or pastures that is unexpected and obviously not an old tractor part, or something that wasn't there before...report it (the number for reporting debris is (281) 483-3388. It could be the most valuable find of all. Let me emphasize, no one expects to find anything in Coleman County, but it is not outside the realm of possibility either. And the further north you go, the more likely it becomes to find something. But that isn't really why I felt compelled to write this. It was more than one well turned phrase in Billie's article that set me thinking. She wrote, "We did not know these people. We were not privy to have them in our lives, but still they are in our thoughts and minds at this moment as you called them to a higher purpose." In Coleman, Texas you are not privy to have them in your lives. I remember growing up in Coleman and it would have been a truly astounding thing if an astronaut, any astronaut, had ever made a stop in our small town. I do remember a traveling exhibit from NASA

pulling up in the CHS parking lot, and groups of us taking thirty minutes or so to go out and watch a rather sophisticated multi-media show about the wonders of space. That's about as close as we ever came, at least in my memory.

Today, when I walk over to the cafeteria to grab a sandwich, I will for sure see several "Blue Suits" and more than likely there will be at least one or two that I feel comfortable saying "Hi" to. And they will respond with a "Hey Mark". (It's not that I work with them that closely. It's just that they have a phenomenal memory for names!) But I have been privileged to have a few of them "in my life" though for very brief periods of time.

About a year ago I got a call from a friend who works in the Astronaut office. It seems a young "rookie" named David Brown was taking an active interest in documenting his mission on video tape. He had purchased some \$30,000 of video and DVD gear and was making his own "home movies" of his training and preparations for his mission (STS-107). My friend wanted to let us know what was going on and see if we could provide some guidance for his film-making aspirations. I was privileged to spend several hours that day sitting and talking with David Brown. Today and most likely for the rest of my life, when I think of Columbia, the first image that comes to mind will not be multiple streaks of plasma in the Texas sky, in stead I will think of David and sitting in that office talking with him.

So maybe Coleman isn't that far removed after all. I mean, when I think of the people most responsible for putting me where I am today, more than 90 percent of the names that aren't family members are residents of Coleman. Names like Popano and Smith, Parrot and Pryor, Baucom, Burroughs, Burkett and Gideon; even Justice (all teachers in case you are not an "old timer"). They all had a part as did Merit, Boyd, Phillips, Windburn, Hinds, Hammonds, Daughtry, and countless others from the rolls of First Baptist Church. You, Coleman, Texas, touch the events of the world through your sons and daughters you send out into that world. I know that I am not the only one, not even the only one from my class of 1981, who has their own small part in the space program.

So thank you, Coleman. Thank you for the expression of grief. And know that these events do touch home. Perhaps a little more closely than it seems at times.

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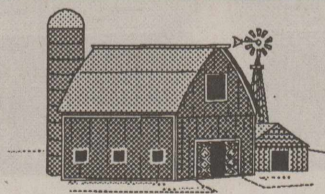
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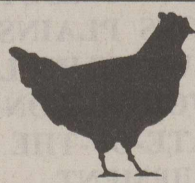
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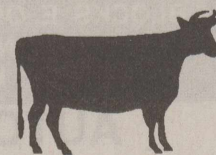
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