

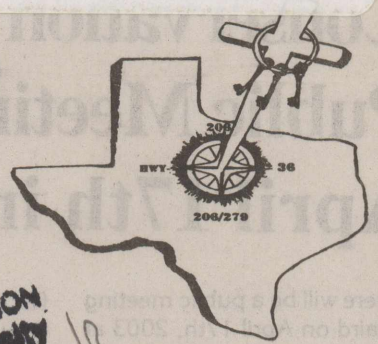
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Show Your Support for Our Troops

EDITOR'S NOTE: Andrew Walker submitted the following poem written March 2003 by Annie Merle Trent, 85, of Coleman. I loved her composition and I'm sure you will, too. Her poetry makes you consider all the blessings of God that we take for granted. It is wonderful that Annie Merle continues to be creative. Way to go Annie Merle! Andrew, I appreciated your kind words in the letter you sent me. Everyone needs encouragement and sometimes we fail to give it. **Vanda Anderson Creech**

"Run God Out of Town?"

By Annie Merle Trent

So you want God to pack and leave?
What if He takes the air you breathe?

You want Him out like He's a thief,
Not caring He sends your sweet relief.

What if He takes His water too?
Maybe the sunshine and the dew?

Maybe the birds who sweetly sing?
Maybe the flowers that bloom in Spring?

He could dry up our food supply,
Or give blindness in every eye.

He could prevent us from walking,
He could stop (oh my) our talking.

What if He took the gentle rain?
Never dampen the earth again.

All these blessings and many more,
You did not think were His before.

No, without God we could not live,
No one else has all this to give.

Let's love Him; He's the very best,
And make Him our most honored guest.

He owns the seas and mountains tall,
Heaven and earth, He owns it all!

Saturday, April 19th, has been designated as Cross Plains Yellow Ribbon Day to show our support to our brave military forces. All citizens of Cross Plains are encouraged to fly the American Flag and/or display Yellow Ribbons as a sign of our undying support.

From 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon the Key Club from Cross Plains High School will be in front of Higginbotham's with boxes to fill for our troops. In love and support of our troops, we need various items to send our troops as a type of "Care Package".

Needed items include: baby wipes, razors, shampoo, soap or body wash, mouth wash, deodorant, Chapstick, breath mints, lollipops, bubble gum, dried fruit, power bars, etc. For additional items needed you may refer to the following website:

operationmilitarypride.org/packages.

There is also a complete list at the *Cross Plains Review* for your convenience.

These boxes will be picked up by the Red Cross and sent to our troops who are currently serving in Iraq and surrounding areas.

Another suggestion would be to write a card or letter to show our concern. These may be put in the boxes, also.

These brave men and women need our prayers and support. Let's rally together and fill these boxes.

Submitted by Vicki Dillard

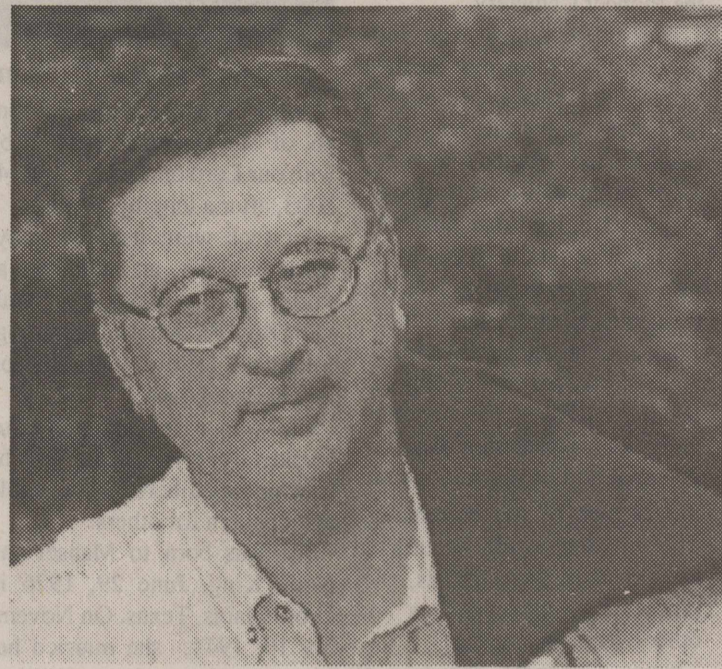
Love Fund Established

A Love Fund has recently been established at Texas Heritage Bank for Ivan Denny, Jr. of Cross Plains.

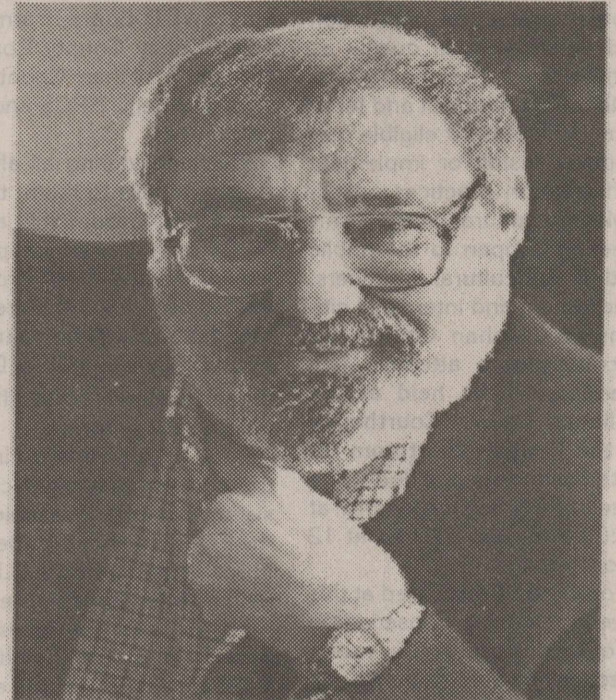
Ivan will be undergoing surgery to remove a mass in his brain. He has already ready suffered several strokes and is experiencing severe pain. He traveled to Dallas to the hospital on Tuesday, April 8th.

Ivan is the son of Ivan, Sr. and Renee Denny of Cross Plains. He has a little daughter, Shelby.

Your contributions would assist the Denny family with expenses such as traveling, meals, etc. Your generosity would be appreciated during this difficult time.



JOHN LUMPKIN



MIKE COCHRAN

Meet the Authors Tuesday, April 15

The Cross Plains Public Library is offering a bonus this month. On Tuesday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center, you'll get to meet not just one, but two authors, Mike Cochran and John Lumpkin. Cochran and Lumpkin are co-authors of *West Texas: A Portrait of Its People and Their Raw and Wondrous Land*, a large format book with plenty of photographs covering "...the Big Bend, the Big Country, the Big Lonesome, the High Plains and the Permian Basin," with stories about people as diverse as Charles Goodnight, Billy the Kid, Clayton Williams, Watt Matthews, Billy Sol Estes, Baby Jessica, Cynthia Parker and Brownwood's own Gordon Wood and Groner Pits, among many others.

Mike Cochran, who grew up in

Stamford and studied journalism at Hardin-Simmons University, is now a senior writer for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. Cochran spent almost 40 years covering the Texas scene for the Associated Press, and a colleague once commented that Cochran had used up at least eight of his nine lives. Cochran's favorite con man almost got him killed on a mountain road near El Paso. An aftershock of the 1985 Mexico City earthquake left him trapped in a crippled apartment house, and he has survived more car wrecks than a Hollywood stuntman. Somehow, Cochran managed to take time out from his adventures to write the book *Texas v. Davis* about the Cullen Davis murder case.

John Lumpkin is now Bureau Chief for the Associated Press in

Dallas, and has logged many miles covering stories all over Texas, including such headlines as the savings and loan crisis, the Branch Davidian siege, the rescue of Baby Jessica from the well in Midland, the ascent of George W. Bush to the Presidency, and the recent Shuttle Columbia disaster. A native of Nashville, Tennessee, he joined the Associated Press in Dallas in 1971 and served the AP in various capacities in and out of Texas before being appointed Bureau Chief. His other book, written with Mike Cochran, was a true crime work *And Deliver Us from Evil*, which was the basis for the made-for-TV movie, "Fugitive Among Us." One of the stories in this book was the first hardback account of the problems of defrocked Methodist minister

Walker Railey.

Mike Cochran and John Lumpkin, both entertaining speakers with wonderful stories to tell, will tell us how they came to write *West Texas* and tell some of the great stories that wouldn't fit into the book.

You won't want to miss *Meet the Authors* Tuesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center. Everyone's welcome, and there's no charge for this great entertainment, or for the light refreshments. Mike and John will be glad to visit with you after their talk, and they'll have copies of *West Texas* available to sell and autograph for you.

For more information or directions to the Community Center, please call the Cross Plains Public Library at (254) 725-7722.

Submitted by Ginny Hoskins

FUMC to Perform "Living Last Supper" on April 17th

Come and have your hearts warmed at First United Methodist Church, Cross Plains, as members of their church perform "The Living Last Supper". The time for this production will be Thursday, April 17, at 6:00 p.m.

"The Living Last Supper" is a portrayal of the Last Supper of Christ. It is based on Leonardo Da Vinci's inspiring picture of The Last Supper.

Come hear the disciples speak after hearing from Jesus that, "One of you will betray me." Hear each of the disciples cry out, "Is it I?" Come and enjoy the gifts and talent of the people of First United Methodist Church's congregation.

Those with speaking parts in the production include: Cecil Barton, Bryan Bennett, Wally Bennett, Joe Bessalaar, Tim Byerly, Wes Castleman, Richard Chaffin, Sam Fleming, Mike Redd, Matt Sowell, John Swift, Tom Wood, Tony Wyatt, Carol Bennett, Rhonda Hinten and Cathy Wood. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the production.

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Deadlines

Ads Noon on Tuesday
Articles Noon on Monday



RONDALLA

Rondalla to Perform Locally

Cottonwood Baptist Church would like to announce that on Easter Sunday, April 20th, they will be blessed with the presence of a very special musical group! Rondalla is a group from Iglesia Bautista La Trinidad, a church in Piedras Negras, Mexico. Rondalla consists of 18 young men, 12 of which will be present worshipping with the congregation at Cottonwood Baptist Church.

The relationships that the Lord has developed between Cottonwood Baptist and Iglesia Bautista Le Trinidad are blessings of greater value than can be calculated. These men are friends and brothers in Christ and they are excited to have them visit!

The Lord has greatly gifted the men in Rondalla; their worshipful hearts are apparent in their music in such a way that transcends the "language barrier".

You are invited to worship along with Cottonwood Baptist Church and be blessed by this group on April 20th at 11:00 a.m.

Let's let our Troops know that they are in our hearts and minds

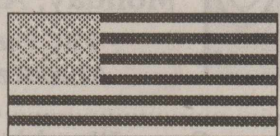
Mike Bennett
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76443
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302nd Military Police Company
Camp Wolf
APO AE 09336
(In War Zone)

SSGT Travis W. Parson
CJSOAC Unit 1/14
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(In War Zone)

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Thursday April 17th
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM

(In Foyer of Elementary Building)

Come & Go



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Conservation Program Public Meeting Set for April 17th in Baird

There will be a public meeting in Baird on April 17th, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., to discuss the implementation and allocation of funds for the environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). EQIP was re-authorized in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement conservation practices on eligible agricultural land. This meeting is open to the public and all Agricultural Producers, landowners and interested citizens of Callahan County are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at the Callahan County Courthouse in the County Courtroom located on the second floor. The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. and will end at 12 noon.

Topics to be discussed at this meeting will be conservation priorities, cost share rates, practices to cost share on, an application screening process and a priority ranking system

for applications. Your input is very important and all opinions and recommendations will be given to the Local Work Group for their consideration.

Immediately following the Program Development public meeting, there will be a Local Work Group meeting. The Local Work Group is made up of a mandated limited membership that includes the Callahan Divide SWCD Board, Farm Service Agency County Committee, the Callahan County Extension Agent, NRCS and FSA employees.

After considering all alternatives available to them, the local Work Group will advise NRCS on how the local people would like the EQIP program carried out. All of their recommendations will be taken into account by the NRCS Designated Conservationist when finalizing the program.

If you have an interest in how the conservation technical assistance money available thru the EQIP program is to be used in Callahan County, PLEASE plan on attending this meeting.

If you have any questions, please call the NRCS office in Baird at (915) 854-1349 extension 3.

Pioneer Cemetery Plans Announced

Twenty-six community and area citizens attended a planning meeting Monday night, March 21, at the Pioneer Community Club. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and make decisions for future improvements of the Pioneer Cemetery.

The cemetery, located on Highway 36 in southwestern Eastland County, was established in 1879 and has important historical significance. Persons in attendance, along with cemetery board members, agreed that plans and applications should be made for a historical marker to be erected at the cemetery in the near future.

Unanimous decisions were also made to plan for the building of a metal pavilion at the cemetery, along with a gate sign depicting significant glimpses into the historical past of the community. The pavilion would be utilized for gravesite rites, burials, Memorial Day Observances and other events (as needed).

James Alexander, chairman of the Pioneer Historical Association, made committee appointments for the gate sign and pavilion for further planning and to report back to the board and community members in three months. Don and Wanda Nelson of Early were already serving as committee members for the historical marker.

Tentative plans were also made for a community workday at the cemetery to be held May 17, in preparation for Memorial Day and the Pioneer Ex-Student Annual Meeting.

Anyone wishing to make contributions to the special building fund for the pavilion may do so by contacting Jo Veda Watson, Secretary/Treasurer, HC 30 Post. 75, Box 11, Brownwood, Texas 76801, or deposit directly to Texas Heritage Bank, Cross Plains, designating it for Pioneer Cemetery Building Fund. Any contributions for the historical marker or the gate, just make this known by designating your gift and deposit in the regular Pioneer Cemetery Fund.

Cemetery board members expressed sincere appreciation to community members for their attendance and interest in the cemetery. Refreshments were served to the following: Don and Wanda Nelson, Jessie Reddick, Earlene Burge, James Alexander, Joe and Roxie Phillips, Bobby Jack McCowen, Bill and Jo Veda Watson, Jim and Charlene Fleming, Glenda Phillips, Jimmy and Ida McCowen, Bobbie Nell Brown, Kenneth Brooks, David and Sarah McGowen, Cowan and Laverne Hutton, May Jones, Eddie and Sandra Flippin, Tom and Wanda Flippin.

OBITUARY



Norma Frances Gibson
Norma Frances King Gibson, 76, of San Antonio, went to be with our Lord on Friday, April 4, 2003, after a lengthy illness.

Services were held Monday, April 7, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. at Porter Loring Mortuary North with Roy F. Osborn officiating. Interment followed in Mission Burial Park North.

She was a loving, generous friend to everyone. She will be forever remembered for her smile and concern for others.

She was born to Mansel and Netia King, June 29, 1926 in Cross Plains, Texas. On November 10, 1944, she married her high school sweetheart, William Charles Gibson, formerly of Pioneer, Texas. Being a war-time bride, she remained in San Antonio while her husband finished his duties. Upon his return from the service, they made their home in San Antonio and started a plumbing business.

She was a member of Sunset Ridge Church of Christ. Norma was active in Child Nurture Club, PTA and was a chartered member of the Gay Twenties Club. She was a Bluebird Volunteer at Methodist Hospital at one time. She was also an active member of the Ladies Golf Association at Oak Hills Country Club.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, William Charles Gibson, of San Antonio; one son, William Allen Gibson and wife, Cynde, of San Antonio; two daughters, Deborah Kay Gibson and Marsha Delavan and husband, Marshall, all of San Antonio; three granddaughters, Nicole Kleffner and husband, Christopher, and Brooke Gibson, all of San Antonio, and Casey Gibson of Dallas; two grandsons, Will Delavan of College Station and Logan Delavan of San Antonio; one great-grandson, Carson William Kleffner; one sister, Lynda Gray and husband, Ronald, of San Antonio; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

The family invites you to leave a message or memory at www.porterloring.com by selecting "Sign Guestbook" at the bottom of the individual memorial.

Her style is one of transparency and honesty concerning her own past and how God through His grace and His Word have transformed her into a confident and secure woman of God. The feature topic for this upcoming event will be titled, "Who Told You That?" She will be addressing how we tend to hear many "voices" concerning our circumstances, self image and identity that are contrary to God's Voice through His Word.

Mark your calendars, plan now to join us! Salads will be provided by the women of First Baptist Church. All area women are encouraged to join us for this evening of good food and fellowship.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Cliff Foster, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Bennie W. Fish, DWI.
Jeremiah Driver, theft by check.
Billie Jo Stanley, theft by check.
Edward T. Walker, obscenity.

Civil Filings

Amy Cantrell, individually and as next friend of Ashlyn Vanwey and Dustin Vanwey, minors vs. Joe Mills Harris, damages.
Loretta Brown and James Edward Brown, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Michael Vernon Hargrove, Jr. and Raylynn Stephenson Hargrove, divorce granted.

Criminal Indictments

James G. Lee, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Bobby Don Chittum, order discharging defendant from probation granted, no deferred adjudication.

Larry Wayne Miller, order discharging defendant from probation granted, no deferred adjudication.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Cora Floding, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50 fine, court costs and restitution paid.
Margie Lind, motion to revoke probation granted.

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication; Trampas Belew, Gerald Brown, Harrel Burch, Truitt Collier, Dinah Davis, Robyn Davis, Angela Hill, Kevin Homstrom, Ronda Moore, Tasha Penrose, Charles D. Seals, Joe Slate, Jr., Kristi Slate, Johnnie Smedley.

End of term order discharging defendants under misdemeanor probation; Billy D. Fortune, William Gandy.

John McDonald, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Krycie Harbuck, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Glenn Lyon, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50 fine, court costs and restitution paid.

Matt M. Thomas, motion to dismiss to DWI granted, witness no longer available.

Chad M. Sheffield, motion to dismiss to DWI granted, witness no longer available.

Brandon K. Mahler, motion to dismiss to minor in consumption of alcoholic beverage granted, case dismissed for plea of co-defendant.

J. D. Seals, motion to revoke probation granted.

Misty Kelly, order extending probation granted.

Kevin D. Wilson, plea of guilty to minor in consumption of alcohol, fine \$7.75, \$242.25 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Brandon Shane Stover of Rising Star and Kimberly Dawn Ratliff of Cross Plains.

Cross Plains Masonic Lodge No. 627

Stated Meeting
1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
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COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
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Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00
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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
Bill Armstrong - Pastor

Area Women Invited To Attend Salad Supper April 14th

All women of the community will be invited to join the ladies of the First Baptist Church, Cross Plains, on Monday, April 14th. The evening will begin with a Salad Supper in the Family Life Center's Fellowship Hall beginning at 7:00 pm. Plan now to be a part of this special evening.

Annette Pruitt will be the guest speaker for the evening. Annette is the wife of senior pastor Jimmy Pruitt of Morning Star Community Church in Abilene. Annette has a heart for teaching the life changing power of God's Word to women. She currently conducts a weekly noon women's Bible study called "Women of the Word". Annette has also been a feature speaker for other women's ministries and events.

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Living Last Supper
Thursday, April 17th
at
6 PM

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Easter Musical
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Sunday, April 13: 6:00 p.m.
Presented by Adult Choir

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Ladies Salad Supper

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FBC Family Life Center
Annette Pruitt, Speaker

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Easter Sunday April 20th

First Baptist Church
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Ronnie B. White, Pastor

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PIONEER NEWS

The ladies had another good quilting day on Tuesday. We had our usual monthly meeting. We are working on three very pretty quilts. One goes out and another goes in.

This weekend was a work day at the home of Earlene Burge and Jessica Stultz. Jessica's children, Delicia and Andrew Chisholm, and their son, Cameron, his friend, Taylor, and Cindy Fuller, all of Brownwood, came over. They got a lot of work done and all enjoyed a dinner together late in the day. Visitors at the home were Joe and Jillian Brown, of Nicaragua, and Bill and Lucille Hester, of Clyde. They were delighted to be with one another, and so glad that Bill's health is better.

Earlene attended the cemetery meeting at Pioneer with approximately 30 others. They had a wonderful variety of snacks and drinks and a very productive meeting.

Charlene Chesshir went to Abilene last week to see her eye doctor. She got a good report—no change from last time. She did some shopping and visited her sister for a little while. Jim came and plowed 30 acres of land over the weekend. The frost bit her cannas but didn't seem to hurt the potatoes. (Wow! We are glad for that.)

Cowan and Laverne Hutton attended their great-grandson Chase Fortune's 6th birthday party. Chase is the grandson of Danny and Trisha Hutton. His parents are Jason and Robbie Fortune. His little sister's name is Jacie. Last month in one of the farm magazines, there was a great article about Jason, Robbie and children. Sure hope everyone read it or will read it. I am sure it

made all their family proud, as it did all who know them.

Frankie Smith traveled to Ranger to visit Mrs. Dorothy Rogers and spent the night with her. They traveled to Weatherford to visit their sisters. They attended a funeral of their friend Saturday and traveled with Mr. and Mrs. Blount to the musical in Carbon.

Kristi, Emily and Terra were at Glenda Phillips' on Saturday. They were out playing and having such a good time. They didn't come in for lunch until about 4:00 p.m., wanting to know what she had to eat. Glenda watched them play basketball Friday night. The two girls teams played the boys 5th and 6th grade team. There was only one boys team. The girls sure weren't afraid of those boys, but finally it got so rough that they stopped the game in the 4th quarter. Logan was at Glenda's Friday keeping her straightened out. Logan is ready to go to Pre-K, but it doesn't seem like he should be that big.

Lessie Fae Baum spent several days last week in Abilene with her sister, Oddie Ann Kivlechen.

We woke up one morning to a very good thunder, lightning and rain storm. It was sure a blessing. All the grain liked it, as well as the wildflowers. You must go down Highway 36 to Rising Star. The flowers are getting so pretty, and so are the trees.

The Pioneer Cemetery Board did have a good turn out for their meeting. Jo Veda Watson will let everyone know some of the items discussed.

Words of Wisdom: If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow. Chinese Proverb

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Believe It Or Not Homecoming Draweth Nigh

May 3, 2003 is the date and Cottonwood, Texas is the place. I hope you are here to say "Hello" to Grady and Dorothy (Thompson) Ramey who will be coming from San Antonio, and are expecting to see and greet you there. Also, Bob and Nelda (Thompson) Baker are expected to come from Weatherford. Dorothy and Nelda's brother, Leo is already here to greet all of us on that day.

The Cottonwood Historical Association has planned a gala occasion for our Annual Membership Meeting and Homecoming, which includes a great speaker in the person of Nancy (Robinson) Masters, who is a nationally known author and speaker, a world traveler, aviator and explorer. And one who has deep family roots in Cottonwood.

During the membership meeting you will learn about the new cemetery land, and the status of our application for a historical marker for the old cemetery. Election of Board members and

During the membership meeting you will learn about the new cemetery land, and the status of our application for a historical marker for the old cemetery. Election of Board members and other items and issues important to our historical health and future activities will be on the agenda.

Lunch will be served. The Association Board of Directors will furnish meat, bread, drinks and other accouterments, and your ticket to dine will be a companion dish of a vegetable, salad or dessert.

There will be a story-telling

contest and plenty of time for visiting and sharing with others your life in Cottonwood, whether it was then or now.

So come early and stay late; bring photos and other memorabilia to share with each other. Remember; if you don't show up, you may deprive others of your part in the fond memories of their life in Cottonwood.

Memorial Gifts and other donations are welcome and needed to help the Association carry out its obligations of maintenance and upkeep of the cemeteries and other property. Send donations to: The Cottonwood Historical Associations, P.O. Box 704, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Back Then It Was Different

Do you remember how it was when the Cottonwood Historical Association was known as the Cottonwood Cemetery Association? Here (below) is the printed minutes of the 1965 membership meeting:

"The Cottonwood Cemetery Association met May 2, 1965 on the Cottonwood Methodist Church. Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Bill Ingraham. A nice program was rendered. John T. Purvis was elected President and Hazel Respass was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Bro. Joe McCarty brought the 11:30 message of the morning. Meeting adjourned for lunch."

Signed/Hazel S. Respass-Sec. Treasurer.

(Please call Wallace Bennett (254-725-6474) of family events and upcoming community activities.)

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: Have you spotted all those ladies and gardeners running around town madly pursuing ideas and making plans? If you haven't, you should very soon. That will be the members of the Cross Plains Garden Club preparing for their flower show, which will be held Saturday, April 26. You are invited, so please make plans to come and view the handy-work of these local members. Each member is to make a floral arrangement for display and for judging. The judging by three out-of-town judges will be held Saturday morning. In the afternoon, the show will be open for the public to view. Admission is free. The Flower Show will be held at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center downtown; and located at South 2nd and Main Street. Come on down and join us on this lovely occasion, view the flowers, visit with friends and neighbors, and enjoy.

"That and The Other..."

Have you caught a glimpse of the Easter Bunny yet? I've been watching for him, though and maybe I might spy him out buying paint for all that bunch of Easter eggs. It must be just a bit early to see him out, yet. I'll keep watching though. I guess I just have been trying to rush spring.

Quite a few birds have been showing up at our bird feeders. We are going to get our hummingbird feeders up soon. I already cleaned out the fountain, painted it with a solution to keep

it from rusting, so now the birds have running water once again. In winter we fill a large receptacle with water, by hand (hose).

Sometimes around the first of March or the latter part of February, I wrote in my column about my nephew, Randy Bounds, being an extra in a movie near Dripping Springs, Texas. Two of the leading actors in the movie are Dennis Quaid and Billy Bob Thornton. They started filming the first week of March and are still filming. It is a movie about the Alamo and Randy made the cut and has been in many shots. Naturally, he is aware (very much so) that many of the shots may wind up on the cutting room floor, but he is optimistic that some will still remain. Certainly his Aunt Kay will be eye-balling every scene in that movie for glimpses of Randy.

Recent rains have caused some delays in the filming. The movie is being produced by Ron Howard. One thing I found fascinating is the fact that they don't just build store fronts, they build the whole building and have to tear them down when they finish filming. As I understand it, if they leave them standing, the landowner (rancher, farmer, etc.) would have to pay taxes on it. Tear it down—NO TAXES.

I spoke last night to my sister and she stated that the filming recently has slowed down some. I'm starting my fan letter, just in case Randy makes it big (tongue in cheek).

LIBRARY NOTES

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GARDEN TIPS

By JAMES NICHOLS

What's the best way to grow tomatoes in small back yard gardens? Growing 8 to 10 plants of two to three different varieties.

If you chose types that mature at different times, you can stretch your harvest over many weeks. If you grow your own plants, it is best to toughen up or harden your plants before setting them out in the garden. It takes 10 days or so to harden tomato plants by moving them outside, holding back water and gradually exposing them to bright sunlight.

Special tips:
1. Select different varieties.

2. Select a site in full sun.
 3. Mix a teaspoon of 5-10-10 fertilizer or bone meal and a teaspoon of ground limestone at bottom of planting hole.
 4. Set out the plant as deep as possible, leaving only a few top branches.
 5. Water generously and keep the plant well watered for a few days.
- For best flavor, harvest tomatoes when firm and full colored. Fruit will continue to ripen if picked half ripe and brought inside.

RISING STAR NURSING CENTER

Welcome back to resident Mildred Free. We are happy to report she is home after a stay in Brownwood Regional Hospital.

Last week we made pecan pies to celebrate National Pecan Day. The residents enjoyed this activity, especially the eating part! Thanks to David Scoville for providing the pecans.

Jacque Childress, Frankie Smith and Gail Ransdell came by to sing and play piano. Jacque and Frankie have been here many times, but this was the first time for Gail (sister of Jacque) to play at our Center, and were we impressed! Gail was wonderful and the piano, playing many favorite songs for the residents. We hope

she comes back often.

Please keep Carl McKenzie in your prayers. He is a little down in his health right now.

Thank you to Mrs. Frankie Smith, she donated a large bag full of Teddy Bears to give away to residents.

Dates to Remember:
April 15th--Monthly Birthday Party -- 2 pm

April 17th--Cross Plains Pre-K Easter Egg Hunt --9:30 am

April 18th--Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 1--12 years old-- 10 am.

April 26th--Bake/Garage Sale at Cross Plains to benefit Cross plains EMS.

BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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Why do bad things happen to some good people? For that matter, why do good things happen to some bad people? Questions like that surface, especially when accidents happen-- or when "mother nature" rages with some form of storm, etc.

One major mistake often made at such a time is blaming God for such happenings-- and nothing could be further from the truth of the matter. He may allow such things to happen, but we can only speculate beyond that-- like the Old Testament character, Job, and those so-called friends-- who came by to "explain" why things had happened to him.

Did Job get his question of "why" answered? No, not by the so-called friends-- and not even by God. But to remind Job of just who was still in charge of things, God asked him a battery of questions like "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?" and "Who shut in the sea with doors when it burst forth and issued from the womb?" I can just see Job shrugging his shoulders at each question and sheepishly replying. "I don't know...!"

God staked His integrity against Satan (the real cause of all bad things) upon Job's reliability and faithfulness. Satan's argument to God was that Job would crumble under pressure; God said, "No, he won't!" And Job didn't. He questioned God with his "Why?" -- and I think that's okay with God -- but Job did not lose faith.

As we continue to ask questions -- about the war, about the weather, about accidents -- God is staking His integrity against Satan upon His people's reliability and faithfulness. Will we stand the test as well as Job did and "help God save face" against Satan?

We urge you to come and share periods of Bible study and worship with us. We really do care about you, too.

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.
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COTTONWOOD

THE CREATION OF A SLUM TOWN -- WHO CARES?

I know the answer to this title! If the cemetery is not in your front yard, forget it! Who really cares? Why stir up a mess? But I ask you this; Is there someone out there who would donate several acres for a cemetery in an area away from downtown Cottonwood? One never knows. The generosity of others is often underestimated. At the present time, for Norma and I, with the opening of the new super cemetery, it's like being terrorized by your known Christian friends. By Harold Strahan

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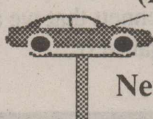
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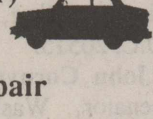
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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

April 14 - April 17

MONDAY--Butter Beans w/ ham, Harvard Beets, Okra & Tomatoes, Choc. Chip Cookie, Cornbread, Milk

TUESDAY-- Chicken Pot Pie, Mexican Corn, Broccoli, Fruit Cocktail, Cookie, Bread, Milk

WEDNESDAY-- Homemade Begy Beef Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Peach Cobbler, Crackers, Milk

THURSDAY--Ham, Dressing w/Gravy, Green Beans, Yam Patty, Fruit Salad, Roll, Milk

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

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Baseball Update

Buffaloes Compete Strong in District at Mertzon

The Lady Buffs and Buffaloes traveled to Mertzon on April 3 to compete in the District Meet. Weather conditions were outstanding and the Buffaloes did an exceptional job.

The Lady Buffs scored 72 points as a team and finished in 3rd place. Preliminary races were held in almost all events. Advancing to finals for the girls were Shana Hyles, Ashley Cook, Kim Mosier, Naomi Isabell, Christin Hyles, Kelsey Richards, Rainey Bacon, Brittany Adams and Jennifer Young.

The Varsity boys finished the meet in 5th place with a total of 67 points. The Buffaloes advancing to the finals were led by Andy Bennett, Caesar Ramirez, Michael Allen, Marcus Williams, Chris Harris, Dusty Dickson, Dusty Purvis, Thomas Dimitri, Brandon Horton, Jared Wooten and Jeff Champion.

The high school tracksters who finished in places 1 through 4 will advance to Area on April 17 at Wylie High School.

Track Participants:
Seniors—Ashley Cook, Dustin Purvis, Chris Harris, Dani Rivard (Mgr.)
Juniors—Andy Bennett, Dusty Dickson, Marcus Williams, Jennifer Young, Shana Hyles, Randy

Duncan, Christin Hyles, Amanda Rivard, Caesar Ramirez, Jared Wooten

Sophomores—Thomas Dimitri, Travis Black, Chris Beaty, Brandon Horton, Kelsey Richards, Michael Allen, Kim Mosier, Angela Rodriquez, Dayna Bennett, Jeff Champion, Micheal Gregory

Freshman—Brittany Adams, Naomi Isbell, Rainey Bacon, Chance Watkins, River Dillard, Roy Smith, Josh Dillard

Varsity Boys Results

3200 Meter Run
2nd - Any Bennett 11:39.50
5th - Caesar Ramirez 12:03.23

800 Meter Run
6th Marcus Williams 2:14.38

110 Meter High Hurdles
2nd - Chris Harris 16.21

100 Meter Dash
6th - Jeff Champion 12.048

800 Relay - 7th place 1:39.56
Dusty Dickson, Dustin Purvis, Thomas Dimitri, Chris Harris

400 Meter Dash
4th - Michael Allen 52.28

200 Meter Dash
3rd - Michael Allen 23.66

8th - Jeff Champion 25.04

1600 Meter Run
1st - Andy Bennett 4:56.51

8th - Caesar Ramirez 5:18.27

1 Mile Relay - 5th place 3:45.41
Dusty Dickson, Dustin Purvis,

Chris Harris, Michael Allen

Field Events

Discus
7th - Jared Wooten 117' 1"

High Jump
1st - Dusty Dickson 6' 2"

Pole Vault
3rd - Brandon Horton 13' 0"

6th - Thomas Dimitri 12' 0"

Varsity Girls Results

800 Meter Run
1st - Shana Hyles 2:36.42

100 Meter High Hurdles
5th - Ashley Cook 17.37

800 Relay - 8th Place 2:00.16
Jennifer Young, Christin Hyles, Brittany Adams, Rainey Bacon

400 Meter Dash
1st - Kim Mosier 60.33

6th - Shana Hyles 71.39

300 Meter Hurdles
2nd - Ashley Cook 48.23

200 Meter Dash
1st - Kim Mosier 26.58

1600 Meter Run
6th - Christina Hyles 6:40.52

Miles Relay - 4th Place 4:32.67
Shana Hyles, Naomi Isbell, Kim Mosier, Ashley Cook

Field Events

Discus
3rd - Kelsey Richards 96' 9"

High Jump
7th - Kim Mosier 4' 6"

Shot Put
2nd - Kelsey Richards 36' 1 1/2"

J.H. Girls Track Results

Junior High Girls Track results from the second meet, Friday, March 14th, at Gorman are as follows:

Two teams consist of 8th Grade or "A" Division - Scott, Burrhus, Milam, Douglass, Schaefer and Wallace

7th Grade or "B" Division - Cook, Avants, Biggs and Mathews.

"A" Division
2nd 400 Relay - Scott, Burrhus, Milam, Douglass

1st 800 Relay - Scott, Burrhus, Schaefer, Douglass
2nd 1600 Relay - Scott Burrhus, Milam, Douglass

Field Events
5th Discus - Douglass
4th Shot Put - Douglass
6th Shot Put - Wallace
4th Long Jump - Burrhus

"B" Division
6th 100 Dash - Biggs
3rd 800 Run - Avants
2nd 100 Hurdles - Cook
2nd 300 Hurdles - Cook
6th 200 Dash - Biggs
3rd 400 Dash - Mathews
2nd 1600 Run - Avants

Field Events
5th Discus - Mathews
1st Shot Put - Biggs
3rd Shot Put - Mathews

Pioneer Relays - March 27th
Teams Competing - De Leon, Eden, Baird, Richland Springs and Cross Plains

Cross Plains Results:
1st 400 Meter Relay 59.60 - Scott, Burrhus, Stout, Douglass
2nd 100 Hurdles - 21.16 Cook
6th 100 Dash 15.06 Schaefer
5th 400 Dash 78.78 Libey
1st 300 Hurdles 62.59 Cook
6th 200 Dash 33.94 Schaefer
4th 1600 Meter Relay 5:19.81 - Milam, Burrhus, Scott, Douglass

Field Events
3rd Shot Put 29' 10" Douglass
5th Discus 56' 10" Douglass
5th Long Jump 13' Burrhus
6th Long Jump 11' 7" Milam
3rd High Jump 4' 2" Libey
Other team members - Avants, Biggs, Wallace, Mathews, Walker

C.P. earned 67 points for 4th place team.

District 12A Results
Teams participating were Albany, Baird, Ranger, Gorman and Cross Plains

Cross Plains Results:
6th 2400 Run 12:53.00 Milam
1st 400 Relay 59.13 Scott, Burrhus, Schaefer, Douglass

5th 100 Hurdles 21.05 Cook
6th 100 Hurdles 22.15 Milam
4th 800 Run 3:14.73 Avants
5th 100 Dash 15.13 Stout
4th 300 Hurdles 60.22 Cook
4th 1600 Run 7:25.23 Avants
1st 1600 Relay 4:59.35 Scott, Burrhus, Schaefer, Douglass
3rd 800 Relay 2:07.59 - Scott Burrhus, Schaefer, Douglass

Field Events
4th Shot 28' 10 3/4" Douglass
6th Shot 26' 5 1/2" Mathews
3rd Discus 61' 4" Douglass
5th Triple Jump 23' 5" Milam
6th Triple Jump 20' 10" Biggs
4th Long Jump 12' 10 1/4" Burrhus
3rd High Jump 4' 2" Burrhus
Other team members - Wallace and Walker

Cross Plains was out numbered 11 to 20 against these schools, but this small group of girls worked hard to compete. Good job!

District Totals
1st - Albany 171 points
2nd Baird 123 points
3rd Ranger 100 points
4th Gorman 98 points
5th Cross Plains 94 points

The PTO will host its 1st Annual Mom and Muffins on Thursday, April 17. All moms are invited to the elementary building to enjoy a muffin and drink with their child.

This week ends the 5th six weeks. Students will be getting report cards next week. Friday will also be a special day for those students with great behavior. The students will receive extra time for recess during the afternoon. They will also get to build an ice cream sundae. The pre-kindergarten has 100 percent of their students with less than 6 marks. We are hoping for all of them to attend the party.

The big dates for the elementary students are April 29, 30 and May 1. The students in grades 3-8 will be taking the TAKS Reading, Math and the new 5th Grade Science Tests. The students will do a great job, just as our third and fourth graders have done on the previous tests this year.

The Pre-Kindergarten students will attend school together on Thursday, April 17. They will be going to Rising Star to the Nursing Center to celebrate the Easter holiday with the residents. The parents and residents will be providing a fun-filled morning East Egg hunt for the students and residents. The students will also perform a few songs for the residents and give them a small Easter basket of goodies. Thanks to the Pre-kindergarten parents for the gallon milk jugs for baskets. We have plenty now. The students will start to school at 8 a.m. and finish the day at 12:00 p.m. Please check the Randolph Reader this week for more details.

The elementary staff and students prayers go out to Mrs. Purvis during this time of recovery. We wish her the best as she begins this road towards treatment. She is a great science teacher and hard worker.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on April 10, 2003, beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school administrative board room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

Personnel
Discuss and take action on teachers contracts
Executive session (if needed).
This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on April 7, 2003, at 10 a.m. by Jackie Tension for the Board of Trustees.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

April 1, 2003
The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Donnie Dillard, Bryan Bennett, Jim Cook and Tony Wyatt.
The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent.
Prayer was led by Bryan Bennett.
Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cook to hire David Hagler as Athletic Director for 2003-04 with a one year probationary contract with a \$1,500 stipend. For 6 Against 0
Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Bennett that we adjourn. For 6 Against 0

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CROSS PLAINS I.S.D. EARLY OUT

2:30 pm on Thursday, April 17, 2003.
Prior to the Easter Holidays on Friday, April 18th and Monday, April 21st.
Buses Will Run at 2:40 p.m.

Classes Will Resume Tuesday, April 22nd

SCHOOL MENU

APRIL 14 - APRIL 17	
BBREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY--Oatmeal, Toast, Assorted Juice	MONDAY--Burrito w/Chili & Cheese, Crackers, Corn, Peaches
TUESDAY--Pancakes, Sausage, Assorted Juice	TUESDAY-- Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Pears
WEDNESDAY--Eggs, Bacon, Biscuit, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY--Fiesta Salad (Chili Beans, Corn Chips, Cheese, Salad, Rice) Pineapples
THURSDAY--Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	THURSDAY--Turkey & Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, Applis
FRIDAY--NO SCHOOL	FRIDAY-- NO SCHOOL



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J.V. Baseball Report

The J.V. Buffs played Ranger J.V. last week and the final score was 9-6 Buffs' favor.

In this game Chance Watkins pitched 7 innings for the win, although he gave up 10 hits, they were scattered thru the game and the defense played well behind him.

Offensively Dusty Cooper was 2 for 3 with 2 RBI's. Thomas Stephenson was 2 for 3 with 1 RBI, Mitch Byrd had a double and scored on a squeeze by Casey Pack. Chance Watkins also had an RBI.

In their next contest they were beaten by Dublin J.V. 19-3. The

Buff's defense committed 11 errors and you just can't do that against a good team. Mitch Byrd and Clayton Thomas pitched and gave up 8 hits. The Buffs hitting was Aaron Isbell going 2 for 3, Rick Gibson had a double and 2 RBI's, and Thomas Stephenson had 1 hit. Clayton Thomas had an RBI on a squeeze bunt.

The J.V.'s next action is also Thursday. They will play after the Varsity and then Saturday they will travel to Albany to play in a J.V. Tournament. They will play Ranger at 11:00 a.m., then Albany at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by Coach Mitchell Atchley

Photos Needed All-Sports Banquet

The time is fast approaching for the All-Sports Banquet. This year we are taking a new approach with the picture posters. If you have pictures that you would like to be considered for a poster, please submit them to City Hall or to Lurene or Cliffadean at the High School by April 15th. The booster club will meet Monday, April 18th in the gym foyer at 6:30 pm to sort through the pic-


tures and determine which ones will be used to make posters. You may bring your pictures to the meeting if you can not get them to City Hall or the High School by April 15th, but there will be no pictures accepted after the meeting. Please put your name on the back of your pictures so that we can return them to you. The banquet will be held May 12, 2003.

Submitted by Coach Mitchell Atchley

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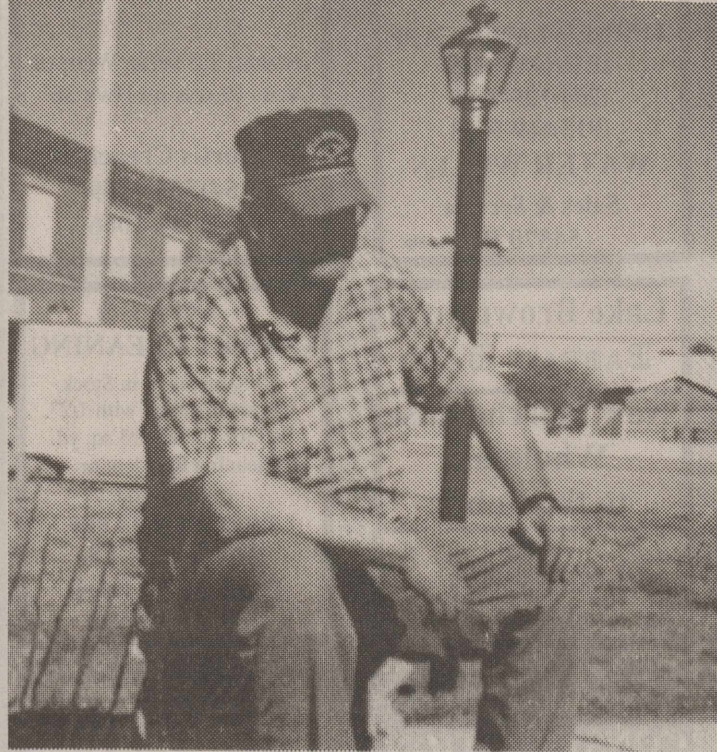
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ARBOR DAY PROJECTS—Cross Plains Garden Club members Eva Fleming and Bob Powell plants a beautiful "Flowering Quince" bush at the Cross Plains Library Park.



LOOKING ON—James Nichols, Cross Plains Garden Club member, watches as fellow members contribute additional beauty to the library park.

Happy Birthdays!

APRIL 12
Kala King
Patricia Hill
Doug Weiss
Roger W. Smith
Adam "Bubba" Anderson

APRIL 13
Sue Oliver
Nancy Hester
Barbara Thetford
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APRIL 18
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Having tasted the reality of terror on our soil, most Americans understand that justice and freedom are to be held sacred over murderous lawlessness and slavery to fear.

The critics of war must embrace evil tyranny or simply deny the reality that freedom is achieved and defended at a high price.....BLOOD.

From our Declaration of Independence in 1976, to the Emancipation Proclamation in 1861, to Adolf Hitler's murderous reign of terror, we sometimes forget that much blood was shed before we enjoyed the absence of terror on our soil and a true season of peace. The real problem is not the high cost of freedom, but the astronomical cost of allowing a murderous dictator like Adolf Hitler to build gas chambers in Europe, or allowing Stalin and other socialist-communist tyrants to murder between 10 and 20 million people across Asia while we enjoyed "peace". All the wars since the birth of our nation have been modestly inexpensive compared to the cost of cowardice when freedom is not defended. War protests often ignore the cold reality that highly intelligent, very resourceful and charismatic people can also be totally evil.

The current war is about justice for the Iraqi people and the families from New York, Washington, England and beyond, who have been terrorized by tyranny. It is about mass graves of innocent Iraqi people. It's about innocent passengers on airlines, body bags at the former World Trade Center, blind-sided attacks of the Pentagon, and every other cowardice attack by those who preach and perpetrate hatred. War should never be glorified, nor its necessity denied. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. Will we pay the Price? Our Commander In Chief says, "YES." We ARE willing to fight and defend innocent people...even to death.

We honor, support and pray and for our brave ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINES and NATIONAL GUARD.

Thank you, each one of you.

Charles Chesshir

Dear Editor,

It may have been Ben Franklin who said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Personally, I think it is as true today as it was then.

A chart by the cash register at Jean's Feed Barn tells of what to do when a customer tries to inhale, rather than swallow their delicious steak. I think that there should be a sign above that chart reminding people that if they follow their mother's advice, and chew each bite 20 times before swallowing, they may be less likely to require the life-saving measures in the chart.

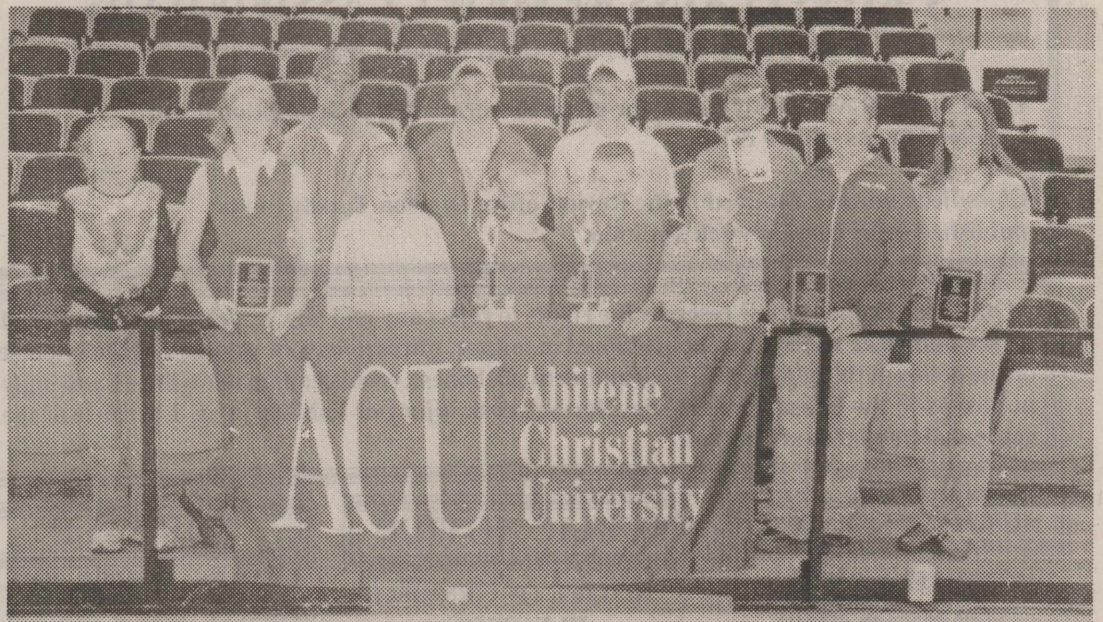
Curt Hoskins
Cross Plains

Abilene Quilters Guild Meeting

The Abilene Quilters Guild will meet on Monday, April 14 at the Wylie United Methodist Church located at 3130 Antilley Road in Abilene.

The meeting will begin with a meet and greet at 6:45 p.m. and the regular program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The program is "Square in a Square" which is the art of placing one square in another square and the combinations that come as you cut the squares and place the pieces in new patterns. Also each Guild member is asked to bring one "quilt tip" to share with the group. For more information about the guild contact Jay Neal at 325-235-9600.



AT JUDGING CONTEST—Callahan County 4-H members attending the 55th annual ACU Livestock Judging Contest held March 25 include from left to right front row: Shayla Wilson, Emalie Green, Lauren Hicks, Jagher Gray, Brandon Black, Tyler Mayfield, Shayla Lee and Whitney Hicks. Back row from left are: Cody White, Zack Green, Quinn Powers and Ethan White.

12 County 4-H members participate in ACU Livestock Judging Contest

Twelve local 4-H members participated in the 55th Annual ACU Livestock Judging Contest held on March 25, 2003 at the Taylor County Expo Center. These 4-H members competed against other 4-H teams in their abilities to judge cattle, swine, and lamb classes. In the individual results Whitney Hicks

was 4th, Ethan White was 7th, Shayla Lee was 8th, and Emalie Green placed 10th. Team 1 which consisted of Whitney Hicks, Ethan White, Cody White, and Zach Green placed 3rd overall and Team 2 which consisted of Shayla Lee, Emalie Green, Shayla Wilson, and Quinn Powers placed 5th

overall. Other junior members participating included Lauren Hicks, Jagher Gray, Brandon Black and Tyler Mayfield. Many of these youth will be competing at the Tarleton State Judging Contest April 12th in preparation for the District 7 Contest held in early May.

Submitted by Robert Pritz

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from March 30, 2003 through April 5, 2003 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—109
Complaints—101
DWI—1
Unlawfully carrying weapon—1

Public Intoxication—2
Vehicle Accidents
There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
To the Registered Voters of Cross Plains, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 3, 2003, for voting in a general election, to elect three councilmen.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES: Cross Plains Community Center, 108 Beech Street, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Cross Plains City Hall, 201 S. Main, Cross Plains, Texas between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 16, 2003 and ending on April 29, 2003.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Debbie Gosnell at P.O. Box 129, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2003.

Issued this the 4th day of April, 2003.

Ray Purvis, Presiding Officer

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of Cross Plains, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2003, for voting in a school trustee election, to elect two members.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES: Cross Plains Community Center, 108 North Beech Street, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

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The residence and mailing address of Allyson Moon, is 17301 CR 441, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

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We would like to say thank you to each and everyone who brought food, sent cards, called and came see Harold and I at the hospital. We were blessed with friends and family who brought food and flowers when Harold passed.

We have special people in our lives. We would like to say thank you to Bob and Dee for making everything so special and for all the help. We want to thank Ronnie White and Mat Mc Gowen for the services they gave. To Dorothy, James and Allen; the music and songs were beautiful.

We want to thank Tim and his staff for all the work that was put into the beautiful flowers and plants.

We thank the ladies at the First Baptist Church for the very nice dinner. It was very good. Thank you. We want to thank everyone again for all that they did for us.

The Family of Harold Baxter:
Betty Baxter, Joe, Deana and Kathleen Terstegge,

CARD OF THANKS

My daughter and I wish to say a great Thank You to all who helped during my two weeks in the hospital. The prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, flowers, and such good food since being at home has helped so very much. Special thanks to Connie and Cliff Kirkham for getting me home on Tuesday, April 1. Much love to each of you and may God bless all.

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CARD OF THANKS

We would like to say we are truly blessed with friends and family who care. Cottonwood and Cross Plains are "Caring Communities".

Thanks to Connie and Cliff Kirkham for giving us the show-ers at their house.

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Tribute to the C.P. Library Volunteers

April 6-12 is National Library Week and the Cross Plains Library would like to pay tribute to all the volunteers who help make our library the best.

We have many volunteers who have worked over the years to keep the library services up and going. For many years, our LAP program has been the longest running program we have, and it is still going. Beverly Ross is the director of the program and she has several workers under her including Sue Bennett, Denise Turner and Dorothy Petty.

We are in the process of getting the LAPSIT program under way and it will be for children ages birth to 2 years old. Denna Black and Catherine Smith are the volunteers to help get this program up and going by November 2003.

Our genealogy classes are doing great and seem to have the potential to grow and gain momentum. Sandra Ingram and Sharon Pope lead the genealogy group.

We do have a Friends of The Library list started and it is growing. These are people who like to help with various projects during the year, such as bake and book sales and our annual fundraiser. We do appreciate these special people and their help. I will not name them as the list is long and I do not want to miss anyone. We cannot do without them.

The Board of Directors is the main operational system that keeps the library up and going. It is the board who governs the

library and its operations, in addition to the other projects that they do. Our board is established on a volunteer basis and they spend a lot of time volunteering. The board consists of the President - Charles Rodenberger; Vice President - Judy Luter; Secretary - Ginny Hoskins; Treasurer - Lavonne Childress; Wallace Bennett; Mary Ann Chaffin; Jacque Childress; Connie Kirkham; Billie Loving; Joan McCowen; James Nichols; Sharon Parr and Dorothy Petty.

In addition to their regular positions on the board, they have started the Oral History project for our community, Meet the Author Series, writing contest, computer classes, and they have just sponsored the publication of a book about Cross Plains and the surrounding communities. These are just a few of the items they are involved in.

There is so much work that goes into the library and its services and it sure cannot be accomplished with just a few people—it takes several people. We are so appreciative of our volunteers and we hope they know the library cannot operate without them and their valued time. WE THANK YOU!

Come by the library and see what we have in store for you during the National Library Week.

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JUST ONE BED FULL OF GIFTS—A wonderful variety of items were given.

Community Shower "A Great Success"

By Vanda Anderson Creech
Editor

The Community Shower for the Joe, Deana and Kathleen Terstegge was a huge success. The family recently lost their home and belongings to a fire and as usual, the Cross Plains area residents rallied to help them re-establish their household.

Approximately 30 residents attended the shower last Saturday at the home Cliff and Connie Kirkham. This shower brought back memories of when the Kirkham family lost their home to fire. They could relate to the

flood of emotions this family was experiencing.

The Terstegge family was overwhelmed by the gifts bestowed, plus there was \$100 on the money tree.

A good time was had by all and this family was blessed with a great new start. Joe, Deana and Kathleen were very appreciative of the generosity of everyone.

The hosts and hostesses for the shower are grateful for everyone's cooperation. Once again Cross Plains has proved itself true to the logo "A Caring Community".

Summer ACT Exam Registration Told

The next ACT Assessment will be administered nationwide on Saturday, June 14, 2003. College-bound high school students must register for the college admissions and placement exam by May 9 - the deadline for having your

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ACT scores are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities, including all Ivy League schools, and are used by colleges along with high school grade point average and other information for admissions decisions and to help place students in appropriate-level courses. The test fee is \$25 (\$28 in Florida).

Students can register for the ACT by getting a packet from their high school counselors or by registering online at ACT's website -- www.act.org. The website also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials including an interactive CD-ROM, ACTive Prep, which contains actual, timed tests and helps students build a study plan.

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