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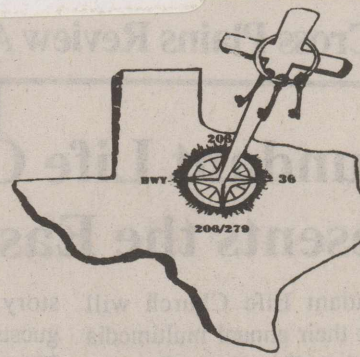
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EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story was sent to me by a faithful subscriber who keeps me replenished with great information. It seemed appropriate for Easter week and the celebration of Christ's resurrection. You will be able to relate to this story, I know I did. It makes you wonder what if Christ had felt like His cross was too large? Where would we be?

Have a wonderful weekend and remember what Christ's crucifixion really means. **Vanda Anderson Creech**

"The Cross"

A young man was at the end of his rope, seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer.

"Lord, I can't go on," he said. "I have too heavy a cross to bear."

The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then open that other door and pick out any cross you wish."

The man was filled with relief and said, "Thank you Lord," and he did as he was told.

Upon entering the other room, he saw many crosses; some so large the tops were not visible. Then he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall.

"I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered. The Lord replied, "My son, that is the cross you just brought in."

When life's problems seem overwhelming, it helps to look around and see what other people are coping with. You may consider yourself far more fortunate than you imagined.

"Your Cross"

Whatever your cross,
Whatever your pain,
There will always be sunshine,
After the rain.

Perhaps you may stumble,
Perhaps even fall,
But God's always there,
To help you through it all.

Author Unknown

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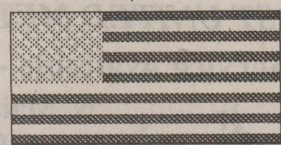
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Living Water Ministries host Passover Seder Meal Wednesday, April 16

On April 16th at 6:30 p.m. Living Water Ministries will host a Passover Seder Meal at the church on Highway 36. It will be open to everyone in our community who would like to share the meal. Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples. This has come to be known as The Last Supper. In Biblical tradition, they sat down to a meal including

roasted lamb and unleavened bread. (Exodus 12:6-8) God established the Passover to teach certain spiritual truths. It is a reminder of God's miraculous deliverance of His people out of slavery in Egypt. It also foreshadowed the ultimate sacrifice Jesus paid for us to set us spiritually free. Come and learn more about this Biblical meal.

Rondalla to Perform in Cottonwood and Cross Plains Sunday, April 20th

The musical group Rondalla from Iglesia Bautista La Trinidad Church in Piedra Negras, Mexico will be performing at Cottonwood Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m. on Resurrection Sunday, April 20th. They will also be coming to Living Water Ministries in Cross Plains that same day at 3:00 p.m. Our community has an opportunity to bless and be blessed by these very talented young men. Come to either or both services and let the worship of God transcend every language barrier!

Sunrise Service to be held at Nimrod Baptist Church

There will be a Sunrise Easter Service on Sunday, April 20, at Nimrod Baptist Church on FM 569, beginning about 6:45 a.m.

The pastor, Brother Bill Armstrong, will be leading the service and refreshments will be

served afterwards. Sunday School will begin at the normal time of 10:00 a.m. with morning worship services at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to come worship the Risen Savior on this special day.

Commissioners approve land purchase for radio tower installation

Callahan County Commissioners voted to approve the purchase of 4 1/2 acres near the community of Belle Plaine to erect a radio tower to serve the County.

Commissioners took the action Monday, April 14 during a regular meeting of the commissioners' court held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

County Judge Roger Corn said Callahan County is currently in the process to obtain a law enforcement agency grant to build a radio tower in Belle Plaine. Judge Corn said the cost of the new tower, which includes guy

wiring, a fence and small building, is estimated at \$110,000.

Commissioners approved the purchase of the 4 1/2 acres for \$5,000 from a private land owner. However, Judge Corn said the county has still not signed the contract of sale and did not provide the landowner's name. Judge Corn said county officials are considering a tract of land near a County Road, but the county would still be required to obtain an easement to get to the property.

Callahan County is currently paying American Tower \$575 per month and another \$200 per month for communication towers in the county.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court include:

—Commissioners opened the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

—Commissioners voted to sign

the minutes of the previous meeting.

—Commissioners voted to approve the County Treasurer's Report.

—There was no public comment received during the meeting.

—Commissioners voted to advertise for bids and posting notice of the County's intent to contract with a Depository Bank.

—Commissioners took no action concerning a 1,200 foot gas pipeline easement from Randal L. Wiginton. The easement is located on County Road 206 in Commissioner Precinct #4.

See Tower Page 7

Show Your Support for Our Troops !!!!!

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 you

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

Cottonwood Musical This Friday

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will present their monthly Musical this Friday, April 18, at the Cottonwood Community Center.

You don't want to miss out on Ethel Champion's red beans and cornbread, served with peppers and onion, all for \$3.00. Also great sandwiches, pies, cakes, soda, coffee and tea will be available. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m.

Musical entertainment begins at 6 p.m. and Mary E. Weaver will serve as emcee.

Proceeds from the evening will be utilized for the upkeep of the Cottonwood Community Center.

Come out and meet old friends and make new ones. There will be great fun, food and entertainment. See you there!!!!

Cross Cut Baptist Church Easter Service

The old Cross Cut Baptist Church will host its 5th annual Easter Service this Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. The Rev. James Roach will be presiding.

They were able to purchase 15 "new to them" padded pews, so you can worship in comfort this year.

Come early or stay afterwards for fellowship and refreshments. For more information call (254) 725-6836.

Easter Egg Hunt Planned by DQ

The Dairy Queen is sponsoring a huge Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, at 10:00 a.m. at the bank lot behind the Dairy Queen on Main Street. Children from 0-10 years old are asked to bring their Easter baskets and join in the hunt.

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

Three injured in 2-vehicle accident

A two-vehicle accident occurred Sunday, April 13, around 6:00 p.m. on FM 880 1/2 mile north of County Road 434 (the hill were Wade Stephens lives).

H.D. (Herman) Weaver of Cottonwood was driving a 1 ton Dodge pickup and Jason Goains of Cross Plains was driving a 1 ton Ford 4-door pickup. Goains had a passenger, Chance Hyles of Cross Plains. Goains is the son of Kim Goains of Cross Plains and Jason Goains of Meridian. Hyles is the son of Buck and Charlotte Hyles of Cross Plains.

State Trooper Jim Cook of Cross Plains responded to the accident, which he reported was

still under investigation.

The Cross Plains E.M.S. and the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department were summoned to the scene. Blake Foster, volunteer fireman, reported that the jaws of life was utilized in removing Weaver and Goains.

Foster and Frankie Hyles cut the door out of the way on Goains' vehicle and attached a chain to the axle to pull the steering wheel off the young man.

The driver's door was cut off the Weaver truck and the dash had to be pushed off the driver.

Both trucks were diesel so there was no explosion or fire, and the

See Accident Page 2

"Living Last Supper" to be performed at FUMC

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.

Annual Meeting of the Cottonwood Historical Association Set for May 3rd

The annual meeting of the Cottonwood Historical Association will be held Saturday, May 3, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood Community Center.

Nancy Robinson Masters will be the guest speaker for the event.

A luncheon will be served at noon. The association will provide the meat, bread and drinks. Those attending are asked to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert.

Additional details will be provided next week.

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 Besselaar, 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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Abundant Life Church Presents the Easter Story

Abundant Life Church will present their annual multimedia production of the Easter Story on Saturday, April 19th, at 7:00 p.m. A second presentation will be held Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The theme of this year's presentation is "The Wondrous Cross". Now in its fourth season, the Abundant Life Church multimedia presentation of the Easter

story has drawn hundreds of guests from throughout central Texas. Each year the presentation changes with new scenes and special music.

There is no admission charge. Childcare is available for both presentations. Abundant Life Church is located at West Commerce at Belle Plain. For more information call (325-643-4738).

Love Fund Established at Bank for Local Resident

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.

Sabanno Cemetery Association to Meet Wednesday, April 30

There will be an annual business meeting for the Sabanno Cemetery Association on Wednesday, April 30, at the Sabanno Community Center, followed by a noon meal. Please come and participate. Everyone is invited.

Your memorial gifts and contri-

butions are greatly appreciated. If you can't make the meeting, please send your contributions to the Sabanno Cemetery Association, Texas Heritage Bank, P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, Tx. 76443 or Wanda Blackwell, 118 C.R. 220, Cisco, Tx. 76437.

Hilderbran to Award Four \$500 Scholarships

AUSTIN - Representative Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, will be awarding four \$500 scholarships to District 53 students graduating from an accredited high school in May, 2003.

Representative Hilderbran's office will be taking applications, coordinated through each high school senior counselor, to select candidates for these scholarships.

Higher education is vitally important to our young people and they should have every opportunity to attend college. These scholarships are given to help students attain that goal.

Representative Hilderbran will be presenting these scholarships to winners at their respective awards banquets.

For more information, please contact Representative Hilderbran at 512-463-0536.

Cancer Society's Cars for a Cure Offers Tax Benefits

AUSTIN—Are you thinking of trading in your used car or truck? You may be able to turn your trade-in into a tax benefit and help in the fight against cancer by giving your vehicle to the American Cancer Society's Cars for a Cure program.

The American Cancer Society accepts all cars, trucks, newer RVs, or even boats as long as they are in fair condition, have inflated tires, available keys and their titles are clear. Proceeds from the sale of your vehicle provide funding for the American Cancer Society to continue lifesaving research, education, and patient service programs in communities across Texas.

"This is an excellent way for Texans to give to the fight against cancer," said John Kyger, VP for Income Development, Texas Division office. "Once a person decides to contribute their working vehicle to the ACS, we make the arrangements to pick up the

car. Tax information will be provided after the vehicle is picked up and an estimated value is assessed."

During this last year in Texas, the American Cancer Society supported 38 cancer researchers investing over \$20.5 million towards finding a cure for cancer. Over 19,300 cancer patients were helped through local Society programs and services.

For more information visit the American Cancer Society's Web site at www.cancer.org and click on Cars for a Cure or call 888-227-5500 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. EST.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

Rep. Stenholm introduces bill to improve rural health care

Washington, D.C.—Congressman Charles W. Stenholm, a founding member of the Rural Health Care Coalition (RHCC), today introduced legislation to make significant improvements to the delivery of health care in rural West Texas. The Health Care Access and Rural Equity Act of 2003 (H-CARE) aims to help rural health care providers cope with rising health care costs and the difficulties of providing service in sparsely populated areas.

"As health care costs have continued to increase, Medicare payments to rural hospitals have not kept pace. The gap between rural and urban facilities has widened to the point where many rural facilities can barely keep their doors open," Stenholm said. "The HCARE Act eases the disparities and will help stabilize the hospitals that are often the only source of health care for thousands of West Texans."

The bill would adjust the labor wage index to recognize labor costs, and would assist hospitals that must compete with ur-

ban markets like Dallas/Ft. Worth for health care personnel. It also would increase payments to hospitals that serve fewer than 2,000 patients a year and would establish a grant program to help rural hospitals modernize equipment.

Stenholm added, "The bill takes nothing away from urban hospitals, which have their own set of problems to deal with. It simply addresses the unfairness and inequities that have crept into the Medicare system over time to disadvantage rural health care hospitals and clinics."

Over 20 hospitals in the 17th Congressional District of Texas would get additional assistance if this bill passes.

"Hospitals and clinics in rural West Texas are heavily dependent on Medicare and Medicaid payments. By making sure the government payments keep up with the rising costs of care, we can enable these hospitals to continue providing the quality health care that local residents need and deserve," Stenholm concluded.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Brandon Chad Lester, theft by check.
David L. Carpenter, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Christopher Brock, motion to revoke probation granted.
Scotty Mitchell, order extending probation granted.

Thomas Berten Jessen, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Lisa Dela Rosa Keith, transfer request from Taylor Co. to Tarrant Co. granted.

Terry Edwards, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Edward T. Walker, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 10 days in jail, \$243 court costs.

Edward T. Walker, plea of guilty to obscenity, 1 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$243 court costs.

Edward T. Walker, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Runnels Co. granted.

Glenda Stephens, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.

Mellisa Floyd, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

Rodger Gene Manuel and Katherine Genet Vannuys, both of Clyde.

Accident—

fuel tank of one of the vehicles was ruptured.

Critical Air of Brownwood and Life Flight of Abilene were called in to transport Weaver and Goains to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Mr. Weaver sustained broken ribs, a dislocated hip, severe bruising in his chest, other cuts and bruises. He may need surgery to his hip at a later time, according to information received from his sister, Mary Ella Weaver.

Jason Goains has a broken nose, broken left arm and broken collar bone. He had a small puncture in his lung and injuries in his chest concerning his ribs, etc. Steve Propest, grandfather of Jason, reported his condition.

Chance Hyles sustained injury to his hand. He was treated and released.

Luis Rolando Santillana and Candace Sue Barthlow, both of Abilene.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Bobbie W. Johnson and Noah Johnson, divorce.
Lenna May Lowery and Justin Wayne Lowery, divorce.

Patricia Christien Loyd and Ralph Waldo Thompson, divorce.

First American Title Insurance Company vs. A. W. Southern, damages.

Civil Minutes

Pamela Kelly vs. Phillip Trever Hensley and ZC Specialty Insurance Company, order of dismissal granted.

Robbyn Leigh Menzel and Adam Lee Menzel, divorce granted.

Latisha Jones and Bradley Jones, divorce granted.

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Bill Armstrong - Pastor

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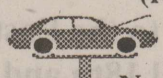
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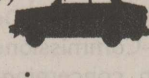
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PIONEER NEWS

Water News: There will be a meeting about the Westbound water project on Thursday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Community Center. It is located about 1 mile north of Hwy 36 on Farm Road 569. Westbound will be working on the easement for the water line. Please bring your Volume number and the page number of your deed. We would like all who are involved or interested to be there.

Several of the ladies were unable to be at the last quilting session because of various reasons. Those who were there did have a "great" time. They got a lot accomplished. They are nearly finished with Lou's top and Cody's top. Maybe this week they will come out of the frame. Two more tops will go in. Always ready for a new one.

Lou and Dick Grider enjoyed her daughter Patty and son-in-law, Larry, from Ft. Worth. Larry and Dick wanted to fish and Patty wanted to "garage sale". So Patty and Lou went to six garage sales and found some real bargains; however, the men were the win-

ners as they landed a 24 pound yellow cat. They said they would be back soon to do it again.

Charlene Chesshir went to Abilene one day last week to see her dentist. While there she visited her sister, Christine Cooper, and did a little shopping. Friday afternoon, Christy Dallas came. They went to Rising Star to shop at Hardwick's. Christy bought flowers and tomato plants. Then, she cleaned out some of my flower beds and put out the plants. We really enjoyed our visit together.

After several mornings of cool weather, it is getting to be planting time. Several around are putting out gardens and fixing their flower beds. We are beginning to see the fertilizer trucks go by to fertilize the coastal grass. Everything is looking pretty. The trees and wildflowers are looking so beautiful. People, just take highway 36 from Cross Plains to Rising Star, you will see so many pretty wildflowers.

Words of Wisdom: We are apt to forget that children watch examples better than they listen to preaching. Roy L. Smith.

RISING STAR NURSING CENTER

By Debra Alexander
Activity Director

Welcome to our new resident, Mrs. Edra Butler. Mrs. Butler is a lifelong resident of Rising Star who has been living in Abilene for the past few years. We are so pleased to have her in our home.

Please keep Zelda Milam in your prayers. She is in Brownwood Regional Hospital and we hope she gets to come home soon!

Thanks to Martha Cook and Carolyn Webber for the donation of the Teddy Bears, the residents enjoy the soft, fuzzy bears. Speaking of soft and fuzzy, we have a little four legged friend who come to the Center everyday to spend time with the residents. His name is Mouse. He is about nine weeks old and he brings a lot of happiness to our residents. Stop by and visit with him if you get a chance.

Linda Beddo has opened a new business in town, SOS Office Solutions. She donated a huge box of supplies to us and we thank her very much.

On Monday, Rising Star Nursing Center was honored by the Chamber of Commerce who named our Center Outstanding Business of the Year. Mike May has worked hard and spent a lot of money to improve our building and make it something to be proud of. We thank the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce for recognizing this effort.

Dates and Events to Remember:

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 Friday, April 18, 2003

Bake/Garage Sale, All Day at the former Colonial Oaks in Cross Plains, Saturday, April 26, 2003

Volunteer Party at 2:00 on Tuesday, April 29, 2003

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

H.D. Weaver Injured in Two-Car Accident

Herman Weaver of Cottonwood and Jason Goains of Cross Plains were seriously injured last Sunday afternoon in a head-on collision on County Road 880. Both men were air-lifted to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene for treatment. Friends and relatives of both are saddened by this tragedy and praying and trusting in their quick and complete recovery.

Fire Control Meeting and Musical Feature Events

Headlining activities in Cottonwood this week will be a meeting of the Volunteer Fire Control unit and the Cottonwood Musical.

The fire fighters will meet on Thursday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the fire station and all volunteers are called to attend.

The Cottonwood Musical will be on Friday, April 18. Already carded for this month's venue are Cy Tucker, Bill Comeux and Tim Turnbow. Also expected will be Jack Rosser and other regular performers.

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will serve beans and cornbread, plus the usual sandwiches, pies and drinks. Eating starts at 5:30 p.m. and music at 6:00 p.m.

Now don't forget Saturday, May 3, 2003. Some folks are already here. Some folks are already gathering from afar and some are expecting to get ready to come and be here for the annual meeting of the Cottonwood Historical Association (formerly the Cottonwood Cemetery Association) and the Cottonwood Community Annual Reunion.

Jon Ted Ivy, of Arizona, showed up yesterday on my doorstep on his way to Kerrville to visit relatives and will be back for the festivities.

Leo Thompson is already here. In a recent conversation, Leo and I discussed whether he is the last surviving teacher of the Cottonwood School. We can't remember anyone else who would fit into that category. If you can, please let us know.

Gotta close now, so I can work on taxes. Happy Easter!!!!

COTTONWOOD CEMETERY UPDATE

There comes a time when the tears have faded away, when the grieving is no more, when no living person remembers you, when the weeds are high around your unreadable gravestone. By the donations of the Members, not the board, of the COTTONWOOD HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, upkeep of the cemeteries is made possible. For myself, I have attended every meeting since 1972. In the two present cemeteries, I have eighteen family members of the Strahan-Ramsey kinfolks buried here. I have a right to speak out about what is happening here. With the addition of 4.05 acres immediately south and west of the present new cemetery, I now have 486 feet of common fence line with the COTTONWOOD HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION. Without previously consulting me, without a word, Albert Lovell later told me at a board meeting, after reading a sentence or two of the By-Laws of this Association, that he had the full authority to have the six Afghan pines pushed down. Authority? From the middle of the cemetery on the southwest side, the trees were planted closer to the fence line to serve only as a landscape for the cemetery, not to serve as a road as Albert thought. The trees on the northwest side were planted farther from the fence to serve as a road, as anyone can see. Well, when you make gross decisions while representing the Public, in my opinion, it's time you are removed from authority. But even then, I doubt Albert had the authority, you see, the planting of those trees was approved by the members of the COTTONWOOD HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION seventeen (17) years ago. Later, I will explain why I believe the 4.05 acres should never be used as a cemetery. By Harold Strahan

Cottonwood Historical Association Offers Update on Cemeteries

For more than thirty years the Board of Directors of the Cottonwood Historical Association have wanted to purchase the land just south of the West Cemetery. This past year we were able to trade some acreage with Roger Hinkle to keep the cemetery all together.

It was the desire of the Board of Directors to clean this up and later be a part of the West Cemetery. We also wanted a road to connect with the current road in the middle of the West Cemetery. In order to do this, some trees would need to be removed, so that the hearse could exit to the left and connect with the road that will be built south of this cemetery.

Many people in our day have disabilities and they are unable to walk very far, and most of the grave plots that remain are in the west part of the cemetery. This

will enable them to use the cemetery road near the burial site and they could exit without backing or turning around.

Some trees have been replaced and put in line with the ones in the northwest corner. Plans were to remove the lower branches of the current trees to eliminate the varmints and snakes and to help beautify these trees. Some opposition came up and that has been delayed.

When this work is completed, we feel the Cottonwood Community and the Historical Association will be proud of our cemeteries. We hope and trust that we can forget the past and work together to make our community a place the people of Cottonwood and the Cottonwood Historical Association will be proud of.

Board of Directors
Cottonwood Historical Association

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

April 21 - April 25

MONDAY--Ham, Cabbage, Yam Patty, Onion, Carrot Cake, Cornbread, Milk

TUESDAY-- Smothered Steak, Rice, Green Beans & Tomatoes, Fruit Cocktail w/marshmallows, Bread, Milk

WEDNESDAY-- Chicken & Dumplings, Peas & Carrots, Waldorf Salad, Cherry Gelatin, Sugar Cookie, Bread, Milk

THURSDAY--Taco Bowl Salad, Mexican Corn, Pinto Beans, Bread Pudding w/lemon sauce

FRIDAY--Fish Sticks, Cole-slaw, Pork & Beans, Cheesecake, Hushpuppies, Milk

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: Easter is coming up soon, and I'm planning big for warmer weather afterwards. Of course, I may not get it, but I'm hoping there will be no more freezes once we are through Easter weekend. Seems as though ever since Hector was a pup, we always have that cold Easter spell. I, for one, am looking forward to the warm weather stabilizing.

"Fashions in Retrospect"

Over the years, as things progressed, there were many changes also progressing. Changes in methods of farming, ranching, grooming, manners, banking, housing, currently, methods of transportation, cooking and you name it, and there were usually still more changes in it—albeit progressive.

Accordingly, there were also many changes in fashion...those horrendous bustles, and remember those hoop skirts? And if that wasn't debilitating enough, all those heavy, ruffled petticoats. Added to this, the tightly laced high top shoes and long pantaloons, with even more ruffles. 'Cause one to wonder how they even walked. Well, for that matter, it must have been difficult even to breathe, all gussied up like that.

For formal occasions, the fashion was heavy satins and brocaded floor length gowns, elaborate hair styles, mostly in upsweeps with jeweled barrettes, side combs or fresh flowers. Many had the flowers tucked into their hair designs. Very popular also was a corsage of blooms on your dress, either on the left shoulder, wrist, or at the waist. Many carried a tussy-mussy or a nosegay.

In the late 20's and through the 30's and some of the 40's, a new style reigned. This was called the flapper style. Ladies clothing featured close fitting bodice with short, flared circle style skirts of light silks and satins, shirt-waist style top for work or home. Out on the town, the fashion was glitz and glamour. Ladies in slim, shiny, little black or brightly col-

ored satin or silk dresses; hemline just above the knee, not much on top but straps, swingy little skirts, sometimes with lots of fringe around the hemline. As for the shoes—high heels, a sparkly little headband, speakeasies, the Charleston, prohibition, all this figured in on the heartbeats of a flapper. Elliot Ness, where are you? Red dresses were also in Vogue.

In the early 50's it seemed to go fashion wise to big white shirts, jeans, poodle skirts, black suede penny loafers and bobby sox for young people. Nylon was out on the market and everyone was buying nylon clothing. I remember a lady in Baird (a merchant's wife) telling that she went out and bought new nylon underclothing, a new nylon slip and a nylon dress. In a day or so she got ready to go somewhere and felt so dressed up. Just before she left the house she chanced to pass the full length mirror and noted that you could see all the way to Boston. She rectified the situation, thanked her lucky stars for that mirror, and never made that mistake again. Folks just weren't used to being able to see through clothing.

The 60's brought pedal-pushers, pink and black were THE colors, Elvis you know, gathered skirts, sunglasses and much more.

The 70's, among other fashions brought mini-skirts and tight legged pants.

As for the 80's, Madonna and the bustiers, big shirts with a lot of fullness and a lot of length. Country western clothing was also very popular.

The 90's brought changes also. You could wear pretty much anything you wanted, just about anything was in Vogue. Near the end of the 90's, long skirts came out on women's dresses.

This is 2003 and everyone, just about, are buying those long skinny hip belts.

Makes you wonder what fashions next year will bring. And at my age, will I be able to get them on, whatever the style is? I'm not sure, things are getting more and more difficult to maneuver....

GARDEN TIPS

By JAMES NICHOLS

Have you heard the gossip about Rosemary? She is an all around gal. Rosemary means "dew of the sea", an appropriate name for this sultry popular green herb, watered by ocean mist in its natural habitats along the arid coastline of the Mediterranean.

Because Rosemary has a long history in cosmetics, culinary and medical, a herb garden without her is unthinkable. This versatile evergreen need not be relegated only to herb garden.

Rosemary can be used for ex-

traordinary hedges, clipped for focal point, and used for mixed borders. Rosemary is a must in fragrant gardens and a corner stone of drought tolerant gardens. It can be started from seeds or transplanted from pots. It needs an airy place in full sun, but will accept some light shade and will grow to a height of five to six feet.

A small sprig of this herb in 1/3 olive oil, 1/3 balsamic vinegar and 1/3 water makes a nice oil and vinegar dressing for fresh garden greens.

LIBRARY NOTES

April 7 - April 11

Circulation:

Books	74
LAP	44
Total	118

Memorials:

Dyke and Terry Rogers - In Memory of Jack Scott and Hulén

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Donations:

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May 3rd (7am-7pm) Community Center

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
433 N. Main
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Many preachers have used the title and idea of a colleague's sermon, entitled "It's Friday — but Sunday's Coming!", and prepared, then preached their own. It's a dynamic thought: On Friday of the crucifixion, everything seemed to be going Satan's way. But Sunday (and the resurrection) was coming! The tables were turned. What seemingly was disaster and defeat turned into the strongest testimony ever for Christianity.

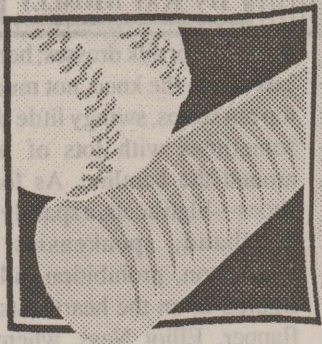
The resurrection of Jesus Christ became a point of fact and persuasion in the early preachers' sermons, Acts 2:22-36; 3:12-26 (esp. vv. 15, 26); 4:2, 3, 33. Paul used the fact of Jesus' resurrection as a proof of future judgment, Acts 17:31. Some mocked, others wanted to hear more, some believed without further questions or explanation and became Christians, Acts 17:32-34.

Response to the happening on that Sunday, and the proclamation of it since that Sunday of Acts 2, has continued to be varied — all the way from a flat denial to "So what if it's Friday — SUNDAY'S COMING!" Josh McDowell says if one denies Christ's resurrection, he's denying the most documented historical fact ever! The apostle John, in Revelation, says that to believe in the resurrection of Christ, then live in the promise of it, is to say that it really makes no difference what Satan and all his helpers may do, Christ and I are winners — VICTORIOUS! — in the end.

What is your response to Christ's resurrection? For starters, let us be raised with Him and in His likeness, Romans 6:1-11. Then let us proclaim His death until He comes in partaking of His Lord's Supper, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. And for certain, let us live each day "in the shadow of the cross," and the promises it affords. It's Friday — but Sunday's coming!!

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

C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



Baseball Softball Tee-Ball Update

Wow, we certainly are getting off to a great start this year!! A special thanks to the coaches for the fine work they are all doing. We made it through tryouts with success. All children have been assigned to teams. Coaches should or will be contacting parents. Also thanks to all the parents and coaches for the great turn outs for the Cleanup days at the Tee-ball, Baseball, and Softball fields. Most of the fields have been painted but still need a touch more to be finished. One more Cleanup Day will be on April 19, 2003, starting at 12:00.

For all the relatives and kin alike we are printing the Little League Schedule in *The Cross Plains*

Review for your convenience. The Parade will be on May 3, 2003. It shall start at 11:00 a.m. Please have your child or children suited up and ready, behind Dairy Queen, there at 10:30 a.m. The Opening Ceremony will begin after the Parade. The May 3rd games will start immediately after the Opening Ceremony.

April 19, 2003

12:00 p.m. Last Cleanup Day

May 3, 2003

10:30 a.m. Teams Getting ready for Parade (behind DQ)

11:00 a.m. Parade Begins

After Parade

Opening Ceremony at Little

League Field

Games Begin

ELEMENTARY EXTRA

This week starts the last six weeks. Students will be getting report cards next week. We will continue to work on great behaviors. The last party for great behavior will be a water party. Let's try for 100% of elementary participation.

School will be dismissing early Thursday for the Easter Break at 2:30. No school on Friday or Monday.

PTO will host its first 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.

The bid 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 Easter 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 Pre-Kindergarten will also be taking a trip to Abilene on Friday, April 25. They will go to the Abilene Zoo and Fire Station. They will be getting to see the world around us.

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Buffalo Baseball Update

By Coach Atchley

On a clear and warm afternoon the Cross Plains Buffaloes defeated the Albany Lions 2-1 to go 3-3 and keep their playoff hopes alive. In this game the pitching dominated the game. The Albany pitcher, Prince, limited the Buffs to 5 hits while striking out 4. Cole Koenig for the Buffs was more dominate. He threw a 4 hitter while striking out 10.

The Buffs scored in the 2nd inning, Koenig led off with a single, then Kevin Scott bunted him to second and then Koenig scored on a double by Russell Allen. The Buffs scored 1 in the 4th inning.

After one out Russell Allen reached on an error, then Michael Allen was hit, then another out, then the Albany pitcher walked Andy Bennett to load the bases. On a 3-2 count Brandon Jones walked to force in the 2nd run. Albany scored one in the 6th on 2 singles, 2 pass balls and a ground out.

The Buffs will travel to Ranger on Friday, April 18.

Junior Varsity Baseball Results

By Coach Atchley

The Buffs JV Team played Albany's JV last Thursday night. The final score was Albany 17-6. In this game the Buffs were in the game till the 6th and 7th innings. Then errors begin to play a role in their defeat with Albany scoring 13 runs in these 2 innings.

The Buffs hit the ball well, Mitch Byrd was 2 for 4. Jeff Champion was 2 for 4. Ricky Gibson was 2 for 4 and had 3 RBI's. Thomas Stephenson was also 3 for 4. Aaron Isbell and Chance Watkins had 1 hit each. Watkins also stole home which is something you don't see very often.

The Buffs then traveled to Albany Saturday morning and played a double header. In the first game the Buffs lost 12-4. Chance Watkins pitch the entire game giving up only 5 hits and struck out 9, but he had 8 walks, 2 hit batters and 6 errors led to the teams loss. The Buffs had only 5 hits with Aaron Isbell, Dusty Cooper and Thomas Stephenson had one hit each. Roy Smith had a hit with an RBI as did Ricky Gibson and Thomas Stephenson.

In the 2nd game the Buffs were defeated 17-3. In this game the Buffs pitchers gave up 10 walks and the team committed 5 errors. In this game Ricky Gibson was 2 for 2 with 2 RBI's, Watkins had one hit and an RBI and Aaron Isbell also had one hit.

SCHOOL MENU

APRIL 21 - APRIL 25
BBREAKFAST

MONDAY--NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY-- Muffins, Assorted Juice

WEDNESDAY--French Toast, Sausage, Assorted Juice

THURSDAY--Cereal, Toast Assorted Juice

FRIDAY--Donuts, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY--NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY-- Chicken Nuggets w/ gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches

WEDNESDAY--Pizza, Salad, Corn, Jello w/Fruit

THURSDAY--Crispy Fish, Pinto Bean, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Mixed Fruit

FRIDAY-- Turkey Subs, Chips, Salad, Pickles, Ice Cream

Cross Plains FFA Contest Results

During the past 2 to 3 weeks, the Cross Plains FFA has been very busy competing at several judging contests across the area. The teams that have been competing are the Livestock Team, Poultry Team, Dairy Products Team, Dairy Cattle Team, and the Horse Team. They traveled to Tarleton State University, Weatherford College, Abilene Christian University, the Cross Plains Invitational and the Area IV Contest which is also held at Tarleton State.

Each year the Cross Plains FFA sponsors an invitational contest consisting of Dairy Cattle Judging, Dairy Products Judging and Poultry Judging. This year they had approximately 20 to 25 teams entered in each of the contests. The Cross Plains FFA would like to say a special thanks to the Foster Dairy and Randy Kyle Foster for the use of their dairy cattle and their facilities. Kyle Foster also placed the official on the contest. Without these two men and their generosity, we would not be able to sponsor the Dairy Cattle Contest.

The complete results of all of the contests, with the exception of the State contests, are as follows:
ACU Livestock Judging- 21st Place Team

**Tarleton State University
Invitational**

Dairy Products - 2nd place team
Jennifer Young-3rd high individual
A.J. Carouth - 8th high individual
Poultry - 6th place team

Other teams participating were Dairy Cattle, Livestock and Horse

Weatherford Invitational
Dairy Products- 4th place team
Poultry- 2nd place team
Nathan Joy-5th high individual
Kevin Scott-9th high individual
Livestock- 16th place team

Cross Plains Invitational
Dairy Products- 1st place team #1, 3rd place team #2
Kati Wooten-1st high individual
Jennifer Young-2nd high individual
A.J. Carouth-3rd high individual
Jake Snell-8th high individual
Poultry - 1st place team
Kevin Scott-1st high individual
Nathan Joy-5th high individual
Dairy Cattle- 10th place team

Area 4 FFA Judging Contest Results

Dairy Products- 1st in Area
Jennifer Young-1st high individual
A.J. Carouth-2nd high individual
Kati Wooten-6th high individual
Poultry-1st in Area
Cole Koenig-1st high individual
Kevin Scott-4th high individual
Nathan Joy-7th high individual
Dairy Cattle- 6th in Area
Angela Rodriguez-2nd high individual
Livestock- Tied for 10th, received 11th on tie-breaker
Horse-21st in Area

The Dairy Products, Poultry and Dairy Cattle Teams will advance to the State FFA CDE Contest.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on April 16, beginning at 8 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:

- Prayer
1. Minutes
2. Open Forum
3. Discuss/Take Action on 2003-2004 Transfers
4. Discuss/Take Action on CPISD Band Trip
5. Discuss/Take Action on Depository Pledge Contract

6. Discuss/Take Action on Date to Canvass School Board Election
7. Discuss/Take Action on Cheerleading Policy
8. Executive Session
9. Personnel for 2003-04 School Year
A. Secretaries/Aides
B. Auxiliary Personnel
C. Other Personnel Matters as Necessary
Notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on April 11, 2003 at 9 a.m. by Jackie Tennison for the Board of Trustees.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

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, Jim Cook, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent. Prayer was led by Jackie

Tennison. Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Wyatt that we give Casey Stone and Jay Wilcoxon 1 year term teachers contracts for 2003-04, plus coaching stipend. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by V. Dillard that they adjourn. For 6 Against 0

School Board—WHY?

When people found out I was running for a position as a School Trustee for the Cross Plains School Board, they said, "WHY?" Before I tell you why, let me give you a little information about myself.

My wife, Suzi, and I were living in the DFW metroplex. I had a career that was as they say "going my way". As a project manager for Lucent technologies, and contracted back to AT&T, I traveled to Houston one week and worked from home the next. I loved my job and looked forward to each day and the challenges it brought. Trust me, at times, there were many. Like many other Americans, times changed for me after the 9-11 terrorist attack on America. With the economy slowing, Lucent needed to lighten the load so they offered a retirement package that was too good to pass up. Along with thousands of others, and after 32 years, I retired.

Suzi has always liked the country and animals. (Sometimes I think she likes the animals more than me.) I have been in and around the country all my life. One set of grandparents, Ben and Nona Pillans, lived in the Atwell area of Callahan County. The other set, Lester and Elmara Farmer, lived in the Eula area where I spent a lot of time in the summer. While in high school, I farmed for one of my uncles,

raised show animals for FFA, and helped my dad on weekends and in the summer on land he bought from his dad, that has been in the Pillans name since before 1860. With this information as background, you can see why Suzi and I built our retirement home on the Pillans homestead in Atwell, where we raise Boer show goats.

If you want/need more information you can call (254) 725-4168 or come by. After all, this is a low budget campaign and I'm paying by the inch for this "ad". (Just kidding.)

I have taught many different subjects in my career—First Aid, CPR, OSHA safe classes, Zig Ziegler, ISO 9000 and many other company related subjects. I served as Vice-Chairman of the Hurst, Texas Parks and Recreation board; Captain and Training Officer for the Watauga Volunteer Fire Department; Vice President of the L.D. Bell High School Booster Club; and 7th grade Sunday school teacher. I currently substitute teach at the Cross Plains Elementary School. I have enjoyed this opportunity very much and will miss it, if elected to the school board. As you can see, I have enjoyed the "teaching" and serving area of my life.

I have been told there is concern about not having children currently enrolled in school and serving on the board. I helped raise three children and was very

involved with them, their friends, their school activities and studies. My oldest grandson spent time with us last year to attend Vacation Bible School at First Baptist and is looking forward to it again this year. (He had some great teachers.) Do you need to have kids in school to be the Superintendent, the Principal or a teacher? Do you need to know how to fly a plane to be the CEO of a major airline?

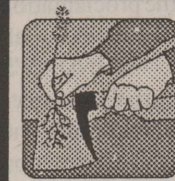
To prepare myself for this position, I attended the 2003 school board candidate workshop in Abilene. If elected I will attend in July and September the Texas Association of School Boards certification classes, which covers six separate topics. After completion of this curriculum, I will receive my Boardmanship Basics Certificate.

So "Why" do I want to be a School Trustee? Because I care about kids and people, and want to give back to the community I live, work and go to church in. Do you have a favorite candidate? If not, I would consider it a privilege to serve as your school board trustee and appreciate your vote on May 3, 2003. Early voting will be at the Cross Plains City Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. starting April 16th and ending April 29th.

Reggie Pillans
School Trustee Candidate
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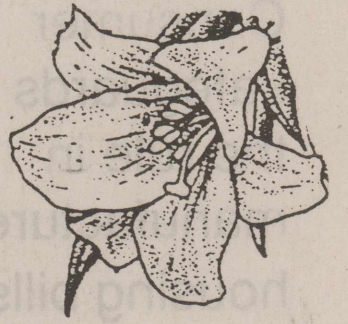
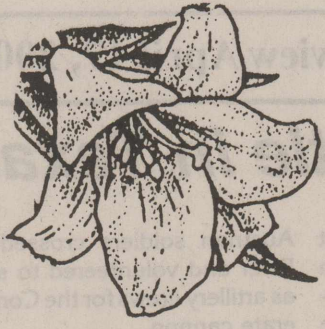
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WHO: Parents and Students
WHAT: P.T.O. Program
WHEN: Thursday, April 27

Everyone get ready for a wonderful performance by the 3rd and 4th graders on **Thursday, April 27, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Cross Plains School Auditorium.

Under the direction of Mr. Sowell, the students will be presenting a program for the Spring P.T.O. meeting about saving our environment. Further details about the night will be sent out next week after Easter break.



Happy Easter

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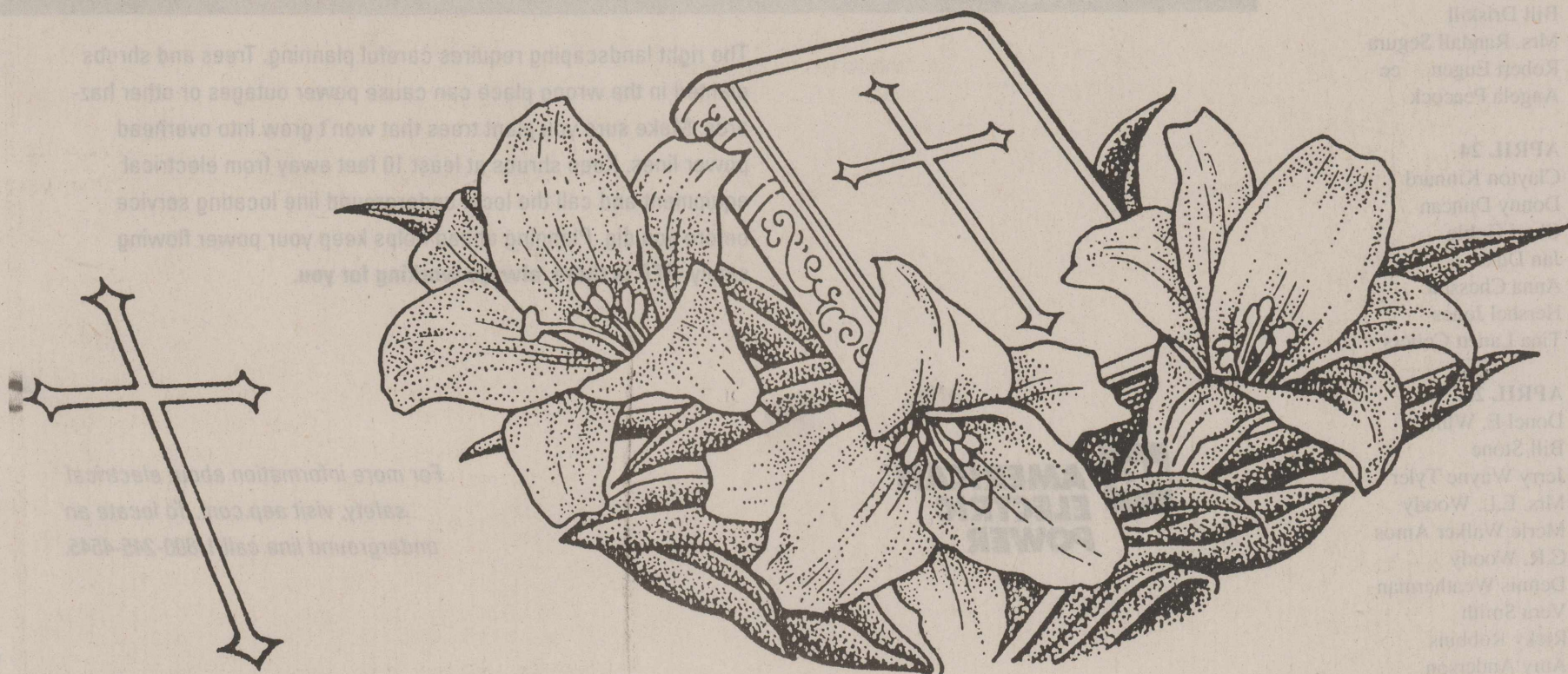
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Praise Him!



Consumer safeguards the rule in manufactured housing bills

AUSTIN—Legislation designed to return economic stability to the manufactured housing industry while safeguarding Texas consumers has passed both House and Senate committees without dissent and moves toward full legislative consideration.

In the last week, the House Financial Institutions Committee adopted a committee substitute for HB 1009 (Hardcastle-R Vernon) and the Senate Business and Commerce Committee heard testimony and approved SB521 (Staples-R Palestine).

"This legislation has been written with the consumer in mind," Rep. Rick Hardcastle said upon committee passage of HB1009. "It requires mandatory escrow of taxes on personal property loans, provides a waiting period for the buyer and full disclosure written so the consumer can understand it."

The Vernon legislator said it even requires that disclosure documents must be in 12-point instead of a 10-point font.

The legislation also returns to Texas the use of chattel or personal property loans on manufactured housing, a process eliminated in the last session.

"This is so important for the economic stability of the industry," Hardcastle said. "We lost 2,000 direct manufacturing jobs plus hundreds more in the retail industry when this important financial tool was removed."

Personal property loans have been used in Texas for the past 50 years and are available as a standard means of financing in all other states.

Other important parts of the legislation give the consumer three days to rescind a contract, requires mandatory licensing training for all sales personnel and a state approved continuing education program.

April proclaimed as Confederate History and Heritage Month

The Senate of the State of Texas

Senate Resolution No. 526
WHEREAS, April is the month in which the Confederate States of America began and ended a four-year struggle for states' rights, individual freedom, and local government control; and

WHEREAS, The State of Texas declared herself to be a free and independent state and subsequently joined the Confederate States of America of which it was a member state from 1861 until 1865; and

WHEREAS, The battlefields, monuments, museums, and other historical sites to be found in Texas allow our citizens and visitors to remember, study, and appreciate the men and women of that unique time in the history of Texas and the nation; and

WHEREAS, The flag of the State of Texas was carried by Texas Confederate soldiers in every major battle of the War Between the States and the state contributed over 115,000 soldiers and sailors to the service of the Confederate States of America; and

WHEREAS, During the period of reconciliation, Texas Confederate veterans became instrumental in the continued development of our state and local governments and our institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, We honor our past and draw from it the courage, strength, and wisdom to go forward into the future together as Texans and Americans; and

WHEREAS, The State of Texas has long recognized her Confederate history and the leaders who made sacrifices on behalf of the Confederate cause; and

WHEREAS, The Texans who served in the War Between the States are memorialized in almost every county in the state, and many cities and counties in the State of Texas bear the name of Confederate veterans; and

WHEREAS, It is important for all Texans to reflect upon our state's past and to respect the devotion of her Confederate leaders, soldiers, and citizens to the cause of Southern liberty; and

WHEREAS, In years since the war, the morally abhorrent practice of slavery has in the minds of many Texan become the prime motivation of Southern soldiers, despite the fact that 98 percent of Texas Confederate soldier never owned a slave and never fought to defend slavery; and

WHEREAS, Politically correct revisionists would have Texas children believe that their Confederate ancestors fought for slavery when in fact most Texans joined the Confederate armed forces to defend their homes, their families, and their proud heritage as Texans; and

WHEREAS, Confederate Memorial Day in April is a time for all Texans to honor those men and women who died for Texas and also all the Texans who came afterward and benefitted from their legacy of honor and devotion to our state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 76th Legislature, hereby recognize April as Confederate History and Heritage Month in the State of Texas and encourage all Texas schools and citizens to pin in efforts to become more knowledgeable of the role of the Confederate States of America in the history of our country.

Rick Perry
President of the Senate
I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 30, 1999.
Betty King
Secretary of Senate
Mike Jackson
Member, Texas Senate

The last Civil War battle in Texas

Editor's Note: Mike Konczak with the Sons of Confederate Veterans chapter in Abilene, has offered for publication several true snips of Texas soldiers during the Civil War period. Konczak says the Sons of the Confederate Veterans seeks to honor the brave men and women of the South regardless of race, creed, color, and sex. One of the stories follows:

The Last Battle

On April 9, 1865 at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia, Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to U.S. Grant's Union Army. Less than four weeks later, on April 26, General Joe Johnston surrendered the Confederate Army of Tennessee to the Federal Army. The War Between the States was over in the East, but out in the Confederacy beyond the Mississippi, the Confederates had at least one fight left in them.

In the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas, the events of the East seemed distant. For almost a year, the mainland of the Valley was under the control of Colonel John S. "Rip" Ford's Confederate Cavalry of the West, while the Federal Army encamped on nearby Brazos Island. Both Ford and his Federal counterpart, General Lew Wallace, felt that while the big battles were being fought out East it was pointless to continue day-to-day operations in South Texas. So a truce existed in which the two armies left each other along. While Confederates and Federals were slugging it out in Virginia and the Carolinas, a calm took place in South Texas.

But when Lee surrendered, things started taking a life of their own. Complicating matters was that Colonel Theodore H. Barrett replaced Wallace. When the ambitious officer received

word of Lee's surrender, he felt it was his duty to march on Brownsville. Besides, future political careers were being made on the battlefields out east. Now that the war was ending, Barrett was running out of time.

He figured being known as the "Victor of Brownsville" would enhance his political future. On May 11, 1865 an expedition left Brazos Santiago for the mainland and glory.

The Confederates on the mainland were not as isolated from war news as one thought. They two had learned not only of Lee's surrender, but that of Joe Johnston and Lincoln's assassination. But Texas veteran Rip Ford was in no mood for surrender. A veteran of the Mexican War and numerous Indian campaigns, Ford and his men had reclaimed the Rio Grande Valley. They had no intention of just handing it over.

The odds were against him. Ford only had cavalry and six 12-pound cannon but no artillery crews. To make matters worse, his immediate superior, General Slaughter, wanted to abandon Brownsville without a fight. Ford replied, "You can retreat and go to hell if you wish. These are my men, and I am going to fight." So the Cavalry of the West rode out to fight its last battle.

The demographics of the opposing forces represented almost every group involved in the larger conflict. Ford had German, Anglo and Hispanic Texans in his command, while the Federals had an infantry regiment from Indiana and the Sixty-Second U.S. Colored Infantry. Thrown into the mix were German and Tejano troopers of the 2nd US Texas Cavalry.

Just to make things a little more interesting, members of the Imperial Mexican Army who were occupying Matamoros strengthened Ford's command. Feeling bored, the French and

Austrian soldiers crossed the River and volunteered to serve as artillery crews for the Confederate cannon.

The Federals had already advanced up river and fought several small skirmishes with Ford's pickets on May 13th. At a series of sand dunes that ran between the Boco Chico Road and the Rio Grande, Ford's main body caught up with the advancing Federals. Outnumbered, Ford called out to his men, "We have whipped the enemy in all our previous fights. We can do it again."

The Confederates proceeded to do just that. They swept down on the Union lines, turned their flanks and sent the Federals back toward the coast in confusion. Only the black troops fought in order, providing a rear guard while the rest of their army ran for the sea. Only once back on Brazos Island did they stop. The last battle of the War Between the States, known as the battle of Palmito Hill, had been fought and it was a clear Confederate victory.

Despite later claims and lore, Ford's men did not kill wounded Federal soldiers, particularly those of the 2nd US Texas Cavalry or the black regiment. On the contrary, all prisoners were treated as such and released. The Confederates retired to Brownsville. With in a week, word was received that the TransMississippi Department of the Confederacy, including Texas, had been surrendered. The cavalry of the West disbanded and only then did the Union Army march into Brownsville.

When the Federal commander asked where Rip Ford was at, someone pointed to a house in Matamoros flying a large flag. Upon closure examination it was determined that the Ford's new home was flying a Union flag: that of the Indiana Regiment he had routed at Palmito Ranch.

Fort Griffin State Park Hosting Ft. Worth Sidewalk Astronomers

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am working on a project regarding the Texas Drive In Movie Theaters. My intentions with this project are to chronicle as much history about our Drive In Theaters, before much is forgotten. This has been an ongoing process for the last four years. I now need help from people who remember the drive ins from their towns. I would appreciate any history on the local drive in, pictures, old advertising, memories or stories

from their drive in days as a youth or adult. Maybe you were the owner or worked at the local drive in—your input would be greatly appreciated!

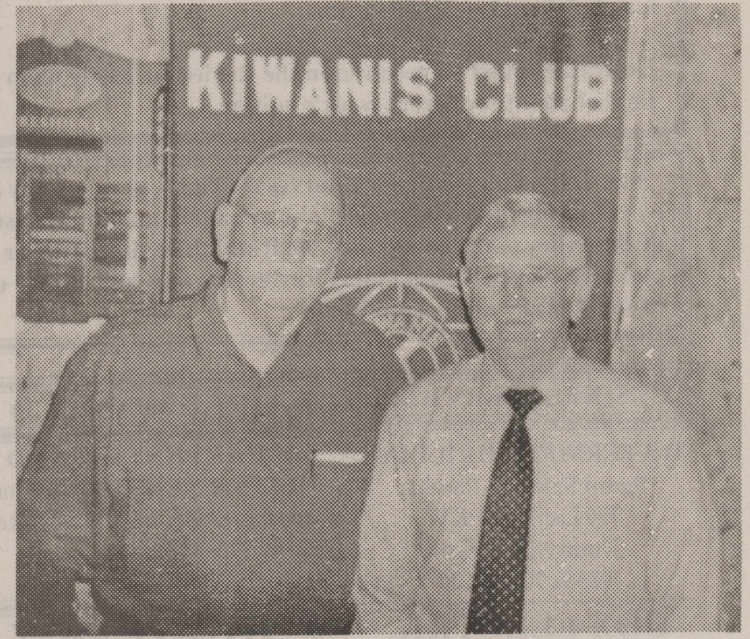
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ART SHOW JUDGE—Artist LaJuan Killion of Rising Star will be judging the painting and photography for the upcoming show.



KIWANIS CLUB LEARNS ABOUT COMPUTERS—Vondal Hutchins (right) was the guest speaker Tuesday, April 8, at the local club meeting. He is pictured with Dale Bishop, Kiwanis President. Vondal talked about the "age of computers" and his experiences with them being employed by the government. The Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn.

Cisco Junior College to Offer Child Care Courses

Cisco Junior College will offer non-credit courses in Child Development Associate I, II, III and IV for Child Care Providers at the Abilene Educational Center.

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Local Clubs to Host Art and Flower Show Saturday, April 26th

The Paint and Palette Club and the Garden Club of Cross Plains will jointly hold an Art Show and Flower Show on Saturday, April 26th.

From 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. you may view paintings, photos and a small sculpture exhibit.

Intricate flower arrangements and horticulture will be displayed from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Awards will be given in both shows, separately.

LaJuan Killion will serve as the judge for the paintings and photographs. She has been painting most of her life, mostly while she was overseas in

Borneo. She helped paint the back drop for the stage play "My Three Angels" when it came to Borneo. LaJuan also worked with the British Saturday Club, teaching other artists. She has studied with Leona Turner of Albuquerque in Abilene and with Odom Hullenkremer from Santa Fe, New Mexico. She is a member of the Brownwood Art Association. Some of her work will be in their art show scheduled for May. LaJuan is also a new member of the Cross Plains Paint and Palette Club.

For more information call Betty Beggs at (254) 725-7235.

Bake Sale Fund-raiser for VFD Saturday, April 19

A bake sale for North Lake Brownwood Fire Department will be held Saturday, April 19, at 9 a.m. until they sell out, in front of B.J.'s Cafe on Harbor Drive, Harbor Point Subdivision at

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DeLeon Senior Citizens Dances Planned for April

DeLeon Senior Citizens dances will be held Friday, April 18, and Friday, April 25, so mark your calendar for two evenings of good music and great entertainment.

The Stone Mountain Band will be performing at the De Leon City Hall Auditorium for both dances beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited. Admission will be charged.

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Rep. Stenholm presents supporting testimony for transportation projects

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Charlie Stenholm testified before the Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines today regarding the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century. The testimony was presented in support of several high priority transportation projects that involve the 17th District of Texas.

"Amid Washington's congestions and potholes, it's easy to forget the importance of transportation projects in rural areas," Stenholm said in the testimony. "West Texas serves as a vital link to the Midwestern United States and to Mexico, serving as a vital artery for NAFTA trade. I gladly advocate the need for improved surface transportation in rural areas," he noted.

If approved, the projects submitted will facilitate congestion mitigation, increased railway use and improved safety for travelers on the highways and interstates. The Highways, Transit and Pipelines Subcommittee will review all of the projects submitted and then refer a list of final projects to the full House Committee on Highways and Infrastructure. A vote in the House of Representatives could come as early as August of this year.

Tower

—Commissioners voted to approve a proclamation in support of Arbor Day.

—Commissioners voted to approve an Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 26 on the Courthouse grounds in Baird and the planting of a Baby Treaty Oak Tree donated by the Texas Forest Service. The planting ceremony will take place at 4:30 p.m. in Baird.

—Commissioners voted to approve the transaction confirmation for electricity supply, price and contract term through the Texas Association of School Board. TASB has negotiated for approximately 500 entities for electrical service. The two-year contract approved is with Reliant Energy at the price of 0.05858 per kilowatt hour.

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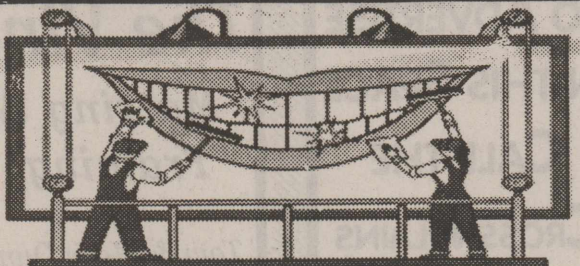
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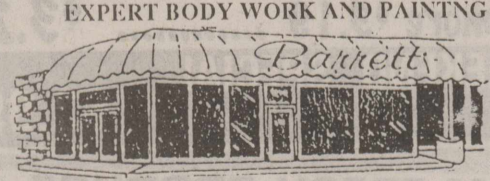
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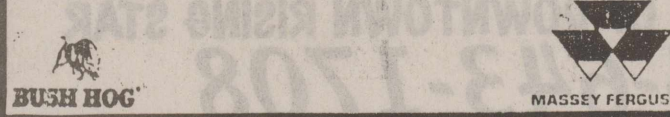
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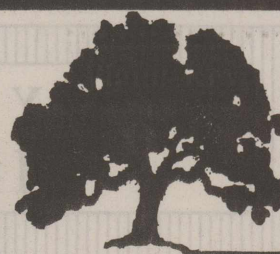
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CROSS PLAINS GARDEN CLUB

BY Joyce Odom

The Cross Plains Garden Club met for their regular meeting on April 11, at 2 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center.

Barbara Powell, president, called the meeting to order, welcoming guests and members. She led the group in repeating the Club Collect. Topic for the meeting was "Gardens For All Seasons".

Mary Ella Weaver, program chairman, introduced the guest speaker, R. A. Lowther of Cottonwood. His subject was "All About Roses". He said that his experience thus far has been "trial and error", but what he's learned and relies on is Miracle Gro, Osmocote (a slow release plant food) and Root Stimulator. Points he looks for in a plant is disease resistance and color. He explained some of his successes and failures and after three years of growing roses, is a bit more selective about certain things to look for in purchasing new plants.

Members asked questions and he responded from his experience on the purchasing, planting and cultivation. All in all, this was very interesting and informative. He invited anyone to come and see the roses at his wife, Terry, and his home. She accompanied him for the program.

During the committee reports, Bob Powell read the minutes of the last meeting and also gave an accounting of our Trade Day, that was rained out.

Julene Franke, treasurer, gave a financial report.

Eva Fleming, flower show chairman, had the sign-up sheet for entries to the Flower Show which will be staged on April 26, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens' Center on Main Street.

Betty Beggs announced that the Art Club will have their show in conjunction with the Flower Show. A small sculpture display will also be included.

Julene reported on the District

VIII meeting held in San Angelo recently that she and Barbara Powell attended. Fifty-five members were in attendance.

Awards garnered by Cross Plains Garden Club were:

1st Place - Small Flower Show
1st Place - Year Book
1st Place - President's Report
Appreciation Award -
Contribution to Scholarship Fund.

The upcoming Fall Meeting of the District VIII hosted by Cross Plains, Coleman and Ballinger was discussed.

Julene reported on findings to landscape the Garden Club's Welcome Sign that is located on the bank lot on Main Street.

Wanda Martin reported on "Keep Your Chin Up" cards she had sent.

Barbara Powell named Joyce Odom, Mary Crockett and Wanda Martin to decide what and how to handle the "Bird" quilt blocks Wanda Martin had given the Garden Club.

Roll call was answered by Show and Tell.

The Door Prize was conducted by Esther Kerr and was won by Betty Beggs. This was a basket full of hand gardening tools and a packet of 15 gladiola bulbs.

Members are to finalize the "Standing Rules" handed out at our next meeting which will be May 9th for the Tour of Gardens and will at the Martin residence.

Refreshments were served from a table with an Easter motif and refreshments were from members (their own favorite snacks). It was delicious.

Guests and members enjoying this session were: guests - LaLuan Killion of Rising Star, Tony Skidmore and Mary Crockett's son; members - Bob and Barbara Powell, Eva Fleming, Mary Ella Weaver, James Nichols, Julene Franke, Betty Beggs, Esther Kerr, Wanda Martin, Mary Crockett, and Joyce Odom.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 2, 2003

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. All members were present. By general consent minutes of the previous meetings were approved as read.

Don Gosnell, Chief, gave the monthly police report. He reported 56 calls for service, 3 criminal mischiefs, 1 theft, 2 accidents, 1 gas drive-off, 2 prowlers, 2 assaults, 2 telephone harassments, 1 family disturbance, 1 disorderly conduct, 2 run-aways, 2 forgeries, 2 attempted break-ins and 37 warnings with 44 citations being given. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Mayor Purvis presented the monthly Judge's report. He reported 44 citations for March with 21 remaining outstanding. There are 21 citations outstanding for February and 10 remaining outstanding for January. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Discussion was held concerning the DPS Emergency Management Plan. Debbie informed the council that she has attended a meeting at the courthouse in Baird with all of the towns in the county and each town is currently working on their emergency plans. Initial information must be submitted by April 11, 2003 and there should not be a problem meeting this deadline.

Edwin Weiss moved to pay the bills. Joe Ingram seconded and motion carried.

Discussion was held on purchasing three lots at the Cross Plains Little League fields from Glen Merrill. James Nichols moved to purchase the lots at a cost of \$5,000.00, and to take the money out of reserve. Dean Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Edwin Weiss moved to adjourn. Joe Ingram seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor
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The bride-elect, a 2001 graduate of Stephenville High School, is the granddaughter of Vince and Betty Meiron of Pioneer, Buddy and Sandy McCorkle of Brown-

wood, Kenneth and Dec Wills of Stephenville, and Gloria Wagner of Stephenville. The prospective bridegroom, a 1999 graduate of Cross Plains High School, is the grandson of Bobbie and Tom Hinkle of Cross Plains, C.W. and Shirley Woodruff of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Mrs. John Woodruff of Midland.

The wedding will be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Duane Hutchins of Stephenville, April 26 at 6 p.m.

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Gary Franke, Soil Conservation Technician with Natural Resources Conservation Service will start the day discussing how to design and construct ponds. Spencer Dumont, Fisheries Biologist with Texas Parks & Wildlife will follow with discussion on the permitting process and pros and cons of grass carp for weed control. Dr. Michael Masser, Extension Fisheries Specialist, will be our final speaker and will discuss elements of successful pond management including: renovation of ponds, fertilization, pond stocking strategies, maintaining balance and identification and management of aquatic plants.

There will be 3-hours of Continuing Education Credits for re-certification of private and non-commercial applicators available through the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District will also be taken fish orders during the program. Cost of the program will be \$5.00 per person, for those who RSVP by Friday, April 25, \$10.00 at the door. To pre-register contact the Callahan County Extension Officer at (325) 854-1518.

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