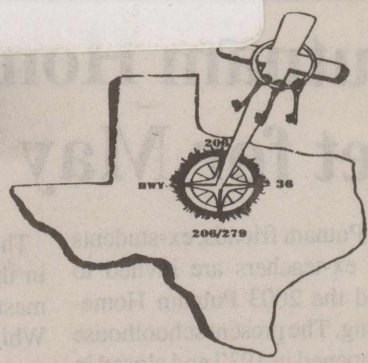


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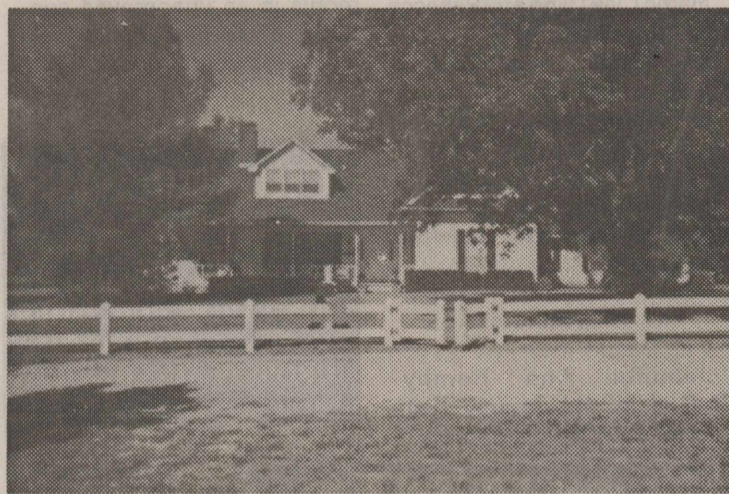
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## DOWN HOME



EDITOR'S NOTE: Bertha Scott of Abilene wrote the following poem about the house Wilma Tarlton/Ron and Sherrian Conway reside in, located on Highway 279. Mrs. Scott had written the poem several years ago, as she noted the changes in the house. She always admired the place on her way to visit a friend in Brownwood. Her friend encouraged her to give the poem to the owners of the home, so recently Bertha left her poetry in the mail box of the Tarlton/Conway families.

On December 15, 2001 Dr. A.L. Tarlton and his wife, Wilma, along with his daughter and son-in-law, Sherrian and Ron Conway, moved into the house previously owned by Gene and Betty Greenwood. Gene and Betty remodeled both the inside and outside of the house to the stage it currently remains. Dr. Tarlton was a chiropractor in Brownwood for many years. Wilma was employed as a nurse at the Brownwood hospital and she helped deliver many babies in this area. Dr. Tarlton passed away on April 25, 2002.

Ron Conway brought the poem by the office, along with a photo of the house. This unique story just had to be told. And if the author doesn't know, they would be welcomed by the family inside.

### "The House By the Side of the Road"

By Bertha Scott

The tall white frame with shutters of black,  
As soon as you pass by, you must look back.  
It's as a framed picture upon a hill,  
That even a thief would be glad to steal.

Every tree is in it's own place, the leaves wave and  
the branches bow,  
The neat little barn also shows its face.  
The fence stands strong, yet we wonder how,  
Do we get a friendly tour?

But oh! What if it would be,  
That we would ring the doorbell to see,  
If we were invited to a cup of tea,  
Or just given a friendly tour.

The family that dwells there is so blessed to be,  
The center of attraction and then, we  
Wonder if they would really be,  
As friendly as their house to see.

Farther down the road we'll go,  
But the windowed lights are all aglow.  
We are then tempted to turn around,  
But on to our destiny, we are bound.

We still claim this house on the hill,  
We may never live there, but we are still thrilled,  
Just to pass, a gaze, and with a sigh,  
Then a wave and a smile as we pass on by.

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Area Churches Will  
be Open All Day  
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There will also be a  
time of Prayer at the  
City Hall at 5:00 p.m.

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## Early Voting Underway for School Board and City Council

Early voting is currently underway for the school board and city council elections. It began April 16 and will run through April 29. You may cast your vote at the City Hall between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The following candidates are vying for two school board trustee positions: Larry Thomas, Michael Smith, Donnie Dillard, Reggie Pillans and Tony Wyatt.

Six candidates are seeking three city council seats including: Eddy Glen Wyatt, Edwin Weiss, Joe Ingram, Gene Dillard, James Nichols and Marvin Mosley.

Election day is May 3rd at the Community Center between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Your vote does make a difference.

## Sabanno Cemetery Association to Meet Wednesday, April 30th

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 contributions 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.

## Garden and Art Show Saturday, April 26th

We have reserved a time and a special location for you. The Cross Plains Garden Club, in conjunction with the Paint and Palette Club cordially invite you to attend our shows, Saturday afternoon, April 26, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center at 108 Main Street in Cross Plains.

The Cross Plains Garden Club will present our 41st Annual Flower Show entitled, "Natures Palette". Flower Show Chairman is Eva Fleming. Coordinator for the Art Show (paintings) is Betty Beggs. "Natures Palette" is open to the public, and there is no admission fee. Come and enjoy both the floral displays and the beautiful paintings on exhibit

at the same time. The Garden Club was federated in 1960. Presently, Barbara Powell is President of the Garden Club. This year we are presenting a small, standard flower show and there is to be about 24 entries in the Design Division alone. There are to be many entries in the Horticulture Division, as these floral specimens on exhibit were actually grown by the exhibitor. For this division, only a stem or stalk with bloom and a green bottle (such as a transparent cold drink bottle) is needed, plus a small amount of water, and must be labeled with the correct name of the plant, etc.

Mary Ellen Weaver is Chairman of the Special Exhibit Division.

Look for it, it will be nearby. Publicity Chairman is Kay Mosley. Chairman for the Judges Committee and for the Awards Committee is Eva Fleming.

Please come and view the floral arrangements, Horticultural entries, Special exhibit and the artwork, paintings etc. You do not have to be a Garden Club member to enter, but you must follow the rules of the Texas Garden Club Booklet. Betty Beggs or other artisans will be on hand for your questions, and will direct your tour through the paintings and art. Garden Club members will be available also to assist and direct you, and to help with any questions concerning the floral show.



CELEBRATION—These Cross Plains High School students were among those honored recently by the State Board of Education in its "Celebration of Educational Excellence" program. Selected based on their academic achievements, the students received medals during a ceremony hosted on the campus of Tarleton State University. Those recognized from Cross Plains were Jose Mauricio (from, left), Jennifer Young, Kevin Scott and Judith Hartman; Jake Snell (back, from left), Travis Golson, Andy Bennett and Nathaniel Joy. (Tarleton News Service photo)

## TEA Program Honors High School Students

STEPHENVILLE, TX-- Outstanding high school students from Cross Timbers region were honored recently during the ninth annual Texas Celebrations of Educational Excellence hosted by the campus of Tarleton State University.

Sponsored by the State Board of Education through the Texas Education Agency, the program recognizes some 6000 ninth through 12th grade students for academic achievements. Tarleton was one of 24 colleges and universities around the state

to host the awards ceremonies. Eighteen area school districts were represented at the program  
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## "Meet the Authors" Twice as Good

Mike Cochran and John Lumpkin entertained a good-sized audience at the Community Center last Tuesday evening, April 15, discussing how they came to write the book *West Texas*. Cochran is now a senior writer for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, and Lumpkin is the Bureau Chief for the Associated Press in Dallas. Between the two of them, they have covered just about every news story in Texas over the last four decades.

John Lumpkin gave their definition of West Texas, which definitely includes the Cross Plains area. As evidence, he cited a remark made by library broad president Charles Rodenberger, who said he'd really been hoping for a good rain—even if it brought a tornado with it. John said, "That's a remark you will only hear in West Texas!" He went on to talk about the difficulties presented in taking news

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WHO: Parents and Students  
WHAT: P.T.O. Program  
WHEN: Thursday, April 24

Everyone get ready for a wonderful performance by the 3rd and 4th graders on **Thursday, April 24, 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.



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# Putnam Homecoming Set for May 10th

All Putnam friends, ex-students and ex-teachers are invited to attend the 2003 Putnam Homecoming. The present schoolhouse was opened in 1937 and closed in 1976.

Registration, fellowship and visitation will begin at 9 a.m. on May 10, 2003 in the schoolhouse. Barbecue and ham sandwiches with drink and dessert will be served at 11:30 p.m. The cost of the meal is \$5.00.

The general session will begin in the auditorium at 1 p.m. The master of ceremonies will be Carl White. Carl is prepared to have some ex-students and teachers share some their experiences while they attended school at Putnam.

For more information, please contact Mary Green at (352) 662-3631 or Hubert Donaway at (325) 662-3334 or visit our website at: www.putnamtexas.com.

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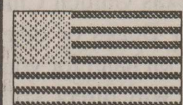
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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

## OBITUARIES

### C.L. Browning

C.L. Browning, 94, a retired supervisor, died Saturday, March 29, 2003, at a Bridgeport hospital. Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. March 31 at Opal Cemetery under the direction of White's Funeral Home in Springtown.

Mr. Browning was born in Sylvester, Texas on January 18, 1909 to Luther and Elizabeth Dennis Browning. He was a 50-year-resident of the Springtown area and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Springtown. He retired from General Dynamics in 1970.

He was a 1929 graduate of Cross Plains High School. This class was the first one to graduate from the new building after it moved locations. There were 32 classmates and the only ones remaining are Lois McCarty, Jackie Lane Davidson and Lois Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Mildred in 1998, and a son, Donald G. Browning in 1994.

Survivors include his sons, Lynn Browning and wife, Carolyn, and Wayne Browning and wife, Lenora, all of Springtown; daughter, Pat Peninger of Fort Worth; daughter-in-law, Joyce Browning of Springtown; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a sister, Maurine Hayes and husband, Jessie, of Lubbock; brother-in-law, Ted Walker of Rankin; and a cousin, Betty Browning of Cross Plains/New Mexico.

### Carl T. McKenzie

Mr. Carl T. McKenzie, 84, of Rising Star, Texas, died Wednesday, April 16, 2003 in the Rising Star Nursing Center in Rising Star.

Carl was born April 18, 1918 in Mineral Wells, Texas to Liddie Lucas McKenzie and Emma Wilson McKenzie. He married Emily Joy Snodgrass in Comanche, Texas on June 28, 1950.

He is survived by his three sons, Charles McKenzie of Cross Plains, Dale McKenzie, Luke McKenzie of May; five daughters, Reba McKenzie of Fresno, CA, Vonda Beal, Nina Alvarado of Fresno, CA, Emma Shackelford of Cross Plains, Mary Nixon of Williams; one sister, Lorene Bryson of Cross Plains, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, a daughter and two brothers.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. at the Graveside with John Swift officiating. Burial will be in the Burkett Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

## Authors—

stories and rewriting them in a format suitable for a book.

Mike Cochran kept everyone laughing with his stories of chasing Billy Sol Estes all over Texas trying to get the interview he'd been assigned to do, including almost getting killed in the Franklin Mountains near El Paso. Seems Billy Sol had just been released from prison, and Mike and three other newsmen were in a car trying to catch up with him. In a car behind Mike and his colleagues was a man who had appointed himself to protect Billy Sol from the press—with a gun if necessary!

If you haven't been attending the quarterly Meet the Author evenings sponsored by the Cross Plains Public Library, you've been missing some really great gatherings. We always have a lot of fun, sometimes we learn something, and sometimes the evening is truly inspirational—and all for free, courtesy of your library.

Submitted by Ginny Hoskins

## Cross Plains Musical This Friday, April 25th

The Cross Plains Musical will be held this Friday, April 25, downtown Cross Plains (Skateworld). The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the musical entertainment begins at 6:00 p.m.

Call Ray Boles at (254) 442-1137 for a spot on the program.

The snack bar will feature chicken salad and pimento cheese sandwiches, chips, soft drinks, coffee and desserts.

Come out for a great evening of fellowship and music!

## LIBRARY NOTES

April 14-18

### Statistics

Circulation:

Books	60
Lap	40
Total	100

Donations:

Marciel Carthen	
Helen L. Tillotson	
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Jerry and Chris Biggerstaff	
Books	
Betty Cavanaugh	
Linda and Latricia Chandler	

### Cross Plains Cemetery Association Report For The Month Of March 2003

<b>Donations &amp; Earnings</b>	
#8190 CD Earn.	\$265.14
I/M Wesley & Viola Strength	
By J.B. Strength	50.00
#7719 CD Earn	572.29
Interest Added to Account	1.01
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 888.44</b>

<b>Grave Opening Permits</b>	
Higginbotham Funeral Home	
GOP for: Ruth Barnett & Opal Graves	\$150.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>

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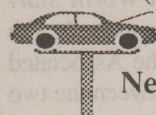
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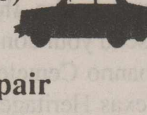
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## COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT  
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Richard E. Drew, driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
Cory R. Massey, DWI.

Marriage Licenses

Charles Willis Currier of Merrillville, IN and Ruth Abigail Barboza of Villa Park, IN.

42nd DISTRICT COURT  
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Lessa Kim Baize, an adult, name change.

Kaley Neufeld and Ramon Neufeld, divorce.

Martin Clay Dilno and Rebecca Lee Dilno, divorce.

The Peoples State Bank of Clyde vs. Richard M. Caldwell, also known as Ricky Caldwell, individually and dba Lewis Enterprises, default on account.

The Peoples State Bank of Clyde vs. Skeet Walker, default on account.

Civil Minutes

Jennifer Ann Fomby-McDonald and Sammy Keith McDonald, divorce granted.

Want To Write Your Elected Officials?

Here are their addresses:

Austin

Rick Perry, Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX 78711.

Harvey Hilderbran, State Representative, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78768-2910.

Troy Fraser, Texas Senate District 24, P. O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711 or call (512) 463-0124.

Washington

George W. Bush, President of the United States, Washington, D. C. 20000.

Charles Stenholm, Congressman, 17th Texas District, 1211 Longworth House Office Building, Wahsington, D.C. 20515.

John Cornyn, R-Tex, U.S. Senator, Washington, D.C. 20510

Kay Bailey Hutchinson, U.S. Senator, Room, 703, Hart Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-4301.

Russell Edward Speight and Kimberly Fowler Speight, divorce granted.

Criminal Information & Complaint

Stephanie D. Daffron, possession of a controlled substance.

Criminal Minutes

Edward T. Walker, motion to dismiss to possession of child pornography granted, case was refiled.

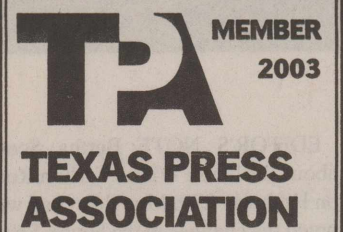
Angela K. Campbell, plea of guilty to manufacture of a controlled substance, 10 year probation, \$2000 fine, \$211 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Kerry W. Box, plea of guilty to possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container, 6 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$236 court costs.

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## RISING STAR NURSING CENTER



**RESIDENTS WATCH CHILDREN**—Rising Star Nursing Center residents watched the children hunt Easter eggs last Friday.



**LOTS OF EGG HUNTERS**—A big group of children participated in the egg hunt at the nursing center.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Carl McKenzie. Carl was a man who received a lot of love and caring from his family, and it was obvious he loved his family very much. While Carl was here at the Center, he didn't get out a whole lot, but I remember last Halloween he was right in the middle of the action, passing out candy to the trick or treaters and making sure we refilled his bowl when the candy started running low. He made sure he left no kid out. Carl will be missed.

We welcome new residents, Laura Wende from Cisco and Sue Landess of Rising Star. As always, we are happy to have you in our home.

Last week was a busy one! We celebrated our April birthdays Tuesday. Thanks to the Union Center ladies and gentleman who brought the cakes and pecan pies. The pies were made by Jo Ann Linney. Gene Moore provided the dancing music. Not too many people can dance on their 97th birthday but Grace Berry can, and she did.

We were lucky to enjoy the company of the Cross Plains Pre-K students and their teachers who came by the Center last Thursday to hunt Easter eggs and sing songs for the residents. The residents love having the little ones here.

On Friday, our annual Easter Egg Hunt was held at 10 a.m. We had a great turnout. Thanks to all the parents, grandparents and others who brought children to the center. The winner of the 6 foot inflatable bunny was Callie Cooper. The winner of the plush bunny was Brittany Bush.

This past Monday we traveled to Cross Plains to give Francis Wolf photo albums filled with pictures of past residents. We hope enjoys looking through them as much as we did.

While in C.P. we put out flyers advertising the Garage Sale we are having Saturday, April 29th. All proceeds will benefit the Cross Plains EMS. Be sure to stop by and check out all the good deals.

Have a good week.  
Submitted by Deborah Alexander

## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
Cross Plains Church of Christ  
433 N. Main  
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I don't know who wrote this but they knew what they were "talking" about. It's entitled: "The Snake That Poisons Everybody."

It topples governments, wrecks marriages, ruins careers, busts reputations, causes heartaches, nightmares, indigestion, spawns suspicion, generates grief, dispatches innocent people to cry in their pillows. Even its name hisses. It's called **gossip**. Office gossip, shop gossip, party gossip. It makes headlines and headaches. Before you repeat a story, ask yourself: 1) Is it true? 2) Is it fair? 3) Is it necessary? 4) If not, shut up!

That's putting it rather blunt — but it's difficult to miss the point, isn't it? There are too many situations wherein there's more gossip than "medicine" dispersed — more gossip than kindness and tender loving care. It seems some thrive on gossip and ruining others' lives — seemingly addicted to talking about someone else (and behind their back of course!), cutting them down. That's sick, that's bad, that's terrible!

Gossip is a "snake" that poisons everywhere it goes and everybody it touches. No wonder the inspired wise man, Solomon, listed it among the six, yea the seven, things the Lord hates, which are an **abomination** unto Him, Proverbs 6:16-19 — "A false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren," verse 19.

Isn't gossip one snake that needs to be killed — eradicated — for a real "breakthru" to everyone concerned? Rather than applying the forked tongue, let us practice the "golden rule," Matthew 7:12a.

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

## COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

### Rain Finally Comes Back to Cottonwood Area

As this issue of the *Cross Plains Review* goes to press, a fresh rain is falling and making spring much more enjoyable and pleasant. Ted "Junior" Ivy, visiting in Cottonwood from Lake Havasu, Arizona, woke up this morning, stretched, yawned and remarked, "I believe we are going to have a gully-washer."

Ted is visiting a few days with Carol and me and other friends in the Cottonwood and Cross Plains area. "This makes me remember Cottonwood much better," he said. "When I was a kid, a rain like this would send the old Cottonwood Creek up out of its bank and we would run down to the old swimming hole, just south of the bridge on the Strahan Place, and watch the water rushing by. We would chunk at some frogs, throw a few tree limbs in to see how fast they would float off, and believe we did not need to ever live anywhere else in the world."

Ted is on one of his annual trips to visit with friends and relatives in the Callahan County area and other places in Texas. It is always a delight to spend time with him driving around Cottonwood, pointing out where everyone lived, naming families, trying to recall every child's name and order of birth, picking out all the good qualities that made them stand out, and remembering how friendly they were to us as kids. It is real quality time when he comes and he always makes me remember the reason I have come back to Cottonwood to live.

### Cottonwood Connections: Welcome New Residents

The Cottonwood Community is welcoming new residents, Marguerite Ransdell and her daughter, Gail Ransdell, formerly of Albuquerque, New Mexico. They have taken up residence west of Cottonwood on the Childress place. Marguerite is Jacque Childress' mother and Gail is her sister.

Gail is a former school teacher and has taught in the public schools of New Mexico, on the Indian reservations and on U.S. Military installations. They will be attending church at First Baptist in Cross Plains.

"We are very happy to have my mother and sister with us here in Cottonwood," said both Jacque and Scott Childress.

### Historical Association Anticipating Memorable Event for May 3rd Meeting

The planning team for this year's Annual Membership Meeting and Cottonwood Reunion is really looking forward to seeing all former residents of Cottonwood on Saturday, May 3, at 10 a.m.

Nancy Robinson Masters will be the guest speaker for the event. A special time will be set aside for story telling.

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

You will be able to greet old friends, hear some good stories, capture a fresh memory of where you came from and learn what's happening with the Cottonwood Community.

The community is active, alive, growing, spreading new wings, and you are still a part of what continues to make Cottonwood a great place to live and "be from". So please come home and enjoy it!

And please consider, while you are here, making a donation to the Community Center Building Fund and another to the Cottonwood Historical Association. The Historical Association needs your donations for the upkeep and maintenance of the old Cottonwood Cemetery, the new cemetery, the Cottonwood Post Office and the old Methodist Church Building.

The Cottonwood Community Center Building Fund is a separate fund and pays for repairs and upkeep of the Community Center itself. This is very useful building for the community. Many programs and functions are presented here and benefits the community. The community holiday programs, musicals, family reunions, organizational meetings such as the Volunteer Fire Control and the annual meeting of the Historical Association are among the functions held in the facility.

### COTTONWOOD CEMETERY UPDATE

The logic of what I have to say comes from what Eddie Albrecht, of Cottonwood, Texas, told me: "There's more to Cottonwood than the cemeteries, there are living people here." This man was the first person at our doors to check on all of us after the tornado of May 1994. He has been on the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control for years; if there was a fire, he was there, a disaster, he was there. And yet he has been overlooked time and again to be a board member of the Cottonwood Historical Association. It seems to me, the citizens living in and near to this old community need to get organized and be represented by someone living here. Too many people living away from Cottonwood have too much to say about our destiny. And it's no longer their little community to tangle apart as they please. We need to have a community meeting and find a person like Eddie himself whom we can support as President of this association. Otherwise, we're looking at a financial disaster to our property value. Not just me, but also you who might live down the road, in any direction, from Cottonwood, but especially down CO RD 437. It's a serious problem, and we all must accept this threat of destroying our property value. If you think not, go take a look at Cross Plains' two cemeteries of 9 acres. They are practically full (in old age) and I would bet when they look for additional cemetery property it will be in that same neighborhood, down the next block, where the real estate and houses won't bring a decent price. Why? If you go, you'll see why! Don't believe me, ask the real estate agents in Cross Plains. They are sworn to tell you the truth about any real estate, whatever they know. You can trust their opinions.

Cottonwood, presently, has two cemeteries with each having about 2 acres, making a total of 4 acres. With the addition of another 4 acres added to the new cemetery (west), we will have 6 acres on CO RD 437 and a total of 8 acres altogether. Yes! The leaders of the association claim the Cottonwood Community will be proud of our cemeteries. Let's look into the future and see just how proud we will be. You can look into the future today by merely going back to Cross Plains and observe the present. Their cemeteries are less than an acre from what ours would be if we accept the 4 acres as a cemetery. If that's what you want, vote for those now representing us on the present Historical Association — and good luck. Remember this, a huge graveyard will stagnate all property value of this little community, just like what the cemeteries have done to the Cross Plains property value around theirs. But I recommend selling the 4 acres of coastal grass and buy property elsewhere, in cahoots with other communities, where the water table is not 11 to 13 feet from the surface.

With the cemetery out of the way let's concentrate on helping people rebuild the downtown Cottonwood properties as they once were, or create a facade of the old buildings. One thing at a time! We need new people with new ideas about what Cottonwood can do to change the future, to improve the landscape. At one time, this was a wild town with good people hereabouts. I've got plenty of information concerning the people who once lived here, as I'm sure most of you do. There was a jingle back in the 1930's when I was a kid, it goes like this: "Coffey Town, Post Office street, Ivey House and nothing to eat — but these kind folks never turn your credit down." Remember, "There's more to Cottonwood than cemeteries, there are living people here." And memories!

By Harold Strahan

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### QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: Remember to glance through the Review and get details of this weekend's flower show, and check out the results. It's open to the public at no charge on Saturday afternoon.

Tips for building a water garden. Invest in heavy-duty hose for circulating water. Once buried, it's hard to make repairs. Order excess stone, it's easier to find shapes that fit, than to have to cut. Leftovers can be used for borders. Plan and research early which plants grow easily in and around water. Get some ideas then as to which plants will do well in that situation, what you like best and would like to try in your water garden. Water lilies are often recommended, and moss can be tried, as well as others you might choose.

### "Mysteries of Spring and of Life"

This morning found me awake at 8:30 a.m. Awake, but not yet ready to get out of bed. I tried to do some writing, but could not stay awake. Finally, I just lay down and floated into dreamland.

Isn't it strange, you wake up and lay there tossing and turning and just get wider-eyed and more awake than ever. Somehow though, if you try to write a letter, or read magazines, books or even do some hand sewing, etc., you

just can't get anything done due to the fact that you can't stay awake and are just constantly falling asleep. Just another one of life's little mysteries, I guess.

We are just so excited that Spring is in the air. We know it is 'cause the birds have returned. We've been watching our bird feeders and our fountain. Lately, we've witnessed a pretty diverse selection of birds. The second week of April, we saw a trio of redbirds at one of our feeders; a couple of days later I saw a finch drinking from the fountain. It is such a beautiful shade of yellow. This makes the fourth year in a row this little fellow has visited our feeders. This bird is always alone; every year I think to myself, maybe next year a finch couple! But no, the bird remains single. At least he appears to be single. We put our hummingbird feeders up the first weekend of April. Already we're experiencing a veritable flotilla of hummingbirds. They are so dainty and so beautiful. There are many, many gorgeous birds in this area, and we love to see them at our feeders.

As we have turned our sights toward the Easter Holidays, may we also turn our thoughts and prayers toward Iraq and our military troops and news media over there as they struggle to complete their mission there.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

April 28 - May 2

**MONDAY**-- Chicken Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Brussel Sprouts, Apricots, Garlic Toast, Milk  
**TUESDAY**-- Chili w/beans, Onions, Pears w/cottage cheese, Birthday Cake, Milk  
**WEDNESDAY**-- Salmon Patty, Pickled Beets, Broccoli  
**THURSDAY**-- Chicken Rice Cass., Broccoli, Peaches, Chocolate Cake, Roll, Milk  
**FRIDAY**-- Fish Sticks, Rice Pilaf, Coleslaw, Pears, Hushpuppies, Milk  
Normandy, Banana Pudding, Bread, Milk

## PIONEER NEWS

Water News! The Westbound water group met with about 50 area folks at the Pioneer Community Center on Thursday evening. Engineer Byers explained about easements and the need to get these papers signed. Randy and Mr. Byers answered other questions of concern. There were several who signed the easement papers. The sooner these get in, the sooner other work can get started. If you have questions and need to get the easement papers finalized, call the Westbound Water office in Cisco. They will be glad to help you. It takes time and patience, but Westbound is working diligently to get water to the area. Thanks Westbound!

The ladies finished Lou's red and white "Puss in the Corner" quilt on Tuesday. Oh! My! Is it ever pretty! It should win a prize in any quilt show. Cody's quilt will come out this Tuesday. It is also very beautiful. We have room for two more beautiful tops. We finally got the shelf and the towel rack up in our "powder room". It is finished now and we are proud of it.

We even had some visitors at quilting on Tuesday. Tabitha Jordan and her two little girls visited for a while. We are always so happy to see them. Lauren and Hannah are little brown-eyed dolls! Their grandmother, Sandy, and their great-grandmother, Laverne, think so too. You all come back soon!

J.D. and Sandy Hutton spent a relaxing weekend at the river with nine grandchildren: Shelby, Janiesha, Jesse, Dodge, Racheal, Lauren, Shania, Hannah and Reagan. (Are you sure it was relaxing? Ha!) Six of their children were also along. The camping was fun (a little chilly at night), but the fellowship was great. All families should do this more often.

Frankie Smith and Jean Fore, along with their friends, attended the Coleman Musical Friday night. They traveled to Ranger

and visited Mrs. Dorothy Rogers, Frankie's sister. Monday night they attend their church association meeting at Mangum Baptist. Also, with them were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Rankin, Laquitta Rankin, Wayne and Arlene Smith. A good time was had by all—good supper, good music and very good preaching. It is good to see Frankie and Jean out and about after Frankie has had some illness.

Jim Chesshir came to the Chesshir farm last weekend. He got the south field fertilized and planted haygrazer. He worked hard all day Saturday and Sunday. Charlene's sister, Christene Cooper, fell Monday morning and broke her left wrist. She is quite a bit of pain. We hope she is doing better now.

Glenda Phillips is proud of Kali and all of the judging teams in her age class. She is on the dairy cattle judging team and they get to go to state. Other local teams are also going to state. Congratulations to all of them!

Emily and Krista were at Glenda's one evening this week. She didn't know they were there, until Janice called about them. She looked out and they were jumping on the trampoline. Thursday evening, Terra and Krista rode their bicycles to Glenda's house. Logan was there and tried to interrupt their playing. He got to attend school with the others who will start Pre-K this fall. He really liked that. Can you believe that Logan is that old? How time flies.

The wildflowers are still very pretty. Even the mesquite trees have decided to put out their leaves. It showered some Tuesday morning and we are praying that it will rain more this week and give everything a lift.

**Words of Wisdom: He that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself; for every man has need to be forgiven.** Edward Herbert



# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

## Baseball Update

By Coach Atchley

The Cross Plains Buffaloes played the Baird Bears last Tuesday. The final score was 16-0 Baird. Baird had 14 hits with the big inning coming in the 6th when they had 8 hits and 2 bases on balls to score 9 runs. The Buffaloes managed just 4 hits that day. This loss left their district record 3-4.

Friday the Buffs traveled to Ranger. The final score was 14-12 Ranger. In this game the Buffs had 17 hits. Andy Bennett, Colby Barton, Russell Allen and Michael Allen were 3 for 5. Brandon Jones, Dusty Purvis and

Dusty Dickson was 2 for 5. Kevin Scott was 2 for 4 and Cole Koening was 1 for 4. Andy Bennett had 4 RBI's and Dusty Purvis has 3 RBI's. The Ranger Bulldogs had 15 hits, their big inning was the 6th when they scored 8 runs on 7 hits and 2 Bases on balls. This left the Buffaloes with a 3-5 District record. The Buffs play Gorman Tuesday in their next to last game.

In the J.V. game the Buffs won 12 to 4. Chance Watkins pitched 5 innings for the victory. Chance, Ricky Gibson, Garrett Stephens and Clayton Thomas had one hit each. They were several varsity players that played so the J.V. could play the game.

### ELEMENTARY EXTRA

The PTO's Mom and Muffins was a great success. There was a great turnout. The PTO will have a meeting on Earth Day with a presentation by the 3rd and 4th grade choir. The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24, at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. The elementary also thanks the PTO for the new tree in the elementary foyer.

Come by the elementary foyer to see the posters that classes made discussing caring. Caring was the character trait discussed the 5th six weeks. The students learned to care for fellow human beings, their pets, plants and Earth. The students have been encouraged to care about the school by picking up trash and keeping trash off the school grounds.

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 will also be taking a trip to Abilene Zoo and Fire Station on Friday, April 25. They will be getting to see the world around us. They will be leaving at 8 a.m. and returning to the school around 3 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend the trip.

## Honors

held in the Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Center on the Tarleton campus. The honored students are often Academic Decathlon winners, National Merit Scholars, and top-ranking students in their class. Others have achieved academic distinction in mathematics, science, social studies or English language arts.

In addition to the students honored statewide in Celebration of Excellence programs, another 8000 will be recognized in ceremonies later this year. Each student receives a medal from the State Board of Education, and a congratulatory letter from Gov. Rick Perry.

Schools participating in the program hosted at Tarleton included Alvarado, Blanket, Comanche, Cross Plains, Dublin, Eastland, Glen Rose, Granbury, Gustine, Hamilton, Huckabay, Meridian, Millsap, Mineral Wells, Peaster, Poolville and Stephenville.

## SCHOOL MENU

APRIL 28 - MAY 2

### BBREAKFAST

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

### LUNCH

**MONDAY**--Corn Dogs, Cheesy Potatoes, Spinach, Spice Cake  
**TUESDAY**--Steak Fingers w/ gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches  
**WEDNESDAY**--Beef-Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Pears  
**THURSDAY**--Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Mozz. Cheese Stick, Broccoli, Garlic Sticks, Mixed Fruit  
**FRIDAY**--Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie

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**DAIRY FOODS**—These students from Cross Plains High School participated in the Dairy Food judging contest hosted recently by the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences at Tarleton State University. There were 13 different contests conducted during the annual Statewide Invitational Career Development Event. Over 300 students competed in this category with the top 20 individual finishers receiving plaques and t-shirts. Among the top finishers were (left to right) A.J. Carouth (eighth high individual) and Jennifer Young (third high individual). Contest directors were Human Sciences faculty members Linda Talley (far left) and Deana Gage (far right). Second from left is Stacy Fox, FFA State Vice President. (Tarleton News Service Photo)



**POULTRY**—These students from Cross Plains High School competed in the poultry judging contest hosted recently by the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences at Tarleton State University. There were 13 different contests conducted during the annual Statewide Invitational Career Development Event. Over 525 students competed in the poultry judging category with the top 20 individual finishers receiving plaques and t-shirts. Among the top finishers were (left to right) Kevin Scott (12th high individual) and Nathan Joy (16th individual). Contest director was Dr. David Drueckhammer (far right), chair of the Department of Agricultural Services and Development at Tarleton. At far left is Coy Baldwin, FFA State Vice President.

## TAKS Testing Next Week for Grades 3-11

Passing TAKS tests is an important part of education in Texas. Next week these tests will be given in Grades 3 through 11. These tests will begin on Tuesday, April 29th for grades 3-8 and 11. Wednesday April 30th for Grades 3-10, Thursday May 1st for Grades 5, 8, 10 and 11, and Friday May 2nd for Grades 10 and 11.

The following suggestions have been made for parents of students involved in TAKS testing:

- \* Be positive, supportive and encouraging, especially as testing time grows near.
- \* Reassure your child they have done a very good job preparing for the tests and this will result in success.
- \* Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep the night before each test.
- \* Provide breakfast the morning of testing.

\* Remind students to take highlighters (if used on their test level), #2 pencils with erasers, and something to read if they finish early.

\* Encourage students to relax and take their time. The tests are not timed. Students speeding through exams often make careless errors.

\* Encourage students to read through directions thoroughly, even if they have done that particular test before and think they know what is being asked.

\* Tell them to answer all questions, starting with the easier, then moving on to the harder ones.

\* Remind them to check their work after completing a question to make sure the answer makes sense for the question asked.

\* Make sure your student is on time to school.

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## CROSS PLAINS ALL SPORTS BANQUET

Monday, May 12, 2003

Tickets on sale now for \$12.00

Ticket purchases can be made at:  
Superintendents Office at school  
City Hall and Texas Heritage Bank

## Rep. Stenholm announces 2004 U.S. Academy cycle

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Charles W. Stenholm is pleased to announce the beginning of the 2004 United States Academy cycle. At this time, information is being forwarded to all area high schools and those individuals who have expressed interest in applying for a nomination to the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point.

Congressman Stenholm will again sponsor Academy Day orientations for all high school students interested in learning about their opportunities to acquire an education at one of the academies. Parents, counselors, and friends of students are welcome.

Two Academy Day programs will be held on Saturday, April 26. In Granbury, Academy Day will be held from 9:00-11:00 am in the Granbury High School Cafeteria located at 600 West Pearl Street. In Abilene, Academy Day will be from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Science Hall 100 of the Sid Richardson Building on the Hardin-Simmons campus. On Sunday, April 27 Congressman Stenholm will host an Academy Day from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Room 100 of the Math-Computer Science Building on the Angelo State University campus in San Angelo.

The Academy Day program will include an introduction of Congressional staffers and academy representatives who will be

working with the students during the nomination process, an explanation of nomination procedures, and a videotape of life at each academy. There will also be opportunities for students and parents to visit with academy and ROTC representatives.

To be eligible to attend an academy, an applicant must be between 17 and 23 years of age by July 1 of the year of admission, unmarried with no dependents, and a U.S. citizen. Congressional nominations can be obtained through the U.S. Representative in whose district the applicant resides, from each of the two U.S. Senators from Texas, and from the Vice President of the United States. Congressional nominations account for about 90 percent of all nominations awarded annually.

Selections are made in mid-December, using a formula based on the candidate's high school record, class standing, SAT and/or ACT scores. Involvement in athletics and school and community extracurricular activities are important factors in determining the individual's ability to effectively function under pressure. Evaluations by school officials and other individuals who are familiar with the candidate are also used in the decision making process.

Motivated, self-starting individuals who like to be challenged are strongly encouraged to contact Congressman Charles Stenholm, 2121-A Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904 for further information.

## Higher-Level Courses in H.S. Pay Dividends for Tx. Students

Students entering or moving through high school are making some of the most important decisions of their lives this spring. They are choosing the courses that they will take next fall, and those choices will determine how well prepared they will be for taking advantage of opportunities for a brighter future.

"Taking high-level courses in mathematics, sciences and foreign languages can give students the strong academic preparation they need to continue their education into college," said Texas Commissioner of Higher Education Don Brown. "Taking a full set of college-preparatory courses in high school can also make students eligible for the TEXAS Grant program, which will pay their college tuition and fees if they also have financial need."

To qualify for the TEXAS Grant, students must have successfully completed the Recommended High School Program (RHSP), a 24-credit college-preparatory curriculum that gives students the academic skills they need for the best chance of success after high school.

## 4-H Meeting this Monday, April 28th

The April 4-H meeting will be held Monday, April 28, at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. The students will report on upcoming service projects and upcoming projects.

A discussion on the Vet science project will be held and a date for completion will be set. Discussion on next year's club will be held. Officers will be elected in May, so a slate of officers will be discussed.

For more information, call Nancy Randolph at (254) 725-4226 or Robert Pritz (915) 854-1514.

Taking the Recommended High School Program is so important that the Texas Legislature has passed a law providing for all students who enter the ninth grade in 2004 or later to be automatically enrolled in it, according to Commissioner Brown.

"Some school districts are already enrolling all of their high school students in the Recommended High School Program," Commissioner Brown said. "But even where it is not yet required, students should consider enrolling in college-preparatory courses."

"College-preparatory course are also important for students who don't think they will go to college," Commissioner Brown added. "A few years after graduating from high school, many of these students see that a college degree offers them better opportunities, and they decide to get one."

To encourage more parents to encourage their children to go to college, the State of Texas has launched the *College for Texans* campaign. The goal of this motivational and public awareness effort, which will use advertising and work with local organizations, is to increase college enrollment in Texas by 300,000 academically prepared students (beyond the 200,000 additional students already expected to enroll) by 2015.

"We've learned that most

people are aware of what higher education can do for them, but too many people don't pursue college because they think it costs more than it does and they are not aware of the financial aid available to help them," said Commissioner Brown. "The goal of the *College for Texans* campaign is to make sure that people know how to prepare for college—by taking the Recommended High School Program—and how to pay for it."

"Although more people than ever are enrolled in Texas colleges and universities, the increases haven't kept pace with the state's population growth, leaving Texas on a path to becoming a less educated, less prosperous state," said Brown. "We must close the gaps in student participation and success for all of the state's people, especially for low-income groups and people in regions of the state with low college-going rates. More information about preparing for, applying for and paying for college or technical school is available at [www.CollegeForTexans.com](http://www.CollegeForTexans.com)."

Closing the gaps in participation and success are the first two goals in the state's *Closing the Gaps by 2015* education plan, which was adopted by the Coordinating Board in October 2000 and has become widely accepted throughout the state. (See the *Closing the Gaps* plan at [www.thecb.state.tx.us](http://www.thecb.state.tx.us).)

## VOTE! VOTE!

I am Larry Thomas. I am running for the Cross Plains I.S.D. School Trustee election. My family and I have lived in Cross Plains for over eight years. My wife Terry and I have been married for 18 years and we have two children, Morgan and Brody. I have worked for AEP/WTU for over 18 years. My family and I are members of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cisco, where I am serving as the Vice-

President of the congregation. I would like the opportunity to serve on the School Board and would appreciate your vote. If I am elected I will be honest, dependable, and willing to work with others to ensure that Cross Plains I.S.D. offers the best education possible for our children.

Larry Thomas  
School Trustee Candidate  
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P.O. Box 26, Cross Plains, Texas 76443



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Goat Grins  
By Curt Hoskins

Our goats are allowed to roam freely in the 25 acres nearest the corrals. As the kids grow up, and we can feel comfortable that they will come in for supper, we let them go into the next west pasture with many briar bushes. The road between the pastures has a tall chain-link gate. Today, as I searched for our missing Pyrenees, I started through the gate to find a cluster of kids hardly 15 yards beyond and a mass of mommas and others some 40 yards further on.

They had somehow squeezed through the margin of the gate. I said nothing, but opened the gate, and the kids, followed by the mothers, walked quietly back through the gate toward the corral. It was as if they knew that they were not supposed to have gone there.

I will affirm on a stack of Bibles, that as those momma goats walked past me towards the corral, they avoided eye to eye contact, but the faces of those goats had sheepish grins.

"GRINNING GOATS" Copyright by Curt Hoskins

## 3rd Annual Bull Bash Extravaganza

CASA in the Heart of Texas, Inc. Presents the 3rd Annual Bull Bash Extravaganza in the Earl Q. Wilson Arena, Hwy. 377 South Brownwood, Texas, April 25-26.

**Ticket prices:** Children 12 & under: FREE, Kids 13-18: \$4.00, Adults: \$6.00.

**Friday, April 25th, 7:30 p.m.**  
7 & under Mutton Bustin', Junior 12 & under Steer/Calf Riding, Senior 13-18 Pro Bull Riding, Calf Dressing Contest

**Saturday, April 26th 7:30 p.m.**  
7 & under Mutton Bustin', Calf Dressing Contest, Open Bull Riding, Jackass Race

For general information, call: 915-643-2557. For Bull Riding information call: 915-985-3639

## SBA Public Hearing in Dallas April 24

Small business owners have an opportunity to testify on concerns and complaints about excessive federal regulatory enforcement at a Small Business Administration Texas hearing.

The SBA Regulatory Fairness Board Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at SMU's Cox Caruth Institute in Dallas.

## 30th Annual Folklife Festival at Cisco

April 26-27

The 30th Annual Folk Life Festival will be held April 26th and 27th, on the beautiful campus of Cisco Junior College. Friday at 5 p.m. the Cisco Lions Club will present their annual Barbecue Dinner, including music by Tim Turnbaugh.

Saturday's activities will begin at 7:30 a.m., with a Trail Ride Breakfast. At 10 a.m. the Festival Parade, sponsored by the Cisco Chamber of Commerce will commence. Immediately following the parade, the Cisco Folklife Festival officially opens. Hours are 10:30 until 7 Saturday and 11 to 4 Sunday. Entertainment will be continuous throughout the two days of Festival.

As in the past thirty years, Festival will include mouth-watering food, pioneer demonstrations, games and kiddie rides, arts and crafts, vendors and lots of fun for everyone. And, of course, what would Folk Life Festival be without the crowd favorites—creamy, strawberry shortcakes, tasty cinnamon rolls and loaves of hot homemade bread.

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## Local Man's Pigeons Qualify for the World Cup Fly on June 10th

On April 7th Bob Golson's roller pigeons qualified for the World Cup Fly by winning Region 6, which takes in all of Texas. Walter Teal from Houston also qualified.

Lenny Viapando of Utah was the judge who traveled throughout Texas judging the qualifying flies.

Bob lost nine of his best birds in a hawk attack on March 29th. They were attacked on release, scattered out, and never came back. Substitutes had to be made, but with the good Lord willing and good flying conditions, the remaining birds did all right.

In the World Cup as many as 15

to 20 birds can be flown and they have to fly for 20 minutes. They are judged on how many roll with a minimum of 5 at the same time. Points are given for quality and depth and are multiplied by the number that rolled to obtain the final score.

By qualifying for the World Cup, Golson's kit will compete on June 10th and Teal's on June 11th. John Weins from Canada, who won the Cup last year, will be the judge. He will also judge the qualifiers in Australia, South Africa, the Netherlands, Canada and all of the U.S.A. It will take close to 2 1/2 months of travel to complete the contest.

## Clyde Lions Club annual fish fry set for April 26

The Clyde Lions Club annual all-you-can-eat fish fry will take place Saturday, April 26, 2003 at the Clyde Lions Club Building located on South First and Rusk Street in Clyde.

The fish fry will take place from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Pre-sale tickets are available now from any Clyde Lions Club member or can be purchased at the Clyde Journal newspaper office located at 117 South First Street. Advance adult tickets are \$7.50 each and children 12 years of age and under are \$3.50. Tickets at the door are \$8.00. Take out orders will again be offered.

This year's menu includes fried catfish, french fries, hush puppies, cole slaw and iced tea or water.

Through the generous donations of several area businesses, the Clyde Lions Club will again be serving catfish meals to the residents at both Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Baird and the Clyde Nursing Center.

The annual fish fry is the local Lions Club largest fund-raiser of the year. All proceeds from the Lions Club will be used to purchase eye glass examinations and eye glasses for needy children in the Clyde community.

## Senior Citizens Dance at De Leon Cancelled

The Senior Citizens Dance Hall Auditorium for this Friday, April 25, has been cancelled.

## It's A Girl



Family and friends are pleased to announce the birth of Halle Faith Tidwell, born on Tuesday, March 18th at 1:28 a.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19 1/4" long. Proud parents are James and Glenda Tidwell of Cross Plains. Maternal grandparents are Max and Norma Evans of Cross Plains. Paternal grandmother is Wynell Tidwell of Decatur. Maternal great-grandparents are Glen and Ella Faye Merrill of Cross Plains and Flo Evans of Abilene. Paternal great-grandmothers are Mildred Couch of Decatur and Thelma Pursinger of Ft. Worth. Maternal great-great-grandmother is Willie Phillips of Burkett, Texas. We are very blessed and thankful for our sweet little girl.

## GARAGE SALE

All Day starting Saturday, April, 26 at 8:00 a.m. at the Former Colonial Oaks Nursing Center in Cross Plains.

### Items included in sale:

Furniture-Beds-Tables  
Clothes-Kids-Womens  
Cast Iron Cookware  
Kitchen Tools  
Silverware  
Books  
Videos

COME AND ENJOY!

GREAT BUYS!

Baked Goods will also be sold!

100% of proceeds to benefit Cross Plains EMS.

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Happy Birthday!

### APRIL 26

Beverly Ann Graves  
Mrs. Charles Kunkel  
Mrs. Claudette Ross  
Betty (Kinnard) Odstrcil  
Wesley Shane Clark  
Deborah Ann Scott  
Mark Tyler  
Larry Barnett

### APRIL 27

Virginia O. Trevey  
Mrs. Oran Bains  
Dr. Albert Kincheloe  
Dana Goodwin  
Cecil Nickerson  
Markus Glen Maxwell

### APRIL 28

Julie Rodriguez  
Juanita Rodriguez  
Charlotte Montgomery  
Jimmy Bagley  
Jackie Webb Mackie  
Mrs. Grace Farr  
Debra L. Merryman  
Peggy Arrowood

### APRIL 29

Jim Fleming  
Monty Neeb  
Kenneth Thate  
Sharene Deshmukh

### Mrs. R.N. Tatom

Trampus Allen  
Donna Marie Watford  
Bob Pipes

### APRIL 30

Wayne Vaughn  
Virginia Wolfe Whitehead  
Cameron Phillips  
Erin Sinkey  
Cordell Grant

### MAY 1

Judy Gail Woodruff  
Martha Jo Sparks  
Amy Jo Dean  
Tom Dewbre  
Veronica Holmans  
Clint Connelly  
Vickie Ringhoffer  
Amy Jo Hart

### MAY 2

Steve Foster  
Richard Wilson  
Joe Pope  
Linda Kay Kelly  
Bruce Hubbard  
Terry Fortune  
Jerry Fortune  
Kenneth Hopson  
Michelle Milder  
Travis Crockett

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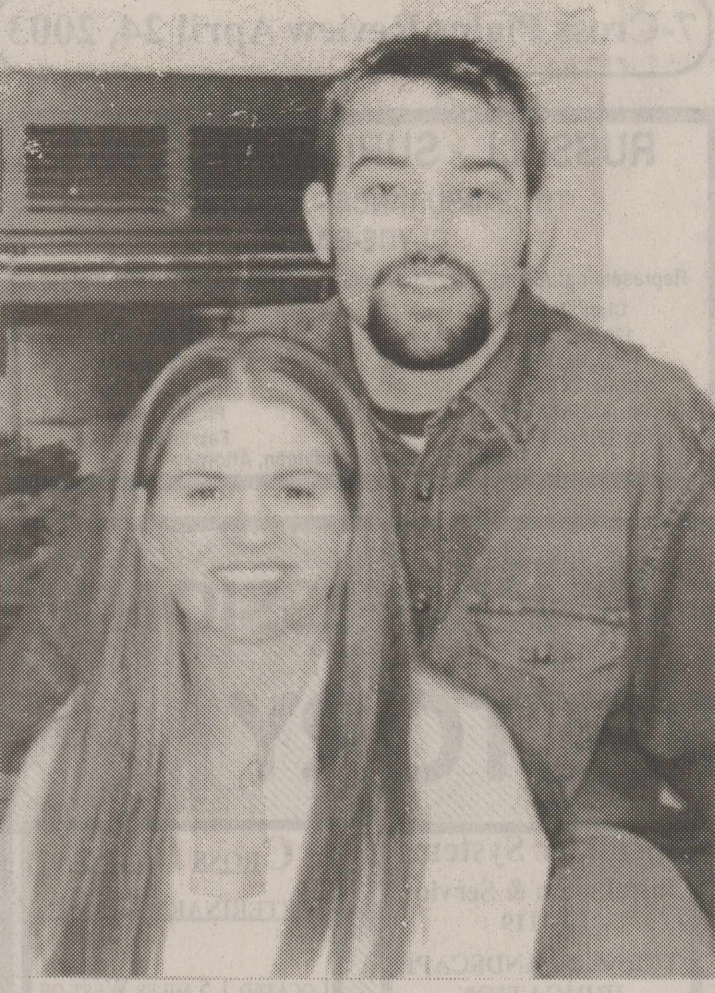
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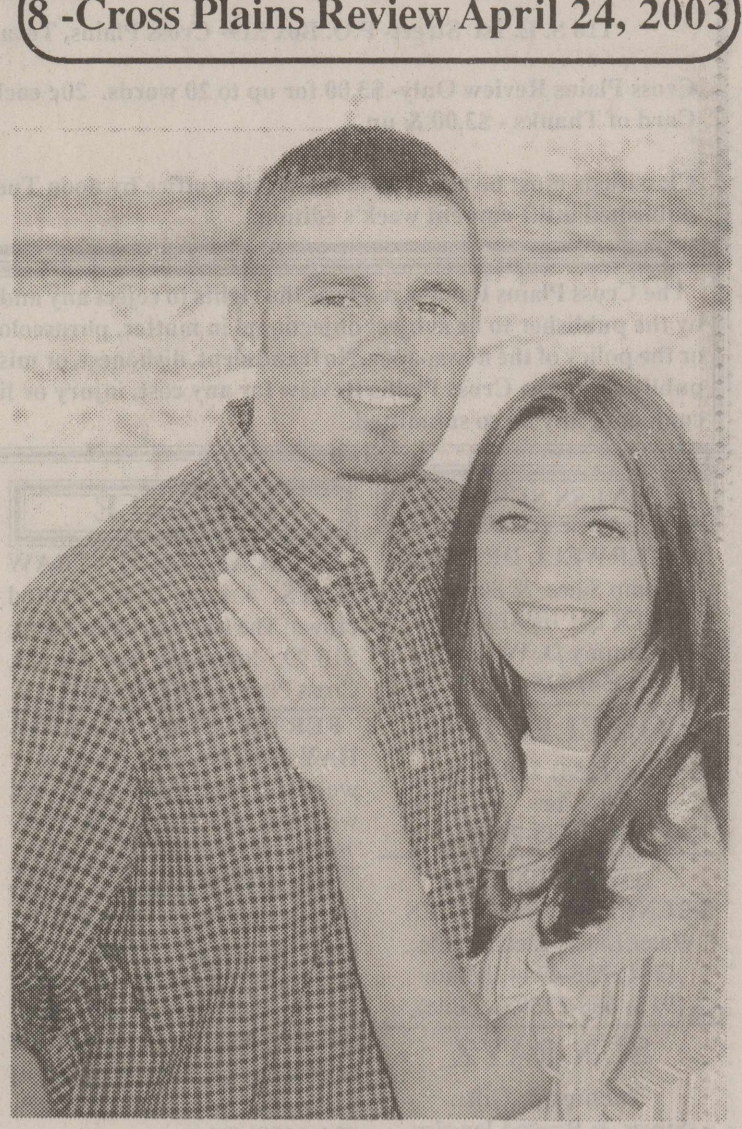
RACHEL WHALEY AND ADRIAN SLAYMAKER

Cisco Junior College conducted its thirty-fifth annual Awards Ceremony on Monday, April 14. Each spring semester, CJC recognizes and honors the members of the student body who have proven themselves to be outstanding students and persons. Students were recognized in several categories that included scholastic and extracurricular achievement.

Area students receiving awards were:

**Baird**  
 Matthew Beschoner  
 Saybra Giles  
 Carrie Marsh  
 Jolee Williams  
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 Kathleen Agnew  
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JARAD RICHARDS AND RENEE COMBS

## Whaley-Slaymaker to Exchange Vows on Saturday, May 24th

Linda Slaymaker of Cross Plains, and Bill Slaymaker of Brownwood are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Adrian, to Rachel Whaley. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Dean and Irene Tittel of Odessa. She is a graduate of Odessa High, and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from San Angelo State University in May 2001. Rachel is currently employed by the Travis County Community Supervision and Corrections Department as a Pre-Sentence Investigator, and is attending

graduate school at the University of Texas in Austin. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Brownwood High School and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Tarleton State University in December 2000. Adrian is currently employed by the Travis County Community Supervision and Corrections Department as a Community Supervision Officer. The couple plan to marry at LaVilla Vista Resort on Lake Travis in Austin on May 24, 2003 and will reside in Austin.

### GARDEN TIPS

BY JAMES NICHOLS

April is National Garden Month

Here is an easy way to get your kids and grandkids interested in the garden. All kids like water, whether it comes out of the sky or the end of a garden hose. Measuring the rainfall every week can help kids learn more about plants requirements for water. Your child can be in charge of keeping track of the rainfall with an easy-to-make rain gauge. They can expand on this activity by creating a chart to record the weekly amount of rainfall. If there's no rainfall for a week, they will know it's time to water.

Here's what you'll need: a two-liter plastic bottle, scissors or an Exacto knife, ruler, waterproof marker, garden stake, thumb tack or staple gun.

- Use scissors or an Exacto knife to cut off the top 3 or 4

- inches of the two liter plastic bottle. Your child can complete most of the remaining steps.
- Turn the top upside down so it rests in the hole at the top of the bottle.
- Stand a ruler up against the bottle and use a waterproof marker to mark inches and fractions on the side of the bottle.
- Help your child attach their rain gauge to a garden stake, using thumb tacks or a staple gun. Place the fasteners near the top of the gauge, because the water may leak if the thumb tack holes are near the bottom. Leave a few inches of the stake at the bottom so you can push into the ground. This will keep it from blowing away.
- Kids can check the rain gauge at least once a week, and even record the results on a chart. An inch of water a week is about right for most vegetable gardens and flowers.

## Combs-Richards Wedding Planned for Saturday, July 12th

Col. and Mrs. Gordon Kennedy Doyle Combs of Colorado Springs, Colorado, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Elizabeth Combs, to Jarad Landon Richards, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Monty Richards of Cross Plains, Texas. The bride-to-be graduated from Brownwood High School in 2001

and is attending Angelo State University. The prospective groom graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1998 and graduated from Howard Payne University in 2002. He is currently teaching and coaching with the Troy I.S.D. in Troy, Texas. The wedding is planned for July 12, 2003 at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church in Brownwood.

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