

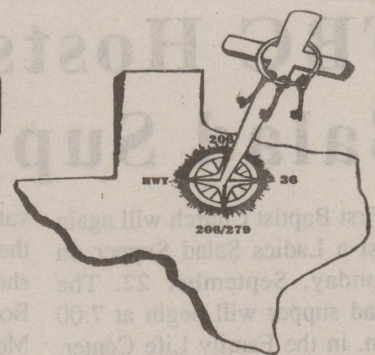
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THURSDAY, September 11, 2003



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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: H.D. Weaver brought by this cute poem that kind of tells it like it is concerning homecoming reunions. This would be a lot better if you could hear H.D. recite it. I've decided it takes real guts to attend your high school homecoming after say age "50". So all you brave ones—we will see you this weekend. Vanda Anderson Creech

"Reunion Poem"

When I look into the mirror
the person that I see
Is someone who's quite different
from who I thought was me.

Where once I had a head of hair
now there shines some skin
And now I see some bulges
Where I used to be quite thin.

Oh, time is just a sneaky thief
or so it seems to me.
Cause I don't feel the difference
that the mirror shows to me.

Oh, climbing out of bed at morn
my bones they creak and crack.
And sometimes it is difficult
to straighten my back.

It seems that things are quieter
while I know that I can hear.
But the printing does grow smaller
on the pages year by year.

They have cut out some body
parts
they say that I don't need.
But when I cut myself shaving,
thank God, I still can bleed.

You tell me to quit drinking,
and surely not to smoke.
And it's better to stop eating,
because it's possible to choke.

I'm tired of people telling me
at your age you really shouldn't.
So, I'm going to start doing
what at their age I really couldn't.

Our kids are all grown up and gone,
so we've a little more to spend.
And we intend to spend it
right up until the end.

I think that we'll start doing
just exactly what we dare.
And if you do not like it,
you can stuff it—I don't care.

**All
Reserved
Seats
Must
Be Paid
By
Friday Noon
Sept. 12 or
Will Be
Opened
For Sale**

Book Signing Planned for Local Writer, James Nichols

A book signing is planned for James Nichols, author of "On the Banks of Turkey Creek", Friday, September 12, at Texas Heritage Bank from 1 to 5 p.m. The bank will be having open house and they invite exes to come by for refreshments and also to view the Wall of Honor recognizing former and present military service personnel.

Saturday, September 13, James

will be at the Cross Plains Public Library from 1 to 3 p.m. to sign books. Ex-students and teachers are cordially invited to attend.

"On the Banks of Turkey Creek" is a collection of short stories and tall yarns that have been handed down for many years. It features a general account of how things were in the forties, fifties, and sixties around Cross Plains. James'

great memory and special brand of humor makes the book interesting reading.

If you haven't purchased his book, this will be the perfect time and he will personalize your copy; or bring your own book and James will sign it. All Cross Plains High School ex-students, teachers, etc. are encouraged to come by and celebrate the success of a local writer.

Saturday, September 13, 2003

Constitutional Amendment Special Election Callahan County Polling Places

- Precinct #1, Clyde Lions Club Building
- Precinct #2, Eula Lions Club Building
- Precinct #3, Baird Housing Authority
- Precinct #4, Cross Plains City Hall
- Precinct #5, Putnam Community Center
- Precinct #6, Clyde Southside Baptist Church
- Precinct #7, Oplin Community Center

Constitutional Amendment Election slated Saturday

Callahan County voters will go to the polls this Saturday, September 13 to cast their votes on 22 amendments in the Constitutional Amendment Election.

Constitutional Amendment
Election Sample Ballot
located inside this week's
Cross Plains Review

The Constitutional Amendment Special Election will take place from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at seven voting locations

throughout the county.

Precinct #1 voters will cast their votes at the Clyde Lions Club, Precinct #2 will take place at the Eula Lions Club, Precinct #3 will be held at the Baird Housing Authority, Precinct #4 voting will take place at the Cross Plains City Hall, Precinct #5 will be held at the Putnam Community Center, Precinct #6 votes will be cast at the Clyde Southside Baptist Church and Precinct #7 voting will be held at the Oplin Community Center.

Highway 206 Baptist Mission Sets Revival for Sept. 18, 19 & 20

The Highway 206 Baptist Mission in Cross Plains will host a revival September 18, 19 and 20th. Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 6:00 p.m. Saturday.

Larry Briley of Breckenridge will be the evangelist. Jo Medley will lead the singing and Judy Lewis will play the piano. Special

music will be provided nightly.

Pure Grace Singers from Bangs will perform Saturday evening. A meal will be served each night with a special dinner on Saturday. Edward Walters, the minister of Highway 206 Baptist Mission, invites everyone to attend. A blessing is sure to be received from this revival meeting.

Homecoming Dance Main Fund-raiser for C.P.H.S. Ex-Student Association

The Cross Plains High School Ex-Student Association invites everyone to attend the Homecoming Dance Saturday night, September 13, beginning at 9:00 p.m. at Treadway Park. The Tim Bosley Band will be performing Country and Western music, plus others, for everyone's entertainment.

Admission is \$5.00 per person and it benefits the C.P.H.S. Ex-Student Association. This is the only fund-raiser the association has to promote Homecoming activities.

Attention Ex-Students! Former Methodists Meeting this Sunday

All former members of the First United and other Methodist congregations who have merged with the Cross Plains congregation are invited to participate in and share in a **John Wesley 300th Anniversary and Methodist Heritage Festival on September 14.**

The festival will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains and will include registration and visitation; a clown ministry for children; worship services; special recognition of visitors; a noon covered dish luncheon; and hymn singing. Commemorative church plates will be available for purchase.

This is intended to be a very festive occasion, with laughter, balloons, memories of the local area congregations, and sharing of the rich spiritual heritage of 128 years of Methodist work and



2003 HOMECOMING QUEEN NOMINEES

C.P.H.S. Homecoming 2003 is this Weekend SEE YOU THERE!

By Vanda Anderson Creech
Editor

The big day is upon us—ready or not. Every three years ex-students and ex-teachers congregate at Cross Plains High School for Homecoming festivities. It is a day of reminiscing and fun for former residents and locals.

The hustle and bustle of activities bring old Cross Plains to life, as the town fills with familiar faces from the past. There will actually be some traffic jams as everyone rushes around.

Nominees for the Cross Plains

High School Homecoming Queen for 2003 are Senior Bree Dillard, Junior Stephanie Edington, Sophomore Jesse Norris and Freshman Karen Scott.

Bree is the daughter of Bud and Becky Dillard. She is head cheerleader, FFA Vice-President, Senior Class Secretary, Class Favorite, and PALS participant. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, FCA and First Baptist Church.

Stephanie is the daughter of Howard and Debbie Edington. She is a cheerleader and participates in basketball and track. She is a member of the FFA, Key Club, FCA and First Baptist Church.

Jesse is the daughter of Mark and Rachel Norris and Terry Norris. She is involved in basketball, FCA, and Key Club. She is the Sophomore Class Secretary, Class Favorite and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Karen is the daughter of and Liz and Greg Hutchins and Ronnie and Bonnie Scott. She is involved in basketball and track. She is Freshman Class Favorite, Freshman Class Secretary, FFA officer, and member of the First Baptist Church.

The Homecoming Queen will be crowned during halftime at the football game Saturday night and the Coming Home Queen and King will also be presented.

See Homecoming Page 6

KICK OFF BREAKFAST

AT D. Q.

FRIDAY 7:00 A.M.

Everyone Invited

Hamburger Supper

Homecoming Game

Saturday, September 13, 2003

Sponsored by the Athletic Booster Club and Band Booster Club
Hamburger, Fries and a Drink - \$5.00

We will start selling at 7:00 p.m.

Come and support your Athletes and Band!

Cross Plains Football

Junior High

vs.

Hawley

September 11, 2003

5:00 p.m.

There

J.V. vs. Hawley

Immediately Following

Varsity

vs.

Hawley

September 13, 2003

8:00 p.m.

Home

Homecoming Game

Texas
Heritage
Bank

"We're Proud of Our Local Heritage"



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Presents:

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FBC Hosts Ladies Salad Supper

First Baptist Church will again host a Ladies Salad Supper on Monday, September 22. The salad supper will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. All women of the community are invited to join us for this evening of fellowship. Guest speaker for the evening will be Colette White.

Colette White was born and raised in South Africa. In 1998, she moved to the states to study at Focus on the Family and completed her Masters in Psychology at Abilene Christian University. Colette has been working in private practice as a counselor for the last 3 years in Abilene, where she lives with her husband, Billy Bob. She is an active member of Morningstar Community Church where she heads up the Freedom ministry, leads in the life groups and disciples women.

Colette's heart for people is to see them walk in an abundant life of freedom and victory as they continue to pursue the destiny that God originally designed for them to live out.

This event is free to all women in the community. Please join the fellowship.

Wednesday Fellowship Meal at First Baptist Church

Everyone in the community is invited to First Baptist Church for a Fellowship Meal on Wednesday evening of each week. The meals are now being prepared and will be served in the Family Life Center from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Menus
September 17: Brisket, potato salad, baked beans, salad, rolls,
 peach cobbler
September 24: Chicken spaghetti, broccoli w/cheese sauce, squash, salad, rolls, ambrosia cake

Call the FBC church office at (254) 725-7629 for more information and to reserve your place by Tuesday noon of each week.

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OBITUARIES

Dr. Richard Clint (Ricky) Jones

Dr. Richard Clint Jones, 52, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, passed away Wednesday, September 3, 2003. Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 6, 2003, at the Friendship Baptist Church in Owasso, Oklahoma with the Rev. Randy Binion officiating.

Ricky was born in Fort Worth, the son of Laura Jean Brickell Jones and the late Denver Clint (D.C.) Jones. A 1969 graduate of Cross Plains High School, he was an outstanding athlete participating in baseball, basketball, football, tennis and track. Jones was a graduate of Texas Christian University where obtained a Bachelor Degree,

Masters Degree and Doctorate in Religion. He had served as a pastor for the Assembly of God for many years and was currently Supervisor of Pastors for numerous churches.

Survivors include his wife, Mitzi Jane Jones of Tulsa, Oklahoma; one son, Darrin Clint Jones of Tulsa; four daughters, Amy Knight of Coffeyville, Kansas, Angela Ritchie of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Kristin Cole of Owasso, Oklahoma, and Krystal Joens of Tulsa, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren, Devin, Andrew, Kutler, Karsen, Ethan, Jolie, Matthew and Lillian Bella; one sister, Diana Owen of Lufkin; and his mother, Laura Jones of Snyder.



TIFFANY NICHOLS

"HEAVEN'S NEW ANGEL"
 Jesus passes the word to the saints on high, a little blonde haired angel would soon be by. The beauty that shown through her eyes and her smile, Made heaven light up and there was no denial.

This blonde haired angel from earth where she came, Made heaven a place that would never be the same.

Her name was announced in heaven's great cities, And Jesus proclaimed... her PaPa called her "Wheetie". We Love you Baby, Tommy & Peggy Nichols (The verses above were written as a tribute to Tiffany, by her grandparents.)

Services for Tiffany Kathleen "Wheetie" Nichols, 16, of Lubbock were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 3, 2003 at the Bible Baptist Church in Clyde, with A.D. Howard and the Rev. Jackie Gestes officiating. Burial was at Clyde Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Englund's Funeral Services of Slaton. She died Sunday, August 31,

2003. Tiffany was born on August 10, 1987 in Abilene, Tx. and moved to Lubbock in 1990, where she attended school at Cooper I.S.D. Tiffany participated in theater arts at Cooper I.S.D. She participated in the Upward Basketball program and was a member of the Cactus Theater kids. She was also a member of New Horizon Baptist Church in Lubbock. Tiffany was first runner-up in the 2000 State Miss Diamond pageant in Abilene. She recently moved to Brownwood and was currently enrolled in Brownwood High School. She was also attending Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a brother, James Douglas Jackson in 1999 and a grandfather, Johnny Bishop.

Tiffany is survived by her father, Brad Nichols of Lubbock; mother, Deborah Adair of Brownwood; brothers, Bradley and Chase Nichols of Brownwood; uncles, Ricky Nichols of Slaton, Jody Nichols of Lubbock and James Simpson of Arlington; five sisters, Kelsey and Shelby Nichols, both of Lubbock, Reba and Ashley Bishop of Brownwood and Sylvia Walters of Brownwood; an aunt Sylvia Sanchez of Brownwood; paternal grandparents, Tommy and Peggy Nichols of Lubbock and Robert and Reba Smith of Brownwood; and paternal great-grandparents, Virgil and Tracy Nichols and Cleta and Ken Gregg, all of Clyde.

Casket bearers were Brad Nichols, Jody Nichols, Clancy Fulton, Mark Walton, Ricky Nichols, Nathan Nichols and David Fulton.

The Christ Today Revival Center (325) 643-8087
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 Wednesday, Sept. 17 - Thursday, Sept. 18 - Friday, Sept. 19
 Evangelist ~

Carlton McLawhorn and wife Lola from DeLeon
 You must come and hear this couple that have blessed people all over America with their Southern Gospel Music and anointed teachings of the Word of God. If you are sick and need a miracle we believe Jesus still heals and performs miracles.

Pastor: James Brown Co-Pastor: Joyce Asleson

Highway 206 Baptist Mission

REVIVAL

September 18th-20th

7:00 p.m. except Saturday it begins at 6:00 p.m.

Larry Briley, Evangelist
 Breckenridge

Judy Lewis-Barbara Jo Medley, Music Ministry

Special Music Nightly

Pure Grace Singers of Bangs
 Perform Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

A Meal Will Be Provided After Each Service

North Main Street and Hwy 206 at Cross Plains

Courthouse News

COUNTY COURT
 Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

David Tovar, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
 Ronnie Gunter, driving while license suspended (DWLS).
 Thomas C. Smith, DWI.
 William K. Burcham, DWI.
 William R. Grider III, possession of drug paraphernalia.
 William R. Grider, minor in possession of alcoholic beverage.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Chris T. Savell, motion to revoke probation granted.
 Donna Campbell, motion to revoke probation granted.
 Rock Lane Tanner, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.
 Chondra Ann Lang, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.
 Anthony Isabell, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
 Don A. Whitlock, order amending conditions of probation granted.
 Jason Knapp, order amending conditions of probation granted.
 Ronnie Gunter, plea of guilty to DWLS, 10 days in jail, \$193 court costs.
 David F. Tovar, plea of guilty to DWI, 10 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$193 court costs.
 Button Ancell, plea of guilty to DWI-2nd, 15 days in jail, \$300 fine, \$243 court costs.
 Cecil Ray Byrd, plea of guilty to theft by check, 1 year probation, \$100 fine, \$157 court costs, \$713.46 restitution.
 Curtis S. Dugan, plea of guilty to assault, 1 year probation, \$400 fine, \$243 court costs.
 Jake A. Freiman, plea of guilty to possession of controlled substance, 30 days in jail, \$293 court costs.
 David Carpenter, plea of guilty to theft by check, 20 days in jail, \$243 court costs.
 Joshua Harris, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.
 Joshua Harris, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Brown Co. granted.
 Daniel Haas, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.
 Herman Hinkle, III, plea of guilty to theft by check, 1 year probation, \$100 fine, \$293 court costs, \$1,155.49 restitution.
 Herman Hinkle, III, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Stephens Co. granted.
 Rickey Dukes, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

Shawn Gwyn Anderson and Tami Lee Hall, both of Cross Plains.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

The State of Texas vs. 1995 Peterbilt truck/tractor VIN #1XP5DB8X5SN362255, original notice of seizure and intended forfeiture.
 Sharee Ann Baidas and John Keith Baidas, divorce.
 Glenda Faye Tidwell and James Lee Tidwell, divorce.

Civil Minutes

The State of Texas vs. \$11,940.00 in US currency, default judgment granted.

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3rd & Main Ronnie B. White, Pastor

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 7:00 p.m. Sun. Evening Worship
 7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer/Worship

Wesleyan Fellowship Festival

Coming September 14, 2003

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
 Worship - 10:45 a.m.
 Rev. C. Michael Redd, Pastor

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Pastor:
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 Morning Worship11:00 AM
 Evening Worship6:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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 Linda Fortune - Youth Pastor

For Information Call (254) 725-4884

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 "Service to God Through Service to Man"

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Jerry Eckhart, Pastor (254) 643-1027

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

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

Friendly Church Bible Teaching

ROWDEN BAPTIST CHURCH
 Hwy. 36 at Rowden - 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

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

Pastor: Carl Mauldin
 Come Worship With Us!

NIMROD BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sponsor: Pioneer Baptist Church

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

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

RISING STAR NURSING CENTER

If you haven't been by our center in a while, you need to! The new windows are in and the landscaping is almost finished. The whole place looks great. There is not many changes in Rising Star, so it's pretty exciting to have a "brand new" nursing facility in our little town.

We are planning another porch sale October 10, 2003. Every year we have a sale to earn money to buy our residents Christmas presents. Our owner, Mike Mayo,

provides everything our residents need for their care and comfort, so we don't like to ask him for money for extras like Christmas present. We like to earn it ourselves.

If you have any items to donate, please bring them by the center Monday through Friday and ask for Johnnie, Debra, Rachel or Linda.

Thanks to the Madison family for sharing the lovely flowers from Darrel's service.

Have a great week!
Submitted by Debra Alexander

CROSS PLAINS GARDEN CLUB

BY Joyce Odom

The Cross Plains Garden Club will have their first meeting on Friday, September 12, at 2:00 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center. The theme is "Gardens For All Seasons".

The program is "Garden Art" to be brought by member, Joyce Odom.

Roll call will be answered by "Show and Tell".

Door prize to brought by Bob Powell. Hosts are all members and there will be a salad luncheon.

Any interested person is invited to come to this meeting and join the membership.

LIBRARY NOTES

Dear, dear folks who plan to show up for Cross Plains School Homecoming, how good it will be to see you. If you haven't been back in a while, you must come by the Cross Plains Public Library. You'll never believe all the works in the planning stages. By next Homecoming the children's new section will be open.

Already there is a good place for visiting just north of the building where the Robert E. Howard sign is located. If the library overflows, go there. Be sure to visit all four sections of the library so that you can "Ooh! Ah!" at how great everything looks.

I wish I could meet you there. But for several months I have stayed mostly at my other habitat

on Northeast 5th Street. You are welcome there, especially if you are a 1938 graduate or a high school kid from 1946-1952. Or if for any other reason you want to visit an old Book Worm. If she ventures forth, it won't be for long. We all welcome you and hope this Homecoming is the greatest ever.

Book Worm the Elder

September 1-5

Statistics:

Circulation: 16

Books: 16
Memorials:
Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Ogden
In Memory of Clara Nell Spencer

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett

Homecoming Gets First Billing

Well folks, Homecoming at Cottonwood as well as Cross Plains is about the only thing on my mind this week. I always get a kick out of meeting my oldest and most friendly of all old friends.

So please, don't forget to attend Cottonwood's School Reunion on Saturday evening, 5:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood Community Center. The former Cottonwood Independent School District has a rich heritage in scholarship, sports and especially in students who have started out here and gone on, out into the world to enrich other cultures, communities and institutions with their accomplishments.

If we started to name all the ones who have accomplished many notable works, it would take a whole volume of writing. But, not to be forgotten, are the many others, great and small, who started out here in Cottonwood and were taught here to behave themselves in whatever undertaking, and to treat others as we would like to be treated. And they did, and so, enriched beyond measures, communities, families and neighborhoods by just living there.

My first job ever was chasing Obie Gattis' mule around and around in a circle to keep the "mule-power driven" hay baler kicking out bales of hay.

It was a tough day's work and I was not yet strong enough to do anything other than just run. At the end of the day they turned that old mule loose and he just snorted, kicked up his heels, kicked the rail fence, rolled in the dirt, and took running and bucking down through the fields.

When they turned me loose, I had to go home to rest and take a nap before I could do up my chores and eat supper.

But, I have never, ever, forgotten Obie Gattis and what he taught me about friendliness and kindness. I will tell you that story some day. Don't forget to ask me about it.

In the meantime, don't forget to go to the schools' reunions and have some fun. And please go to church on Sunday and have some Thanks with the fun.

(Please call Wallace Bennett at (254) 725-7474 if you have a personal item or event you would like to talk about. We don't have to put it in the paper, if you don't want to. But, I can't if I don't know it.)

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

Note: Homecoming is coming up this weekend. Are you ready? Every one cheer for those Buffaloes! The Cross Plains Garden Club will begin their regular meetings soon.

"It's In the Air"

It's really hard to believe that August has come and gone and September is here. It seems only yesterday we were celebrating spring.

Now school has started and is really getting in full swing and football season is beginning, both of which we more or less associate with the fall seasons. Fall or autumn always stirs up memories, deep within me. Caramel apples, fresh-baked bread, the smell of wood smoke carried on the wind. Bar-b-que, children singing, roasted turkey, cured ham and baked apples with red hots and whipped cream.

All squirrels have disappeared. They had always come and visited us every year. We guess they moved to a new location or perhaps the presence of the foxes is to blame. We really miss them and their cute little antics.

This year is the Cross Plains Homecoming—coming up here

in about a day or so. Everyone is preparing and looking forward to that. Registration, a parade, class meetings, visiting, mingling and loads of fun are anticipated. There also is the homecoming football game and all the excitement that goes with pep rallies, bonfires, etc., including Homecoming Queen and King.

It's always great to get together with classmates from days gone by. All the guys hit one another on the back, as hard as they can, discuss careers, compare cigars, and share stories.

The ladies meanwhile scattered throughout the building, into small groups of 5 to 10 women. Some are applying fresh makeup and teasing their hair. Some are standing in front of the French doors eyeing their hems in the reflections. Some are busy lining up the program. Most are talking animatedly. The fellows and ladies all have one thing in common, they're having a blast at their Alma Mater—Homecoming. Though I did not graduate here, I did attend school here in the second, third and fourth grades. After that we moved out of town. I did however, graduate in Callahan County from Baird High School in 1957.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Why you should vote for Proposition 15: when cities are forced to cut expenses, they may turn their attention to the public pension plans they fund.

If Proposition 15 passes, the benefits accrued will be officially off limits to any future budget cutting measures on the state or local level. Proposition 15 is an added level of protection ensuring that future legislatures will honor the promises made to their public servants.

H.D. Weaver
Cottonwood

Dear Editor,

Mr. Hill, who is to be executed in Florida today, September 3, 2003, admits to murdering two people, but says he was carrying out the will of his Christian God, and that he will be rewarded when he gets to heaven. Isn't that the same viewpoint given by Arab Muslim terrorists? Do these religious people consider their Gods to be so powerful that they can create this universe, yet are so weak and/or stupid that they require the efforts of these Muslim and Christian terrorists?

Curt Hoskins
7615 St. Hwy. 36 E.
Cross Plains, Texas 76443

Exes Come Dance the Night Away

Come join the fun at the Senior Citizens Center Saturday, September 13th from 6 p.m. until ????. There will be music and dancing in a family atmosphere. Music will be by Mike Kelley and Bob Morgan and others.

There will be no drinking or smoking allowed. Bring your kids and have a good time.

There will be no admission charge.

After Game Coffee to be Held at the High School Library

The Cross Plains High School Library will hold an "After The Game Coffee" immediately following the Homecoming Game on Saturday September 13th. If you are one of those who prefers coffee to dancing, then drop by the high school library and celebrate the 2003 Homecoming by indulging in a hot cup of coffee with old friends.

Senior Citizen Dance Planned at Lake Brownwood

A Senior Citizen Dance will be held at the Lake Brownwood Lions Club on Saturday, September 13, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Stone Mountain

Band will be featured. Alcohol and smoking are prohibited at this dance. Come dance to a great band!

35th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law. To promote fair housing policies, the West Central Texas Council of Governments encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any per-

son on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

SEPTEMBER 15 - 19

MONDAY - Salmon Patty, Pickled Beets, Broccoli Normandy, Pudding, Bread, Milk
TUESDAY - Homemade Vegetable Beef Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Peach Cobbler, Crackers, Milk
WEDNESDAY - Roast w/Gravy,

Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Cake, Bread, Milk
THURSDAY - Sloppy Joe w/ Bun, Pea Salad, Tator Wedges, Onions-Pickles, Cookie, Milk
FRIDAY - Pinto Beans & Ham, Coleslaw, Fruit, Cheesecake, Cornbread, Milk

BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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Especially on this anniversary of 9-11 — but on all too regular a basis these days, we are reminded all too well of the price of freedom. We understand that the price is sacrifice, and all too often the sacrifice of blood—and all too often, death. And all of this for a freedom that reminds us of a more important freedom, the freedom we have in Christ!

We need to remember that freedom from sin came at a price also—the life of the One who came to set us free. He died, giving His life, shedding His blood, that our sins might be washed away and that we might be empowered to overcome Satan and his temptations. Paul, by inspiration of God, put it this way: "He (God) has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins". (Colossians 1:13-14). Have you experienced that freedom?

Come share with us in all the times of Bible study and worship as we meet together. We really do care about you, too.

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Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering to held in October

Students and young people here is a great opportunity to win a college scholarship by competing in the Young Writers Cowboy Poetry Contest during THE RED STEAGALL COWBOY GATHERING. This year's event, in the Stockyards National Historic District in Fort Worth, will be held October 24-26.

Entry forms may be obtained at the Cross Plains Review. Entries must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2003.

Two categories, a junior division for poets 8-12 and a senior division for poets 13-18 years old are available.

As during the past three years, in addition to personal prizes of Justin boots and a copy of Red Steagall's book "Born to This Land" for each of the twenty finalists, the first and second place winners in each age division will each receive a cash scholarship to be applied toward one year of college tuition. (Scholarship funds will be provided directly to the college or university of the winner's choice once he or she has been accepted for enrollment.)

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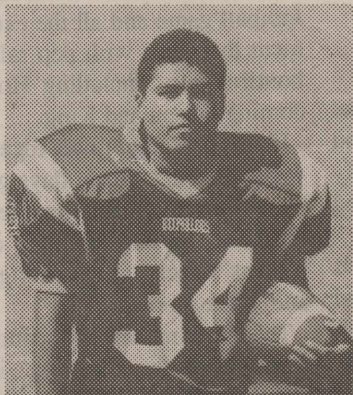
"If you don't measure it - you can't manage it!"

C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

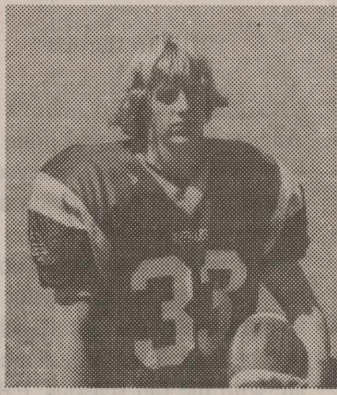
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE

DEFENSE



JOSE MAURICIO
Fullback/Kicker - Senior
Completed 3 of 10 passes
18 carries-54 yards-1 TD
5 punts/43 yard average
3 for 3 PAT



MICHAEL ALLEN
Free Safety - Junior
1 INT & Return of 53
yards that set up 2nd
touchdown

Junior Varsity Buffs Play Well Against Winters

The Junior Varsity Buffaloes lost a close game to Winters last Thursday, 18-8. Winters scored late after the Buffaloes turned the ball over on the possible game tying drive.

The Buffaloes scored after a long pass from Jordan Dillard to River Dillard took them deep into Winters' territory and converted

on the two-point conversation.

Standouts were Sean William, Clayton Thomas, Ricky Gibson, Michael Gregory, Dusty Cooper, Justin Dickson, J.D. Cook, Dusty Ivey, Heath Sellers, Dalton Carpenter and Garrett Stephens.

The Buffaloes travel to Hawley this week.

Attention Parents of Band Students

Notice to parents of All Band Students in Grade 5-12: bring your salads to the lunchroom on Saturday between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. Please send everything in disposable (throw-away) dishes.

Concession Stand Schedule for Saturday, September 13

Parents of these students are scheduled to work:

7:00-8:30 Michelle Haan
Cody Baker
Lori Hail
8:30-10:00 Jonathan Hopkins
Christy Burrhus
Austin Dunaway
Michaela Wallace.

Renovation of the C.P.H.S. Auditorium

Cross Plains is developing a spirit of pride in its past, present and future. Those of us who live here see that pride mixed with a spirit of caring which is important to our progress.

As most of you know our school auditorium is in need of GREAT repair. There will be several large expenses in completing this project, one being the replacement of auditorium seats. If you would like to purchase one or more of these seats you can do so by sending your donation of \$72.00 per seat, there are currently 702 seats in our auditorium, your name will be placed on the back of each seat purchased by you. You can also donate money in memory of someone you know would like to help, but is no longer with us.

Air conditioning, flooring and the stage area will also need to be renovated. Any donations, large or small, will be greatly appreciated.

We will be placing a nice sign in

the foyer expressing our appreciation of contributions in addition to the name plates on the back of each seat.

We would like to get renovations underway as soon as possible, every dollar collected will go directly to the renovation of the facility. Your tax-deductible gift now will help make that possible.

This project will have a lasting meaning to our school and will make a difference in the life of young boys and girls following in our foot steps.

Please make checks payable to Cross Plains Public School, designate auditorium fund.

Send donations to:
Cross Plains PTO
C/O Tina Thomas
12631 FM 880 E

Cross Plains, Texas 76443.
Please indicate how many seats you desire, in whose memory, etc.

For further information contact Tina Thomas at (254) 725-6833.

Cross Plains Buffaloes Defeat Blizzards 21-7

The Cross Plains Buffaloes defeated the Winters Blizzards 21-7 for their second win of the season. The defense played an outstanding game forcing timely turnovers and hard-nose tackling.

After receiving the kick-off, the Buffaloes were forced to punt after three plays. A personal foul penalty for roughing the punter gave Cross Plains new life at their own 45. Three plays later, the Buffaloes were forced to punt. Jose Mauricio punted the ball 48 yards, pinning the Blizzards deep in their own territory. Winters could not get a first down and was forced to punt. The Buffaloes scored on the next play when QB Dusty Dickson found a wide open RB, Michael Allen, racing down the middle of the field for a 44-yard TD reception. Jose Mauricio added the PAT and with 6:44 remaining in the first, the Buffaloes led 7-0.

The Blizzards took their next possession and drove to the 7-yard line where they had 1st and goal. But the mighty Buffalo defense refused to allow the Blizzards to score and the Buffaloes took over on their own 12-yard line. The two teams traded several punts for the remainder of the half. Drives were stopped when Jared Wooten pounced on a Blizzards fumble and Russell Allen intercepted a pass.

In the second half, the Buffalo defense picked up where it left off, forcing the Blizzards to go three and out. The offense looked like it was about to get cranked up with a 10-play drive of its own. However, the drive was stopped when QB Dickson was sacked for an 8-yard loss on fourth and six. With an apparent momentum change, the Blizzards looked like they might have new life. FS

Michael Allen stopped the new life with an interception and a nifty 53-yard return down to the 7-yard line. On 4th and goal, QB Dickson hit REC Jason Goains for a 5-yard TD pass. Jose Mauricio kicked the PAT and with 1:48 left in the 3rd, the Buffaloes lead was now 14. Two plays later, a Blizzard running back dashed 63 yards for an apparent score, only to see it nullified by a holding and personal foul penalty. Three plays later, the Blizzards punted.

After a Buffalo punt, Winters scored on a 10 play 85-yard drive. The PAT was good and with 7:27 left in the 4th, the Buffalo lead had been cut in half, 14-7.

Brandon Horton returned the kick-off to the 31-yard line. Three plays later, the Buffaloes were forced to punt. An alert Randell Duncan hopped on a fumble and the Buffaloes were in business. This time Cross Plains would take care of matters. Cross Plains scored in six plays covering 48 yards. The TD was set up by a completion to TE Casey Pack for a 250-yard gain. Jose Mauricio scored from 5 yards out and kicked the PAT for a 21-7 lead and victory.

I think our team plays hard. Defensively, we improved. We missed tackles, but we improved. Offensively, we are not taking care of business up front. Our offensive line needs to take this as a challenge. Blocking and tackling, that is the bottom line. If we improve in both, we will be contenders.....not pretenders.

Hawley is big and physical like Winters. They are 0-2, but they have played two great teams, Roby and Colorado City. They will be all we can handle.

Submitted by Coach David Hagler



WHAT A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION— A few buffaloes helped J.D. Goble celebrate his 82nd birthday. Pictured are #58, Aaron Phillips, great nephew (back, from left), #17, Russell Allen, great nephew, #44, Marcus Williams, grandson, and #80, Andy Bennett, great nephew. (Picture courtesy of Robbie Allen.)

Meet The Cross Plains Buffaloes' Biggest Fan

Cross Plains Buffaloes' Biggest Fan is J.D. Goble and these are his boys. He may be known as the quietest fan you'll ever meet, but to these boys he's the best. Unspoken words and a smiling face can sometimes speak louder than words.

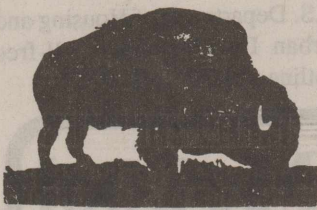
You can find him backing his boys and the rest of the Buffaloes at pep-rallies, football, basketball and baseball games.

Last Saturday his boys came to watch him at his surprise

birthday party. The boys, along with sixty other Gobles, watched as he celebrated his 82nd birthday. He enjoyed a meal fit for a Buffalo King, thanks to his son, Bim Goble, and his wife, Wanda. They prepared the barbecue meal and the works.

To see this Great Fan you'll need to come out this Saturday night and back the Fighting Buffaloes. Ya'll come.

Submitted by Robbie Allen



Youth Fifth Quarter

Following the Homecoming game on Saturday, September 13, all youth are welcome for food and fellowship at First Baptist Church Family Life Center (entrance at north door). The fun will end at 12:00 midnight.

SCHOOL MENU

SEPTEMBER 15 - 19

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Eggs, Bacon, Bisuit, Assorted Juice

TUESDAY - French Toast, Sausage, Assorted Juice

WEDNESDAY- Muffin, Assorted Juice

THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice

FRIDAY - Cinnamon, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY- Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Spice Cake

TUESDAY- Chicken Nuggets w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches

WEDNESDAY- Beef-Cheese Nachos, Salad, Corn, Apple Crisp

THURSDAY- Fish Stips, Blackeyed Peas, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Pears

FRIDAY- Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie

	CROSS PLAINS	WINTERS
FIRST DOWNS	6	12
RUSHING YARDS	38-93	33/134
PASSING YARDS	74	118
PASSES	3/10/1 INT	9/21/2 INT
PUNTS	5/43 avg.	3/31 avg.
FUMBLES-LOST	1-0	2/2
PENALTIES-YARDS	6-60	7-87

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOTAL
CROSS PLAINS	7	0	7	7	21
WINTERS	0	0	0	7	7

SCORES

NAME	TIME/QTR	DISTANCE	NAME	TIME/QTR	DISTANCE
Michael Allen	6:44/1st	44 Rec.	Jose Mauricio	PAT	
Jose Mauricio	PAT		Jose Mauricio	3:19/4th	5 Run TD
Jason Goains	1:48/3rd	5 Rec. TD	Jose Mauricio	PAT	

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Junior Class Fundraiser Underway

A full size western art bed with stars and bronc riders has been donated by the new kids on the block, Ron and Sherrian Conway's Bitter Creek Ranch, at 201 N. Main, in downtown Cross Plains to help support the Cross Plains High School 2003-2004 Junior class.

The Junior class will be selling chances to win one of these rustic western beds throughout the football season, along with a handcrafted purple, gold and white afghan, donated by Blenda

Baines.

The bed and afghan will be on display at the 2003 Homecoming football game. The drawing will be held during the last home game of the season. Come out and watch the mighty Buffaloes and see if you're a winner!

For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact a Junior class student or call Natashia Wolford @ 254-725-6803.

Please help support the Cross Plains High School 2003-2004 Junior class!

2003 CROSS PLAINS CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

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September 29 - Cross Plains

October 15 - Cisco

October 20 - Baird

October 27 - District @ Cross Plains

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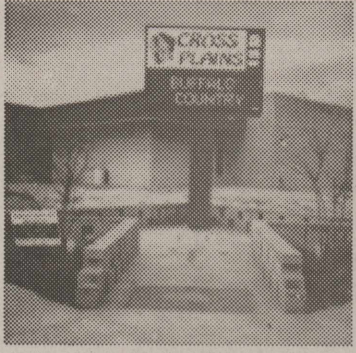
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Cross Plains Ex-Students Association HOMECOMING 2003



Come and join old friends and classmates and help us make this the best Homecoming ever.

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The scheduled events for the weekend are as follows:

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

6:00 p.m. Community Hot Dog Supper

Friday, September 12, 2003

7:30 p.m. Pep Rally Football Field w/ Fireworks

9:00 p.m. Bonfire at the Cross Plains Roping Club Arena

Saturday, September 13, 2003

9:00-11:00a.m. Coffee & Registration Gymnasium Foyer

11:00-11:30 a.m. Business Meeting-Gymnasium

Classes Sectioned by Decades

Announcement of Coming Home King & Queen

11:30 Lunch in Lunchroom Sponsored by the Band Boosters

2:00 p.m. Parade Downtown (Coming Home King & Queen will be Honored)

3:30 p.m. Class Meetings

8:00 p.m. FOOTBALL GAME

CROSS PLAINS vs HAWLEY

9:00 p.m. Dance Behind Treadway Park Weather Permitting

"The Tim Bosley Band"

Directly Following the football game there will be coffee

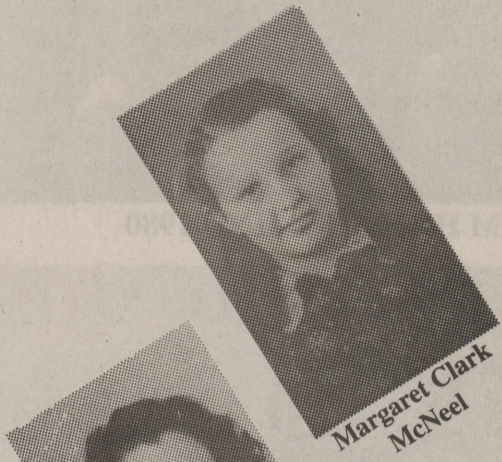
Please indicate your King and Queen nominations from the 20'-90's on your registration.

We will announce this during the business meeting.

Ex-Student Association:

Jackie Thomas, President	254-725-6436
Bobby Vaught, Vice President	325-784-6278
Debbie Tyler Reed, Secretary/Treasurer	254-725-7363
Doris Rouse Goble, Invitations	254-725-6534
Dannes Dickson Turner, Registration	254-725-7755
Susan McNeel and Roxie McConal Thomas, Parade	254-725-6498
(Deadline 9-10-03)	725-6436
Charlou Richardson Cowan, Class Meetings	254-725-6123
Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt, Coronation	254-725-7762
Kelli Hargrove Hyles, Dance Chairman	254-725-7307
Vanda Anderson Creech, Publicity	254-725-6111

There is a lot of hard work and planning involved in this weekend. We do it for YOU. YOU will be missed if you do not attend.



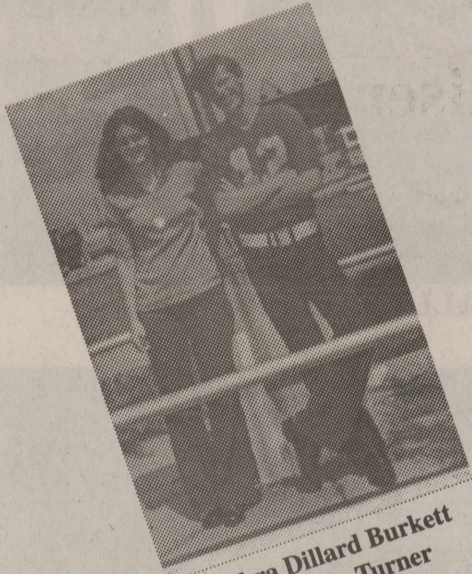
Margaret Clark McNeel



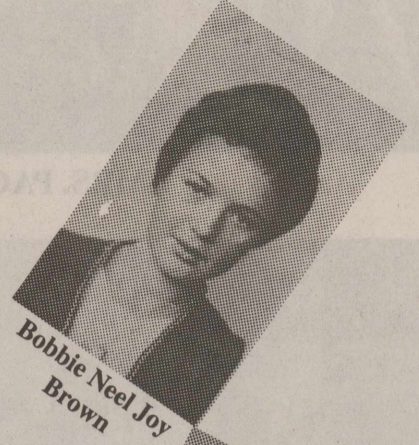
Barbara Gibson



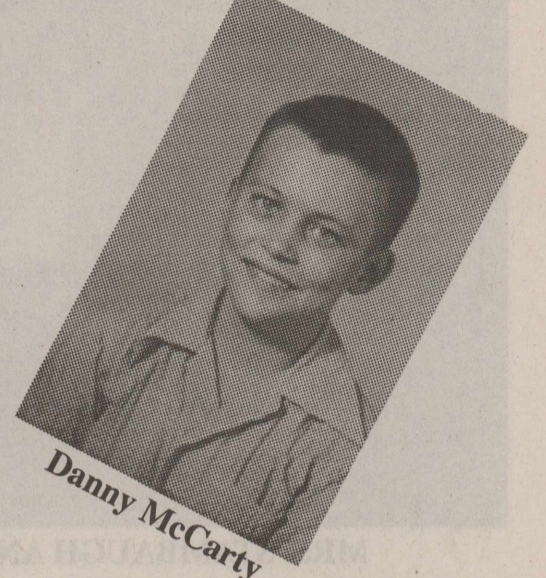
PLAYING AROUND
Robbie Wilson and Paula Allen



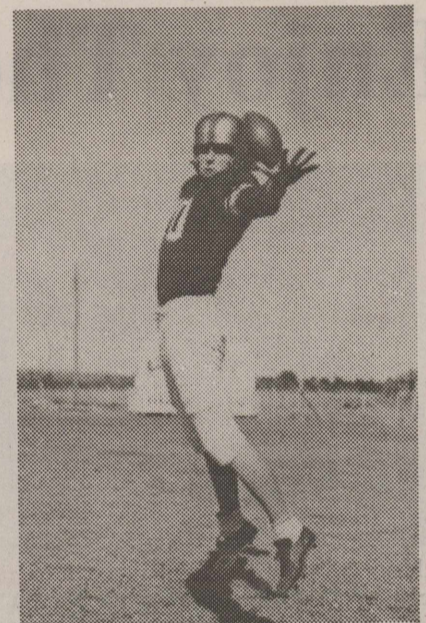
Bobra Dillard Burkett and Greg Turner



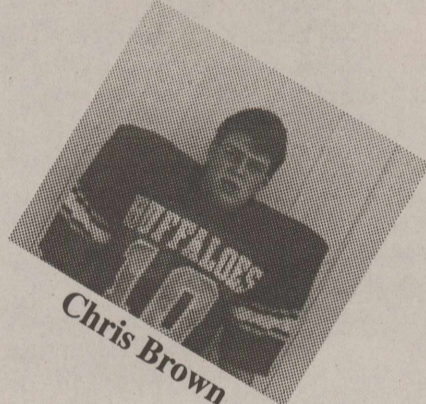
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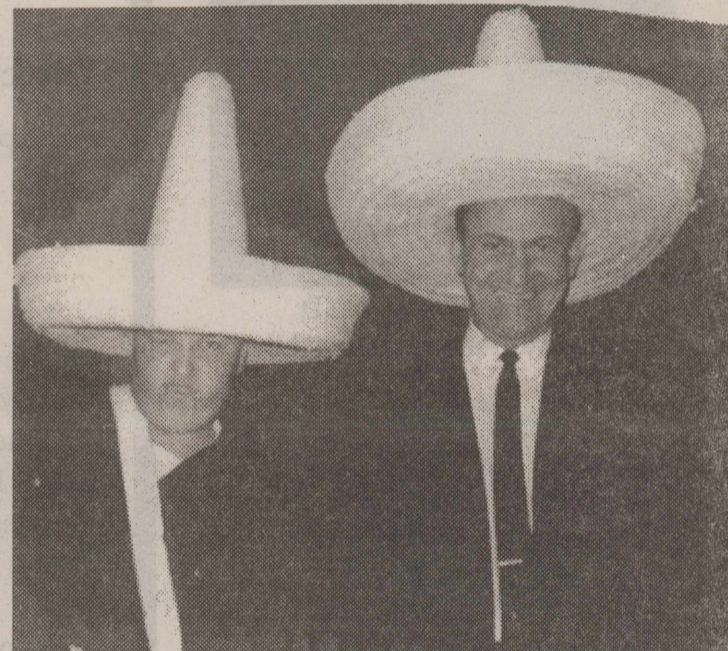
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JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS



DORIS ROUSE GOBLE AND J.D. GOBLE



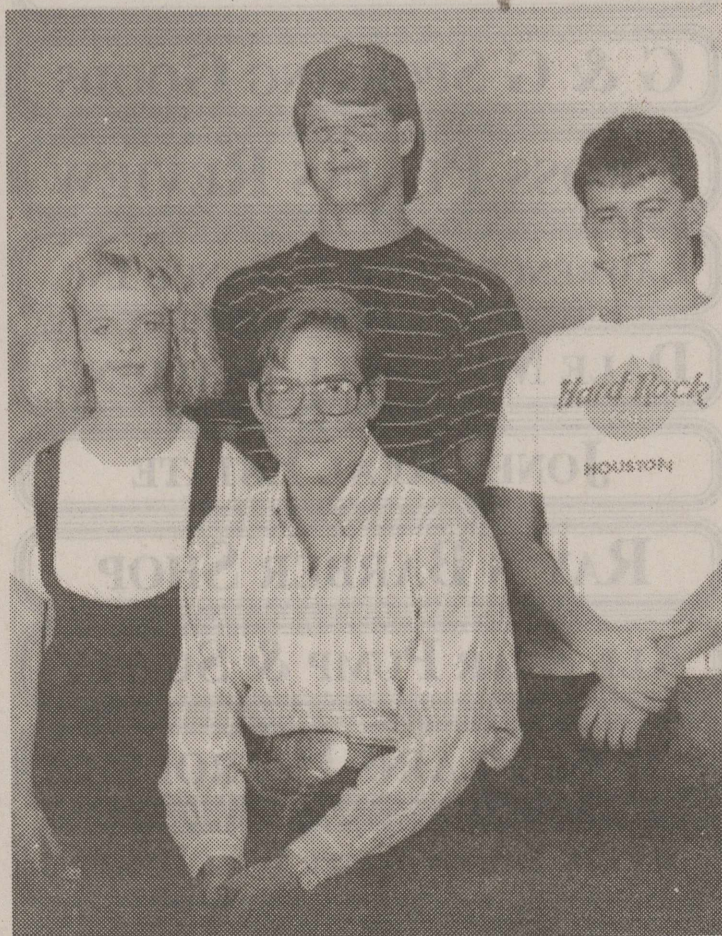
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CECIL AND NAOMA WILSON AND THEIR GRANDSON'S— Cory Phillips (from left), Ricky Allen and Jared Nowell.



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(13 de septiembre de 2003)

No. 1
(Num. 1)

The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds.
(*La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la Junta de Tierras de Veteranos (Veterans' Land Board) a usar los activos en ciertos fondos de tierras y de ayuda para la vivienda de veteranos para proporcionar casas a veteranos ancianos o debilitados y para hacer pagos de capital, intereses y mejoramiento en los bonos garantizados con ingresos fiscales.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 2
(Num. 2)

The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale.
(*La enmienda constitucional para establecer un periodo de dos años para el rescate de un derecho mineral que se haya vendido para saldar impuestos ad valorem pendientes de pago durante una venta de bienes destinada a satisfacer impuestos no pagados.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 3
(Num. 3)

The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility.
(*La enmienda constitucional para autorizar a la legislatura a eximir de impuestos ad valorem la propiedad perteneciente a organizaciones religiosas que este arrendada para usarse como escuela o de la que son dueños, con la intencion de expandir o construir un centro religioso.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 4
(Num. 4)

The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts.
(*La enmienda constitucional que se relaciona con el desarrollo de parques e instalaciones recreativas en ciertos distritos de conservacion y reclamacion.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 5
(Num. 5)

The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income.
(*La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura a eximir de impuestos ad valorem a casas remolque de campamento que no se usen o participen en la produccion de ingresos.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 6
(Num. 6)

The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage.
(*La enmienda constitucional que permite refinanciar un prestamo cuya garantia es el valor liquido de la vivienda del prestatario con una hipoteca invertida.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 7
(Num. 7)

The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial.
(*La enmienda constitucional que permite un jurado de seis personas en un juicio que se lleve a cabo en una corte de distrito para juzgar un delito menor.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 8
(Num. 8)

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office.
(*La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura a permitirle a una persona asumir un cargo sin que se haya celebrado una eleccion, si dicha persona es el(la) unico(a) candidato(a) que ha reunido las condiciones necesarias para eleccion a dicho cargo.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 9
(Num. 9)

The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund.
(*La enmienda constitucional con relacion al uso de los ingresos y el aumento de valor de los fondos escolares permanentes.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 10
(Num. 10)

The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments.
(*La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a las municipalidades a donar equipo o articulos contra incendios sobrantes, para beneficio de los departamentos de bomberos voluntarios en las areas rurales.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 11
(Num. 11)

A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state.
(*Una enmienda constitucional que permite a la legislatura promulgar leyes que autoricen y gobiernen la operacion de empresas vinicolas en este estado.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 12
(Num. 12)

The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages.
(*La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura a determinar limites para danos y perjuicios no economicos en litigios civiles en contra de medicos y proveedores de servicios de salud y en otras acciones juridicas.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 13
(Num. 13)

The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses.
(*La enmienda constitucional para permitir a condados, ciudades pueblos, y a distritos de universidad de dos años, congelar el impuesto ad valorem sobre propiedades designadas y protegidas por ley como residencias principales de incapacitados y de ancianos y sus conyuges.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 14
(Num. 14)

The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuing of notes of the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund.
(*La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a una agencia de transporte del estado a emitir pagares u obtener prestamos a corto plazo para proyectos relacionados con el transporte y la emision de bonos u otros valores que el fondo de carreteras del estado haya obtenido.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 15
(Num. 15)

The constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired.
(*La enmienda constitucional que provee que ciertos beneficios bajo ciertos sistemas publicos locales de jubilacion no puedan reducirse o desvalorarse.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 16
(Num. 16)

The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans.
(*La enmienda constitucional que autoriza una linea de credito garantizada con el valor liquido de una vivienda, que estipula la interpretacion administrativa de la ley de prestamos garantizados con el valor liquido de una vivienda, y que tambien se refiere al otorgamiento, refinanciamiento, amortizacion y al hacer cumplir de prestamos garantizados con el valor liquido de una vivienda.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 17
(Num. 17)

The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person.
(*La enmienda constitucional para prohibir un aumento en la cantidad total de impuestos ad valorem de los distritos escolares que pueden imponerse a una propiedad designada y protegida por ley como residencia principal de familia de una persona incapacitada.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 18
(Num. 18)

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office.
(*La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura a permitirle a una persona asumir un cargo de una subdivision politica sin que se haya celebrado una eleccion, si la persona es el(la) unico(a) candidato(a) que reúne los requisitos necesarios para eleccion a dicho cargo.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 19
(Num. 19)

The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts.
(*La enmienda constitucional para revocar la autoridad de la legislatura para estipular la creacion de distritos rurales para la prevencion de incendios.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 20
(Num. 20)

The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations.
(*La enmienda constitucional que autoriza la emision de bonos de obligacion general o pagares que no excedan \$250 millones, pagaderos mediante los ingresos generales del estado, para subvencionar prestamos a comunidades relacionadas con la defensa para proyectos de desarrollo economico, incluyendo proyectos que mejoren el valor militar de las instalaciones militares y que serán amortizados por la propia comunidad.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 21
(Num. 21)

The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district.
(*La enmienda constitucional para permitirle a un miembro actual o jubilado de la facultad de una universidad o un colegio universitario publico a recibir compensacion por su servicio en el cuerpo directivo de un distrito de agua.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

No. 22
(Num. 22)

The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces.
(*La enmienda constitucional que autoriza el nombramiento de un(a) funcionario(a) para reemplazar de forma temporal la vacante creada cuando un(a) funcionario(a) publico(a) entre al servicio activo de las fuerzas armadas de Estados Unidos.*)

For (A Favor)
 Against (En Contra)

Homecoming—

Locals, if you would like to pre-register you may go by Texas Heritage Bank during their regular hours and do so. You may also place nominations for Coming Home Queen and King at the same time. Coming Home Queen and King will be announced at the business meeting. This would prove beneficial concerning registration Saturday morning at the Cross Plains High School Gym Foyer, prior to the business meeting.

Richard Brown, husband of Cynthia Hickman Brown, will present a tribute to the veterans and current military service personnel during the business meeting. Our greatest respect and admiration is extended to these honorable individuals.

Friday's activities include a Pep Rally at the Buffalo Stadium beginning at 7:30 p.m. Fireworks will be a highlight at dusk. There will be a Bonfire at 9:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Roping Club Arena.

Don't forget to have your entries ready for the big Homecoming Parade. Judging will be at 1:00 p.m. on the bank lot north of the Dairy Queen. The parade will commence at 2:00 p.m. Watch the broadcast of the parade on KTAB around 10:30 to 11:00 p.m. Saturday.

Exes you are invited to come by the Cross Plains Review and check out our display of old photos in the windows. See if you can find yourself or a family member.

See the schedule of 2003 Homecoming events on Page 5. You can tear it out and keep it with you as you go from one event to another. Have a great day!

Happy Birthday!

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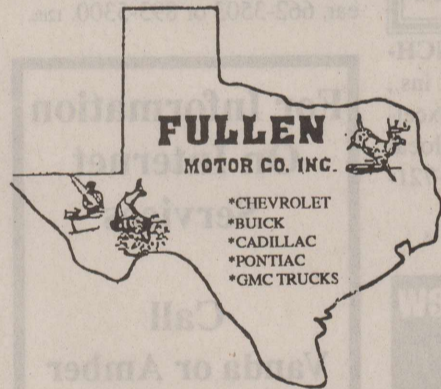
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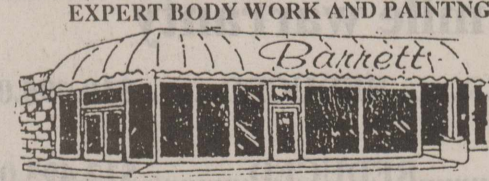
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impact a proposed subdivision service extension will make on Callahan County Water Supply Corporation's water supply service system and payment of the costs for this evaluation;

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Payment of costs of any improvements to Callahan County Water Supply Corporation's system that are necessary to provide the water service;

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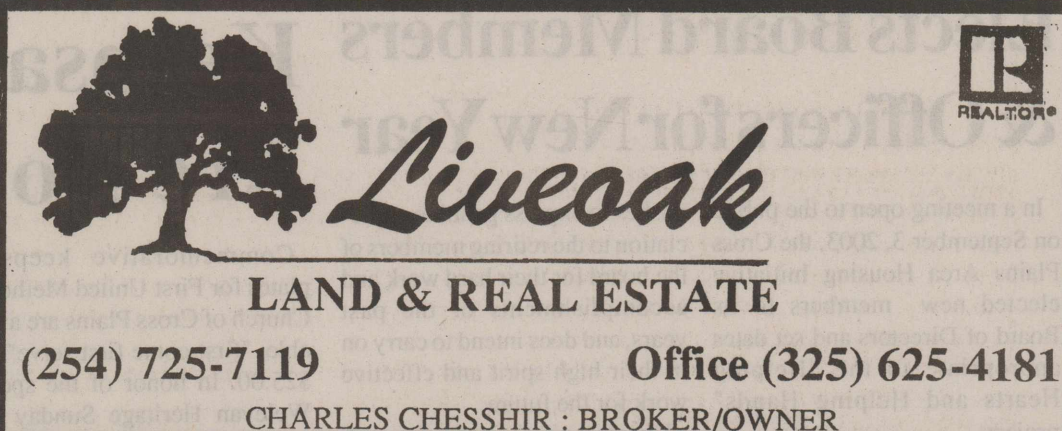
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Housing Initiative Elects Board Members & Officers for New Year

In a meeting open to the public on September 3, 2003, the Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative elected new members to its Board of Directors and set dates appropriate to the "Helping Hearts and Helping Hands" project.

New members elected to the board include Wilma Lawrence, Ronnie White, Tom Turner and Roxie Thomas. Other members of the board include Regina Hart, Connie Kirkham, Wallace Bennett, Ron Watson and Terry Jane Wyatt.

Officers for the coming year elected by the newly constituted CPAHI Board of Directors are: Wallace Bennett - President; Connie Kirkham - Vice-President; and Regina Hart - Secretary-Treasurer.

The CPAHI Board of Directors

wishes to express genuine appreciation to the retiring members of the board for their hard work and accomplishments of the past years, and does intend to carry on in their high spirit and effective work for the future.

Upcoming dates set for the work of the Cross Plains Area Initiative include taking applications for the 2003 Helping Hearts and Helping Hand project during September; meeting of the full board of directors on October 15, 7:00 a.m. at Jean's Feed Barn. Work Day for the Helping Hearts and Helping Hands project is set for October 25th. Volunteers are needed to assist with painting, minor repairs of homes, lawn and yard care and other work. Contact Wallace Bennett for information at (254) 725-7474.

Submitted by Wallace Bennett

Railroad Commission assisting victims of family violence

AUSTIN—Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams today proposed a rule amendment to provide a waiver to victims of family violence for deposits required by gas utilities. The Commissioners passed the motion with a 2-0 vote. This provision is similar to one in place at the Public Utility Commission (PUC) for electric utility and telecommunications service providers.

"This proposal helps those Texans in need with a service necessary for cooking, bathing, heating and laundry," said Williams. "With over 180,000 instances of family violence in Texas last year, I feel confident that this policy will be utilized to aid Texas families."

Imagine a mother of two who is assaulted by her husband. The husband is arrested and taken to jail by the police. The mother then seeks the help of a family violence center and decides to relocate before his release for her safety. Due to the loss of her husband's financial support, she begins working full time and paying for full time childcare for two children, rent and bills. She decides to go without gas because she does not have money to pay the deposit and bill the first month. As a result, the family did not have hot water for a month.

"When family violence victims leave abusive relationships, my hope is that they get a new start in life," said Railroad Commissioner Victor Carrillo. "Hopefully, the action we took today will help these victims get back on their feet quicker and with fewer obstacles."

The amendment provides that a gas utility must waive any deposit requirement for an applicant who has been determined to be a victim of family violence by a family violence center, treating medical personnel, or law enforcement agency personnel. Applicants only need to submit certification as developed by the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV). The certification letter will be available on the TCFV website, www.tcfv.org.

This amendment differs from PUC rules in that it allows for certification from law enforcement agency personnel. Of the 183,440 reported instances of family violence last year, only 11,257 adult victims sought shelter through the aid of a family violence center.

"This additional option was added because in most cases, law enforcement personnel are the first and only responders to acts of family violence," said Williams. "I want to make sure that victims have easy access to assistance."

Former Governor George W. Bush appointed Michael Williams to the Railroad Commission in December 1998. In September 1999, he was chosen by his colleagues to chair the Commission. Williams was elected statewide in November 2000 for a term expiring in 2002 and was elected in November 2002 to a six-year term expiring in 2008. He is the first African-American in Texas history to hold an elected position in the executive branch of Texas state government and is currently the highest-ranking African-American in state government.

Commemorative Keepsake Plates Are Now On Sale

Commemorative keepsake plates for First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains are available, "first come first serve", for \$25.00. In honor of the special Weleyan Heritage Sunday celebration on September 14 at the First UMC and acknowledging the history of the congregation, names of the ten merged Methodist congregations are listed on the back of the plate. The design includes the log cabin site of first Methodist "society" meetings in 1875, the downtown brick build-

ing, and the current church building.

For all coming home students who attend Homecoming on September 13, and whoever attended any one of these Methodist churches, plan to attend our church's celebration on September 14, to include special music, special guests and speakers, the clown ministry of Ministers Incognito, and after church dinner and events.

To order your keepsake plate (only 75 are available), call Carol Bennett at (254) 725-7474.

Ag commissioner announces move of child nutrition programs to TDA

AUSTIN—Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture Child Nutrition Programs, formerly located at the Texas Education Agency, have moved to the Texas Department of Agriculture. The federal programs provide funding and nutritional guidelines and services for public schools in Texas.

TDA becomes the administering agency for the programs, which will be located in TDA's Food and Nutrition Division.

John Perkins, who has been director of the program for 14 years, joins TDA as assistant commissioner for the new division.

"John and his staff bring a wealth of experience and knowledge that will serve the schoolchildren and people of Texas well," Combs said. "In addition, each shares my commitment to fighting childhood obesity and promoting Texas agriculture to aid us in this fight."

"I am very pleased to have the opportunity to work with Commissioner Combs and TDA to

continue to provide Child Nutrition Program services in Texas," Perkins said. "Under Commissioner Combs' leadership we will focus on the nutritional goals of these programs to improve the health and welfare of our schoolchildren."

Robert Scott, acting head of the Texas Education Agency, said, "We will work closely with the Texas Department of Agriculture to make this a seamless transition for our school districts. Districts should see no interruption in service and we believe this program will flourish under our friends at the agriculture department."

The Child Nutrition Programs include the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs. The School Lunch Program also includes the Afterschool Snack Program.

"We look forward to partnering with schools, the Texas Education Agency and USDA to ensure a healthy nutrition environment for our schoolchildren and to promote the consumption of nutritious Texas-grown foods," Combs said.



LOCAL MAN CELEBRATES 82ND BIRTHDAY—J.D. Goble (front), Connie Griffith (middle, from left), Doris Goble, Vicki Williams and Bim Goble (Back). (Picture courtesy of Robbie Allen.)

J.D. Goble Celebrated His 82nd Birthday With His Family

The Goble family celebrated J.D.'s 82nd birthday Saturday, September 6th, at the Cross Plains Community Center, with a surprise reception hosted by his children, James (Bim) and Wanda Goble, Connie and Doug Griffith and Vicki Williams.

His grands, great-grands, nieces, nephews and cousins

came from Georgetown, Midkiff, Noodle, Brownwood, Abilene, Coleman, Burkett and Cross Plains.

Lunch was served by James (Bim) and Wanda Goble.

Fifty-one people attended the dinner where they enjoyed visiting and good food.

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Tina Thomas would like to invite you to join her for a few nights of fun and learning September 8, September 15 and September 29th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Center.

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Please call Tina Thomas at (254) 725-6833 home or (254) 725-4686 work to register, or go by the First Baptist Church office. She hopes to see you there.

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Brownwood Art Association Meeting

The Brownwood Art Association will have its first 2003-2004 meeting on Saturday, September 13, at 1:30 p.m. at the Brownwood I.S.D. Administrative office building at 2707 Southside Drive.

Incoming President Roger Levesque will preside over a business meeting to include reports of officers and committees. Plans for upcoming events and activities will be discussed.

Smokey Tormolen will introduce Bill Reed, a prominent Granbury, Texas artist who will present a watercolor demonstration.

Members and guests are urged to attend this informative and educational meeting which is open to the public and free of charge. For membership information call Martha at (325) 646-9376. Annual dues are \$20.00 for regular membership and \$10.00 for students.

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