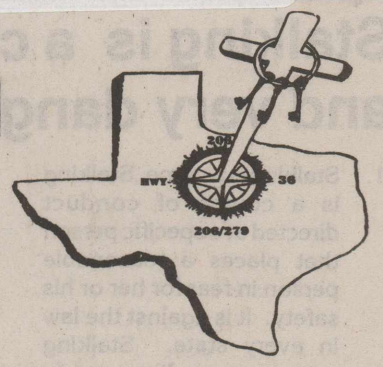


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## DOWN HOME

Take a Stand on Decency"

By Vanda Anderson  
Editor

You may be tired of hearing about the shocking halftime performance at the Super Bowl Sunday, but now is the time to take a stand against indecency on television.

How did we get from televising the football "game of the year" to the "disgusting performance of the century"?

Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, but I felt like the entire halftime show was in bad taste. The theme of Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake's show was basically sensual in nature—even down to the costumes. The dance routine was suggestive and totally inappropriate.

Then Kid Rock comes out draped in the United States flag with his obscene rap song. It was shocking to me, because I loved the country/western song, "Picture" he and Sheryl Crow made popular in 2003. My eyes were open to several hidden agendas during this "athletic event".

I wondered if Jackson and Timberlake wanted to create a memorable moment on television with this act of indecency. Is this going to be the trend of the future—where people craving media attention, stoop to new lows? Think of the deplorable incidents we have already witnessed in the name of freedom of speech.

If CBS was present for the rehearsals what were they thinking? Knowing MTV's reputation, why did CBS think this would be appropriate for family viewing?

By the time the performance was over just about everyone was offended. Where does it stop? It is up to private citizens to FINALLY stand up for what is "morally correct"—for a change!!

If you want to voice your opinion, write to Michael Powell, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Call 1-888-225-5322  
TTY 1-888-835-5322  
Fax 1-866-418-0232

E-mail fccinfo@fcc.gov

Are you willing to take a stand on decency in our world and be a positive influence upon future generations?



Bob Lapham with his dog Honey.

## Meet the Author Set for February 10th

The Friends of the Cross Plains Library invite you to meet author Bob Lapham on Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 p.m., at the Cross Plains Community Center. Lapham is the author of *Meet Me at the River Buddy Holly*, a fascinating first novel based, in part, on his experiences during his "magical summer of 1957". As a member of the vocal trio the Picks, Lapham was one of three background vocalists for most of rock 'n roll legend Buddy Holly's early hits with the instrumental group the Crickets. Combining history with fiction, Lapham tells the story of that magical summer, letting his alter ego Trebor Maples stand in for him.

The fiction story begins some 40 years later when Brad Poole, a newspaper reporter in a small West Texas town (a thinly-disguised Abilene), is given the assignment to track down Maple and get his story. It seems Maple, all these years later, made more history by becoming an overnight sports sensation. He joined the PGA's Senior Tour and won his very first tournament—then walked off the course and disappeared from the news.

Poole heads for Las Vegas, where Maple is now reported to be living. There he learns the story of this former rock 'n roller, who is now a pro golf instructor, a high stakes poker player, caregiver for his handicapped wife, and a born-again Christian. If Trebor Maple's story isn't interesting enough, along the way we

meet several other intriguing characters—and maybe even an Angel.

Lapham, now retired in Abilene, began his newspaper career as sports editor of *The Brownsville Herald* and soon was promoted to sports editor of three newspapers in the Valley. He remained in that position until 1973, receiving numerous United Press and Associated Press awards. He retired from his newspaper career in 2000, as arts editor of the *Abilene Reporter-News*. He is the author of three other books, all non-fiction: *Twenty Years of Life Begin at Forty* (1973), *What Made Wyatt Urp—the Biography of Toad Leon* (2001), and *The Wild Blue, and The Family Too* (2003), based on the memoirs of a veteran bomber pilot in WWII, the Korean conflict, and the Cold War.

Mr. Lapham's appearance in Cross Plains is sponsored in part by the Writers League of Texas with support from the Texas Commission on the Arts, and by the Friends of the Cross Plains Library. There is no charge for the program, and refreshments will be served following Mr. Lapham's talk. He'll have books available for sale and autographing, and he'll be happy to visit with you and answer questions.

For more information or directions to the Community Center, please call the Cross Plains Public Library at (254) 725-7222.

## Community Support for Tennison Benefit Outstanding

By Vanda Anderson  
Editor

The familiar logo "A Caring Community" is once again appropriate for Cross Plains, as residents cooperate in the planning of a Benefit Spaghetti Dinner/Auction for Jeremy Tennison, who was critically injured in a vehicle/pedestrian accident. The event is scheduled for this Saturday, February 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Cross Plains. Take-out orders will also be available—just stop by and pick them up.

Jeremy's condition is reported as improving daily. Monday, February 2, he was transferred to a private room (#508) at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. He underwent facial surgery Friday, January 30, and he is no longer on a ventilator. He and his parents, Clarence and Tammy Tennison, are very thankful for the many prayers on his behalf. Your

continued prayers are still needed.

Merchants, churches and individuals have graciously donated the food items, etc. needed for the dinner, while community residents will volunteer their time to prepare and serve the meal.

A Live Auction, conducted by Bob Golson, will be a highlight of the evening. A sample of items featured include a set of four tires; tickets to the musical "Fame"; quilt w/quilt rack; used washing machine; used exercise equipment (stair climbers, stationary bicycle, etc.); designer purses; jewelry; books; light fixtures; lamps (new/used); picture frames; pottery; vases; Coke Cola ice bucket and tray; Ticky-Tock designs (little girl designer clothes); Audrey Nicole Designs of Grapevine Antique Mall - variety of items; bird houses; and Lone Star chair in a bag.

Local businesses who have already committed their assistance include Cross Plains Frozen Foods (1/2 the meat); Harris Farms (1/2 the meat); Custom Tile (all the paper goods); T&K Tire and Alignment - set of 4 tires; Tim's Floral and Gifts; Cross Plains Parts Plus; Connie's Cuts and Curls; Hair Country; and the *Cross Plains Review*.

Numerous baked items have been donated for the auction. Six decorated cakes are already among the tasty delights.

If you would like to donate baked items or merchandise for the auction, volunteer your time, etc., please contact Susan Maxwell at (254) 725-6826. All merchandise and baked goods must be delivered to the First Baptist Family Life Center by noon Saturday.

Everyone is encouraged to come out Saturday and support this worthy cause. See you there!!!!

## VFW Building Update

In our town on 701 East 1st Street stands a building in honor of the Veterans of Foreign Wars built by the citizens and businesses of Cross Plains in the 1940s.

The first Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Texas was instituted on June 26, 1917 in San Antonio was known as Fort Sam Houston Post No. 76. The post in Cross Plains was numbered 423. These posts were built to honor veterans and their families.

For many years the Veteran's membership took care of the building and anyone could use the facility. As time passed, membership waned and the members could not support the building.

In the 1970's the building was leased to CTO (Central Texas Opportunities), a government sponsored non-profit organization supported by state and local governments. During this time

the building was repaired, but continued to deteriorate. CTO decided in 2003 to return it to the Veterans.

With membership numbering approximately 25, W.D. Clark, Captain, and Logan Long, Treasurer, along with the Food Bank, Quilting Club and the Garden Club have begun to redo the building. It now has an electric stove, electric hot water heater, a new sign, a new microwave, new floor in one bathroom and a repaired ceiling. The building has been cleaned and the surrounding grounds mowed. This is just the beginning. The sturdy structure needs painting inside and out, the window blinds need to be taken down and cleaned. The ceiling needs replaced. The tables are damaged and the floors in the kitchen, entertainment area, store room and one bathroom need restoring.

The high cost of utilities and

rehabilitation forces the members to charge a rental fee. The veterans regret having to do this. The charge is \$100 a month if you need utilities for freezers, air conditioners or heating units; for parties or reunions \$50 per day; \$25 for an afternoon only; and \$25 for an evening.

The building must be cleaned (all trash taken to the dumpster). Floors must be swept, mopped and vacuumed, with all chairs and tables put away. Vandals will be prosecuted.

Please call (254) 725-7712 or (254) 725-7434 to make reservations.

There are plans to apply for a grant and to obtain a veteran's memorial for this area. The veterans do accept donations of labor or cash contributions. If there are questions, call W.D. Clark, Logan Long or Cross Plains Business Service.

Submitted by Julene Franke

## The Cross Plains Roping Club Meeting Announced

The Cross Plains Roping Club is having their monthly meeting Monday, February 9, at 7 p.m. at the local arena.

All new members and interested

parties are welcome. They will be discussing future events and club business.

Hope to see you there!

## Football District adds powerhouse Goldthwaite

UIL announced its realignment for the next two years. In football Cross Plains' Buffaloes will compete in Region II District 13-A. Gone are May's Tigers, Tolar's Rattlers and Rising Star's Wildcats. The new district is composed of Baird, Cross Plains, Gorman, Ranger, Evant and Goldthwaite.

In basketball our Buffaloes will also have new opponents. The new district 10-A will have Baird, Eula, Ranger, Albany, Cross Plains and Gorman.

Last year the district was No. 14-A.

May and Rising Star dropped from 14-A to 6-man and Tolar went to another district to the east.

## Football District 13-A

School	Enrollment
Baird	132
Cross Plains	137
Goldthwaite	179
Gorman	101
Ranger	124
Evant	NA

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## Stalking is a crime, illegal and very dangerous

1. Stalking is a crime. Stalking is a course of conduct directed at a specific person that places a reasonable person in fear for her or his safety. It is against the law in every state. Stalking across state lines or in federal territories is illegal under federal law.
2. Stalking happens to many people. 1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men will be stalked in their lifetimes. 1.4 million people are stalked every year in the United States.
3. Stalking can be very dangerous. 76% of women killed by their intimate partners were stalked by these partners before they were killed. All stalkers should be considered unpredictable and very dangerous.
4. Stalking is harmful and intrusive. Stalking victims often lose time from work or never return to work, and some even relocate to regain a sense of safety. Many suffer from anxiety, insomnia and severe depression as a result of being stalked.
5. Stalking can happen to anyone - not just celebrities. The vast majority of stalking victims are ordinary people. Furthermore, most stalkers are not strangers, but are known to their victim.
6. Stalking can occur during a relationship, after a relationship, or in the absence of a relationship. Stalking often begins during a relationship. Stalkers may keep the victim under surveillance or threaten her or him. Others begin stalking after the victim has ended the relationship, and the stalker feels desperate to maintain or regain control. Still others become fixated on a victim without ever having had any relationship with the person. All forms of stalking are unpredictable, and all should be considered dangerous.
7. Technology can be used to stalk. Although newly-developed technology enhances our lives, it can also empower criminals. Cell phones, computers and surveillance equipment are just some of the technologies stalkers now use.
8. An effective response to stalking includes the entire community. Police, prosecutors, advocates, educators, reporters, neighbors...everyone can and should play a part in stopping stalking. Working together, we can make victims safer.
9. Help is available. If you or someone you know is being stalked, call law enforcement authorities, and call CVCC's 24-hour crisis hotline at 325-677-7895 for assistance. CVCC Regional Crime Victim Crisis Center P.O. Box 122, Abilene, TX 79604 325-677-7895 www.regionalcrime.org 1-800-FYI-CALL www.ncvc.org

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### BELIEVER'S FELLOWSHIP

Inner-denominational-Evangelical EAST HIGHWAY 36  
**SUNDAY** WEDNESDAY  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 7:00 p.m. Christian Youth Activities  
 10:45 a.m. Morning Service THURSDAY  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Midweek Service  
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### UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

209 S.W. Hwy 36 CROSS PLAINS  
**Welcomes You!**  
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 Sun. 6:30 p.m. Worship & Word \*\*\* Wed. 7:00 p.m. Bible Study  
 "An Apostolic Church"  
**PASTOR, Phillip R. Schaefer (254) 725-7140**

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 Pastors: Max Evans & Colleen Anderson  
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 Youth Pastor: Linda Fortune  
**For Information Call (254) 725-4884**

### Union Center Baptist Church

"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.  
 5 miles north of Rising Star - 1/2 mile east of Hwy 183 on CR292  
**Jerry Eckhart, Pastor (254) 643-1027**

### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.  
 Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
 Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.  
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00  
 Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599  
 Church (254) 725-6266  
*Friendly Church Bible Teaching*

### ROWDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

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 Pastor: Carl Mauldin  
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### NIMROD 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**

## OBITUARIES

### Ludie Mae Norris

Ludie Mae Norris, 83, of Cross Plains, passed away Tuesday, January 27, 2004, at the Rising Star Nursing Center.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 30, 2004, at First Baptist Church of Cross Plains with Ronnie White officiating. Burial was in the Bangs Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.

Ludie was born on April 18, 1920 in Bangs, Texas to Walter D. Seymore and Lizzie Lee (Brooks Seymore). She was a member of First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

Survivors include a daughter, Clovie Johnston, granddaughter, Lisa Johnston, and a great-granddaughter, Josey Johnston, all of Garland; four step-daughters, longtime companion, L.C. Barkemeyer of Cross Plains; and extended family of Joe and Tina Barkemeyer and family of Fort Worth, Judy and Luther Heath and family of Abilene, Rhonda and Eddie Tompkins and family and Randy Barkemeyer and family, all of Brownwood; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Homer Norris, a granddaughter, Jamie Johnston, three brothers and two sisters.

Pallbearers were Roy Stambaugh, Stuart Sowell, Randy Foster, Donald Stover, Freddy Tatom and W.G. McCoy.

### Mauriene N. Strahan

Mauriene N. Strahan, 87, of Cross Plains, passed away Thursday, January 29, 2004, at an area hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.

Mauriene was born December 7, 1916 in Callahan County to Thomas and Annie Nordyke. She married E.D. "Bud" Strahan on December 6, 1936 in Moran, Texas. She has been a long-time resident of Cottonwood/Cross Plains area. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her daughter, Gloria Strahan of Cross Plains; a granddaughter, Lee Ann Caldwell of Dallas; as well as several nieces and nephews, including Randy Nordyke of California.

Pallbearers were Jack Hagar, Gary Caldwell, Benny Rodgers, Jimmy Hagar, Guy Archer and Joe Besselaar.

## Protect your elderly parents from fraud

Every year, illegal telemarketing and mail fraud schemes rob consumers, many of them elderly citizens, of their hard-earned life-savings.

The next time you visit your parents, other elderly family members, or older friends, watch for these areas of concern:

- Look for stacks of unsolicited mail proclaiming the recipient to be "a guaranteed winner" or offering lottery tickets for sale.
- Watch for an unusual number of packages on hand containing inexpensive costume jewelry, plastic cameras, or wrist-watches.
- Note if they are receiving unsolicited telephone calls from fast-talking operators offering "fantastic" opportunities to claim prizes or make sure-fire investments. If so, you can place them on the National "Do Not Call" Registry, located at www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/donotcall/index.html. Or you may want to arrange for



**GLENA KIRKHAM**  
**Glenna Rae Kirkham**

Glenna Rae Kirkham, 66, of Cross Plains, passed away at an Abilene hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 31, 2004, at First Baptist Church of Cross Plains with Ronnie White officiating. Burial was in the Atwell Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.

On October 31, 1937, Glenna was born in Atwell to Benjamin Palmer and Nona Ann Foster Pillans. She started school in Cross Plains High School in 1955. She was employed in Abilene for a while before marrying Bill Kirkham on June 30, 1956 at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. The couple moved to Odessa, Andrews, Big Spring, Tulsa, Oklahoma and various other places where Bill was employed in the oil fields. In May of 2003 they returned to their hometown to make their home once again in Cross Plains.

Glenna enjoyed gardening, but spoiling her grandchildren was the highlight of her life. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bill C. Kirkham of Cross Plains; a son, Charles W. Kirkham of Fort Worth, and a daughter, Ronda Buchanan of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; three brothers, Benji Pillans of Houston, Leonard Pillans of Houston, and John Coleman Pillans of Cross Plains; four sisters, Ruby Moore of Abilene, Doxie McPherson of Baird, Nona Belote and Roxie Fletcher, both of Cross Plains; give grandchildren, Chelsea Breeden, Britton Alexander, Jeremy Rice, Jessica Rice and Kaylin Kirkham; as well as a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

Pallbearers were Reggie Pillans, Shane McPherson, Bay Kirkham, Mark Miller, Kelly Davis and Tim Foster.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 130, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

**COUNTY COURT**  
 Roger Corn, presiding

**Misdemeanor Minutes**

Richard Cardenas, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Michael W. Chambers, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50 fine, \$215 court costs, restitution paid.

**Marriage Licenses**

Ricky Joe Hobbs and Michelle Lorene Bullard, both of Baird.

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

**Civil Filings**

Allison Wilson and John Feil, divorce.

Cathlene D. Goldsmith and Steven R. Goldsmith, divorce.

**Civil Minutes**

The State of Texas vs. 1998 Nissan Maxima, Texas LP# W54-GVG, VIN # 1N4DL01D7WC102421, default judgment granted.

Lois Wynette Pope and Ronny Quinn Pope, divorce granted.

**Criminal Indictments**

Richard M. Caldwell, misapplication of fiduciary property.

**Criminal**

**Information & Complaints**

Michele L. Morgan, burglary of a habitation.

Laddie A. Morgan, burglary of a habitation.

**Callahan County**

**DPS Report**

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from January 25, 2004 through January 31, 2004 include:

**Cases Investigated**  
 Warnings—149  
 Complaints—118

**Vehicle Accidents**  
 There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

**Criminal Minutes**

Charles A. Stalnaker, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 5 years in prison, \$256 court costs.

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication; Gloria Couch, Loriann Davis, Coy B. Greenrock.

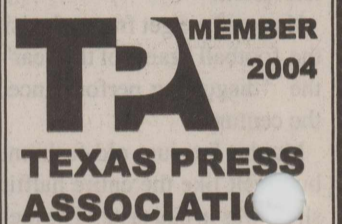
Michele L. Morgan, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 8 years probation, \$1000 fine, \$281 court costs, \$2375 restitution.

Laddie A. Morgan, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 8 years probation, \$1000 fine, \$281 court costs, \$2375 restitution.

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## RISING STAR NURSING CENTER

Greetings from our home to yours.

We have several ladies who like to gather each afternoon at a table overlooking the front yard—enjoying a cup of coffee, making comments about the weather, or just talking about old times.

Bingo is one of the residents' favorite activities here at the Center. For prizes we have different snacks, cakes, candy and crackers. Our winners this week were: Rozell Gary, Willie Wilson, Violet Johnston, Ellen Simpson, Roby Kornegay, Lorene

Jennings, Zelda Milam, Irene and Albert Starkey, Jack Smith, Pauline Regian, Elgie Crisp and Patsy Miller.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Ludie Norris.

It is good to have Jessie Casey back from the hospital. She is doing well and says she is glad to be home.

Sending out thoughts and prayers for Pansey Read, Laura Wendy and Jake Landess who are in the hospital.

**Love is patient, Love is kind...Love never ends.**

## Class of 1961 Plans Luncheon

Hi there, graduates of the Class of 1961! You are invited to a Class Lunch at Jean's Feed Barn on Saturday, February 7, at noon.

You didn't have to graduate with the class to attend. If you went to school with this class for any time period, you are encouraged to attend.

A few of the 1961 classmates in this area include Linda Baum

Pringle, Alvin Hutchins, Pat Ford Albus and Linda Dillard Ring.

We hope you can attend. The Class of '61 had two or three get-togethers last year and everyone enjoyed them. See you there!!!!

Submitted by  
Linda Dillard Ring  
and  
Linda Baum Pringle

## COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

### Maureen Strahan Buried In Cottonwood Cemetery

Maureen Strahan died this past weekend in Abilene, Texas. As this column is being written, plans have been made for her funeral service to be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at the Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains. She will be interred in the Cottonwood Cemetery.

Maureen is a life-long resident of Cottonwood. She was married to E.D. "Bud" Strahan and the couple raised one daughter, Gloria, on their farm just South of Cottonwood. Maureen is survived by her daughter, a granddaughter, Lee Ann Coldwell, and a number of nieces and nephews.

The Cottonwood Quilters are sewing on a quilt to raffle off as a fund-raiser in the near future. The club will meet on February 5, 12, 19, and 26. The Volunteer Fire

Control Group will meet February 19, 2004 at the Fire Hall at 7 p.m.

The Baptist Church builders are moving right along on construction of the new Family Life building. At present, the construction crew is preparing the site to get ready for pouring the walls full of concrete, which will happen soon. Then will come the roofing phase. The congregation is anxious to be using the new facility.

Albert Lovell is currently in the Regional Hospital in Abilene. He is recuperating from surgery and being treated for other ailments. Albert has served as President of the Cottonwood Historical Association for a number of years and is a very good one. Our prayers are with Albert.

(Please contact Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474 about news or personal events for this column.)

## QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

**Note:** My sister and brother-in-law flew to West Virginia to visit with their son and daughter-in-law and all were fortunate enough to enjoy a white Christmas. The two of them are back now and planning to visit me before long.

### "My Latest Sob Story"

If you just must break your ankles, do me a favor and do them one at a time—only. It is so much easier on you and on the world, also.

Wednesday, the 16th day of December, I guess I fell in my bathroom and broke the ankles of both feet.

I stayed in the hospital until the 24th of December, which was the day after my birthday on the 23rd.

On the 24th I was transferred to a nursing home in Brownwood.

Now here I languish until next Sunday or Monday or Tuesday when I'm scheduled to go home for one day when my children and families arrived for our Christmas.

Languishing here all Christmas day and beyond. I am so tired.

The last night at the hospital my two daughters called and my two little granddaughters sang "Happy Birthday" to me so sweetly. They sang one of their school songs or yells for me to boot. It was worth hanging around for.

You know that song sung by George Strait, "All My Exes Live in Texas", well I've been singing my sad song lately "All My Children Live in Lubbock".

## LIBRARY NOTES



This is your last chance to take G.E.D. classes at the Cross Plains Public Library. February 16th is the last day classes will be offered unless 3 new students enroll. If this happens, classes will continue to be held on Monday and Wednesday from 7 to 1 p.m.

Classes were able to continue through January because 3 new students joined, but everyone is ready to take the G.E.D. exam. So this is really your last opportunity to take the class in the Cross Plains area for free.

We started the G.E.D. class in the middle of May with thirteen students. Then five new students joined in August, and one new student in November. Three of them have moved and transferred to another class. Four of the students have taken and passed the exam and will receive their G.E.D. certificate.

Congratulations to those stu-

dents who have already taken and passed the G.E.D. exam. They put in a lot of hard work to accomplish their goal. You can do it too, so join the class while you still can.

### Statistics

January 26-30

Circulation:	
Books	78
Lap	48
Interlibrary Loans	0
Internet Users	37
Total	163

### Memorials:

Betty Cavanaugh - In Memory of Lillie Mae McCary

Honorariums: Curt and Ginny Hoskins—Honoring Cherry Shults, Susan Hunter and Esther Kerr

### Donations:

Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Womack

### Donations - Books:

Betty Cavanaugh  
Linda and Latricia Chandler

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### March 1, 2004 deadline for builders to register with Commission

Dear Editor:

According to House Bill 730, which was passed during the 78th regular legislative session, all builders in the State of Texas are required to register with the Texas Residential Construction Commission (the "commission"), using a commission prescribed form, and requiring a filing fee of \$125 on or before March 1, 2004.

A builder is defined as any business entity or individual who for a fixed price, commission, fee, wage or other compensation construct, supervise, or manages the construction of a new home; a material improvement to a home, other than an improvement solely to replace or repair a roof of an existing home, or an improvement to the interior of an existing home when the cost of work exceeds \$20,000.

The builder registration form will collect information regarding the builder and whether the builder operates as an individual, a corporation, a partnership, sole proprietorship or other form of business. The form will collect contact information, such as addresses and phone numbers. The form will also collect information that allows the commission to conduct a required criminal background check and to otherwise make the statutory determinations that the applicant is at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the U.S. or a lawfully-admitted alien, and that the applicant is honest, trustworthy and has integrity to the satisfaction of the commission.

Each builder will be required to designate an individual as a "designated agent" and that designated agent will be required to

register as a builder separately from the builder entity. A builder who is an individual may serve as both the registered builder and the designated agent. Contact information will be collected about the "designated agent" addition to the builder. Builders who wish to do so may also designate secondary agents, however, each secondary agent will be required to provide the same information as the designated agent.

Within 15 days after the receipt of a completed registration form and the required \$125 fee, the commission will issue to each builder that meets the requirements of the Act, a certificate of registration.

The commission, which was also created by House Bill 730, is responsible for registering new homes and home builders in the State of Texas, overseeing a state-sponsored inspection and dispute resolution process, preparing and adopting building and performance standard and limited statutory warranties, providing voluntary certification of arbitrators, providing for the filing of arbitration awards and managing three task force groups.

Beginning February 1, 2004, builder registration forms will be available on the commission's website at [www.trcc.state.tx.us](http://www.trcc.state.tx.us). Individuals not able to access the forms on the website may request a packet of information by calling the commission's toll-free consumer helpline at 1 (877) 651-TRCC.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Thomas  
Executive Director  
Texas Residential  
Construction Commission

## VETERANS NEWS

**THE NEW BUDGET**—The February 3 edition of THE ABILENE REPORTER NEWS carried news of the new budget which will be presented to Congress. Spending of \$65.3 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs is recommended, an increase of 8.3 percent from the last budget. Two items will stir up many of our non-service connected health problem veterans in that the budget proposes a \$250 ANNUAL enrollment fee for Veterans with the highest incomes and no S-C health issues plus an increase from \$7.00 to \$15.00 for a 30 day supply of medication. Try as I might, I cannot recall any questions about income or assets on the Draft Notice that I received from the U.S. Army!!! Our protests of these changes should be directed at once to our Texas Senators and to ALL members of The House of Representatives.

**TET REUNION**—The Abilene Grunts Assn. is inviting all Veterans to the annual TET Reunion to be held February 7 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds. There will be numerous displays and sales booths along with a USO Show and a meal will be served. The Pow-Wow begins at Noon, February 7.

**AGENT ORANGE ALERT**—A study has found an increase risk of prostate cancer and melanoma among Air Force Veterans of the Vietnam War who sprayed the chemical defoliant Agent Orange, the Air Force has just announced. The cancer incident was found to be 1.46 to 2.33 times higher than among the nationwide population. The study has been going on for more than 20 years. Involved Air Force Veterans AND ALL troops that set foot in Vietnam are urged to have an Agent Orange exam at a VA Medical facility. Get it in your medical records!!

**FORMER POW'S**—VA is anxious to hear from all former

Prisoner of War as there are numerous benefits available for them. VA can be reached by a call to 1-800-827-1000 and asking for the POW Coordinator. Closer to home Fred Campbell, a retired minister, is the Outreach POW Coordinator in this area. He lives at Patterson Street in San Angelo and his phone number will follow in a later column.

**TEXAS VETERAN'S CEMETERY**—Groundbreaking for the State of Texas Veteran's Cemetery was held six miles south of Killeen (Hwy 195) on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2003. Texas Land Commissioner, Jerry Patterson said it will be the first State Veteran's Cemetery for Texas and a fitting field of honor for those who served and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Commissioner Patterson quoted at length from Navy Chaplain Roland P. Gittelsohn's sermon at the dedication of the 5th Marine Division temporary cemetery at Iwo Jima in 1945.

"Here are Protestants, Catholics and Jews together. Here no man prefers another because of his faith or despises him because of his color. Here there are no quota of how many from each group are admitted or allowed. Among these men there is no discrimination. No prejudices. No hatred. There is the highest and purest democracy."

**TAPS**—Our days are saddened by the loss of our veterans and especially so when we think of the hardships many of them endured to protect and preserve the freedoms we all enjoy. Late answers to the last call include Earl Lee Buchanan USA, John E. Miller USA, Robert Allen "Bob" Coventry USAAF, William R. "Bill" Moore Sr US Army Battle of the Bulge defender, and James R. Morgan who joined the US Army on December 9, 1941. Hats off to these brave men!!

## Grand Ole Oplin Lineup for the month of February

The Oplin Community would like to invite everyone to come out to the Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of dancing and good friends every Friday night. On February 6th Muddy Creek will be here playing all your favorite dancing tunes. On February 13th Roland Smith and the Roadrunners will join us playing the kind of music that will make you want to get up and dance. On February 20th Texas Touch will be here to entertain us all and on February 27th Muddy Creek will return to play some of your favorite tunes again.

The Grand Ole Oplin is located at the intersection of FM 604 S. and FM 2926. Our dances begin each Friday night at 7:30 p.m., and end at 10:30 p.m. with admission being only \$4.00 per person. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared and enjoyed by all during the band's break. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come out to the Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time.

Submitted by Pam Rumfield

## Spring Master Gardener training class to begin March 4

Applications for the Spring Master Gardener training are now being accepted. The 13 week horticultural training class begins Thursday, March 4, 6:00 PM, with classes being held at the Taylor County Extension office, which is located on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. There will be a Saturday field trip as part of this session's training. The cost of the class is \$65 per person. Limited scholarship assistance is available.

Master Gardeners are members of the local community who take an active interest in their lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers and

gardens. In exchange for their training, individuals are required to contribute 50 volunteers hours back to their community.

For additional information or to receive an application, contact the Taylor County Extension office at 325-672-6048.

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

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

FEBRUARY 9 - 13

<b>MONDAY</b> - Lasagna, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Garlic Toast, Milk	Bread, Milk
<b>TUESDAY</b> - Homemade Beef Vegy Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Cobbler, Crackers, Milk	<b>THURSDAY</b> - Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Stir Fry Vegetables, Pudding, Bread, Milk
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Roast w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Cake,	<b>FRIDAY</b> - Taco Bowl, Salad, Mexican Corn, Ranch Beans, Gelatin, Milk

## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
Cross Plains Church of Christ  
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I read this somewhere recently. I don't remember where so I don't know to whom to give the credit...

"A little boy and an old man — grandson and granddad — sat on the dock late one afternoon, fishing. They talked about red sunsets, the man in the moon, the stars, rain and thunder, the seasons, and what life is like. The little boy looked up at his aging grandfather and asked, 'Has anyone — does anyone — ever see God?' The old man replied, 'Son, it's getting so I hardly see anything else; I see Him everywhere!'"

The aging apostle Paul must have felt somewhat that way because he seemed to "not be able to wait" to see God face to face. "For to me, to live Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).

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# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

## Varsity Buffaloes Basketball Report

The boys were unable to pull out a win last week. Poor shooting continues to cause the Buffaloes huge problems. The Buffaloes were outscored 41-54 by Baird and 27-51 to Meridian. Scoring in the Baird game was Dickson 6, Goains 17, Mauricio 7, Williams 3, Allen 3, and R. Allen 5. Rebounds were led by Goains with 10 and Dickson

added 7. R. Allen led steals with 5 and Dickson added 4.  
 Baird 14 13 11 15 54  
 CP 7 8 9 17 41  
 Scoring in the Meridian game was Dickson 7, Bennett 4, Goains 9, Williams 2 and M. Allen 5. M. Allen lead rebounds with 8 and Goains added 6.  
 Meridian 10 12 14 15 51  
 CP 8 5 7 7 27

## Basketball District 10-A

School	Enrollment
Albany	172
Baird	132
Cross Plains	137
Eula	186
Gorman	101
Ranger	124

## Annual "Candy Gram" project begins this week

This week, the Junior High and High School Gifted and Talented classes begin their annual sell of "candy grams" for Valentine's Day. This is the second year the students have undertaken such a community-wide project. The students guarantee their work and place special care in each Valentine they handcraft. Each Valentine is hand-made and hand-stamped with a cut poem or message celebrating your love. Several designs are offered and you can purchase a Valentine for all of your loved-ones for \$1.00 each. Come by the school and choose

your favorites today. Valentines will be delivered to students at school on Friday, February 13. If you purchase Valentines for your loved-ones who are not students, please call the school to make arrangements for pick-up. If you need your Valentines before Friday, please indicate this on your order form. Money raised from this project will help offset student expenses on school-sponsored trips and support other student GT projects. Thanks so much for you continued support and we encourage you to share your love on Valentine's Day.  
 Submitted by Melissa Owen  
 JH/HS Gifted and Talented Teacher

## February 20, 2004 is the deadline for cash and grants for nominations for teachers and principals

February 20 is nomination deadline for principals and teacher to be eligible for almost half a million dollars in cash and grants. Anyone can nominate their favorite teacher or principal for the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards, and educators may nominate themselves. Completed nomination forms may be picked up at any H-E-B store or found online at [www.heb.com](http://www.heb.com). In its third year, the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards program has expanded to honor principals as well as teachers, making it the largest monetary awards program for educators in Texas and the only one of its kind to recognize principals. This year, H-E-B will present almost \$500,000 in

cash and school grants to educators throughout the state. Following the nomination deadline on Feb. 20, 2004, H-E-B will mail detailed application packets to all of the nominees. The 45 finalists will be notified with surprise classroom visits during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-7, 2004. The nine overall winners will be announced during a special celebration in Austin, June 9-11, 2004. Three principals - one elementary, one middle school and one high school - will each receive \$10,000 in cash and a \$25,000 grant for their schools. Winners in the teacher category will receive cash awards and grants for their schools ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000, depending on their years of experience in the classroom.

## Area Natives Earn Academic Honors at Howard Payne

BROWNWOOD—Area students earned academic honors for the 2003 fall semester at Howard Payne University. Larry Whitehead of Cross Plains and Joul Smith of Rising Star were named to the Honor Roll. Students must earn a 3.5-3.64 to be named to the Honor Roll.

## Hopkins Distinguished Student at Tarleton State

Joshua Hopkins is to be congratulated on being named a "Distinguished Student", one of the highest honors Tarleton State University confers on students. This distinction is the University's way of honoring academic achievements and recognizing their student's importance on campus. Hopkins is a graduate of Cross Plains High School and the son of Hoppy and Tricia Hopkins of Cross Plains.

## Two Area Men Enlist in the United States Navy

Civilians Lucas M. Derrick, a 2001 graduate of Eula High School, and Curtis L. Stovall, son of Pat P. and Dennis L. Stovall of Cisco, recently enlisted in the United States Navy under the Delayed Entry Program at Navy Recruiting District Dallas, Irving, Texas. Derrick and Stovall will undergo basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

## Son-in-law of Cross Plains Residents Defends Freedom Under the Sea

By Mea Williams  
 with job skills of each Sailor vital to the success of the overall mission. "I am qualified in almost everything I possibly can," said Ray, husband to Tiffany Ray and father of one. Key features like improved maintainability, reliability and availability make living on USS Nebraska interesting. Ray spoke about the exciting aspects and challenges that come along with the experience of staring Mother Nature straight in the face. "Not too many can say they have been on boat that sinks on a daily basis. Family separation is the toughest challenge." When not patrolling the depths of the ocean, Ray enjoys welding and volunteers in the community. With the combination of today's most advanced technology and the skills of submariners like Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Ray and his fellow shipmates, USS Nebraska is equipped with the necessary tools to carry out its mission and to fight any potential enemies who attempt to threaten the United States. (Mea Williams is a journalist at the Navy Public Affairs Center Norfolk, Va.)

**PEE WEE BASKETBALL REGISTRATION**  
 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th Grade  
**DATE:** Thursday, February 5, 2004  
**TIME:** 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
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## SCHOOL MENU

FEBRUARY 9 - 13

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
<b>MONDAY</b> - Sausage, Biscuit, Gravy, Assorted Juice	<b>MONDAY</b> - Chicken Patty on Bun, Chips, Salad, Pickles, Cake
<b>TUESDAY</b> - Waffle, Bacon, Assorted Juice	<b>TUESDAY</b> - Ham Slices, Spinach, Scalloped Potatoes, Rolls, Honey
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Muffin, Assorted Juice	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Taquito w/Cheese Sauce, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Peaches
<b>THURSDAY</b> - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	<b>THURSDAY</b> - Pizza, Salad, Corn, Jello w/Fruit
<b>FRIDAY</b> - Cinnamon Rolls, Yogurt, Assorted Juice	<b>FRIDAY</b> - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Peanut Butter Cups

## Fall 2003 area Graduates Receive their degree from Tarleton State in December

Stephenville—Tarleton State University and Tarleton-Central Texas recently released the names of students receiving degrees during winter commencement exercises held in December. Joe Maley, Organization Director of Texas Farm Bureau, Dr. Thomas S. Tocco, then Superintendent of the Fort Worth Independent School District and Don Brown, Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Texas, were commencement speakers for the three ceremonies held on the Stephenville and Killeen campuses. Area students graduating were:  
**Baird**  
 Shane Roy Devenport  
 BBA-Marketing  
**Cisco**  
 Jamie Rene Agnew  
 BBA-Management  
**Cross Plains**  
 Jodi Lynn Payne - with honors  
 BS-Computer Information Systems.

CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2003			
Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,032,301	\$ 1,134,627
5800	State Program Revenues	1,852,865	1,998,433
5900	Federal Program Revenues	716	234,587
5020	Total Revenues	2,885,882	3,367,647
<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>			
<b>Current:</b>			
0011	Instruction	1,633,035	1,866,049
0012	Instructional Resources & Media Services	18,218	18,218
0013	Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	4,812	5,809
0023	School Leadership	157,202	160,202
0031	Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	34,158	40,733
0033	Health Services	171	171
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	110,375	114,375
0035	Food Services	-	143,444
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	162,217	162,217
0041	General Administration	192,783	194,290
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	325,626	330,876
0053	Data Processing Services	32,015	32,015
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
0071	Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	-	45,000
0072	Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	-	46,468
0073	Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	450
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>			
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of	25,345	25,345
6030	Total Expenditures	2,695,957	3,185,662
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	189,925	181,985
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>			
7912	Sale of Real and Personal Property	1,053	1,053
7915	Transfers In	-	9,874
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(9,874)	(9,874)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(8,821)	1,053
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	181,104	183,038
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	245,732	247,201
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 426,836	\$ 430,239

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## 15 Million in tax credits to help low income homeowners

(AUSTIN) — The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has announced that it is introducing a new Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) Program aimed at helping very low to moderate income individuals and families with the purchase of their first home. The Department is making \$15 million available through its MCC Program which TDHCA expects to assist approximately 450 borrowers.

Through this program, eligible households will receive a federal tax credit to reduce their income tax obligation. This tax savings frees up income that can help the household qualify for a mortgage loan and meet mortgage payment requirements. The MCC will reduce the taxes on a dollar-for-dollar basis, which will have the effect of lowering the monthly mortgage payment.

While the Department's participating lenders are now accepting applications for this program, TDHCA cannot issue certificates until February 26, 2004, due to Internal Revenue Service rules.

"TDHCA is very excited about this unique lending product, as

we feel it will open the door to homeownership for hundreds of low to moderate income Texans," said TDHCA Executive Director Edwina Carrington. "This is exactly the type of creative, innovative lending program TDHCA is committed to developing. Anyone who has ever considered purchasing a home is strongly encouraged to learn more about this MCC Program. The State really can help put you in a home of your own."

The MCC Program provides homeownership opportunities for qualified households earning up to 115 percent of the area median family income, which varies from region to region within the state. Homebuyers must meet certain eligibility requirements to participate in the program and obtain a qualified mortgage loan through a participating lender. Program participants may not use the credits in conjunction with any single family bond program administered by TDHCA, local housing finance agency, or local government, and the credits cannot be used to refinance an existing loan.

The amount of the annual tax

credit will equal 40 percent of the annual interest paid on the mortgage loan; however, the maximum credit amount cannot exceed \$2,000 per year. The credit cannot be larger than a household's annual federal income tax liability, after all other credits and deductions are taken into account. However, MCC tax credits in excess of a borrower's current year tax liability may be carried forward for use during the subsequent three years.

For further information regarding TDHCA's new MCC Program, please contact Sue Cavazos, Single Family Finance Production Officer, at (512) 475-3962, or via e-mail at: [sue.cavazos@tdhca.state.tx.us](mailto:sue.cavazos@tdhca.state.tx.us).

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is Texas' lead agency responsible for affordable housing, community and energy assistance programs, and colonia activities. The Department annually administers funds in excess of \$400 million, the majority of which are derived from mortgage revenue bond financing and refinancing, federal grants, and federal tax credits.

## Things you can't tell just by looking at her -Living with heart disease

Landry is a spokeswoman and advocate for WomenHeart, the National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease. Unfortunately, she's also a member.

Last year, this 38-year-old Dallas mother of three was in Kansas City visiting her mother who had suffered a stroke. Landry started sweating profusely. Then, she felt nauseous. Her stomach hurt. She figured it was something she ate. She started experiencing severe shortness of breath and struggled to get words out.

Landry's 10-year-old niece called 911, and an ambulance arrived just minutes later. She told the paramedics that she felt like someone was hitting her chest with a softball, and that she was suffering severe back pain. She vomited.

In the emergency room, Landry received an EKG, or electrocardiogram, which measures the heart's electrical activity. The EKG was abnormal and showed that the left side of her heart was in distress.

Although Landry had reported five heart attack warning signs, and had a family history of heart disease, the doctor tried to release her from the hospital. He diagnosed her with a bad case of acid reflux.

But Landry refused to leave. She knew that something was terribly wrong.

"If I didn't fight with them, I would've died," Landry said.

Aggie Landry had suffered a massive heart attack due to a rare condition called spontaneous coronary artery dissection, where a tear forms in the artery. Around one in a million people suffer this type of heart attack. Only about one in a trillion people survive.

Ms. Landry turned out to be one in a trillion.

After her insistence, a blood test was performed that suggested that Landry had heart damage, so the E/R staff rushed her into the catheterization lab. They discovered she had a blocked artery which had caused damage to her heart muscle, and three stents were placed in the artery to keep it open.

Aggie Landry did not look like your typical heart attack patient. She only weighs 110 pounds. She's young, physically active, eats right, and her cholesterol and blood pressure levels were perfectly normal.

"If I were a man in my 40s, if I were overweight, I would've been in the cath lab in 15 minutes flat," Landry said.

Landry says she's thankful to be alive. But her life expectancy will likely be shortened because she suffered a heart attack. She used to look forward to seeing her young children get married, and seeing her grandchildren

some day. Now, she says she just hopes she makes it to see her oldest girl through the second grade.

"Hospitals make errors, doctors make errors," Landry said. "Women know their bodies best, and they have to advocate for themselves."

More than 260,000 women each year die from sudden cardiac arrest. The warning signs of a heart attack for women can be markedly different than those for men. Studies show that 38 percent of women die within a year of a heart attack compared with 25 percent of men. During the first six years following a heart attack, the chance of having a second attack is 35 percent for women compared with 18 percent for men.

"Having a heart attack affects every aspect of your life," Landry said.

Every woman should be aware of the heart attack warning signs and seek medical advice immediately if they appear. Heart disease is not a man's disease - it can be just as devastating to women.

February marks the beginning of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign, a national call for women to take charge of their heart health and live stronger, longer lives. To learn more about women and heart disease, visit our website at [www.americanheart.org/red](http://www.americanheart.org/red).

## Census Bureau's Valentine's Day facts & figures

One legend has it that Valentine's Day originated to commemorate the anniversary of the death of St. Valentine, a Roman clergyman who was executed on Feb. 14, about 270 A.D. for secretly marrying couples in defiance of the emperor. According to another, the holiday began as a Roman fertility festival. Americans probably began exchanging handmade valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther Howland (1828-1904), a native of Massachusetts, began to sell the nation's first mass-produced valentines.

Candy is Dandy

1040 - Number of locations producing chocolate and cocoa products in 2001. These establishments employed 45,913 people. California led the nation in the number of such establishments (with 116) followed by Pennsylvania (with 107).

616 - Number of locations that produced nonchocolate confectionary products in 2001. These establishments employed 26,400 people.

3,839 - Number of confectionery and nut stores in the United States in 2001. Often referred to as candy stores, they are among the best sources of sweets for Valentine's Day.

24 pounds - Per capita consumption of candy by Americans in 2002; it is believed a large portion is consumed around Valentine's Day. Candy consumption has actually declined over the last few years: in 1997, each American gobbled or savored more than 27 pounds of candy a year.

Flowers - \$410 million - The wholesale value of domestically produced cut flowers in 2002 for operations with \$100,000 or

more in sales. Among states, California was the leading producer, alone accounting for about two-thirds of this amount (\$279 million).

\$56 million - The wholesale value of domestically produced roses in 2002 for operations with \$100,000 or more in sales. Among all types of cut flowers, roses were a close second in receipts to lilies (\$58 million).

23,870 - The number of florists nationwide in 2001. These businesses employed 125,116 people.

Jewelry - 29,780 - Number of jewelry stores in the United States in 2001. Jewelry stores offer wedding, engagement and other rings; as well as other baubles; to lovers of all ages.

The merchandise at these locations could well have been produced at one of the nation's 2,168 jewelry manufacturing establishments. The manufacture of jewelry was an \$8.8 billion industry in 2001.

Romantic-Sounding Places - 2 - The number of places in the United States named Valentine. Valentine, Neb., was the more populous of the two, with 2,842 residents on July 1, 2002;

Valentine, Texas, had just 185.

9 - Number of places identified by the Census Bureau nationwide with "love" in their name. Loveland, Colo., was the most populous, with 55,273 residents in 2002. The others: Lovejoy, Ga.; Loves Park, Ill.; Lovelock, Nev.; Love Valley, N.C.; Loveland, Ohio; Loveland Park, Ohio; Loveland, Okla.; and Lovelady, Texas.

Still haven't had your fill of love? Try Loving County, deep in the heart of Texas, with 64 residents in 2002. Or cross the border into New Mexico to the

city of Lovington (population 9,484), or the village of Loving (population 1,313), or go to Oklahoma and Love County (population 8,911). And don't forget Lovington, Ill., with 1,210 residents.

If you really have your heart set on Shakespeare this Valentine's Day, you might start the day by visiting Romeo (Romeo, Colo.; Romeo, Mich.; or Romeoville, Ill., with 384, 3,765 and 28,765 residents, respectively, in 2002) and end it by calling on Mount Juliet, Tenn. (population, 15,465).

Be Mine - 2.3 million - Number of marriages that take place in the United States annually. That breaks down to nearly 6,200 a day.

123,300 - The number of marriages performed in Nevada during 2002. So many couples "tie the knot" in the Silver State that it ranked fifth nationally in marriages, even though its total population that year was 35th.

25.3 and 26.9 - The estimated U.S. median ages at first marriage for women and men, respectively. The age for women is up 4.4 years in the last three decades. The age for men is up 3.6 years.

52% and 56% - The percentages of American women and men, respectively, who are 15 and over and currently married.

60% - Percentage of people 15 and over in Idaho who are currently married? the highest rate among states. New York has the lowest rate, 50 percent.

68% - Percentage of people 15 and over in Naperville, Ill., who are currently married. Naperville, Gilbert, Ariz., and Plano, Texas, lead all places with 100,000 or more people.

## Some Factors which can increase risk of high blood pressure

What factors increase a person's risk of developing high blood pressure?

Medical science doesn't understand what causes most cases of high blood pressure, so it's hard to say how to prevent it. Several factors may contribute to it.

**Heredity.** People whose parents have high blood pressure are more likely to develop it than those whose parents don't.

**Race.** African Americans are more likely to have high blood pressure than Caucasians.

**Male sex.** Men have a greater risk of high blood pressure than women until age 55, when their respective risks are similar. At age 75 and older, women are more likely to develop high blood pressure than men.

**Increasing age.** Blood pressure tends to increase with age, and older people are more likely to have high blood pressure.

**Sodium (salt) sensitivity.**

**Obesity and overweight.** What other related factors contribute to high blood pressure?

**Sedentary or inactive lifestyle.** Try to get at least 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity on most days.

**Heavy alcohol consumption.** Experts recommend that drinkers limit themselves to no more than 1-2 drinks per day.

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## THC and Texas first lady for Texas Main Street Program

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas First Lady Anita Perry joins the Texas Historical Commission (THC) for the Texas Main Street Program's 2004 First Lady's Tour. The tour recognizes 2004 Official Texas Main Street Cities in Pharr and Pecos on March 30 and McKinney and Grand Saline on March 31.

Perry gives the keynote address and unveils the first architectural rendering for downtown renovation at each location. A tour of the downtown area and a reception follow. The Indepen-

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Trans-Texas Corridor  
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The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing in Baird on Thursday, February 19, 2004, to discuss the Trans-Texas Corridor. The purpose is to give the public an opportunity to submit comments on potential routes.

The Trans-Texas Corridor is a new type of transportation network that includes roads, rail, and a utility zone designed to move people and goods faster and safer, keep hazardous material out of populated areas, and improve air quality.

The hearing will be held at the TxDOT's Callahan County Maintenance office, 132 US Highway 283 N, Baird. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with the hearing starting at 6:00 p.m. The facility is handicap accessible. For more information on the public hearing contact Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene district public information office, at 325/676-6806.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation will hold a public hearing on February 11, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. at the City Hall at 201 S. Main in Cross Plains, concerning a proposal from "Potter Game Tables", Rick Potter owner. The meeting is open to the public and anyone interested is encouraged to attend. For more information concerning the meeting, please contact City Hall at 254-725-6114. 46-1tc.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
Sale is to satisfy a landlord lien, under Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code. Location, Sanders Storage, Behind Skinny's Convenience Store, Cross Plains, TX 76443. Saturday, February 7, 2004 at 11:00 a.m.

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## Common Questions Asked About Rabies

One of the most common subjects that I receive questions about is Rabies. These questions commonly include the number of positive cases in the area, common symptoms of rabies, what to do in case of exposure, and vaccination requirements.

Confirmed cases of rabies in Texas have steadily increased the past several years. This includes several of the area counties. Callahan, Brown, Taylor and Comanche counties all experienced increases in positive rabies cases in 2003 over 2002. Eastland county was the exception with a decrease in positive cases. Although rabies can occur in any mammal, skunks remain the most common carrier for the disease.

Most people associate a rabid animal with the aggressive, rage filled dogs portrayed in the movies "Old Yeller" and "Cujo". Actually, this form, the 'mad' form, is the least common form. Regardless of the symptoms, rabies should always be considered in an animal displaying unusual behavior.

During the latter stages of the disease, rabies virus is contained in the saliva of the infected animal. The most common type of exposure is through animal bites. If contact with rabies is sus-

pected, several steps should be taken. The first step is to limit further exposure. If human exposure is suspected, contact your physician. If exposure is to animals, contact your veterinarian. To test an animal suspected of having rabies, the brain is needed intact. This means that damage, such as hitting or shooting the head, could present accurate testing. Prompt action should be taken regardless of the situation. Depending on the circumstances, pet exposure can result in anything from quarantine to euthanasia.

The most effective method to protect humans from exposure to rabies is the proper vaccination of your pets. Vaccination should begin at 3 months of age. A booster should be given 1 year later and every third year thereafter. Keeping pets current on vaccinations can greatly reduce the headaches encountered if there is exposure to a rabid animal or if the pet bites someone. Remember, its state law that all dogs and cats be kept current on rabies vaccinations.

For more information on rabies, or other animal health questions, contact Dr. Creach with Cross Plains Veterinary Clinic at (254) 725-4359.

## Heart health—know the risks and consequences

Health issues affect everyone, and heart health should be at the forefront for all Americans. Cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer of Americans today. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease leads as cause of death for all racial and ethnic groups in the United States. The best way to prevent and control heart disease and illness is to take better care of ourselves in the first place.

Cardiovascular diseases include high blood pressure, coronary heart disease, congestive heart failure, stroke and congenital heart defects.

Men have more heart attacks than women, and they have them earlier in life; but after menopause, the chances for heart attacks in women increase.

In addition, women are more likely to die once they have a heart attack.

While age, race, gender and genetics play a role in the development of cardiovascular disease, lack of awareness about behavioral risk factors also contributes to its eventual onset.

Recognizing these risk factors is the first step in preventing cardiovascular disease. Early medical detection and treatment of conditions such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes through screenings are key prevention measures.

The American Heart Association reports that one in five Americans has high blood pressure. And two out of three people with diabetes die from heart disease and stroke, according to the American Diabetes Association. These are grim numbers, but the encouraging news is that both high blood pressure and diabetes can first be prevented and for those who already have these diseases, can be controlled.

Other contributing factors include obesity, physical inactivity, poor nutrition and tobacco use.

In 2001, 65 percent of the adult American population was overweight or obese - a significant risk for both diabetes and heart disease. While the incidence of smoking has declined in the United States, an estimated 3.2 million Americans tried their first cigarette in 1997 - (and most of these new users were between ages 12 and 17). One-third of smoking deaths each year are cardiovascular-related. More than 60 percent of American adults do not get the recommended level of physical activity and 25 percent are not active at all.

Decisions to quit smoking, become active and get checked for high blood pressure and cholesterol start prevention. According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is almost twice as likely to develop in those individuals who are inactive and don't exercise regularly.

Health or wellness fairs can be a great source for free screenings for cholesterol, blood sugar and blood pressure levels. For disease management though, it is imperative that patients see their physicians regularly.

If you have not started a healthy eating and exercise plan this year, start now. Be your own advocate for your health and know the risks for cardiovascular disease. By becoming aware of how our behavior affects our health, we can reduce those significant health risks. Prevention, after all, is the best medicine.

Patti J. Patterson, M.D., is the vice president of rural and community health at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She grew up in Hale Center.

## The City of Cross Plains Represented on Regional Council of Texas Midwest

The Texas Midwest Council convened in Abilene last week for its first meeting of 2004. Representatives from cities throughout the region came together to network and hear about successful community projects around the region.

Debbie Gosnell serves as Cross Plains' official delegate on the Council.

Texas Midwest Community Network provides marketing programs for tourism and economic development; networking opportunities for community leaders to find ways to approach community development; and legislative awareness in monitoring issued that directly affect the communities in this region of the state. The organization functions on the premise of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone".

Many of the member cities find themselves facing each other

across a football field or over a basketball court during the course of a year. The regional organization gives communities an opportunity to turn their rivalries into alliances to strengthen the economy and quality of life in the region.

TMCN was founded in 1994 and currently has a membership of 41 communities: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Jayton, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

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## Silver-Haired Legislature to conduct elections

2004 is ELECTION time in Texas.

Party primary elections in February, followed by party runoffs in March lead to municipal elections in May and conclude with November's county, state and national elections.

In the meantime, back on the ranch here in Texas, the senior citizens of Texas will elect a total of 117 legislators to serve in the 10th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature. "Elections will be conducted by local area agencies on aging under the direction of the TSHL area election steering committees," announced Narris Braly, of Caldwell and Chairman of TSHL Election & Credentials Committee.

The 69th Texas Legislature established the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature by Senate Concurrent Resolution in 1985. The resolution charged the silver haired legislature to meet every two years to identify aging problems of older Texans, offer solutions to the Governor and the Texas Legislature and advocate for all seniors. The 1st TSHL Session was held in the Texas House of Representative at the state capitol in 1986. The 10th TSHL legislative session will be conducted in the House Chambers in September 2004.

During January, announcements for candidates for election to the Texas Silver Haired Legislature are posted in places frequented by seniors. Candidates may pick up candidacy forms and petitions from Gail Kaiser, AAA Director of the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging located at 1025 E. N. 10th Street, Abilene, Texas 79601. Deadline for candidates to file all forms for election is February 27, 2004.

There are four TSHL districts in the West Central Texas area. Any registered voter who is 60 years or older and residing in the

district or in the West Central Texas Area may file for election.

The Texas Silver Haired Legislature's candidate campaign extends from January to Election Day, Tuesday, May 25, 2004.

During the second week of March the TSHL election notices must be posted in places frequented by seniors.

Early voting ballots may be distributed by the West Central Texas area election steering committee on April 20, 2004. The West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging serves as the focal point for coordinating the election process.

General Election Day for the TSHL is May 25, 2004, the fourth Tuesday in May. Candidacy and voter requirements are available from the area agency on aging, as well as information on polling places, poll workers and procedures for voting. The TSHL Election & Credentials Manual is also available for review at the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging.

"From its beginning in 1985, TSHL has had unusual success in seeing its priorities become law. We welcome the challenges of the 10th TSHL session and urge all seniors to vote in their local elections for their TSHL representative," said Chris Kyker, TSHL Speaker of Abilene.

Region 4 includes Callahan, Eastland, Shackelford, Stephens and Throckmorton Counties. The current TSHL representative has been Eugene Kribbs of Breckenridge; however, he recently passed away and will be sorely missed in the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

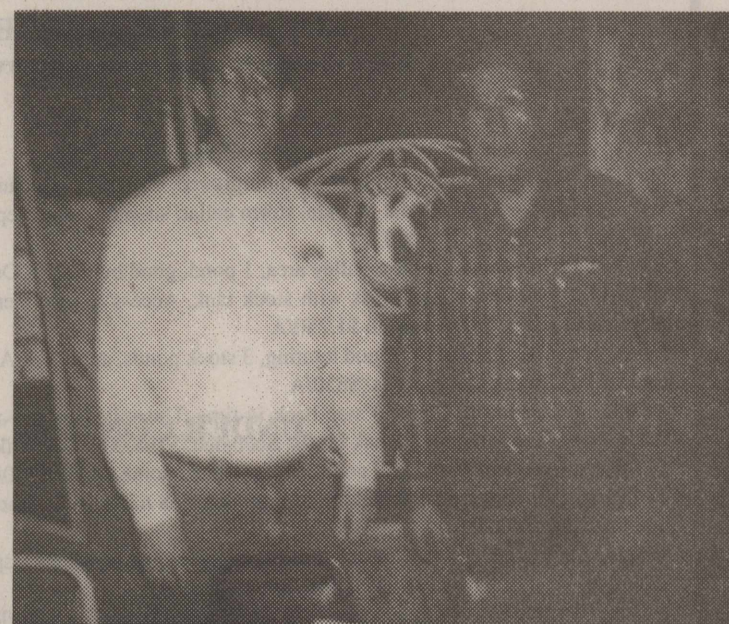
For additional information, contact Gail Kaiser, Director of the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging. Phone 325-672-8544 or toll free at 800-928-2262 or email [wctaaa@yahoo.com](mailto:wctaaa@yahoo.com).

## Texas communities invited to attend preservation workshop

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is offering Texas communities the tools to successfully shape their future through historic preservation. The THC's Community Heritage Development Division help communities preserve their historic resources through the Texas Heritage Trails Program, the Texas Main Street Program, the Certified Local Government Program and the Visionaries in Preservation Program. Programs

are designed to help communities shape their preservation future or promote visitation to historic and cultural sites.

Join the THC for the 2004 Community Heritage Development Workshop on Thursday, March 4 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at the Texas State Capitol Extension Auditorium, room E1.004. To register, contact Mae Zapata at 512/463-6092 or email [mae.zapata@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:mae.zapata@thc.state.tx.us).



**KIWANIS CLUB NEWS**—The Cross Plains Kiwanis heard Stormy Higgins from Abilene tell of his experiences as a consultant helping workers return to their jobs after witnessing traumatic events in the workplace. He was introduced by Charles Rodenberger.

## Local Art Club to Meet Thursday, Feb. 19th

The Cross Plains Paint and Palette Club meet Thursday, February 19, at 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens' Center in Cross Plains. Mary Lynn Taylor of Brownwood Art Association will give a demonstration in painting

for everyone's pleasure. All visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend. For additional information contact Betty Beggs (254) 725-7235.

## Project Pride to Hold Meeting February 10th

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly business meeting on Tuesday, February 10, at

6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library. The public is invited.

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