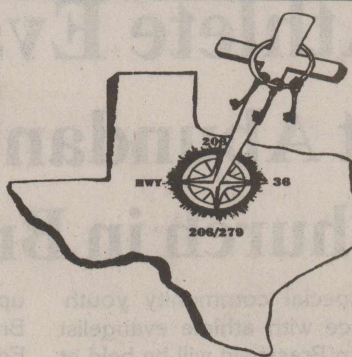


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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article addresses a serious issue that demands everyone's consideration. The destruction of the family and its values has long been jeopardized in our country. Now is the time to stand up for moral principles.
Vanda Anderson

"Awake America"

America is in great danger of being destroyed from within. A hand full of liberal judges are about to over rule the will of 98 percent of the American people, and 100 percent of America's children. If this succeeds, the way of life that we have known in this country will be forever lost. With legal precedents being set, public policies changing in this direction, medical and insurance costs will soar, and school textbooks will reflect this new way of thinking. This is already being taught in California.

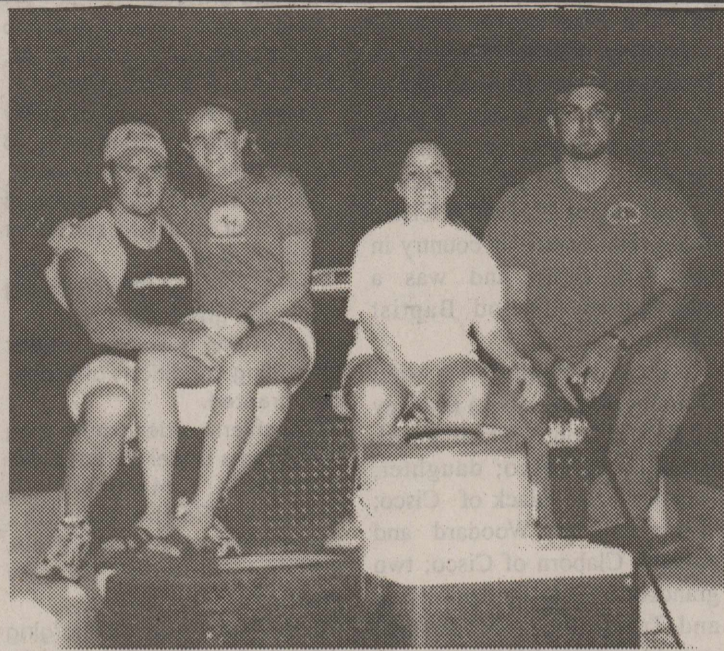
Innocent children, as young as 5 or 6, will be indoctrinated with the new held belief that it's OK for them to have sex with whomever, whenever. There will be no boundaries or guidelines. What is best for society and the children of America will be shelved for what "makes me feel good for the moment".

If homosexual "marriage" rules the land and a person's sexual drive is allowed to dictate the law of this country, what is to stop two or three people of whatever sex from getting married? What is to stop pedophiles from "marrying" children of whatever age? Their same-sex parents could not argue that they were "too young" because, after all, why should age be a factor in limiting them from their new "Constitutional Right" to express themselves sexually as they see fit? What grounds of moral behavior will be left to stand on? Time-honored morals will be "unconstitutional" and considered "discrimination" in this "brave new America". And as laws change, there will be an even renewed vigor to silence any and all opposition. This means you and your children.

Norway introduced homosexual "marriage" 6 years ago. Here are just some of the repercussions: "Married" homosexuals have stayed together an average of one and 1/2 years. They continue to have hundreds of sexual partners, despite being allowed to "marry". In the heterosexual population, marriage has declined drastically, down 300 percent. People live together and have multiple children out of wedlock. If they marry at all, they are waiting until after the 3rd child is born.

This idea is not really new. It has already been tried in several societies across time. History shows that every one of those cultures totally collapsed within 6 generations. In their weakened state, they were all completely wiped out by disease and invaded by stronger foreign powers. They ceased to exist. There were no exceptions.

America has already been weakened by other rulings by rogue judges, seemingly unaccountable to anyone or anything
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Waiting for the City of Cross Plains Annual July 4th Fireworks



Lined up for Hot Dogs and Watermelon

Hometown July 4th Celebration Great Fun

The annual July 4th Celebration sponsored by the City of Cross Plains was real "plus" once again. Folks enjoyed good food, great fellowship, wonderful music and an impressive fireworks display.

Dale Pope was the winner of the patriotic quilt. Everyone's

contributions to the firework fund was appreciated.

A big crowd was on hand for all the activities and the night sky was literally filled with colors and sparkles lasting a good 45 minutes. It doesn't get any better than that!!!!

Nicki Harle Guest Speaker at Upcoming Chamber Banquet

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce annual banquet is planned for Saturday, July 31, at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Cross Plains beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10.00 each and are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, City Hall, and Texas Heritage Bank. The last date to purchase tickets will be Thursday, July 29th.

Nicki Harle, the Executive Director of Texas Midwest Community Network, will be the keynote speaker. She has served in this capacity since 1994. Previously she was the advisor for the Development Corporation of Baird; publisher/editor of *Central to West Texas Travel Guide*; producer and hostess of "The Noon Show" and "Notes of Interest", community affairs talk shows on KRBC-TV; aerobic instructor and director of the Wrangler Belles dance team at Cisco Junior College; owner/instructor of Harle Studio; and alumni director at Southwest Texas State University.

Nicki is active statewide in the Office of Rural Community Affairs, Texas Economic Development Council - Rural Affairs Committee Chairman,

served on the Advisory Board of the Texas Economic Development Basic Course, Advisory Board of Texas Community Development Institute, and Governors Volunteer Awards Committee (previously).

In her hometown Nicki is an elder at the First Presbyterian Church; Club President of the Callahan County Republican Women; County Delegate to the State Republican Convention; Baird Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors - named Citizen of the Year in 1998; Frontier Texas Foundation Board Member; and Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau Board Member.

Her education includes a Bachelor of Science in Speech from Texas State University (formerly Southwest Texas State University); Leadership Texas Class of 1996; EDC Basic - Texas Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M University; and Midwest Texas Leadership Program Class of 1997.

For further information concerning the chamber banquet call (254) 725-7251. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Project Pride Meets Next Tuesday

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 13, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library.

Reports will be given on the Howard Days activities and plans made for upcoming events. Come hear the success stories. The public is welcome.

"Pump Boys & Dinettes" Previewing at Kiwanis

Singers of the upcoming Cisco Big Country Dinner Theater (at the Hilton), "Pump Boys & Dinettes", will be at the Kiwanis Club's meeting at noon on Tuesday, July 13, in the east room of Jean's Feed Barn. They will be sharing a sample of the exciting musical that begins this weekend, July 9-11 and continues 16-18, 23-25 and 30-31.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the preview and, hopefully, get their appetite (pardon the pun) all whetted to attend the dinner theater.

Submitted by
Bob Pipes

Vacation Bible School July 13-18 at Pioneer Baptist

Vacation Bible School is being held at Pioneer Baptist Church beginning July 14th. Registration will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 13. Classes begin Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for students Pre-K to 6th grade.

Parents Night will be Sunday at 7 p.m.

The theme for this year is "Far Out Far East Rickshaw Rally". All children of the area are invited to attend. For further information contact Dianna Stover at (254) 725-7370.

Men's Outing First Baptist Church on July 20th

Men's Night Out will be held Tuesday, July 20, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church Cross Plains Family Life Center.

Kenny Shuler, pastor of South Side Baptist Church in Abilene, will be the speaker.

You are invited to bring a friend as you enjoy good food, a great speaker and a night of Christian fellowship.

The meal will be provided by Men's Ministry Team and the menu includes wild game stew, corn bread and peach cobbler.



COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD RECIPIENT—Dannes Turner (right) was awarded the Masonic Lodge Community Builder Award. Isaac Neal (left) presented the award.

Dannes Turner receives Community Builder Award

Dannes Turner was honored as this year's recipient of Cross Plains Masonic Lodge's Community Builder Award during presentation ceremonies at this past Tuesday's luncheon of the local Kiwanis Club.

The rarely bestowed award is to formally recognize outstanding non-Masons who have distinguished themselves through service to their community, to the local, state, or national government, to their church, or to humanity. It seeks out those men and women who, year in and year out, quietly and without fanfare, show their devotion to their community and its people without expectation of recognition or honors.

Dannes Dell Turner was born to Clyde and Peggy Dickson on March 5, 1959 in Crane, Texas. The Dicksons moved to Cross Plains when Dannes was in Jr. High. Besides graduating as the Class of 1977 Valedictorian, her achievements and community interest were marked at an early age by her serving on the Student Council, class officer, and being listed with the National Honor Society, Who's Who, Society of Distinguished American High School Students. She was also recognized as Class Favorite and Homecoming Queen.

After a year of higher education at Stenograph Institute in Abilene, she accepted a job at Citizen's

State Bank where she is still employed with twenty-five year tenure.

Dannes married Greg Turner on March 18, 1979. The Turners have since made their home in Cross Plains. Their marriage has been blessed with two children, Joseph Dwayne and Jennifer Danell. Both have followed their mother's example in choosing careers of service to others. After graduating from Howard Payne University, Joseph is a teacher and coach. Jennifer is currently employed by Abilene Regional Hospital and is taking classes to become a nurse.

Dannes has taken an active roll in practically every community program or fund-raiser of recent memory. She has organized charitable events for families stricken by hard times and is a familiar face to those receiving "meals-on-wheels." She has worked with Project Pride, EMS/Fire Department fund-raisers, and Cross Plains Economic Development Committee. She has taught Sunday School for 20 years, is active in Vacation Bible School and has served on various church committees.

Even with her job and community involvement, Dannes manages to always maintain a balance with her commitment to God and family. Most importantly, to quote her husband, "If anyone ask her to help them, no is not in her vocabulary."

Quilt Winner Announced by Cottonwood Quilting Club

Margaret Chengson, of Abilene, won the "Butterfly Garden" quilt at the Independence Day Celebration held July 4th at the Cottonwood Community Center. Ms. Chengson stated that she purchased her ticket at the Barbarian Festival held in June.

The ladies of the Cottonwood Quilting Club sponsored the drawing and the proceeds benefit the "Building Fund" to be utilized for repairs and maintenance of the Cottonwood Community Center. They expressed their appreciation to everyone who purchased tickets.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Check It Out!

What a fun week this has been!! Children have been here for the Read Aloud Cafe and guess what? They get to eat in here while they learn about books and authors and illustrators and other "bookish" stuff. Most libraries don't let my friends eat in there, but Cross Plains is so special. The only problem is that they didn't serve any worm food for me! CU - BW

Stats: 6-28 thru 7-2-04
Books: 88
Internet Users: 33

Memorials:
 Wallace and Carol Bennett in memory of Wallace Blakley

Donations: Books
 Leslie Lawrence, Luanne Jones and the Estate of Rita Mitcham

Activity Report 6-28 thru 7-2-04

Patrons:	91
A.M.	29
P.M.	62
Programs:	11
Copies:	5
Reference:	15

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT



SING IT LOUD, SING IT PROUD—The residents of Cottonwood and their friends and families all joined together in song to show their patriotism.



A JOB WELL DONE—Mary Ella Weaver of Cottonwood recites the Declaration of Independence.



ENTERTAINMENT ENJOYED BY ALL—The audience enjoyed a rendition of "I'm Proud to be an American" presented by Tracy Dillard and her puppet.

Howdy folks, John Bennett and the audience sang more here sitting in for dad while he, patriotic songs. The "Preamble and mother are driving across the country of The US Constitution" was read by Wendel Draper and Richard Purvis gave the benediction. Punch and refreshments were served afterwards.

I made it back to County Road 440 where my brother Bryan and I had decided to have a little party, so the grill was lit and the family and friends begin to arrive. Dad always taught us to be patriotic and to celebrate our heritage so we knew he would not mind us having a little get together while he and mother were away. After all it is the 4th of July. We enjoyed barbecue cooking from Bryan and Phillip Bennett and Debi made potato's jubilee and beans. Watermelon and a cake decorated like the American flag went well with Dorothy's homemade ice cream. Uncle John and cousin Robert were here with Sheri and all her children and their family and friends. When the sun went down the east side of Cottonwood valley was lit up by fireworks. By this time around thirty people had made it to the party and we enjoyed a lot of fireworks. Jan (Holley) and her husband David Patilo drove in from Hamilton in time for the fireworks. Thanks to all the family and friends that came to Cottonwood and county road 440.

So on Monday morning I loaded up the wife and kids along with my neighbor and his family and drove back to Arlington. Some where along the way my mother and father called my cell phone and asked if I made it to Cottonwood this weekend. Well mother, yes I did make it to Cottonwood, but I promise I cleaned up my mess.

PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies finished Olena's "Tulip" quilt and Frankie's "Rail Fence" quilt. They both were so beautiful. You all will probably be able to see them when we have our quilt show in the fall.

We do appreciate whoever mowed the lot just north of the Community Center. Thanks a lot!

We will not be meeting again until September. It is possible that our news article will also stop. If anyone hands me their news, it will be printed.

Dodge's mother Shanna was there, also. Grandchildren, Travis and Arlene Parson are here visiting. They will soon have to return back to Florida. Travis is in the Air Force and has spent time in Iraq two different times. It's so good to have them here for a few days. Travis spent Saturday afternoon with the Huttons. Sunday he attended church with Cowan and Laverne and had dinner and a visit afterwards. Arlene wasn't feeling well. Tuesday Cowan and Laverne traveled to Bend and the Colorado River at Sulfer Springs Camp to spend the day with Danny and Trisha and their families, who spent a few days there. It rained most of the day but they enjoyed it just the same. Wednesday, Laverne attended the Ladies Bible Study and salad luncheon. Phyllis Tipping brought a good lesson on being happy. Thursday, Cowan and Laverne went to Temple where Laverne had a doctor's appointment. JD and Sandy Hutton celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, July 3rd.

Frankie spent a few days at the youth camp in Carbon. It was so good to see all the young folks there enjoying their camp. Monday night Frankie and Jean traveled to the association meeting at Gateway Baptist. They had a singing of different churches which was very good! They attended with Wayne and Alene Smith, Teddie Self, and Laquetta Rankin.

Earlene Burge had a nice visit with her sister, Betty Greenmon from Ft. Worth. She spent two days and nights. Earlene and Jessica enjoyed her visit. The rain showers have been wonderful even if others received more rain than we did.

Jessica spent last weekend with her daughter, Cindy, in Brownwood. Cindy and James had a garage sale Saturday so Jessica was a big help.

Glenda Phillips had lunch with Allen, Janice and family on Sunday. Glenda had to go to Abilene with Kali on Monday. Kali did the driving for Glenda. Glenda said it is really nice to have someone do the driving and Kali is a good driver. She should be, her grandpa taught her and Kendall to drive! They got back from Abilene in time to see Krista play basketball. They played two games. It was their last games for the summer. They have really improved. Kali and Charlie Rogers visited Glenda a while Monday night. She always enjoys all their visits.

It was good to get the rain out at the Ezzell Farm. It will sure help the grain come up and we can finish planting about 50 acres. Gardens and yards are doing good, too.

Bryan came for a few hours last week. Gynna dropped by for a few minutes on Monday. Benny came to get a supply of tomatoes. Linda got back from her trip to China last Saturday. She spent two weeks over there. Her mom, Olena, was soooo glad she got back safe and sound.

The Chesshir family has been behind in the rain everyone has had. They had two-tenths twice last weekend only four tenths on Monday! Jim and his stepson came last weekend. Jim sprayed Charlene's roses and shrubs. They had a strange little white insect on them. They fished Saturday afternoon and on Sunday. William caught a big fish both days.

Cowan and Laverne Hutton were invited to JD and Sandy's Friday evening June 25th for a grilled steak supper with all the trimmings. DELICIOUS! An extra treat was seeing their great-grandchildren, Dodge, Shellby, Lauren, and Hannah, who were spending the night with their grandparents, JD and Sandy.

LAVERNE'S DRUTHERS
 "If I had my druthers" clothing would come from the clothes dryer right side out. But that doesn't happen. Clothes come from the washer and dryer wrong side out, especially short sleeve shirts, skirts and underwear. You can be sure to put every piece of clothing into the washer with the right sides out. With all the swishing and swashing, rolling and tumbling, some where between the time you put clothing into the washer and take them from the dryer these garments are wrong side out! It doesn't matter if they were made from striped, colored, plaid or print material; heavy material; thin cotton or synthetic; they are wrong side out! Hummm-m, I wonder if a dryer had a reverse on it and one could put it in reverse the last few minutes, would that work? Socks usually stay right side out. However, one of each pair is good at performing a disappearing act.

There is another thing, too. You can search to remove every paper tissue from every pocket of every garment, yet one tissue evades your search and gleefully slips into the washing machine. One little tissue can go further than a glass of spilt milk! You discover this when you give each garment a good "shake". It looks like snow flakes falling everywhere! Still some will escape to the dryer. Wouldn't it be great if there was a buzzer on the washing machine that would sound an alarm when that little tissue slips into the washer?

A side from all these reducible complaints, isn't it wonderful that we have a washer and dryer. We don't have to get out our wash tubs, and rubboards and heat the water in a wash pot. We have a water heater to heat the water and we don't have to put clothes on the line in windy, hot or cold weather.

Lest we forget, we must count our blessing's daily. Ephesians 5:20 "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ."

GARDEN TIPS

By JAMES NICHOLS

Ever summer most gardens have a large selection devoted to delicious peppers of varying colors and shapes.

When harvested and roasted to sweet and savory perfection, these full-bodied flavors of New World natives have assumed a central role in many of the world's cuisine, and can transform an everyday meal into a flavorful feast.

Many varieties of sweet and spicy peppers in a multitude of

shapes and colors have become available, adding robust flavors and succulent textures to easy-to-prepare dishes. Cooking styles have concentrated on a wide range of fresh ingredients bringing fresh vegetables to the center of the plate. "Cano di Toro" or "bull's horn" peppers are excellent for grilling or broiling.

If sweet isn't your thing, let your hair down and take a bite of a hot one. It will light up your life!!!!

\$2 million available funds to be issued in technical and supervisory assistance grants

TEMPLE, Texas, June 30, 2004—Today, the last day of National Homeownership Month, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced the availability of \$2 million in technical and supervisory housing assistance to provide rural residents with additional home repair and homeownership opportunities.

"Homeownership is the cornerstone to the economy of rural communities," said Veneman. "This funding will help over 2,000 families to improve their overall quality of life, and help build a strong economic future for their family and community."

Bryan Daniel, State Director for USDA Rural Development in Texas, said, "Technical and Supervisory Assistance Grants offer expanded opportunities to help rural residents throughout Texas. Many rural Texans could benefit from homebuyer counseling and loan packaging which could be provided by organizations receiving this technical and supervisory grant assistance."

Veneman recently participated in several rural homeownership events as part of the national recognition by the Bush Administration of the economic and community benefits of homeownership. Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, over 188,000 families have received assistance with homeownership and housing

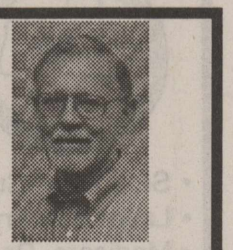
repair through USDA programs. These grants support programs of homeownership counseling, home loan packaging and delinquency counseling. A projected 25 to 30 different groups will receive the technical and supervisory assistance grants. An estimated 2,000 low-income families will benefit from USDA loans and grants allowing them to purchase their own home or make essential home repairs. Homebuyer training and counseling will also benefit thousands more who hope to become home owners in the near future.

The deadline to apply will be 30 days from the publication in the July 1, 2004 Federal Register. Community and faith-based and organizations are eligible to apply. For more information, please see Rural Development's website, www.rurdev.usda.gov. USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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By Bob Pipes
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My sermon title for this Sunday morning's period of worship "Fixing Spiritual Problems" (Part 2). Two Sunday's ago I explained the first step: recognize the problem, identify the problem, and solve the problem — which is really a "three steps-in-one" itself.

When Samson recognized that he had a problem, he identified the problem as having lost his hair (actually the loss of God helping him). He immediately set out to solve the problem by letting his hair grow back (actually by letting God "grow back in his life").

There are two other things that must accompany this step in order to really solve the problem: conviction and devotion. I'll share regarding these this Sunday morning, Lord willing.

We encourage you to share with us in all the times of Bible study and worship as we meet together. We really do care about you!

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 Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
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TUESDAY - Pork Chops w/Gravy, Diced Potatoes, Green Beans, Lemon Cake, Bread, Milk
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Salad, Potato Soup, Peaches, Sugar Cookie, Crackers, Milk
THURSDAY - Sloppy Joe on Bun, Potato Wedges, Pickles Spears, Apple Crisp, Milk
FRIDAY - Chicken & Dumplings, Peas & Carrots, Brussel Sprouts, Brownie, Bread, Milk

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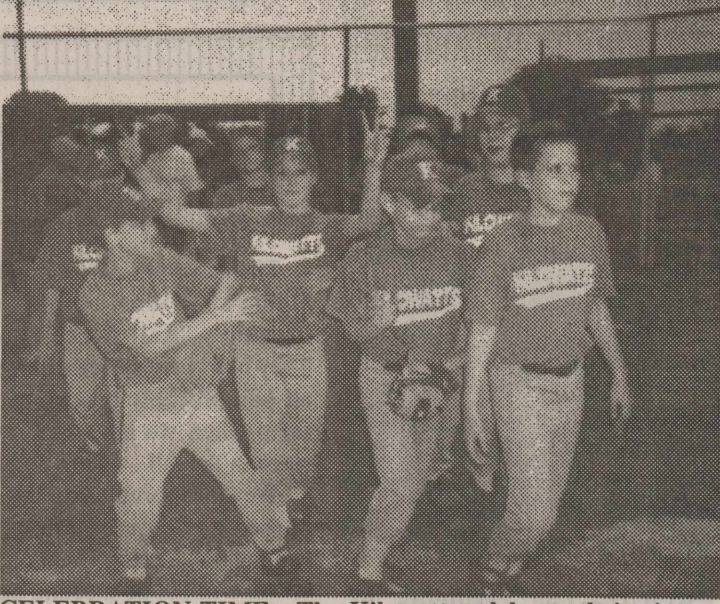
Kilowatts Win Cross Plains Tournament

On Tuesday, June 22, the Kilowatts took on the Buffs in what could be the last game of the series. The Kilowatts took the field first and Taylor Savell, pitcher for the Kilowatts, walked the first batter. The second batter hit the ball back to Savell who pitched it to Colton Rockett on 1st for the easy out. One Buff was able to score but two strike outs later, the Kilowatts were up to bat. Patrick Border singled to center and a Buff error allowed him to steal 2nd. Singles from Savell and Toney Kemp allowed Border to score. It was the only score for the Kilowatts in the first inning.

Savell took on four more Buff batters in the second. The one walk resulted in another score for the Buffs. Savell struck out the next three batters. Colton Rockett, first up for the Kilowatts, walked to 1st and stole 2nd and 3rd but was tagged stealing home. Dakota Bomar, Dakota Gilliam and Border had the bases loaded for the Kilowatts before the last batter was struck out resulting in no score in the second inning for the Kilowatts.

In the third, Savell walked one batter and struck out the next three Buffs. Savell was up first to bat and singled to center. He was able to steal 2nd and 3rd. Kemp, Terrah Augustine and Bomar walked allowing Savell to walk to home plate tying the score 2-2 at the end of the third inning of play.

The Buffs didn't have a chance to score in the fourth as Savell struck out three more batters. Scoring for the Kilowatts were



CELEBRATION TIME—The Kilowatts celebrate their victory over the Buffs. Pictured above are Jayton Ames (from left), Terrah Augustine, Dakota Bomar, Colton Rockett and Dakota Gilliam.

Border, Chad Switzer and Savell advancing the Kilowatts score to 5-2. Kemp was able to steal 2nd and 3rd before the third Kilowatt out ended the inning.

The Buffs were scoreless in the fifth inning as Savell took on another three batters. Border singled to right field to start the action for the Kilowatts. Switzer followed suit with a ball deep into center field that got him to second and allowed Border to score again. The score at the end of the fifth was 6-2.

The sixth inning was the last chance for the Buffs to score. Savell's fatigue was the break the Buffs needed to score. Two walks resulted in scores for the Buffs. Three strike outs later, it was over for the Buffs. Final score

Scoring for the Kilowatts were

Kilowatts 6, Buffs 4. The series ended with a record of 9 wins and 1 loss for the Kilowatts.

The Kilowatts want the thank their sponsor, Texas Heritage Bank, the coaches James Ames, James Ross and David Switzer, parents and fans for their support this season. The Kilowatt team will continue to play throughout the summer in other area tournaments and compete in an All Star game (TBA).

The Kilowatt team members include: Jayton Ames, Preston Armer, Terrah Augustine, Dakota Bomar, Patrick Border, Colton Gallaway, Dakota Gilliam, Toney Kemp, Colton Rockett, Taylor Savell and Chad Switzer.

Submitted by
Brenda Switzer

Lady Buff Basketball Camp July 19-22

The Lady Buff Basketball Camp has been scheduled for July 19-22 at the new Cross Plains High School Gym. The camp is for all girls going into 4th thru 9th grades.

Camp Times are:
4th-6th graders 9 a.m. - 12 noon
7th-9th graders 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The purpose of the camp is to teach and improve offensive and defensive fundamental skills and encourage a love for basketball.

The camp will be conducted by Coach Barry Gill and several Varsity Lady Buffs.

Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt (please contact Barry Gill at (254) 725-4964 with your t-shirt size) and a progress report. Cost of the camp is \$40.00. Make your checks payable to Lady Buff Basketball Camp, Barry Gill.

For additional information, please contact Barry Gill at (254) 725-6121 or (254) 725-4964.

Theater Presents "Pump Boys & Dinettes"

Cisco Junior College is reviving its long tradition of summer dinner theatre as Billy Smith, CJC Director of Theatre, and a talented company of performers bring "Pump Boys and Dinettes" to the Big Country Theatre at the Hilton in Cisco. It has been hailed as an original and fast paced country musical review and the New York production received rave reviews.

"Pump Boys and Dinettes", a play about life, love and good music, will be showing July 9-11, 16-18, 23-25 and 30-31. Friday and Saturday entertainment begins with dinner at 6:30 p.m. with curtain following at 7:30 p.m. Curtain for Sunday dessert matinees will be at 2:00 p.m. Dinner theatre tickets are \$15 and Sunday Matinee tickets are \$8.

For reservations call (254) 442-5000 or go online at www.cisco.cc.tx.us/dinner_theatre.html.

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Happy Birthday!

JULY 10
Connie Breeding Plummer
Angela Rector
Rick Kirkham
Candice Shae Bailey
Lisa Rutledge
Nathan Joy
Ann (Little) Beeler

JULY 14
James Ray Baugh
Robert Harris
Mary Kay Fortune Dunn
Steve Fortune
Patty Odum
Mrs. Alvin Hutchins
James Reed
Minnie Hamilton

JULY 11
Edna Burkett
Leslie McGowen
Roper Lee Belew
Freddy Tatom
Charles Wayne Kirkham
Leonard Jones
Delbert Strength
Rosa Marie Woody
Dixie Ingram
Don Roberts
Allison Paige Wilson
Justin Deion Whiteley

JULY 15
James Harold McMillian
Mrs. Lucille Hayes
May Clara Wellmaker
Mrs. Gayle Bradshaw
Charlie J. Woody
Alan Fleming
Jamie (Jones) Burud
Cody Pancake
Terri (Klingberg) Hunter
Michael Wayne Clark
Matthew Prickett
Clay Price-Coburn

JULY 12
Nicholas Dimitri
David Markham
Larry Melton
Doris Sheppard
Edwin Franke
Frank Taylor

JULY 16
Baylor Shane Pope
Billy Reed
Debra Lyn Childers
Cindy Roady Meyer
Jewel Newman
Randy Robison
Mrs. Jimmielee Payne
Mike Winfrey
Shelley (Horan) Mendez
Kay Evans
Mrs. John (Tina) Schaefer

JULY 13
Danny Kellar
James Foster
Rickey Dale Adams
Sandie Penn
James Green
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Drinking among adolescents a concern

By Patti J. Patterson, M.D.
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The use of alcohol by underage drinkers is a rising epidemic in communities across Texas. According to Kitty Harris, Ph.D., director of the Center for the Study of Addiction at Texas Tech University, alcohol is the drug abused the most and the earliest by adolescents. Many children have their first alcoholic drink between the ages of 12 and 13. Alcohol abuse has serious and lasting consequences for underage drinkers. In addition to the risks of engaging in illegal behavior, teenager drinkers face a number of physical and emotional problems caused by drinking.

"Underage drinkers can have serious health problems, their academics suffer, as do their relationships with family and friends," Harris said. "They can also experience developmental problems. Younger drinkers literally quit growing emotionally and socially, because alcohol becomes their way to cope. These young people miss out on all the usual adolescent opportunities to learn productive coping behaviors."

Harris said that too many parents minimize the seriousness of their children's abuse of alcohol and believe that alcohol is less dangerous than other kinds of drugs their children could be using. "The parents are mistaken, however," said Harris, "Alcohol is one of the most dan-

gerous drugs available in terms of consequences. Excessive drinking by adolescents is a leading contributor to sexually transmitted diseases and teenage pregnancies."

In a 1998 survey of secondary students conducted by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, almost half said that alcohol was "easy" to obtain, while an additional 37.5 percent responded that alcohol was "somewhat easy" to acquire. In the same survey, 17 percent of secondary students said that when they drink, they have five or more drinks at a time. Ten percent of survey respondents claimed to have attended at least one class while drunk.

Parents must actively protect their children from the dangerous consequences of alcohol abuse. Harris discourages parents from threatening their children, and instead encourages parents to create a plan setting clear expectations and enforcing consequences if children do not meet those expectations. The plan should start with parents talking to their children about the dangers of underage drinking, letting children know the consequences of their drinking, and monitoring their children's activities to decrease the likelihood of their engaging in underage drinking.

"Consistency from parents is important," Harris said. "Parents must enforce the rules. The impact of a parent on a child's life is immeasurable."

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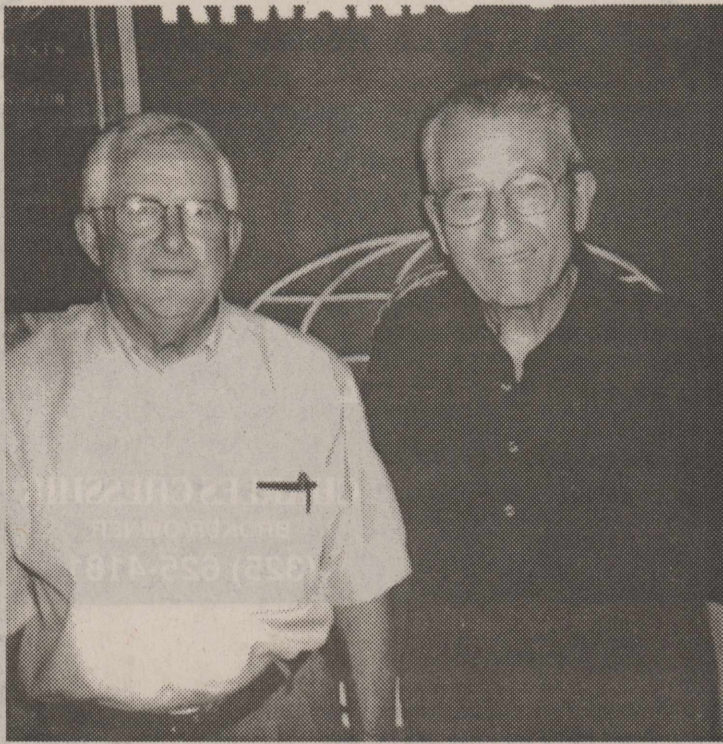
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KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—Judge Roger Corn (left) updated the Cross Plains Kiwanis on the latest activity at the Callahan County Courthouse on June 29. Corn asked for help in eliminating the unfounded mandates by the legislature. He is shown with the president of the club, Ike Neal. The Kiwanis meetings are open to the public each Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn.

Sales & use tax totals down in fourth quarter of 2004

The Texas sales and use tax analysis for Callahan County has been reported for the fourth quarter of 2003 by State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn's office on Monday, July 5.

Strayhorn reported gross sales, for all industries in Callahan County, for the fourth quarter of 2003 at \$28,403,892 which was 6.8 percent lower than the gross sales of \$30,469,440 reported during the fourth quarter of 2002. Gross sales are the total amount of all sales, leases and rentals of tangible personal property and all labor and service charges made during the reporting period.

Use tax purchases for the fourth quarter of 2003 for all industries in Callahan County amounted to \$68,470. Use tax purchases are the cost of all taxable items removed from inventory for personal or business use and all purchases on which no Texas sales tax was paid or use tax accrued.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax in the fourth quarter of 2003 in Callahan County was \$7,189,987. The amount subject to state sales and use tax is calculated by taking taxable sales and adding use tax purchases.

The number of business locations in Callahan County, with a sales and use tax permit which filed a return, was 482. There were 520 permits issued during the same quarter the previous year.

The gross sales for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the fourth quarter of 2003 was \$13,258,659 which is 11.2 percent lower than the 2002 fourth quarter gross sales of \$14,927,680.

The use tax purchases for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the fourth quarter of 2003 was \$22,169.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax for the fourth quarter of 2003 was \$5,259,580 for the retail trade division in Callahan County.

The number of reporting outlets in the retail trade division in Callahan County totalled 270 for the fourth quarter of 2003. There were 293 reporting outlets during the same quarter in 2002.



OUTSTANDING COORDINATOR—Debra Rector, right receives the Texas Transit Association's Outstanding Public Transportation Coordinator (PTC) Award for 2003. Rector, the Texas Department of Transportation Abilene District's public transportation coordinator, received the award during the recent annual TTA conference in El Paso. Presenting the award is Norma Zamora, the TTA Vice President for Urban Transit.

Callahan Co. Coordinator takes TXDOT State Award

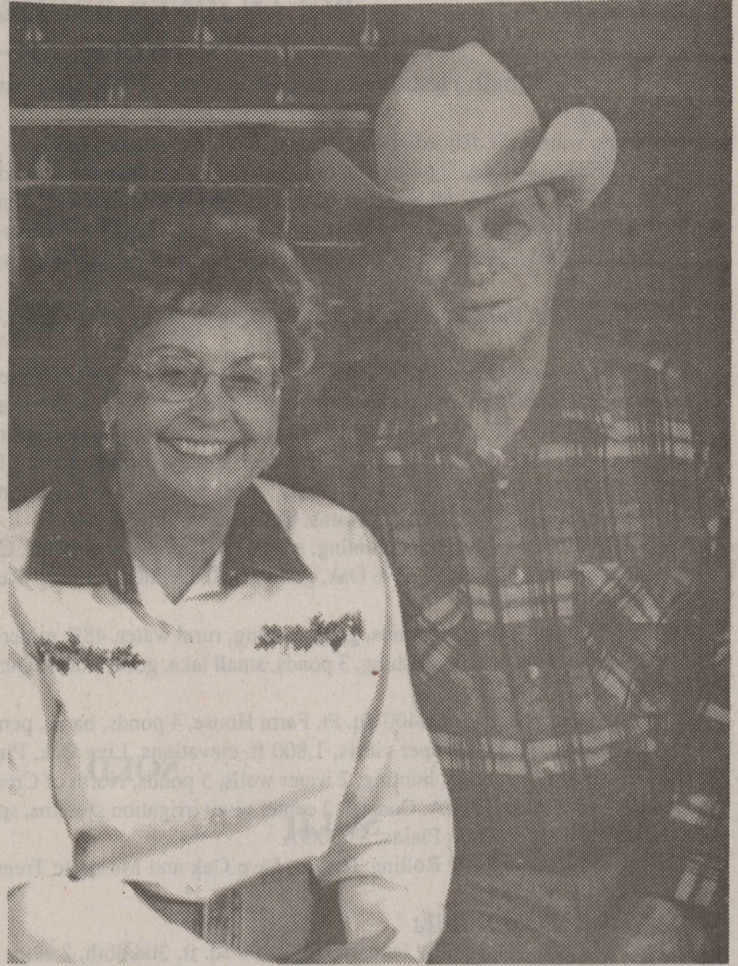
ABILENE, Texas - Debra Rector, Abilene District public transportation coordinator and Clyde resident, has been named the Outstanding Public Transportation Coordinator for 2003 by the Texas Transit Association.

Rector, a 15-year Texas Department of Transportation employee, became the district's PTC in August 1998. She works hand-in-hand with nine public transit agencies in the district's 13-county area. The rural provider in Callahan County that comes under her area of responsibility is Central Texas Rural Transit District.

In her position, Rector ensures regulatory compliance, answers questions and often addresses problems and issues that arise from time to time. She is in effect, the information and communications liaison between the State and local public transit.

TTA selected Rector based on her longevity of service, promotion of good relations, willingness to understand and promote local public transit, and her understanding of local public transit.

She was nominated for the outstanding Public Transportation Coordinator's award by the transit agencies she serves. The award was bestowed on her during the TTA annual conference awards luncheon held recently in El Paso. Rector is married to Jim, a Clyde city councilman and vice principal at Clyde High School. Their son Trent is a senior at Clyde high.



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Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Winfrey Celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Winfrey cordially invite you to join in the special evening honoring Peggy and Glenn on 50 years of marriage Saturday, July 10, at Family Life Center, First Baptist Church, 301 North Main, Cross Plains. The celebration will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with a meal provided. Your presence will be gift enough.

Over 2,000 families expected to benefit from housing assistance

TEMPLE, Texas, June 30, 2004—Today, the last day of National Homeownership Month, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced the availability of \$2 million in technical and supervisory housing assistance to provide rural residents with additional home repair and homeownership opportunities.

"Homeownership is the cornerstone to the economy of rural communities," said Veneman. "This funding will help over 2,000 families to improve their overall quality of life, and help build a strong economic future for their family and community."

Bryan Daniel, State Director, for USDA Rural Development in Texas, said, "Technical and Supervisory Assistance Grants offer expanded opportunities to help rural residents throughout Texas. Many rural Texans could benefit from homebuyer counseling and loan packaging which could be provided by organizations receiving this technical and supervisory grant assistance."

Veneman recently participated in several rural homeownership events as part of the national recognition by the Bush Administration of the economic and community benefits of homeownership. Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, over 188,000 families have received assistance with homeownership and housing repair through USDA programs. These grants support programs of homeownership counseling, home loan packaging and delinquency counseling. A projected 25 to 30 different groups will receive the technical and supervisory assistance grants. An estimated 2,000 low-income families will benefit from USDA loans and grants allowing them to purchase their own home or make essential home repairs. Homebuyer training and counseling will also benefit thousands more who hope to become home owners in the near future.

The deadline to apply will be 30 days from the publication in the July 1, 2004 Federal Register. Community and faith-based and organizations are eligible to apply. For more information, please see Rural Development's website, www.rurdev.usda.gov.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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