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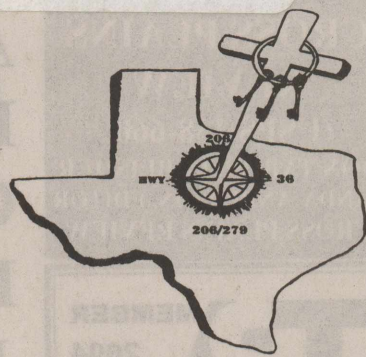
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DOWN HOME

"Does Height Matter?"

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Mary Dunn, a Cross Plains resident and long-time friend, inspired me to write this story about being "short". That is something the two of us have in common and we were talking about its positives and negatives, from a female perspective.

What brought this about was a program demonstrating how to disguise ladies' figure problems. I didn't understand why they told about every shape and height except the short and wide. That one, I really needed to know.

Maybe there wasn't a lot they could do about the situation? Then we started naming the advantages and disadvantages in being short.

As far as clothing is concerned, usually everything is too long, but at least you can alter it. Thank God for petite sizes, it is great to actually buy a pair of pants that don't have to be hemmed. Clothing made overseas sometimes has shorter sleeves, etc. and that works well for us.

You hardly ever have to be concerned about hitting your head on anything. If by chance you do, it is such a surprise that you don't realize you're hurt.

You usually don't notice anything above your eye level, thus accumulated dust, etc. on tall appliances, furniture, etc. are never discovered. You know the old saying, "Out of sight, out of mind." My son-in-law, Chris, is always teasing me about how dirty the top of my refrigerator is. Of course, he has a great view from where he stands. I've never seen it except from a step-stool.

We never have to watch out for ceiling fans, either. Kye has cut his hands twice lately in the ceiling fan.

Finding a date or mate taller than us is no problem. If I am ever taller than anyone, I feel like a giant. Children love to tell you, "I'm as tall as you!" Well, that is not much of an accomplishment at 5'2". I could be passed off as a twelve year-old until I was about twenty.

Thank goodness the seats adjust on vehicles, because that last notch is the one needed to reach the accelerator. Of course, tall people just love to get in the car after us. They have to fold up like an accordion to fit inside and then re-adjust everything. However, us "munchkins" fit well into those little back seats or extended cabs where there is very little leg room. Now you know where we are expected to ride.

When you are petite you have to utilize whatever is available to reach items stored up high. I've learned to use spatulas and all kinds of cooking utensils, the broom, whatever, to reach the top shelves. And then there is our handy-dandy foot-stool that saves the day. You can't make it without this necessity.

Unfortunately, we always have

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A New Church in Town Full Gospel Cowboy Church

A Full Gospel Cowboy Church is beginning in Cross Plains, at Treadway Park, behind the Cross Plains Roping Club Arena. Len Smith will serve as the pastor.

You are invited to come join them on Sunday mornings at 10:00 starting July 18th.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Come as you are.

If you have any questions, please call (254) 725-6446 or write Cross Plains Cowboy Church, P.O. Box 535, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Cross Cut Reunion to be Held This Sunday, July 18, at Cross Plains

The Annual Cross Cut Reunion will be held Sunday, July 18, 2004, at the Cross Plains Community Center. All alumni, friends and family are invited to attend this event, as we enjoy a covered dish luncheon and silent auction followed by the annual business meeting of the Cross Cut

Cemetery Association.

Lunch is at noon but the doors will be open at 9:00 a.m. for those wanting to drop off their covered dishes and/or items for the silent auction. Please call Anita Newton Lane at (254) 918-7288 for more information or to be placed on the mailing list.

Men's Outing at First Baptist Church July 20

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.

Bench Dedication for Dusty Ryan Hargrove Saturday, July 31st

There will be a Memorial Bench Dedication for Dusty Ryan Hargrove on Saturday, July 31, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains High School lawn.

The Class of 1998 will be holding a small class meeting afterwards with barbecue at David Reed's home (across from

Jackie Pancake's house). There will be Reed's famous steaks and sausage and Joe's famous brisket as well.

Everyone is invited to attend. You may bring side dishes if you would like.

Submitted by
David Reed

Election, alternate judges approved in County

Callahan County Commissioners appointed a list of election judges, alternate judge and polling places for the election period of August 2004 through July 2005.

The commissioners took the action Monday, July 12 during the commissioners' court meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Tommy Holland and second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, commissioners voted 4-0 to make the appointments.

The list of presiding judges and alternate judges include:

Precinct #1: Anita Chapman, Presiding Judge; and Silas Tucker, Alternate Judge.

Precinct #2: Joy Fiscus, Presiding Judge; and Pat Logan, Alternate Judge.

Precinct #3: Linda Kendrick, Presiding Judge; and Johanna May, Alternate Judge.

Precinct #4: John Swift, Presiding Judge; and Dorothy Petty, Alternate Judge.

Precinct #5: Meta Isenhower, Presiding Judge; and Beth Petty, Alternate Judge.

Precinct #6: Sharon Gage, Presiding Judge; and Fannie Froman, Alternate Judge.

Precinct #7: Trent Gee, Presiding Judge; and Shirley Landers, Alternate Judge.

Early Ballot: Dorthy Watson, Presiding Judge; and Suzee Odom, Alternate Judge.

Callahan County polling places for the period August 2004 through July 2005 include:

Precinct #1: Clyde Lions Club, FM 18 & Rusk Street, Clyde.

Precinct #2: Eula Lions Club, FM 603 South, Clyde.

Precinct #3: Baird Housing Authority, 401 Chestnut, Baird.

Precinct #4: Cross Plains City Hall, 201 Main, Cross Plains.

Precinct #5: Putnam Community Center, 120 West Travis, Putnam.

Precinct #6: Clyde Southside Baptist Church, FM 604 South, Clyde.

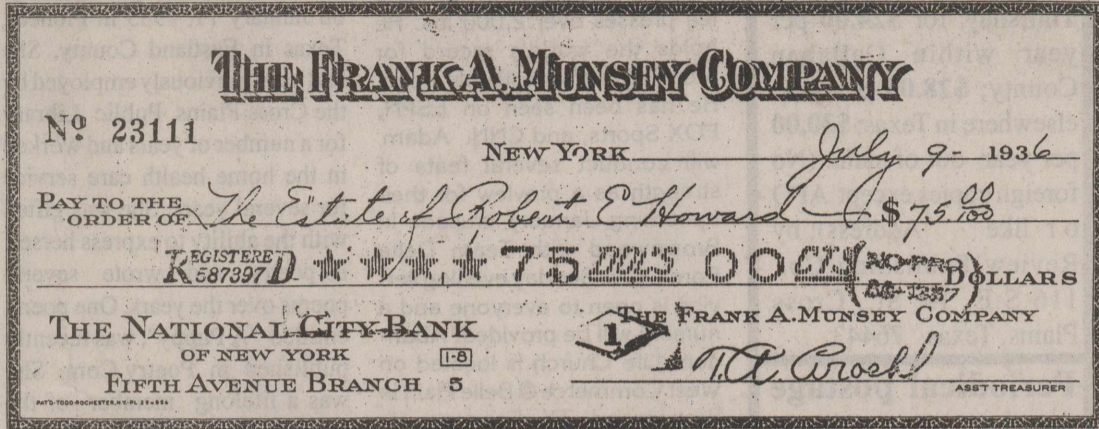
Precinct #7: Oplin Community Center, Oplin.

Early Voting: Baird Courthouse Room #107, 100 West 4th St., Baird.

Branch Early Voting: Clyde Justice of the Peace Office, 318 North First Street, Clyde.

Branch Early Voting: Cross Plains Justice of the Peace Office, 424 South Main, Cross Plains.

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VALUABLE DOCUMENT: Pictured is a check from a publisher issued to the estate of Robert E. Howard acknowledging acceptance of an article he had submitted for publication before his death in 1936. This one, along with others, will be displayed at the Howard House when it is open.

Project Pride Receives Valuable Documents

Robert Weinberg of Chicago, Illinois, writer, collector, and owner of "Weird Tales" magazine was an honored guest of Project Pride for the Howard Days festivities in June this year. Mr. Weinberg is considered to have one of the best Howard collections in the world. While here he presented Project Pride several canceled checks and file cards that document transactions between Howard and magazine publishers during the early thirties.

The following article written by Mr. Robert Weinberg explains the value and significance of the gift.

In the 1920s and 1930s the pulp magazines served as the chief source of inexpensive reading for the majority of Americans. Price was anywhere from 5 to 25 cents. They offered a book's worth of reading for a fair price. Except for a few very successful publications, pulps didn't have much money. They were understaffed and everyone working for the magazine, from writers to artists to layout men and editors, were underpaid. Magazines were put together in a rush, oftentimes just getting to the printers a few days before they were due on the newsstands.

Needless to say, paperwork was kept to a minimum. When a writer wrote a story for a pulp magazine, he didn't get back a

contract with clauses listing all rights the magazine was buying and what rate they were paying. Instead, the writer received a check. On the back of the check, where the writer endorsed it, the rights bought were printed out. The amount on the check signified the word rate the writer was being paid. Thus, the only information we have about what specific writers were paid by the pulps is on the checks they signed and then cashed. Most companies didn't have huge storage facilities, so every few years they destroyed the checks, making room for new documents to be destroyed a few years later.

Thus, the checks served as the only contracts for stories sold by writers to the pulps. The front of the check said what story it was buying, and the endorsement on the back of the check signified that the writer agreed to the deal. In many cases, the endorsement signatures on those checks are the only examples that exist of certain writers' signatures. And, unfortunately, most companies destroyed their checks.

Two companies, Munsey Publications and Popular Publications, kept all their checks. I serve as archivist for both those companies. Robert E. Howard only sold a few stories to magazines published by those companies. Those few checks signed by Howard were sold in a

massive housecleaning held by the company in 1980. However, several checks were kept. Though not signed by Howard himself, they are a link to his career and his rising status in the pulp market, as some of the payment amounts were far more than the usual penny a word most writers earned in the 1930s.

These checks are unique in that they are the only solid records of what Howard was paid by pulp publishers during his career.

Along with these checks are a number of index cards from the same magazines. These index cards were kept in office files of the big publishers to keep track of how much they paid authors for stories, so that they had a running record of how much that author had earned from their company. Again, only a small handful of companies kept their records from the 1930s, and in a lifetime of collecting these are the only such cards for Robert E. Howard's work I've ever located.

These checks and these cards are unique one-of-a-kind items dealing with Robert E. Howard's career. There are no others. Because of what they reveal about Howard's success, I felt that they belong with the Project Pride collection, examples of what Howard received in the mail every time one of his stories was sold.



CRYSTAL DAVIS

Jones Real Estate Announces New Agent

Jones Real Estate is proud to announce their newest agent, Crystal Davis.

Crystal is a graduate of Cisco Junior College with an Associates Business Degree/Real Estate and now she is in the process of obtaining her appraisal certification.

Submitted by
Ginny Hoskins

Flea Market at Cross Plains Public Library

The flea market at the Cross Plains Public Library's north building got off to a slow start in June, but business really picked up July 3 with two new vendors joining the fun.

"We hope this will catch on as people come to realize we're not selling just ordinary fleas here; these are purebred, top quality, locally raised fleas," said one vendor.

All kidding aside, there are new items every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, and we'll be open from 8:00 a.m. til 12 noon, rain or shine. We have dishes, pots and pans, bedding, office equipment, small furniture items—not to mention books, of course.

Stop by and see us, and you just might find that one item you can't live without!

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Athlete Evangelist Coming to Brownwood July 18th

A special community youth service with athlete evangelist Adam Brassfield will be held at Abundant Life Church Sunday evening July 18th at 6:00 p.m. As an athlete evangelist Adam can bench press 500 lbs. and leg presses over 2,000 lbs. He holds the world's record for breaking bricks with his head. He has been seen on ESPN, FOX Sports, and CNN. Adam will conduct several feats of strength as a preview for their upcoming January crusade in Brownwood with Team Delta Force. This Sunday evening service is open to everyone and a nursery will be provided. Abundant Life Church is located on West Commerce @ Belle Plain in Brownwood, TX. For more information please call 325-643-4738 or visit the church's web site at abundantlifebrownwood.com or Adam Brassfield's web site at teamdeltaforce.org.

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OBITUARIES

Naomi McCowen

Naomi McCowen, 69, of Cross Plains, passed away July 11, 2004, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at the Pioneer Pavilion at the Pioneer Cemetery, with Matt McGowen officiating, assisted by Ronnie White.

Naomi was born to Charlie M. and Ruby E. (Curry) McCowen on January 11, 1935 in Pioneer, Texas in Eastland County. She had been previously employed by the Cross Plains Public Library for a number of years and worked in the home health care service for several years. She was gifted with the ability to express herself in poetry and wrote several poems over the years. One poem, entitled "A Puppy", was recently published in Poetry.Com. She was a lifelong member of the Pioneer Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include her four brothers, Burlie P. McCowen of Hawley, Jimmy V. McCowen, Bobby Jack McCowen and Reuben McCowen, all of Cross Plains; two sisters, Charlene McCowen of Brownwood and Bonita C. Horton of Burke, Virginia; numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one nephew, Charles V. McCowen.

Pallbearers were nephews, David McGowen, Danny McGowen, David P. McCowen, Bill McCowen, Jimmy D. McCowen, Mark S. McCowen, Ronald McCowen, Greg McCowen and James Horton, Jr.

Anita Shirley

Anita Shirley, 63, of Abilene, passed away Wednesday, July 7, 2004, after a brief battle with leukemia. She was born and raised in Cross Plains before moving to Baird for a short time and then to Abilene.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004, at the Church of Christ in Cross Plains, with burial in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Anita was born to Claude and Virgie Baugh on May 4, 1941. She married J.R. Shirley on March 26, 1983 in Cross Plains. She was employed at many different places, from managing a grocery store to the service department at two different car dealerships, to working at a craft store. There wasn't anything she couldn't do. Everyone who met her loved her. She was the best mother, sister, daughter and MeMaw anyone could ever ask for.

Survivors include her husband, J.R. Shirley; children and spouses, Eddie Hedrick and fiancée, Paula, of Abilene, Kim Jackson and husband, Eddie, of Winters, Kelley Howard and husband, Bill, of Odessa; step-children, Russell Shirley and wife, Renee, of Amarillo, Melinda Martin and husband, David, of San Angelo, and Melissa Williamson and husband, Danny, of Midland; her mother, Virgie Baugh of Abilene; two brothers, Johnny Baugh and wife, Melba, of Coleman, and Steve Baugh and wife, Dale, of Abilene; a sister, Claudette Ross and husband, R.Q., of Carlsbad, NM; nine grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews, as well as a host of special friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Claude Baugh, a niece and a nephew.

James Albert Cowan

James Albert Cowan, age 69, of Cross Plains, passed away Tuesday, June 29, 2004, in Abilene. Memorial services were held at noon Friday, July 2, 2004, at the Church of Christ Activity Center with Bob Pipes officiating.

He was born April 4, 1934 in Oilton, Oklahoma to Dow W. Cowan and Thelma F. (Cantrell) Cowan. He served in the U.S. Marines. He married Helen Higgins on July 29, 1956 in Rio Grand City.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Cowan, of Cross Plains; daughter, Cindy Cowan of Cross Plains; son, Darrell Cowan of Mission; brothers, Gene Cowan of Houston and Dean Cowan of Jopola, Mexico; seven grandchildren, Travis Bentsen and wife, Stacy, Mark Cowan, Matt Cowan, Edward Cowan, Christal Cowan, Christi Burrhus and Thomas "Tommy" Burrhus; and a great-granddaughter, Skler Bentsen.

He was preceded in death by a son, Daniel.

Ricky A. Beam

Ricky A. Beam, 45, of Bristol, Tennessee, formerly of Brady, died Wednesday, May 12, 2004.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 16, at Weaver Funeral Home in Bristol, Tennessee, with Dr. Austin Cook and the Rev. David Shinault officiating. Graveside services were held at Glenwood Mausoleum Chapel. He was interred in Glenwood Cemetery in Bristol, Tennessee.

Mr. Beam was born on March 10, 1959 in Brady, Texas. He was a 1977 graduate of Brady High School. He graduated from Howard Payne University in 1985 with a degree in Music Education. He was a former band director in Cross Plains, Trent and Rochester before moving to Tennessee. He was an employee of Cooper Automotive in Sargolinsville, Tennessee, and a member of Gateway Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hays Beam.

Survivors include his wife, Vickie Necessary Beam, of Bristol, Tennessee; a daughter, Kristina Beam of Spring; his mother, Velma Beam; sisters, Priscilla Colborn, Lydia Reeves and her husband, Billy Jack, Kelly Knight and her husband, Paul, all of Goldthwaite, Rhonda Lawson and husband, Damon, of Brownwood, and Janis Niccolis and her husband, Mark, of Seattle, Washington, and Cathy Scoggins of Tampa, Florida; brothers, Tom Clark and his wife, Mike, of Walla Walla, Washington, and Hays Beam and his wife, Barbara, of Brownwood; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Howard Payne University Ban Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 2369, Brownwood, Texas 76844.



KIWANIANS ENJOYED A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE—The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains enjoyed a preview Tuesday noon of the Big Country dinner Theater musical, *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, that is currently being presented at the Hilton/Mobley Hotel at Cisco each weekend. The group was guest of Kiwanians Bob Pipes and Charles Rodenburger (who had both seen the production last weekend). Casey Quinn, Nathan Woods, Billy Smith (Director), Dana, Lindsey and Lelsey Shearer (sisters), and Joshua Gilmore shared five of the some 20-25 songs that they present during each performance of the musical. Remaining dates for the performances are July 16-18, 23-25, and 30-31. For more information, call 254-442-5000.

Down Home

to stand on the front row of photos because everyone else towers above us.

A few days ago a friend handed me a spiritual tape from a conference she had attended and told me, "Be sure to listen to this!" She stated that the speaker was a lady about my height, and she was proof that dynamite comes in small packages. Do you

think she was trying to tell me something??? After listening to the tape, the speaker also personified "little, but loud".

This is a salute to all the "little people" out there. If God made us this way, He must have had a good reason. That is just another one of those million questions I have for Him. How about you?

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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

From the web site of Dwayne Savaya-God's Work Ministry.

This is a good message. Life should be enjoyed and looked at as a journey instead of a destination. We are to enjoy life as much as possible now and not think our happiness lies in the future. I hope this message ministers to your heart to take time now to enjoy life and relish the moments that we normally take for granted.

THE STATION

Tucked away in our subconscious minds is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long, long trip that almost spans the continent. We're traveling by passenger train, and out the windows we drink in the passing scene of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at a crossing, of cattle grazing on a distant hillside, of smoke pouring from a power plant, of row upon row of corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of mountains and rolling hills, of biting winter and blazing summer and cavorting spring and docile fall.

But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day at a certain hour we will pull into the station. There will be bands playing, and flags waving. And once we get there, so many wonderful dreams will come true. So many wishes will be fulfilled and so many pieces of our lives will finally be neatly fitted together like a completed jigsaw puzzle. How restlessly we pace the aisles, damning the minutes for loitering...waiting, waiting, waiting, for the station. However, sooner or later we

must realize there is no one station, no one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly outdistances us. "When we reach the station, that will be it!" we cry. Translated it means, "When I'm 18, that will be it! When I buy a new 450 SL Mercedes Benz, that will be it! When I put the last kid through college, that will be it! When I have paid off the mortgage, that will be it! When I win a promotion, that will be it! When I reach the age of retirement, that will be it! I shall live happily ever after!"

Unfortunately, once we get it, then it disappears. The station somehow hides itself at the end of an endless track. Relish the moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 118:24: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad. Rather, it is regret over yesterday or fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who would rob us of today.

So, stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot often,, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more and cry less. Life must be lived as we go along. The station will come soon enough.

By Robert J. Hastings

I encourage you to not think so far ahead. I greatly believe in planning our future, but when

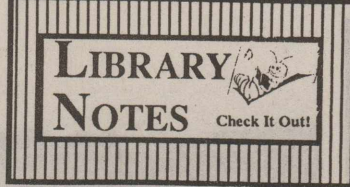
we live for the future, we are in turn shortchanging the blessings that are bestowed upon us in this present time. There's a great quote that says, "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, Today is a gift and that is why it is called the present." Think about the blessings that are all around you and take time to enjoy the right now part of your life. Don't allow yourself to only focus on things ahead, but slow down and take time to enjoy the journey that you're on today.

Scriptures for profitable meditation.

James 4:13-16 "Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; "You do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil."

Psalm 16:8-11 "I have set the Lord always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of Joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

Proverbs 4:5-7 "Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you. Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding."



Behind The Books

I heard a math riddle this week—see if you can solve it. What do all of the following add up to? 250 cookies, 33 kids, 25 authors, 20 volunteer, 20 packages of Kool-aid, 56 sandwiches, 8 boxes of macaroni and cheese, 32 hot dogs and buns, 25 illustrators, 3 pizzas, 60 prizes, 6 bags of chips, and about 300 books.

Did you get it figured out? It all adds up to a very successful "Read Aloud Cafe". And I heard some kids saying that they wished the Cafe would stay open all summer!!!

Don't you just love it when kids learn to love books? I do.

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July 6-9 Statistics	
Books:	40
Internet Users:	25
"Read Aloud Summer Reading Program"	
Patrons:	108
Books Checked Out	131
Honorarium:	
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Patron:	76
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Good health for you and your family

By Patti J. Patterson, M.D. Vice President for Rural and Community Health Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Rural living can mean many things for different people - caring neighbors, wonderful views, peace and quiet. But it can also mean some challenges, including staying healthy. A study from the Southern Medical Journal reported that women who live in rural areas are more likely to live in poverty, to report more health problems, and to be obese.

Obesity is one of the nation's biggest public health problems. More than two out of every three Americans are overweight and one in every three is obese. A person who is obese is significantly more likely to develop serious medical conditions such as heart disease, high cholesterol, arthritis-related disabilities, high blood pressure, and even some cancers.

Our children are also at risk for being overweight or obese, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that one in every three children born in 2000 will become diabetic unless they start to exercise more and eat less. For African American and Hispanic children, the news is even worse nearly half will probably develop the disease unless something changes. As the saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound

of cure, so it's important that we focus on how to improve our own health and that of our families. Be honest with yourself. Is your weight healthy? Do you get regular exercise? Do you choose healthy food to eat? What about your family?

If you are overweight, then it's important to address that issue. It's not necessary to go on a strict diet and start training for a marathon. Just make small adjustments along the way. For example, instead of drinking several sugary soft drinks a day, try to alternate a soft drink with a big glass of water. Drinking lots of water is even more important as summer arrives.

As for exercise, try to add a little activity throughout your day. Park farther away from the store and walk the extra distance. Now that the days are getting longer and the weather is warming up, you could take your family to the park or take the dog for a walk in the evening instead of watching television. That way, your furry friend gets to benefit as well.

Healthy eating takes a bit of planning, but now is a good time to start because of the abundant fresh fruit and vegetables. Strawberries and orange segments make tasty snacks after school, and every evening dinner should include some of the delicious vegetables available this time of year.

Judges

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Judge Roger Corn.

—The minutes of the June 28, commissioners' court meeting was approved as presented.

—There was no public comments received.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to table the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Trusteeship until the next meeting. Commissioner Bryan Farmer seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to take Private Road 2381, located in Precinct #2, into the County Road System as County Road 216. The road is in compliance to be accepted as a

county road. Commissioner Holland seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay all approved bills and Commissioner Holland seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting. Commissioner Farmer seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Those in attendance at the July 12 commissioners' court meeting included: Judge Roger Corn, Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tommy Holland, Dianne Alexander, County Treasurer; Jeanie Bohannon, County Clerk.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Wallace and Carol Bennett journeyed to Alpine, Texas to visit with Jeff and Mary Bennett over the July 4th Holiday. While there, we dined with Jack and Joan Ripper. Jack Ripper is an old classmate of mine and graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1942, Jack was the same old funny rascal as always and an evening with them was, as always, a real hoot.

We left Alpine to go on to visit Gary Bennett, another son, in Flagstaff, Arizona. I had forgotten that Arizona was almost all desert and was almost always burning. We saw two of the three fires burning in Arizona at the time and consuming acres and acres of desert mountains. One was at Safford, Arizona and the other was near Flagstaff. Both cast a red glow in the sky at night and made their own brand of firecrackers.

Well, the July 4th Independence Day celebration in Cottonwood was a success, reading from John Bennett's column the past week.

I understand that Margaret Chengson of Abilene won the quilt for the Cottonwood Quilting Club. I am sure she will enjoy it immensely.

Rev. Jess Bigbee, another

retired minister was on hand to say the devotion. Jess and Hazel are good members of the Cottonwood Community and we are thankful for their presence. For those who do not know, Rev. Jess is a former minister of the Cottonwood Baptist church.

The Cottonwood Baptist Vacation Bible school was a huge success, about 40 kids showed up for bible lessons and kool-aid.

A work day is scheduled for the Baptist Church for this coming Saturday. I'm sorry I don't know any other details. Everyone seems to be out of town for various reasons.

Cemetery Notes

Thanks to everyone who has responded to the request for information about veterans. Please call Beverly Brown if you know about kin folks of yours who are veterans (254) 725-7369. The cemetery folks are trying to place flags on all known graves for Veteran's Day.

(Please contact Wallace Bennett about news or personal items for this column (254) 725-7474. E-mail {HYPERLINK "mailto:csb5@airmail.net"}. Snail mail, 11093 County Road 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443)

PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies met at Earlene Burge and Jessica Stultz's home on Saturday for a luncheon. Everyone brought a delicious dish. Those who attended were Laverne Hutton, Jean Fore, Frankie Smith, Charlene Chesshir, and Billie Freeman. Others had previous commitments and health problems. Cindy and James Fuller came a few days earlier to help them finish work on the rooms. Earlene and Jessica have been working very hard to redo their house. They appreciate all the help the kids give. Aren't grandchildren wonderful! Sunday after church, Earlene and Jessica were in Brownwood to have dinner at DeeAnn and Andrew Chisholm's to celebrate Cindy's birthday. Michael and Jonathon Fuller were there as well as Cameron Chisholm. Cameron is Earlene's great-grandson. He is her good baseball player. Earlene is proud of all her

family. James and Jean Alexander had their children from Richardson visited over the 4th. Ashley enjoyed getting to drive through the fields. Jack put on a firework display for them all. Jim and Marla just enjoyed being in the country. They all had a great time.

D.P. and May Jones were in Corpus Christi visiting their son, Skip, and his family Kassie, Jacob, Jessie and Pate. Pate and Cam were visiting from Springfield, Missouri. The kids had fun going to the beach. May also visited Starr Appleton while in Corpus.

We are in need of some rain! It is getting very dry. Some of the gardens are burning up.

There should be "dominos" at the community center on July 22. Come out for food and fun.

No one else sent articles, so this is it for this week. You all have a good one!!!

RIISING STAR NURSING NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT

The vacation trip is over and its back to the real world. I would like to thank Johnnie Elliott, Angie Williams and Ray Dodd for doing the activities with the residents.

We have a new resident we would like to welcome back. Annie South was with us once before. After receiving Nursing Care and physical therapy she was able to go home. It was sad to hear she had fallen and had to go to the hospital. Her spirits are high and she knows she will once again improve so she can return to her home. We love you Annie.

Appreciation to our special friend for the pretty July baskets.

Everyone is enjoying the beautiful ferns that Betty Callaway brought us.

The residents are looking forward to Friday. We will be having ice cream sundaes.

We had three residents to black out during our bingo game Monday. Congratulations to Irene Starkey, Rozell Gary and Willie Wilson. Each received a gift.

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GARDEN TIPS

By JAMES NICHOLS

Pollinators

Nature has many wild workers. If you watch the insects activities around your flower's and garden, you will notice that there are other pollinators other than the Honey Bee, there will be robust hairy bumble bee's, small mining bees, metallic-hued sweat bees, bee mimicking flies, butterflies, wasps, and beetles all working hard to pollinate your flowers and garden.

Pollination, a fortunate by-product of insects. Nectar feeding and pollen collections, is essential to the continued

existence of many plants. When insects reach for the sweet juices of the flowering plants while gathering food, they walk all over the flower parts, actively and passively collect pollen and transpiring to other flower and plants.

The wind can play a large part in the fertilization especially in tomatoes, when they start blooming start at the top and give large limbs a good shake. This will allow the pollen to settle down on the lower bloom. This will some times give you a earlier start on setting tomatoes.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JULY 19 - 23

MONDAY - Chili w/Beans, Tossed Salad, Cottage Cheese w/Pears, Peanut Butter Cookie, Crackers, Milk
 TUESDAY - Oven Fried Chicken, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Banana Pudding, Bread, Milk
 WEDNESDAY - Meatloaf, Macaroni & Tomatoes, Steamed Peas, Fruit Cocktail, Bread, Milk
 THURSDAY - Chicken Rice Casserole, Tossed Salad, Carrots, Cherry Cobbler, Bread, Milk
 FRIDAY - Taco Meat, Tossed Salad, Refried Beans, Gelatin, Flour Tortilla, Milk

2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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Some little boys got together on a vacant lot to play baseball. Two were selected as captains, the big brother of one was selected to umpire. One father asked the other captain, "Won't that cause a problem?" "No," replied the boy, "He's his brother, but he's my friend."

More than 3500 years ago, a man named Job, beset with many problems, cried out for an "umpire"—someone who could stand between him and God — but those who came were unfair and inadequate. Then 1,600 years later, an angel came to a virgin in Galilee and promised her a son who would be the "umpire" (mediator) between God and man. His real father was God Himself, but He had to be born of woman, had to be both human and divine in order to understand both God and man's case and to help man know that He understood both sides and that He would be fair in His dealings, His decisions.

I'm glad we have a "Umpire" like that, aren't you? I'd like to share much more about this Man of Galilee with you — even as early as this Sunday — or even sooner if you will let me know.

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!

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **July 15, 2004** beginning at **7:00 p.m.** in the High School Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- Call meeting to order
1. Prayer
2. Minutes
3. Open Forum
4. Discuss and take action on Student Handbook/Student Code of Conduct
5. Discuss and take action on Teacher Handbook
6. Discuss and take action on Deed Without Warranty from Callahan County Tax A/C
7. Discuss and take action on Dennis house
8. Executive Session

9. Personnel
 - A. Hire New Teachers
 - B. Other Personnel Issues
10. Review Financial Report
11. Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on June 10, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.

Lady Buff Basketball Camp Coming Soon

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.**

Early Childhood Education is a Sound Investment

"Eighty-five percent of a child's core brain structure is formed by the age of 3," states Sandy Dochen, a corporate relations manager for IBM. "Less than 4 percent of public investments on education and development occur during that same time. It's time for us to see early education investments as critical to the future success of our children and a tool for economic development."

"Quality education and care programs contribute to the overall health and well-being of children and families," argues Dochen in an article for the Texas Lone Star Forum. "Children who are exposed to quality learning settings during their critical first years experience increased school success. Parents are able to maintain employment, knowing that their children are in a safe, supportive environment."

"Children who don't receive a quality childhood experience have more trouble in school and with the law," he continues. "Society must bear these costs. By investing in early preschool programs, children are less likely to be school dropouts, dependent on welfare or arrested for criminal activity."

The Waisman Center's Institute for Research on Poverty finds that for every \$1 invested in high quality center-based early education and care, communities save approximately \$7 through the increased likelihood that children will be literate, socially well adjusted, employed and

enrolled in postsecondary education. A study by Art Rolnick and Rob Grunewald of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis found that communities that invest in education increase their chance for economic growth. Investing in quality early education and care programs can bring an inflation adjusted public return of 12 percent. "No other economic development initiative has such a high rate of return," Dochen claims.

"Investing in early childhood programs means taxpayers will pay less for welfare and remedial education programs," Dochen says. "Communities will see savings in the criminal justice system, the public school system and increased tax revenue."

"Police chiefs from across the country advocate for increased spending for early education as a strategy for reducing youth violence and crime and enabling children to reach their full potential," he says. "Here, businesses are a growing voice of support. Business leaders realize the direct connection between early childhood education and a sustainable, productive workforce."

"We must work to ensure that our communities are investing in the welfare of our children," Dochen concludes. "We must invest our money where we will see the highest returns. Investing in early education and care programs will allow us to compete on a national and global scale."



Kilowatts Play in Early Tournament—Savell waits on 1st base for Toney Kemp to hit the ball. Kilowatts do well in Post Season Play

The Kilowatts welcomed three new members at the end of regular season play: Cody Ford, Juaquin Ramirez and Alan Wheeler all from the CATS team.

Since the local championship victory June 22, the Kilowatts have had several scrimmages with area teams and participated in the Early tournament. On July 1, the Kilowatts played a double-header at Early. The first game was played with an older and more experienced Comanche team and the second with the Coleman Tigers who placed 1st in the Coleman tournament. The game with Coleman was a better match-up for the Kilowatts. The Kilowatts got in some practiced with some position changes with their new teammates. Pitching were Taylor Savell and Juaquin Ramirez. Cody Ford played 1st base and Alan Wheeler was at shortstop. After six innings, the close game ended 3-2 in favor of the Tigers. The umpires were overheard saying, "That was a GOOD GAME!"

Saturday, July 10, a ten car caravan took the Kilowatts to Coleman to play another double-header with two Coleman teams. The action started at 0900 and the second game again, was played

against the Tigers. Cody Ford, Alan Wheeler, Patrick Border and Taylor Savell did a superb job pitching for the Kilowatts. The infielders and outfielders saw action Saturday and stayed busy returning long drives. At the end of the second inning, it wasn't looking good for the Kilowatts as they were behind 0-4. The noon-day heat was bearing down and the Kilowatts warmed up and started hitting the ball. Every Kilowatt got a hit or walked and had a chance to run the bases. Highlights included a line drive to Chad Switzer on 3rd who tagged the runner for an out. Switzer tossed the ball to Toney Kemp on 2nd for a double play. Taylor Savell soared a ball deep to center that hit the ground and bounced over the fence. Per regulations, it was a two-base hit. Dakota Gilliam hit a two RBI single down the right field line allowing Alan Wheeler and Taylor Savell to score. This time the Kilowatts spanked the Tigers at home with a 15-9 victory.

The Kilowatts look forward to the upcoming district tournament and all star game TBA. Come out and support Cross Plains Little League!

Submitted by
Brenda Switzer

American Cancer Society sponsors camp for children with cancer

AUSTIN—Many Americans at some time in their lives are diagnosed, or know someone who is diagnosed with cancer. Sadly, many will be children. Dealing with cancer as a child can be especially challenging. Childhood cancer is often more complex; therefore, treatment can be much more difficult. To help the children through this battle, the American Cancer Society sponsors a special camp experience that is designed exclusively for children with cancer - Camp Discovery.

Camp Discovery is held at Texas Lions Camp located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country in Kerrville. The camp is an excellent way for the children with cancer to adapt to a new environment while meeting other children that are in very similar situations. While having fun and learning new things, the children also gain self-esteem and valuable life skills.

As a camper, each child will have the opportunity to experience swimming, canoeing, archery, tennis, softball, dance,

arts and crafts, nature appreciation, storytelling around the campfire—all the activities that make-up a normal summer camping experience. Camp Discovery gives these kids an understanding of being away from the comfort of their home and the guidance of their parents, while preparing for the real world.

Volunteer counselors help these children appreciate their capabilities while developing awareness and acceptance of their illness. While encouraging independent expression and interest the counselors motivate the kids to be individuals and not lose hope.

Camp dates are scheduled July 11-17, 2004. Approximately 135 Texas children, ages 7 through 16 will attend Camp Discovery. Enrollment priority is given to those with the most recent cancer experience. For more information on childhood cancer or patient services programs call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Tarleton Names Honor Roll and Distinguished Students

STEPHENVILLE, TX—The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Students list for the Spring 2004 semester has been released at Tarleton State University.

Dr. Gary Peer, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University, released the names of students recognized on both the Stephenville and Killeen campuses.

Students listed on the A Honor Roll maintained a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system while taking a minimum of 12 hours.

Those designated as Distinguished Students include freshman and sophomore students with a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and

juniors and seniors with a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C who are in good standing.

Area students recognized include (A - A Honor Roll; D - Distinguished Student):

- Baird**
Caleb J. Walls, D
Clyde
Misty Johnson, A,D
Tommy Farmer, D
Hal Hoogstra, D
Cross Plains
Rachel T. O'Dell, D
Mary J. Nickerson, D
May
Mickey D. Harris, D
Rising Star
Leah C. Phillips, A, D
Carl D. Banta, D

Summer is a time for students to learn, work, and grow

You did it! You studied hard, you got accepted to college. Now, all that stands between you, the dorm, and college professors is the summer.

What are your summer plans? The summer before college is a great opportunity to earn some extra money, explore the world, volunteer, or just take some time to relax before fall classes begin. Here are some ideas on what to do this summer:

Work.
Find a summer job in the field that interests you to help earn some extra money, or to help pay for the upcoming college semester. One place to begin your job search is on-line at www.jobgusher.com.

JobGusher is tailored to those looking for summer or entry-level employment and internships.

Volunteer.
Helping others can broaden a student's perspective on the world, break down barriers of misunderstanding and fear, and explore personal and societal issues. Volunteering also provides valuable life experience and skills, and can be a lot of fun. To find volunteering opportunities in your community you can look in the local phone book or contact churches, synagogues, and nonprofit organizations.

Travel.
What better way to spend your summer than traveling and exploring new places? Travel is a great way to foster independence, explore new places, or learn a new language. There are a number of summer camp and international travel opportuni-

ties available to students. These programs often offer cultural awareness, volunteering, and educational programs, in addition to sight-seeing.

Read.
If your summer plans will take you no further than your backyard or local swimming pool, you can still expand your horizons by choosing a few good books to read. This is a chance for you, not your high school English teacher, to pick books that interest you. Choose a classic, such as One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, a biography, such as Leap of Faith: Memories of an Unexpected Life the autobiography of Queen Noor Al Hussein of Jordan, or choose a poem by Emily Dickinson.

Whatever you choose to do for the summer, just enjoy it.


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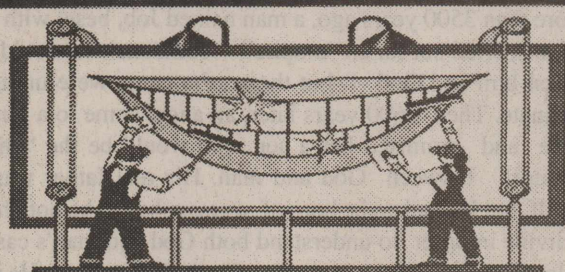
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UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Apr.	May
	3.4%	3.5%
Total Labor Force	6,495	6,575
Total Employed	6,271	6,343
Total Unemployed	224	233

May jobless rate rises to 3.5%

The unemployment rate in Callahan County for the month of May 2004 rose one-tenth of one percent to 3.5 percent, according to jobless figures released Monday, July 12 by the Texas Workforce Commission.

The Texas Workforce Commission also reported the City of Clyde's unemployment rate for May. According to the Workforce Commission, Clyde had 1,645 employed and 47 or 2.8 percent unemployed during the month of May. Clyde's unemployment rate last month was 2.7 percent.

Of the 6,575 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 6,342 were employed during May 2004, and 233 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 3.5%. The county's unemployment rate one year ago in May 2003 was 4.8%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.4% in April 2003. Of the 6,495 civilian labor force in the county during April, 6,271 had jobs while 224 or 3.4% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 3.6 percent in March 2004, 4.0 percent in February, 4.3 percent in January 2004, 3.8 percent in December 2003, 4.3 percent in November, 3.9 percent in October 2003, 3.7 percent in September, 4.5 percent in August, 4.6 percent in July, and 4.8 percent in June, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and

those counties' unemployment rates for May 2004 include: Brown, 3.9%; Coleman, 5.8%; Eastland, 3.5%; Jones, 2.7%; Runnels, 3.5%; Shackelford, 1.6%; Stephens, 3.2%; and Taylor County, 3.4%.

The Texas jobless rate nudged upward in May to 5.7 percent from 5.6 percent in April. This over-the-month rate increase of one-tenth of a percentage point reflects a return to a more normal April-to-May change than has been observed in recent years. This is the first time the rate has remained below 6.0 percent for two consecutive months since December 2001. Nationally, the United States' jobless rate slipped from 5.4 percent in April to 5.3 percent in May—the lowest rate since September 2001. The U.S. rate was five-tenths of a percentage point lower than last May's rate of 5.8 percent.

The state's unemployment rate for May 2004 was 5.7 percent, up from the 5.6 percent rate in April 2004. The state's civilian labor force was 10,919,000 in May with 10,296,900 employed and 622,100 unemployed. The state's unemployment rate in May 2003 was 6.6 percent.

The United States unemployment rate was 5.3% in May 2004. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of April 2004 was 5.4%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in May 2003 was 5.8%.

Ranch Estate Planning Seminar set in College Station

"A properly drawn estate plan may save many ranch families over \$200,000 in estate taxes." This statement made by Wayne A. Hayenga, Texas Extension Economist and Attorney, assumes a lot of information: a married couple who "like each other" and want to care for each other, who have a ranch worth \$1 million or more, and want to pass it on to their children.

This is an eye opening fact for many ranchers. In fact, many people only worry about estate planning if they hear of a friend's "problem" in selling a ranch to pay estate taxes. "But," Hayenga continued, "for many families the estate tax savings are not as large as income tax savings if they have a properly prepared estate plan."

A seminar discussing these complicated tax topics will be held at College Station on August 4 and 5, 2004, at the College Station Conference Center, Texas A&M University, in conjunction with the Annual Beef Cattle Short Course.

The seminar is structured to help ranchers learn how to lower their tax burden and ease administrative burdens that affect passing their estates to their loved ones. In addition to discussing estate planning systems, tax savings possibilities will be discussed using corporations, partnerships and trusts when family members are involved in the business.

Making gifts to avoid estate taxes will be discussed also. "There are three problems with making gifts—the first is dying poor; the second is the adverse income tax consequences the

gift can cause the recipient; the third is when somebody other than your intended beneficiary ultimately gets the gifted property."

Two problems that affect family operations—planning for inflation and growth needs of the business will be discussed. Another topic, how to be fair among all children when one child is interested in the ranch and others are not, will be addressed.

The speaker, Wayne A. Hayenga, is a Professor and Extension Specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension. An agricultural economist and attorney, Dr. Hayenga works extensively with farmers, ranchers and family-owned firms in financial, business and estate tax planning. He is a member of the Texas and American Bar Associations and the American Agricultural Law Association. He is active in the Agricultural Law Committee of the State Bar of Texas.

Dr. Hayenga is an excellent communicator. He delivers a top-notch educational program, emphasizing key points with an entertaining style, illustrating estate and income tax law provisions with practical examples that make learning a pleasure. His teaching makes full use of his broad background and practical experience as a farmer, lender and lawyer.

The registration fee is \$100.00 (which includes seminar materials, lunches and refreshments). Registration information is available by contacting Sharon Wehring at (979) 845-2226 or e-mail at: swehring@tamu.edu

Texas Farm Service Agency Announces Authorization for Managed CRP Haying & Grazing

(Baird, TX) — June 29, 2004—Cutting hay and grazing livestock on land enrolled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program, in the absence of a weather-related emergency, is now an option for Texas producers.

Robert Frost, County Executive Director for the Callahan County Farm Service Agency, announced today that managed haying and grazing is allowed on CRP lands. Haying is approved in Texas July 2 through September 29 and grazing is approved beginning July 2 and ending October 29, 2004. The starting date for both haying and grazing is tied to the end of the primary nesting and brood rearing season in the state. Prior to the 2002 Farm Bill, commercial use of CRP land was generally prohibited except for weather-related emergencies such as droughts.

To take advantage of the haying and grazing options, producers must modify existing conservation plans for the CRP acreage to include managed haying and grazing practices. The plans must be developed in conjunction with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or one of its technical service providers.

Producers must also agree to certain terms and conditions, including signing an agreement to re-establish, at the producer's own cost, any cover destroyed

or damaged as a result of haying or grazing and to remove all hay within 10 days of being notified that the managed haying and grazing season has ended.

Frost emphasized that for acreage that is hayed or grazed, annual rental payments producers receive for enrolling land into CRP will be reduced by 25 percent.

Under this enhanced CRP provision, producers can cut hay or graze livestock on a given acre no more than once every three years after the vegetative cover is fully established. An area hayed or grazed this year, for example, may not be hayed or grazed again until 2007. CRP participants can choose to hay or graze their entire CRP acreage in the first year, or only a portion of their CRP acreage each year. Producers may not harvest hay and graze livestock on the same land in the same year.

"The managed haying and grazing option provides producers latitude when making land management decisions regarding their operations. The periodic disturbance of vegetative cover under managed haying and grazing will increase the diversity and quality of the cover and improve wildlife benefits," said Frost.

For additional eligibility criteria and information regarding CRP Managed Haying and Grazing, contact the Callahan County FSA office at (325) 854-1049 ext 2 or visit the USDA Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

TxDOT selects 17 area businesses to the LINC mentor/protege program

ABILENE—The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will introduce 17 area goods and services vendors as TxDOT Goods and Services Learning Information Network Collaborator proteges at a Business Networking Session on Tuesday, July 6, 2004.

The networking session will be held at the Ambassador Suites in Abilene, 4250 Ridgmont Dr., from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

The LINC program assists small and minority vendors to learn about the department's bidding process.

Proteges are required to attend three mandatory technical meetings that provide technical assistance training on business and financial management, market-

ing and development as well as a networking session.

The networking session on July 6 is an excellent opportunity for all area vendors to network with TxDOT and area state, county and city purchasing organizations. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to speak with agencies regarding contract opportunities and additional programs that could assist them in doing business with the government.

For more information contact Christina Calvo in the Business Opportunity Programs office at 1-866/480-2518 or 512/486-5510. Or email at ccalvo@dot.state.tx.us. Additional information is also on the LINC program is available on the TxDOT website at www.dot.state.tx.us.

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I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, calls, cards, flowers and their thoughtfulness during my recent hospital stay. It was really appreciated. I'm home now and hopefully on the road to better health.

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My sincere thanks to all the friends who have visited, sent cards and brought food. A special thank you to the anonymous giver.

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The family of Jimmy Cowan

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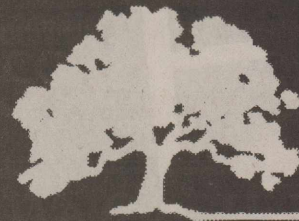
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Pearl Greenwood Celebrates her 99th Birthday with a Surprise Party

Pearl Greenwood, formerly of Cross Plains, celebrated her 99th birthday at a surprise party with her children and their families in Odessa on June 27th.

J.M. and Pearl Greenwood and their three children moved from Big Lake to Cross Plains in 1944 to live in the old Harrell place south of town.

In 1988 Mr. Greenwood died shortly after their move into town. In 1998, Mrs. Greenwood moved into an assisted living apartment at Sherwood Place. Her address is 3939 E. 52nd St. # 124, Odessa, TX 79762.

Pearl Greenwood's span of life, which began in 1905, has included many wonderful inventions—through the first car, first airplane, first telegraph, telephone, radio, television, computer, space travel along with many others. She can tell many fascinating stories to the younger family members. Her smile is quick and almost constant.

Mrs. Greenwood loves receiving the "Review" and "The Banner" from the First Baptist Church where she was at one time, pianist and organist. For a time she also played the marimba. Some people will remember her great cooking and singing in the church choir.

Best of all her children rise up and call her blessed according to scripture. All her offspring love her and wish to honor her at every occasion. She has always been an example of love



PEARL GREENWOOD

and nurturing wisdom.

Those family members present at the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Gene Greenwood, their son, David, and grandson, John David Greenwood, their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Bowlin, Kayla, Ethan, Courtney from Colorado. Carol Greenwood, wife of Mrs. Greenwood's son, Paul (now deceased), was there with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson

Carasso and a friend, Mr. Bill Pierson, all from Austin.

Pearl's daughter, Margaret Greenwood Coppinger of Odessa hosted the party. Her daughter-in-law, Terry Lee Coppinger and her daughter, Mrs. Leslee Walker and granddaughter, Heavenlee Walker, also Terry Lee's son Duran Coppinger, attended. Some Family members were unable to attend.



WHAT A GLORIOUS OCCASION—Pearl Greenwood and her family gathered to celebrate Pearl's 99th birthday. Pictured above are Courtney Bowlin (front, from left), Bettye Greenwood, Pearl Greenwood, David Greenwood and Ethan Bowlin; Kayla Bowlin (middle, from left), Gene Greenwood, Margaret Coppinger, Terry Coppinger, Carol Greenwood, Cindy Bowlin and Duran Coppinger; Bill Pierson (back, from left), David Greenwood, Kim Greenwood Carasso, Brad Bowlin and Jackson Carasso.

Shields—Bennett Exchange Vows in Double Ring Ceremony

Kaci June Shields and Michael Paul Bennett were united in marriage June 19th, 2004, at the Pioneer Revival Center in Cross Plains. Joe Coppinger officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Doreen Shields and the late Randy Shields. She is the granddaughter of Eddie and Dorothy Petty and the late Dave and Mary Shields.

The groom is the son of Philip and Sheri Bennett and the grandson of L.D. and Sylvia Brown, the late Arnett Bennett, and Shirley Cockrum of Sulphur Springs.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Mike Kelley of McKenzie, Tennessee.

Matron of honor was Lisa Gardner of Rising Star. Bridesmaids were Brittany Bennett, sister of the groom, of Cresson, and Stephanie Catrett of Abilene.

Best men were Anthony Castleberry of San Marcos and Mack Taff of Cross Plains. Groomsmen were Andy, Elias and Zachary Bennett, brothers of the groom, of Cross Plains. Andy and Zachary also served as ushers.

Flower girl was Kellie Sue Bennett and candlelighter was Emma Bennett, both daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Bennett of Cross Plains.

Ring bearer was Brandon Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Brown of Hawley.

Presiding at the guest register was Jessica Childers of Cross Plains.

Wedding music was provided by Sheri Bennett, mother of the groom, who also sang a song she wrote especially for Michael and Kaci. Mike Kelley sang "Love Me Tender" and accompanied



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL BENNETT

himself on the guitar.

After the ceremony, guests were invited to a reception where a buffet of finger foods and cake and punch were served from tables with appointments in crystal and silver.

The wedding cake was made by Tammy Brown, and topping the three tier cake was the same bride and groom used on Eddie and Dorothy Petty's wedding cake, 56 years ago.

Tammy Brown was server at the groom's table done in a patriotic theme. Debi Bennett served the

wedding cake and punch.

The church was beautifully decorated by Paula Kelley and Christine Reeves.

Michael will leave this week for 29 Palms, California where he will be in training for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He will be deployed to Iraq in August, to serve a tour of duty.

Kaci will reside in Cross Plains. There wasn't time for the couple to have a honeymoon, but when Michael returns home, they are planning a belated wedding trip to Hawaii.

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Karl and Susan Beifus

Couple to Celebrate 1st Year Anniversary

Karl and Susan Beifus are pleased to announce their upcoming 1st year wedding anniversary July 18, 2004. The couple reside in Brownwood. Susan is the granddaughter of

John and Shirley Porter, former Burkett residents, who now reside in Wagner, Oklahoma.

Karl is the son of Deborah Bellinger of Brownwood and Kurt Beifus of Midlothian.

Workforce grant awarded to Pegasus Rural Broadband in Early

Abilene, Texas, July 6, 2004—The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board is pleased to announce that Pegasus Rural Broadband, LLC in Early, Texas has been named recipient of grant funds offered through the Workforce Investment Fund (WIF). The WIF was created by the Workforce Board to provide funds for customized training, upgrading skills of current employees, developing new training programs, creating new high-skill or high-wage jobs, or retraining employees for new or emerging occupations.

The grant will award almost \$30,000 to Pegasus for the training of 8 employees. Training will be conducted for installers and service representatives and will include installation of WiBand equipment, understanding of advanced wireless technologies, customer service, safety, computer upgrading and maintenance, and grounding and electronic coding.

According to Pegasus Rural Broadband Vice President Lionel Cassin, "Our mission is to bring affordable broadband to rural America, and communities throughout Texas welcome us because they understand that broadband is now required for them to remain competitive and economically healthy. But just as important as broadband itself is a local workforce that understands broadband: how to install it, use it, support it and teach it to others. The generous grant from the West Central Texas Workforce Development

Board will allow Pegasus Rural Broadband to greatly expand the training we offer to our field staff and thus enrich the skill sets of the citizens of West Central Texas."

Primary applicants for grant funding through the Workforce Investment Fund include small and medium-size businesses, chambers of commerce, economic development entities, or labor organizations.

Grants of up to \$50,000 are awarded quarterly through a competitive application process, and the deadline for the next grant cycle is September 30, 2004.

Nolan County Judge Tim Fambrough, chair of the 11-member review panel, states: "I am pleased to be part of this exciting new opportunity to provide assistance to businesses in our region, and Pegasus Rural Broadband is to be commended for its efforts to insure a skilled workforce in the area". Interested individuals may download funding criteria and application forms from the West Central Texas Workforce Center website at <http://www.workforcesystem.org/business.htm>.

Questions regarding the Workforce Investment Fund may be directed to Robert Puls, Business Services Coordinator, at 325/795-4330 or to Nancy Smith, Community Relations Coordinator, at 325/795-4306. E-mail requests should be sent to workforce@workforcesystem.org

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