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96TH YEAR

CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

**NUMBER 19** 

EDITOR'S NOTE: I didn't have a clue as to what I was going to print in my column this week, but God is always so good to provide "just the right" words. Looking through my stack of goodies, the first one I read supplied the perfect message.

I don't know about you, but this expressed my personal feelings completely. We all seem to be under severe attacks as of late and the following describes who we should turn to.

Lately I have been enlightened concerning faith and trust, and not allowing fear to get the upper hand. "Fear not" is repeated throughout the Bible and we have to grasp this concept to retain peace. I hope that you receive His strength and encouragement from the following poem. Vanda Anderson

"His Strength"

I found someone to run to, when I need to cry,

I found someone to hold me and give me strength to make it by and by!

I found a great lover, I found a great friend!

I found He was always there, and He has always been!

Every time I hid my face in shame.

Every time I hung my head, Every time I called His name.

When my tears had stained my

Every time I thought I was alone,

Every time I tried to run, He was there with me and cried

He is God's only son! I found a savior from my sin, I found a shelter safe from harm, I found true comfort comes from Him!

I found peace amid the storm, I found a love so true, so unconditional, and so kind. I found it was there all along, If we only take the time...

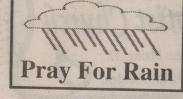
Stop running and be still, but yet that is so hard, But once you've tasted of His love, you will see, The blindness will be lifted and you can be freed.

O sure, I still struggle and sure I still cry, And sure I still battle, But I found strength to make it by and by!

Author Unknown

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall not faint. Isaiah 40:31

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. 4:13



### Pre-Registration for Chamber of Commerce Banquet 2004-2005 Cross Plains to be held Saturday Evening SD Announced Saturday, July 31, is the date for

Cross Plains Elementary School will have a Pre-Registration for students new to the district on August 4th and 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

New students should bring immunization records and current school records or the previous school address.

Students entering school for the first time should bring immunization records, an official copy of the student's birth certificate, and a copy of the student's social security card.

The Cross Plains High School will have a Pre-Registration on August 4th and 5th. Grades 7, 8, 9 and new students will be registering August 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

On August 5th grades 10, 11 and 12, will pre-register from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Any new students to the district are asked to pre-register for school. If a student was in the district pre-registration you will be picking up a class schedule for this school year.

Sales tax holiday August 6-8, 2004

again this year to take advan- out Texas. tage of the sales tax holiday.

day, August 8. The tax break is first \$99.99 cannot be exempted. expected to save Texas consumers millions in state and local sales taxes. This is one time hard-working Texans can keep their money in their pockets for their families' priorities.

"I have been a strong advocate for the sales tax holiday since its inception and am pleased to do my part to ensure its success. I your store in advance of the tax holiday," said Texas State during the holiday Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn.

The list cannot include every possible item that qualifies for the exemption. If you have queshere, please call the State Comptroller's office at 1-800-252-5555.

Here are some highlights about the sales tax holiday:

\* The tax holiday occurs every year on the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of August. Qualifying items are exempt from state sales taxes, but ex-

Texas shoppers get a break emption from local sales tax is from state and local sales taxes up to individual cities. This year, on August 6, 7, and 8, 2004— since no cities opted out of the the state's sixth annual tax holi- holiday, qualifying items will be day. Layaway plans can be used fully exempt from tax through-

\* Most clothing and footwear The law exempts most cloth- priced at less than \$100 will be ing and footwear priced under exempt from sales tax. Custom-\$100 from sales and use taxes, ers will receive the break on which could save shoppers about individual items, regardless of \$8 on every \$100 they spend. the total amount they buy. For This year's sales tax holiday example, sales tax is not due if a for clothing and footwear begins customer buys six shirts each at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August priced at \$99.99. But full tax is 6, and ends at midnight on Sundue on a shirt sold for \$100; the

Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletic activities or for protective wear are not eligible for the exemption. Customers buying golf cleats or football pads, for instance, must pay sales tax. Athletic wear that is also used for participation in other non-athletic activities can qualify for tax exemption. For have enclosed a list of items for example, tennis shoes, baseball a quick reference and a flyer you caps, and jogging suits are worn can post in a prominent place in during everyday activities and thus may be purchased tax free

\* Also excluded from the sales tax holiday are accessories such as jewelry and watches; items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases tions about items not shown and wallets; clothing rentals, such as formal wear and costumes; and repairs and alterations

> "I hope that you find this information helpful. If you have questions about the sales tax holiday, please visit us online at http://www.window.state.tx.us or call us toll free at 1-800-252-5555," Strayhorn concluded.

the annual Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The event will be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Cross Plains beginning at 6:30

Staghorn Cafe of Cross Plains will be catering a barbecue meal with dessert.

Highlights of the banquet include a report on new businesses by Debbie Gosnell and recognition of the Business of the Year.

A Cake Auction featuring some of the great local cooks will serve as a fund-raiser for the Chamber.

The keynote speaker will be Nicki Harle of Baird. Mrs. Harle is the Executive Director of Texas Midwest Community Network. Nicki's past experience as hostess for a couple of talk shows on KRBC-TV, instructor and director of the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles, and dance instructor of Harle Studio associates her with many area residents. She will be speaking



**NICKI HARLE** 

It is sure to be an enlightening afternoon, July 29, at the Chamber Commerce office, City Banquet tickets may be Hall and Texas Heritage Bank for on "The Future of Rural Texas". obtained through Thursday \$10.00. Get your tickets NOW!!!

# FAITH, Femininity, Blue Jeans and Paycheck?

The First Baptist Church of Cross Plains cordially invites you to attend a "Salad Supper" to be held on August 2, at 7:00 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Tisha Maisel from Fort Worth. When she is not traveling with her husband and their ministry, teaching the history of the transmission of the Bible, she teaches ESL (English as a Second Language) in a middle school Language Center.

Tisha received a BS in Psychology and Sociology and MS in Phycholinguistics. She has

attended the University of the Holy Land at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel working toward a MS in Biblical History.

She has been the teacher and leader of many women's retreats. For several years she was in charge of women's ministries and benevolence ministries at a large metropolitan church. She was also connected with Evangelism Explosion for many years and taught and trained others to teach Bethel Bible Studies. She is currently involved with Bible Study Fellowship and writing an ESL

curriculum, using Bible as text, which she hopes to see used in a world-wide mission effort. Please make plans to at-

For additional information call the church office at (254) 725-7629.

### **Living Water** Ministries to feature special guest speaker

Dr. Don Crum, founder of Leadership International Ministries, will be ministering on Sunday, August 1, at 10:00 a.m. at Living Water Ministries, located on Highway 36, across from 36 West Motel in Cross

Everyone is welcome to attend.



The time has come once again for summer band **Practices Will Be Held:** 

Monday, Aug. 2 - Friday, Aug. 6 Monday, Aug. 9 - Friday, Aug. 13 6 - 9 p.m.

This is **MANDATORY** for all who plan to participate in band. If for some reason you are going to miss any days please contact Matt Sowell at 254-725-4838.

Get Ready For A Great Year!

**Band Parents Will Meet** Tuesday, August 3, 6 p.m. at Band Hall To Plan The Year.



### Playday/Funday! It's almost time for school to event for horse games, or 6 events begin, but we wanted to get a little

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GRADE AND DID NOT GET A PHYSICAL IN THE

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more fun in first! So... We'd like to invite ya'll out to the Ropin' grounds for a day of fun, Saturday, August 7th.

You don't need a horse—there'll be games played on foot like the 3-legged race, "stick horse" barrel race, egg toss, etc.

Following the foot games, there will be horse related games such as barrels, poles, flags, etc.

Ribbons will be awarded 1st-5th place on foot games. A prize will be awarded for 1st on horse games, as well as ribbons for 2nd-5th place.

Admission is \$1.00 at the gate for everyone. There is no charge for entering foot games; \$5.00 an

for \$25.00. There will also be a \$2.00 charge for goat slappin. There is no age limit on the

games, although there will be age divisions. So you adults are welcome to join the fun too!

The concession stand will open for BBQ sandwiches, drinks, nachos, etc. Foot games begin at 2 p.m. and

horse games follow. So come do some socializin', sit back under the trees, play some games and enjoy yourself. Proceeds will go toward

repairin and paintin the grounds and arena. Submitted by

**Drue Eppard** 



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Cross Timbers Seminary Extension is offering this fall TH 3200 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY, a diploma-level course on the major doctrines of Christianity—God, man, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the church and the end times.

We will be using The Moody Handbook of Theology by Paul Enns, Introducing Christian Doctrine by Millard J. Erickson, and the Study Guide prepared by the Southern Baptist Seminaries. Course dates are August 19-November 18, 2004. The books will be ordered and a firm commitment to taking the course

must be made by August 1st.

These classes are great training for Sunday school teachers, bivocational pastors, and interested lay people. Enough enrollees in your surrounding area will determine class locations. We are open for additional qualified teachers,

Should anyone have questions concerning our course offerings or if someone wants to make scholarship donation, our mailing address is P.O. Box 644, Rising Star, Tx. 76471. I an also be reached by phone at (254) 442-4663.

> Submitted by **Baylis Pope**

# Cowboy Church to be Held Locally

services of the Cross Plains please call (254) 725-6446 or Cowboy Church every Sunday write Cross Plains Cowboy morning at 10 a.m. at the Church, P.O. Box 535, Cross Treadway Park behind the Cross Plains, Texas 76443, Pastor Len Plains Roping Club arena. Come Smith. as you are.

Everyone is invited to join the If you have any questions,

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

#### **CROSS PLAINS COWBOY CHURCH Pastor: LEN SMITH**

Join Us On Sunday Mornings At 10:00 a.m. At City Park Behind Rodeo Arena

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Jerry Eckhart, Pastor

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Church (254)725-6266

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#### NIMROD BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

## BITUARIES

#### **Troy Winford Musick**

Troy Winford Musick, 68, of Talpa, died Monday, July 19, 2004, at a Dallas hospital.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 22, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Loyd Hopper officiating. Burial was in Shep Cemetery directed by Winters Funeral

He was born October 8, 1935 in Lawn and grew up in Brownwood, moving to Odessa as a young man. He married Patsy Howard on August 5, 1955 in Odessa. They lived in various places following his construction work in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. He worked for Sterling County as a Road Maintenance Crew Foreman retiring in 2001, when he and his wife moved to Talpa. He was presently employed by J.B. Guy, Jr. Dirt Works in Winters. He was a

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Musick of Talpa; two sons, Troy Wesley Musick of Sterling City, John Avery Musick of Water Valley; three daughters, Debra Gaylene Fry of Cross Plains, Rebecca Black of San Angelo and Marla Monique Pina of San Angelo; two brothers, Howard Musick of Early and A.J. Musick of Blanket; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

#### Elizabeth "Libby" Koenig

Elizabeth "Libby" Koenig, 80, of Odessa, passed away July 21, 2004 at her home in Odessa.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 24, 2004, at Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Ronnie White officiating; burial will be in the Burkett Cemetery.

She was born February 24, 1924 to Willie E. and Edna (Golson) Koenig in Coleman County. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

Elizabeth is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Lavern and Jim Lindsey of Midland; a nephew Bryan Lindsey of Artesia, New Mexico, as well as several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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## The Church of Christ Proposes 24/7 "Gospel **Broadcasting Network**"

Plains and surrounding areas, along with potentially millions of viewers nationwide and in parts of Canada and South America, will soon have access to the new GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK. The network will broadcast, via satellite, Gospel preaching and teaching around the clock, taking into account audience demographics and providing a variety of programs to address the needs and interests of all ages, young children to senior adults.

A group of men among the churches of Christ, a brotherhood of autonomous congregations patterned after the pre-denominational church of the New Testament, met at Huntsville, Alabama, recently to discuss plans for the new network. The elders of the Highland Church of Christ, Dalton, Georgia, proposed the venture and will oversee the massive undertaking, which will be a cooperative effort of numerous congregations and interested individual members of the church.

Among the nearly forty attending the meeting were: Tom Holland, author of numerous books and director of the Nashville School of Preaching closer to God." Biblical Studies; Winford

Dish and cable viewers in Cross Claiborne, speaker for the International Gospel Hour radio program; James Watkins speaker for Preaching the Gospel television program; Dave Miller, author of Piloting the Strait, and Kyle Butt, representing Apologetics Press; Don Blackwell and Jim Dearman, of Truth for the World, a global media missions outreach; Allen Webster, editor of House to House/Heart to Heart; evangelist and broadcaster, Don McWhorter; and Claude Gardner, President Emeritus of Freed-Hardeman University. Others unable to attend but sending letters and words of support and encouragement were Mack Lyon, speaker for In Search of the Lord's Way television program; evangelist V.P. Black; and Rudy Cain, of World Video Bible School.

Some of these men will serve in an advisory capacity to design programming intended provide regular viewers with an understanding of the Bible, in its purity and simplicity. A spokesman for the network says, "It is hoped viewers will realize the power the Bible has to change lives, to strengthen spirituality even to move a nation and a world

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### COURTHOUSE NEWS

**COUNTY COURT** Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

James Michael Brando, driving while intoxicated (DWI). Shawn Michael Ross, criminal

John P. McCartney, DWI. Richard E. Wanters, DWI.

#### **Callahan County DPS** Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from July 18, 2004 through July 24, 2004 include:

Cases Investigated Warnings-99 Complaints-148 DWI-3

Public Intoxication—1 Unlawful Carrying Weapon—1 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia-1 Minor in Consumption of

Alcoholoic Beverage-1 Vehicle Accidents There were five vehicle accidents investigated during this

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time span.

Wedding Announcement

**POLICIES** 

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Their is NO charge forannouncements without descriptions

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#### Marriage Licenses

Nathan Randall Ritcher and Samantha Ann Lavender, both

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

James B. Strength and Della Rue Strength, divorce.

**Criminal Minutes** 

Tamela L. Embry, end of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication.

Jon Richard Gilley, order discharging defendant from probation, no deferred adjudica-

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# Saints Under Construction

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Van Service Available - Call (254) 725-7694

N. Main (Hwy. 206) Cross Plains, Texas Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. Rev. C. Michael Redd, Pastor

Sunday's Sermon

"Teach Us To Pray"



First Baptist Church

3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX Ronnie B White, Pastor

### LIBRARY NEWS



July 19-23 Statistics Circulation:	Donations - books: Pat Stephens Kathy Purvis	IAN
Books 90 Interlibrary 1 Internet Users 36 Total 137 Memorials: Richard and Sharon Parr - In Memory of Roseanne McGuiness Madeline D. Norwood - In Memory of Mrs. Grady Clark	Library Activity Patron: A.M. 42 P.M. 51 Programs: Copies: Reference: Check In/Out (Books) Calls In Internet Users	6 100 14 21 2 36
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### BURKETT NEWS

By LOVERA STRICKLAND

\_\_\_\_\_\_ surer for the Burkett-Adams \$100; Virgil Burkett \$100; Gary Cemeteries, has received more Briggs \$20; and Gatha Naron donations for the upkeep of the cemeteries. Those contributing Biehl \$35; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cross \$50; Claudia George \$10; Charlyne Connelly and Family \$50; Pat and Stan Thompson \$25; Garvice A. and Jo Nell Boyle Jewel Barnett \$10; J.M. Trent the Burkett Schools. Estate and Robert Culpepper Johnson Robards) \$35; Mary and appreciate it.

Linda Brady, secretary-trea- Phil Burkett \$25; Jim Holmans Brady \$75.

We would like to thank were: Lucille Gould \$50; Mr. and everyone for all the help, hard Mrs. E.L. Slack \$25; Roy Don work and contributions to make Homecoming 2004 and the Memorial Service such a success. We had a great attendance and more good food than you can imagine. Everyone had a great \$50; Estelle Nielson \$25; Mr. and time and got to enjoy a lot of Mrs. John McCleve \$100; Eureta visiting and seeing old class-Whitley \$25; Mr. and Mrs. Al mates. There was a standing Godwin \$25; Raymond Turnbow ovations in remembrance of \$1,000; Boyd and Liz Young Mr. Walter Chambers and all \$40; Juanita Edmondsan \$50; the hard work he had done for

Again, "thanks" everyone for \$100; Mrs. Jo Robards (Anita Jo your continued support. We

### **Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative to Meet Aug. 11**

The Cross Plains Area Housing coming fall. Initiative will hold a meeting on local residents' homes this quality of living.

All interested persons are Wednesday, August 11, at Jean's invited and encouraged to attend. Feed Barn at 7:00 a.m. The The purpose of the Cross Plains purpose of the meeting is to elect Area Housing Initiative is to officers for the upcoming year assist residents in getting minor and review applications for repairs done on their homes so as requests for work to be done on to improve their comfort and

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By Bob Pipes Cross Plains Church of Christ 433 N. Main (254) 725-6117

BREAKTHRU



My last Sunday morning's sermon entitled "Fine-Tuning a Golden Attitude" —what is commonly referred to as "The Golden Rule" —which was really Jesus' "rule" (Matt. 7:12a) reminded us that we probably all need an "attitude adjustment" from time to time. The heart of the matter is the heart. Solomon wrote, "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the ssues of life," Proverbs 4:23—and "For as he thinks in his heart,

The reason that to "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is golden is because: 1) It is positive; 2) It is Christian; and 3) It is Christ's.

Some non-Christians' attitude out-shines some Christians'. I know there have been times when my attitude "stunk" while others' around me shined like a diamond. Living by the "golden rule" alone will not save a person — but any saved person should live by the golden rule. So join me in adjusting-"fine-tuning"—our attitudes—and often!

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! This Sunday morning's sermon is: "Waves of Anxiety."

Sunday Morning Bible Class..9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship....6:00p.m. Sunday Morning Worship.....10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m. Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

#### COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT 

Rehab Dinner and Musical **Being Planned by Quilting** Club

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is planning a dinner/fund-raiser for the West Texas Rehab Center on August 20th. They are inviting all the musicians who used to play for the Cottonwood Musical to be present for this important date.

Its importance is that it will be a fund-raiser for the West Texas Rehab Center, hosted by the Center's most avid booster in Central Texas, the Cottonwood Quilting Club. The club also quilts a quilt for the West Texas Rehab Center auction in January each year.

The dinner will be roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and strawberry shortcake. Please keep this date open and respond by showing up to give your support to the West Texas Rehab and the Cottonwood Quilting Club.

Dog Days of Summer Upon

I have been advised by my son, Gary, recently of Flagstaff, Arizona, that when I have writer's block and nothing else to write about, write about the weather. So here goes.

Right now, we are enjoying a good cold spell. It is absolutely great to be out-of-doors, but the dog-days of summer, those hot, leathery, don't do nothing much days, must be upon us soon. Of course, I don't want to predict

It is said that only a perfect stranger from up north somewhere, or a damn fool, predicts the weather in Texas. That is why Texas weathermen/women are either evasive or not too

conditions.

I am reminded of an Air Force weatherman who stopped predicting the weather in Texas. It was a cold and rainy day in December. We were out on maneuvers at Fort Hood, Texas. The General insisted on a weather briefing each morning, but the weatherman, an Air Force Major, had been saying the same thing every day, for at least a week, "The 'front' has stalled right over us. However, it is predicted to start moving tonight and clear up by noon tomorrow." And day after day the rain persisted. Then one morning, he stood up and merely said, "It is still raining," then sat down. The General said, "I have asked the Major to not predict the weather just describe it as it passes by."

Talk about rain, the worst rainy day ever officially recorded at Albany, Texas, on August 4, 1978 where 29.5 inches of rain fell that day.

That brings up the dust storms. In Paducah, Texas, we used to see blue "northers" come rolling in, to find out they were really dust

The worst dust storm in history occurred in West Texas on January 26, 1965. Winds gusting to 75 miles an hour sent dust billowing up to 31,000 feet. The rain gauge at Reese Air Force measured 3 inches of dust. That's no Texas Tall Tale! I read it in the Almanac 2004-2005 printed by The Dallas Morning News, page

(Please contact Wallace Bennett about news or personal items for this column (254) 725-7474. E-mail csb5@airmail.net. Snail mail, 111093 County Road 440, sure about the coming weather Cross Plains, Texas 76443.)

### Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

I printed this for you about two Exercise caution in your busiyears ago, but I think it bears ness affairs; for the world is fill of repeating. Some things are just trickery. But let not this bind you too good not to visit every so often and Desiderata are one of

#### Desiderata

the haste, and remember what As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quiyourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well your own career, however humble; it is a real possession the changing fortunes of time.

persons strive for high ideals; them. The Internet where I found and everywhere life is full of this said it was written by Max heroism. Be yourself. Especially Ehrmann in 1927. I had read do not feign affection. Neither that it had been found in the be cynical about love; for in the walls of an old church on a face of all aridity and disenmuch earlier date. Whenever, it chantment it is as perennial as is a document of great wisdom. the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years. Gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield Go placidly amid the noise and you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark peace there may be in silence. imaginings. Many fears are born of fatique and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with your self. You are etly and clearly; and listen to a child of the universe, no less others, even to the dull and the that the trees and the stars; you ignorant; they too have their have a right to be here. And story. Avoid loud and aggres- whether or not it is clear to you, sive persons; they are vexatious no doubt the universe is unfoldto the spirit. If you compare ing as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive him to be. And whatever your labors and inspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace in your soul with as your plans. Keep interested in all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

#### AUGUST 2 - 6

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### RISING STAR NURSING NEWS

BY LINDA MERRITT

What wonderful weather we have been having. The rain has been a blessing and a nice change with cooler days for this time of the year.

special Tuesday afternoon with chips and cheese dip.

Director of Nursing Lori Osborn and I, along with two of our residents, Ellen Simpson and Rozell Gary, had lunch at the Plains. We enjoyed a fine meal and some nice fellowship. was there which made it extra special for Rozell. Ellen visited with several friends she knew. This was a good trip and we will make it again soon.

Kay Mosley was really sitting pretty last week. Whitney Odom soon, for you never know when from Cross Plains came over and gave Kay a manicure and

pedicure. She said she felt like a "queen for a day". Thanks Whitney.

Rozell Gary and Nathan Foster were visited by Eunice Stevens The residents enjoyed an extra and Ferne Hutchins from Cross

We appreciate Wanda Goble Administrator Johnnie Elliott, making the delicious strawberry cake for our birthday party and Gene Moore for providing the piano music.

Annie South surprised her Senior Citizens' Center in Cross daughter, Teri, with a birthday party here at the Center. Annie said she loved her daughter and Rozell's daughter, Julene Franke, wanted to do this for her. Everyone enjoyed cake and punch. Teri is the owner of Teri's Treasures here in downtown Rising Star. Thanks again Teri for the delicious jelly.

> You can never do kindness too it may be too late.

#### GARDEN TIPS

By James Nichols

organic fertilizers, most all can lbs.; fish products 3 lbs.; cottonbe found in garden centers.

same for all. The rate is based on lbs. 100 square feet or a 10 foot by 10 foot area.

2 to 3 lbs.; compost 25 lbs.; guano best bet. 5 lbs.; cow manure 12 lbs.; sewer

There are fifteen kinds of kelp 3 lbs.; insect manure 6 to 8 seed meal 4 lbs.; bone meal 4 lbs.; How much to use is figured the blood meal 2 lbs; and bet pulp 4

Probably 25 lbs. compost, 5 lbs. bone meal and 8 lbs. Alfalfa An example would be: Alfalfa pellets, tilled in at least 60 days pellets or meal 8 lbs.; corn gluten before planting would be your

It is that time of year, you should sludge 4 lbs.; soybean meal 4 be thinking about preparing a lbs.; worms' castings 20 to 30 lbs.; place for your turnip patch.

## Writing Workshop in Abilene October 16

Tess Gerritsen, NY Times bestselling fiction author, to speak at the Abilene Writers Guild's annual Writing Workshop, Oc-ticipate. For workshop informatober 16, 2004, luncheon and tion & contest guidelines, visit contest awards to follow.

The contest has cash prizes awarded in nine categories of

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Coupons may be purchased at Wit's End, 400 Pine St. in Baird.

> Call or come by Today for your appointment 325-854-2226.



LOCAL BOY PITCHES AT BRECKENRIDGE— Chance Watkins is shown pitching for the Breckenridge Broncs. (Photo courtesy of Rob Durham, Sports Editor, Breckenridge American)

## C.P. Young Man Plays on **Breckenridge Baseball Team**

Chance Watkins of Cross Plains was a member of the Breckenridge Broncs summer baseball team.

The Broncs (11-6) played in the Texas Teenage League. They finished with a 2-1 record in the McMurry Tournament June 9-10, which featured teams from Lubbock, Midland and Abilene.

the Abilene Angels 13-1 and lost Phillips, Thomas Dimitri, to Midland High 10-6.

against the Graham team. He Rainey Bacon, Naomi Isbell and pitched four innings and allowed Garrett Stephens. just two runs in the Broncs' win. members served as Mrs. George Watkins of Cross the State FFA President, State



MORNING SESSION—4th through 6th grades



AFTERNOON SESSION—7th through 9th grades

# **Cross Plains Lady Buffs Basketball** Camp a Success

The basketball camp hosted by and free throws. the Cross Plains Lady Buffaloes ended last Thursday, completing a successful week of fundamental skills and competition.

girls going into 4th through 6th double teaming the post.

worked on were passing, a experience learning the game. variety of dribble moves, proper jumpstop.

guarding the basketball, blocking Bennett, Maegan Hartman, out, and rebounding.

girls entering 7th through 9th Harris and Starla Schaefer. grades.

worked on were proper use of the commitment to improve as basjumpstop, a variety of dribble ketball players. A big "thanks" to moves, layups, creating space camp helpers, Stephanie between you and your defender, Edington, Jami Scott and Kelsee getting in triple threat position, Richards. I'm looking forward to driving to the basket, passing, the a Lady Buff Basketball Camp screen and roll, creating your own again next summer. shot, proper shooting form, jumpshots, three point shots, a variety of post moves, pivoting,

Defensively, they worked on defensive positioning, guarding the basketball, giving help to a teammate, blocking out, re-The morning session included bounding, handling screens, and The girls received t-shirts, a

Offensive fundamentals they progress report and valuable

Those who participated were shooting form, layups, getting Chevenne Cowan, Zoie Walker, in triple threat position, driving Samantha Dickson, Shelby to the basket, and using the Ames, Delany Ames, Lakeney Walker, Sara Hagler, Rachelle Defensively, they worked on Allen, Brandi Trost, Emma Terrah Augustine, Kayla The afternoon session was for Lawrence, Krista Phillips, Emily

They did a terrific job and I am The offensive skills they thrilled they chose to make the

> Submitted by Coach Barry Gill

### Local FFA Members Attend State FFA Convention

Ten Cross Plains members attended the State FFA Convention held in Fort Worth during the week of July

Seven members of the chapter received their Lone Star Degree, which is the highest degree that can be awarded by the state association. These seven members were Chris Beaty, Dusty Cooper, Kali Phillips, Thomas Dimitri, Natashia Wolford, Dayna Bennett, and Stephanie Edington.

Thomas Dimitri was also recognized as the Star Lone Star from the Area IV FFA association.

The Cross Plains FFA Chapter was recognized as a superior chapter and as a silver medal Golden Horizon winner.

The members in attendance at the convention were Dusty The Broncs defeated Clyde 2-0, Cooper, Chris Beaty, Kali Natashia Wolford, Dayna Chance is pictured pitching Bennett, Mykea Douglass, voting Chance is the son of Mr. and delegates and helped to elect Talent Contest winners, and

voted on state FFA business.

Submitted by Roy Richey

### **Hunter Safety** Education Course Planned for August 14th

James Brown, the new Game Warden for the Cross Plains area, provided the following information concerning hunter safety education.

Effective September 1, 1989, hunters whose date of birth is during the period September 2, 1871 through August 31, 1973, must have successfully completed a course to hunt in Texas.

Classes are taught throughout the year, in all areas of the state by trained volunteers, teachers and some Texas Parks and Wildlife

For additional information call the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at (512) 389-4999 or 1-800-792-1112.

A Hunter Safety Education course will be held August 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and August 15 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Hope Masonic Lodge, 604 N. Austin, Comanche. You may contact Ken Lunsford at (325) 356-3706.

### **Annual 4-H Awards Banquet set** for August 14

The 2004 Callahan County 4-H Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, August 14th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clyde Intermediate School Cafeteria which is located off I-20 and Hays Road. All 4-H families that will be attending are asked to RSVP to the County Extension Office by August 1st and let us know how many will be attending and which project each 4-H member completed.

The Annual Banquet give us the opportunity to come together and celebrate the accomplishments of our 4-Her's over the past year. Remember to RSVP by August 1st. Hope to see you at the banquet!

Sincerely, Robert Pritz. County Extension Agent-Ag

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# Comptroller calls for federal investigation into CHIP scandal

AUSTIN—Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today, in separate letters to United States Attorney Johnny Sutton and United States Health and Human Services Acting Principal Deputy Inspector General Dara Corrigan, asked for a federal investigation into mishandled contracts in the Texas Children's Health Insurance Pro-

Comptroller Strayhorn took the unusual step after the Texas State Auditor issued a scathing report highlighting \$20 million in overpayments to a contrac-

"Because federal dollars, as well as state dollars, are involved in this scandal, an independent, federal inquiry is warranted," she

On Thursday, the State Auditor's Office released the scathing 72-page report citing "serious deficiencies" in the management of the CHIP pro-

The report said the Health and Human Services Commission's lack of oversight and lax standards for the CHIP contractor for rural Texas led to "excessive or unnecessary" payments of \$20

More than one-fourth of the money went to a company that "had no employees and did not

provide a service" that "directly benefited CHIP," according to the auditor.

"By my estimates, 17,000 children who were dropped from the children's health program could have retained their benefits were it not for the lax, possibly criminal, mismanagement on the part of the agency," Strayhorn wrote. She noted that an internal in-

vestigation would not be independent because the Governor appoints the Health and Human Services System Inspector Gen-Strayhorn also said it is dis-

turbing that "so many of the players involved have connections with the Texas administration.

The Governor sits at the top of the Texas Health and Human Services System.

"I am disturbed by the connections between Gov. Perry's top men and the companies that are supposed to be taking care of our children. Light needs to be shed upon the connections between the Governor's current Chief of Staff and the current rural CHIP provider and between the Governor's former Chief of Staff and the future rural CHIP provider," Strayhorn said. "Since last September 149,000

children have been dropped off the children's health insurance rolls because of budget cuts," Strayhorn said. "That's unconscionable."

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Winners will reign over the 2004 West Texas Fair & PRCA Rodeo September 14-18, 2004. They will also represent the West Texas arship. Fair & Rodeo at various other rodeos, parades and other activities in the West Texas area during the year and will also Pageant held in San Antonio, Texas in June of 2005.

Entry forms are available at Age limits for the "Miss" divi-

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> The winner of the Miss Division will receive a \$2,000.00 Schol-

Entrants must live within a one hundred mile radius of Abilene. Call the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Office at (325) 677-4376 compete in the Miss Rodeo Texas for entry forms or they may be picked up at 1700 Hwy. 36, Abilene, Texas 79602.

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The link to the Cancer Survivors Network is located at the American Cancer Society's Web site www.cancer.org. People may also call 1-877-333-4673 (HOPE). By logging onto the site, cancer survivors and caregivers can listen to, read, or download prerecorded personal stories and discussions among survivors and caregivers. They may also explore and contribute to the Expressions Gallery, a compilation of survivor's stories, poems

Other options include creat- www.cancer.org.

ing a personal homepage to share stories and get connected to others, participate in chats and discussion groups, and communicate with other survivors and caregivers via e-mail. Cancer Survivors Network also offers suggested books, articles, web sites, support groups and organizations and allows access to the American Cancer Society's Cancer Resource Center for cancer infor-

No matter how cancer touches your life, the American Cancer Society's Cancer Survivors Network can help. The Web site is also accessible in Spanish and Chinese lan-

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### Cracking down on fraud benefits all Texans

By Governor Rick Perry l believe government should do a few things, and do them well. Tax dollars should be invested where they can make the most difference, and for their intended purposes.

who seek to enrich themselves by cheating the system, employers and taxpayers. Those who engage in fraudulent scams to milk the system force all Texans to pay more for goods and health care. homeowner's insurance and critical services meant for those with the greatest need.

Fraud increases the price employers pay for workers' compensation, drains the unemployment insurance fund and steals from the poor in need of vital Medicaid and other health ser-

Although it is difficult to estimate the total cost taxpayers and employers bear for fraud, there are enough examples of more to safeguard taxpayer and employer dollars

For example, an inmate serving time in the Dallas County Jail ran a sophisticated scheme to defraud Medicaid of \$2.8 million. With the help of his wife on the outside, the couple purchased Medicaid ID numbers and submitted millions of dollars in Medicaid bills for trauma therapy services they never provided.

A couple in Houston received \$632,000 in overpayments from Medicaid after submitting bills for counseling services never rendered.

In Houston and Austin, a group of individuals repeatedly flooded their homes with a garden hose in an attempt to swindle \$5 million from insurance companies.

In San Antonio, a former state employee used her knowledge of the unemployment insurance program to steal \$167,000 of Texans' money

Fortunately, all these individuals were caught and have paid a stiff price. But it's not the fraud

That is why I have signed a sweeping executive order that directs every state agency to take three important steps to prevent, detect and eliminate fraud in state government.

First every state agency will Unfortunately, there are those devise and implement its own comprehensive fraud prevention program and report its actions to my newly selected anti-fraud coordinator by October 1st of this year.

Second, each agency will designate a point person to implement its fraud prevention and elimination activities, because we must not allow responsibility to be lost in bureaucracy.

Finally, every agency will review its existing policies and organizational structure to identify changes needed to better detect and fight fraud, and make recommendations for legislative action where necessary.

By issuing this executive order I am sending a clear message to those defrauding the state, its individuals who have been businesses or its taxpayers, we're caught to know we must do coming after you, and we're going to get you.

Health care providers that seek reimbursement for treatments that were never provided, a building owner exaggerating storm damage to an insurance company, a worker collecting unemployment benefits without seeking work, or employees who seek compensation for injuries conjured up in their heads can all know that their ill-gotten gains will be discovered and we will seek to prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law.

By being more vigilant in eliminating fraud, government will have more money for the critical services it provides to Texans in need without creating a greater burden on Texas families.

The foundation of our democracy is trust Citizens must be confident that the authority and resources entrusted to government are used wisely, fairly and efficiently

The directive I have issued will help ensure that dollars paid by taxpayers and employers are we know about that worries me; used responsibly and will give it's the fraud we have yet to the people of Texas greater trust in their government.

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## ETTERS TO EDITOR

#### People on the poverty level due to the Government Pension Offset

A letter to the Editor;

The Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 594, is cosponsored by three hundred members of the U.S. House of Representatives. This bill would abolish the Government Pension Offset entirely. The bill was filed in early 2003. Tom DeLay has refused to place the bill on the calender for a vote by House members.

To force the bill to be placed on the calender, a discharge petition has been filed. This would compel Mr. DeLay to schedule a prompt vote on the House floor of H.R. 594. This petition needs 26 more signatures.

All social security beneficiaries are not penalized by a reduction in their benefits. The Government offset singles out educators, firemen, policemen, postal workers, etc. by reducing their social security benefits that have been earned. Some would call this discrimination.

The discharge petition would allow the above-mentioned

people to receive all the social security benefits they qualify for. A more fair way for all people.

U.S. Representative Charles Stenholm has signed the discharge petition. U.S. Representative Randy Neugebauer, who was a co-sponsor of the bill, has not signed the discharge petition. All Texas Democratic House members have signed the discharge petition. Six Republicans from Texas have not.

When you vote in November, remember these circumstances. We want people representing us who look after our welfare. There are people on the poverty level due to the Government Offset of

their social security pensions. Please use the free toll-free telephone number at the Capitol, 1-800-839-5276, and call Neugebauer's office and ask him to sign the discharge petition. Tom DeLay can be reached at

> Mitzi Hart Merkel, Texas

#### I will no longer criticize, condemn or complain about the authorities

Dear Editor:

With God's help, I will no longer criticize, condemn, or complain about the authorities.

Our Father in heaven, we humble ourselves, and pray and seek your face, and turn from our wicked ways and we know that you will hear from heaven, will forgive our sins, and heal our land.

May we all be doers of your word and not hearers only, deceiving our own selves.

We should not be overly critical of those in authority, such as the UN and all government positions down through the state and into local government, including our school boards.

You tell us to pray for the pe of Jerusalem, and for all of those you put in authority, and for the Lord of harvest to send laborers

unto the fields that are white already unto harvest. Help us to be thankful in all things; and may we pray for our enemies and for all of the above and for those in authority in Iraq including the al-Qaida.

You tell us that if our enemy hungers-feed him; if he thirstsgive him drink; and by doing this it will be like heaping coals of fire on his head.

We also pray for our armed forces here at home and around the world; and we especially lift our Commander-In-Chief up to you, so that he will do your will

May your will be done in earth as it is in heaven, and we love you in Jesus' blessed, holy name

Sincerely,

Jim Hicks Clyde, TX 79510

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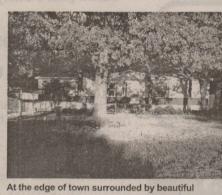


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The action was taken Monday, July 26 during the county com-County Courthouse in Baird.

County Judge Roger Corn and second by Commissioner Harold Community Center effective for the August 2004 through July 2005 voting dates.

before commissioners' court in-

Hicks, Commissioner Bryan tion carried 4-0. Farmer, Commissioner Tommy Dianne Alexander, and County

Clerk Jeanie Bohannon present. —The minutes of the July 12 commissioners' court meeting was approved as presented.

—There were no public com- carried 4-0. ments received.

—Doug Ford submitted a letcurrent term. Mr. Ford recom- 0. mended Vicky Hicks to be ap-Commissioner Holland made a sioner Farmer seconded and the motion to appoint Vicky Hicks motion carried 4-0.

Callahan County Commission- to the MH/MR Board of Trustonded and the motion carried 3-

—Dan Morris with Tommy Morris Agency gave a review of the county's current HMO Blue missioners meeting held at the Health Policy and a PPO Policy also with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. On a motion by Callahan The county's current HMO Health Policy would be increasing by 16 percent. The county Hicks, commissioners voted to could save 10 percent by changchange the Precinct #4 voting ing to the PPO. This new policy location from the Cross Plains would entitle employees to use City Hall to the Cross Plains either hospital in Abilene and would not require a primary care physician. The co-pay would be \$20.00 and a prescription card Other agenda items brought would be supplied. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the PPO Health Insur--The meeting was called to ance Plan to go into effect Seporder at 9:33 a.m. Monday with tember 1, 2004. Commissioner Judge Corn, Commissioner Holland seconded and the mo-

—Commissioner Holland made Holland, County Treasurer a motion to approve buying a window unit for the Department of Public Safety Intoxilizer Building out of the Justice of the Peace funds. Commissioner Hicks seconded and the motion

—Commissioner Farmer made ter resigning as trustee on the a motion to pay approved bills. Mental Health/Mental Retarda- Commissioner Holland section Board at the end of his onded and the motion carried 4-

-Commissioner Hicks made pointed to the MH/MR Board. a motion to adjourn. Commis-

# **Teston Family** Reunion Held in Cross Plains

Center was the setting of the 24th of Arlington; Kelle S. Teston of reunion of the descendants of the San Antonio; Melissa, Paige and late Elzie and Lila Teston, held July 23, 24 and 25. There was a nice crowd and everyone Jennifer, Jason, Aaron, Kayla and reported a good time.

about both sad and happy times, that brought back memories of days gone by. This helped bind them together as a family and reinforced their hopes for the

of the family who had never attended before. We were glad to see them. Those present were Casey, Cody and McKenzie Wasson of Clyde; Judy Harris of Abilene; Wayne Teston and Keith Kratzer, both of Austin; Bill and Barbara Teston of New Michael and Valarie Harris of Dallas; Lessie Baum of Cross Plains; Jeff, Rhonda, and Carson Braly and S.E. Braly, all of Spur;

The Cross Plains Community Jeremy and Audra Leigh Martin Adam Boyd and Jerry and Darla Teston, all of Pflugerville; Jimmy Brown of Austin; William There was much conversation "Rusty" Teston of Plano; Cheryl, Matt, Scott, and Zach Robinson of Borger; Marsha, David, and Jenny Kivlehen of Arlington; Russell and Hazel Peterson of Torc, New Mexico; Duke and Mary Duplan of Tehachapi, There were several members California; Bobby and Nancy Braly of Cross Plains; Mark, Chanda, Hunter, Cody and Justin Harris of Clifton; Kenneth and Gayle Lowry and Anthony Tejeda, all of Spring; Roy Carter of San Angelo; Mauri Kirk and Kamrin of Lubbock; Shelby Grey of Littlefield; John and Janie Deal; Oddie Kivlehen of Abilene; Fabian and Jennifer Bloomer, all of Lubbock.

> Submitted by Lessie Baum

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Dr. Barnett's thesis is that we are following statement: in between. Our future operations history, other choice. We are being forced II. mentality.

say makes so much sense. He international events. argues that we need to discuss

should ever bet against our very different. boundless capacity for resourcefulness.

and makes the statement:

ence in the Middle East is seen as fix that. a loss of their influence or suffering to their loss of prestige, underline.

their selfishness.

THE PENTAGON'S NEW America handled WWI and MAP: War and Peace in the WWII, showing the Marshall Twenty-First Century, by Plan resulted in creating peace by P.M. Barnett, bringing Europe and Japan into published by G.W. Putnam & economic balance with the U.S. He is optimist about America's future but his assessment of our This book is both a history and present strategy is discussed at a plan for the future of the U.S. length. He does make the

the dominant military presence in Only time will tell if George the world and that future wars Bush is more Harry Truman than will be totally different from the Woodrow Wilson. Truman past. He argues that the present started the ball rolling on a world is made up of the haves, multi-decade grand strategic have nots and boundary countries course that changed human whereas Wilson's should be to bring the have nots attempt at forging a new rule into the connected world that we set-namely, the League of enjoy. We should be bringing Nations-died a quick death, peace and justice to the entire only to rise a quarter-century globe, and that we really have no later from the ashes of World War

to go this direction by the terrorist Barnett argues for a better dialogue between the public and This book is not a political the national leadership on the bashing. He compliments and strategic choices ahead. He says criticizes both the Clinton and the process gets short-circuited Bush administration and offers by op-ed columnists and network his suggestions for the next TV experts who insists on daily administration, whoever that is. I scorecards of exploring the long have underlined something on term issues. We don't need to almost every page. What he has to be overwhelmed by the current

He says:

this situation at length in our I grew up fearing nuclear war homes and in Congress. Some and fear it no longer. I grew up watching wars unfold between We are the only country in the states and see them no longer. I world purposely built around grew up witnessing terrorism by the ideal that animates desperate individuals trying to globalization's advance: free- draw attention to their cause dom of choice, freedom of and I ignore them no longer. You movement, freedom of expres- may see a world coming apart at the seams, a clash of civiliza-As a people Americans are tions, or the end of Western easily spooked, but no enemy civilization, but I see something

I see a world in which wars have become obsolete, where dictators While the world's population fear for their lives more than had doubled since 1960, the democratically elected leaders, percentage living poverty has and where the world's greatest armies no longer plan great wars He uses the term Core for what but instead focus on stopping bad I would call Haves and Gap for individuals from doing bad the Have Nots. He supports the things. I see a world in which war on Iraq as being necessary America's definition of the big following threat has downshifted progressively from an "evil empire" ...many governments in the to "evil states" to "evil leaders." I Core still view the world system see a world clearly divided as a balance of powers, and so between the connected and any rise in U.S. influence or pres- disconnected, and I see ways to

This is a book I hope will presence there. Too many of these receive a lot of study, reflection "great powers" are led by small and discussion by all kinds of minds who prefer America's fail- groups. Normally I give my copy ures to the Core's expansion, be- to the Library, but I am keeping cause they see their national in- this one because I have so many terests enhanced by the former underlined statements in the and diminished by the latter. They book and plan to review them. I prefer the Gap's continued hope you will get your copy to

and they should be ashamed of You can send me E-mail at crodenberg@aol.com. Barnett gives a history of how Copyright C.A. Rodenberger 2004

### Area 4-H youth strut the "runway to fashion" during annual show

Angelo July 20th as 80 area youth modeled their fashion creations to the theme "Runaway to Fashion" during the annual Texas Cooperative Extension District 7 4-H Fashion Show in Southland Baptist Church.

The show hosts 4-H members from Callahan County competed in the event. Juniors and intermediate competed in six separate categories in Construction and Buying. Another division, Non-Apparel, featured such sewing creations as pillows, throws and toys.

The top six placers in the garment category of Construction and Buying divisions earned ribbons as did winners in the new Fabric and Fashion Design category. Non-Apparel division winners also earned ribbons for the six highest placings.

Cotton garment winners in the split skirt. Construction and Buying Division won cash awards from the Rolling Plains Cotton

Excitement filled the air in San Compress at Sweetwater. Winners in the Buying Division won cash prizes from the Texas Extension Education Association. The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association Women's Auxiliary offered cash prizes to 4-H'ers making wool and mohair garments.

Winning entries from Callahan County were:

Non-Apparel Division Pillow Category-Paige Galindo

Quilt Category-Hannah Capra Toys Category-Hannah Capra

Other Category-Hannah Capra 5th Place (Apron)

Paige Galindo also competed in the Construction Division and Placed 1st in the Natural Fiber Award Category with her denim

Submitted by Robert Pritz, County Extension Agent-Ag

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LAVON REED AND DON HANEY

### Reed-Haney to Exchange Vows Thursday, August 5th

and Valeriea Haney of New Caney would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Lavon Reed and Don Haney. The wedding ceremony cordially invited to attend.

Betty Gartman of Cross Plains will be held in the gazebo beside the City Hall in Cross Plains on Thursday, August 5, at 5:00 p.m.

All friends and relatives are

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