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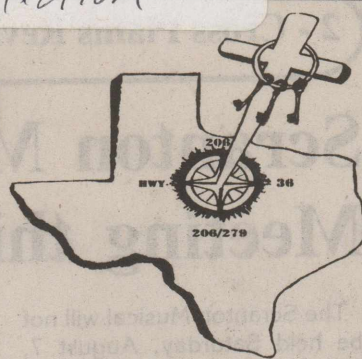
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Cross Plains Review

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THURSDAY, August 5, 2004



Keys to our Past,
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96TH YEAR

CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: A dear friend handed me this rendition of Psalm 23. It is something all us "working folks" can relate to. It would never replace the original words, but it does give insight into today's complex world.

I love the first line, how about you? If you were not working for our Lord, your life would seem futile.

Personally, I do not face many of the trials listed below, but for you that do, here are some suggestions for how to get through the day.

The last two lines tell it all. Sometimes we tend to get things turned around, until we can see the "big picture".

I hope that you will receive comfort and enlightenment from the clever words.

Psalm 23 (For the Work Place)

The Lord is my real Boss,
and I shall not want.
He gives me peace, when chaos
is all around me.

He gently reminds me to pray
before I speak and to do all
things without murmuring
and complaining.

He reminds me that He is my
Source, and not my job.
He restores my sanity every
day and guides my decisions
that I might honor Him in
everything I do.

Even though I face absurd
amounts of e-mail, system
crashes, unrealistic deadlines,
budget cutbacks, gossiping
co-workers, discriminating
supervisors, and an aging body
that doesn't cooperate every
morning,

I will not stop—for He is with
me! His presence, His peace,
and His power will see me
through.

He raises me up, even when they
fail to promote me.

He claims me as His own, even
when the company threatens
to let me go.

His faithfulness and love are
better than any bonus check.
His retirement plan beats every
401K there is!

When it's all said and done,
I'll be working for Him a whole
lot longer and for that,
I bless His Name.

Stop telling God how big your
storm is.
Instead tell your storm how
big your God is!



Thank You For
The Rain

Chamber Honors Local Business

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

The annual Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Banquet was held in the beautiful Family Life Center at First Baptist Church Saturday, July 31st.

The current Board of Directors for the Chamber are Julene Franke, President; David Estes, Vice President; Amber Kleiber, Secretary; Denise Coulter; Barbie Creach; Vanda Anderson; Deborah Lowitzer; George Mathews; and Rick Potter.

Mike Redd led the invocation and Master of Ceremonies Bob Pipes kept the program moving smoothly. Everyone enjoyed a traditional barbecue meal catered by Staghorn Cafe of Cross Plains.

Debbie Gosnell, City of Cross Plains Secretary, reported on new businesses including: Big Mack's Automotive, Callahan Furniture, Parker Brothers Iron Works, Smokers Etc., Staghorn Cafe, Steve Propest Insurance, TNT Auto Care and Custom Tile. As the Director of the Economic Development Corporation, Gosnell explained briefly how House Bill 2912 has limited the EDC's ability to assist various businesses.

Susan Schaefer presented Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply, Inc. with the award of "Business of the Year". Keith Lawrence accepted the plaque on behalf of his family. The third generation family owned business was honored with a reading of their history.

The late Bill and Ethel Lawrence originally established the business in 1962 in the building that now houses Greenwood Insurance. Their son and daughter-in-law, James and Wilma (Armor) Lawrence, moved to Cross Plains in 1967 to help with the business after Bill had open heart surgery. It was located in the buildings that now house Subway, Sweet Stuff, Sun Rayz Tanning and Gifts, and Wild Texas Taxidermy. James

Immunization Clinic to be held in Callahan Co.

Texas Department of Health will hold the following Immunization Clinics in Callahan County:

Monday, August 9
Baird Cafetorium
400 W. 7th
10 a.m. to 12 noon
and
Cross Plains Housing
Authority
233 North Main
2 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, August 11
Clyde First Baptist Church
216 Austin
10 a.m. to 12 noon
1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Please bring your child's immunization records. For more information call (325) 754-4945.

Cross Plains Cemetery Association Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, August 5th
6:00 p.m. @ City Hall
Everyone is invited



BUSINESS OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED—Susan Schaefer presented Keith Lawrence a plaque for Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply, Inc.



CHAMBER BANQUET SPEAKER—Julene Franke, president of the Chamber of Commerce, is pictured with Nicki Harle, the guest speaker.

and Wilma's son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Leslie Lawrence, moved here in 1994 and joined the family business.

James and Wilma have two other sons, Bruce, their oldest, who lives in Anton, near Lubbock. He farms cotton wheat and milo, as well as raising registered Limousin cattle. He

serves as the director of the Texas Limousin Association and the National Limousin Foundation. Royce, the middle son, lives in the Dudley-Oplin community of Callahan County on part of the original Armor family land. He is employed by Bandag Company in Abilene. The

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Class of '54 Celebrates their 50th Anniversary

By Joe Coppinger

It was a weekend to remember for the rest of our lives. The setting was Leadership Lodge, a facility of the Texas 4-H Center. The lodge overlooks the beautiful Brownwood Lake and contains twenty-four motel-type rooms that will surpass just about any around here. The very adequate meeting room was set up with tables and chairs to facilitate our many hours of visiting and table games. Just beyond the glassed end of the meeting room was a large deck that provided an unusual opportunity to truly experience the beauty of the lake.

Classmates and spouses began arriving early Friday afternoon and after an absolutely perfect weekend departed Sunday afternoon. Delicious meals and snacks were provided by the 4-H Center, and all the stops were pulled to make us comfortable and well-cared for. Activities consisted mainly of visiting, visiting, and more visiting but also included a business meeting Saturday afternoon. During this time our classmates who have passed on were remembered. The

class has lost only three of its graduates: Joyce Neeb Taylor, Delma Jean Luttrell Brooker and Cordelia Baines Joy Rae. One other deceased classmate, Barbara Parrish, had been with us in the ninth grade. Our business meeting was closed with prayer and the singing of CPHS, our school song.

Professional quality photographs were taken of each couple and individual which will make up a portion of a memory book that will be distributed this fall. Our photographer was classmate Jim Rice, who worked for Eastman Kodak for many years. Jim and his wife, Pat, also traveled the longest distance coming all the way from their home in Rochester, New York. The rest of the group came from all over the great state of Texas.

Our last activity was our own special church service on Sunday morning. Pastor Clarence Wilson began the service with a welcome, Scripture reading, and prayer. James O. Koenig led the singing, and Joe Coppinger preached the message entitled "Getting Older and Better" from II Corinthians 4:16-18.

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NEW CROSS PLAINS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK

Local Fire Department Fund-raiser Announced

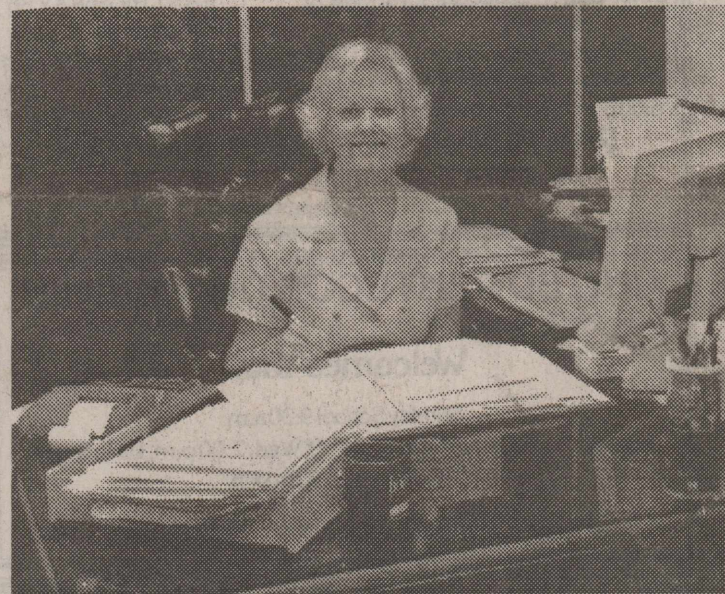
The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department is proud of its newest addition. A grant was received for the purchase of the new truck, but local funds were also required.

Therefore, a fish fry has been planned for August 13th at the Cross Plains Community Center located at 108 North Beech Street from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cost for the plates will be \$7.00 for adults

and \$3.50 for children under 12. The menu will include fish or chicken, cole slaw, hush puppies, condiments and peach cobbler.

Proceeds from the fish fry will help to replenish the local funds.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the department may do so at this time or mail a donation to P.O. Box 297, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.



SANDRA JONES

Texas Heritage Bank Promotes Jones to Assistant Vice President

CROSS PLAINS—Texas Heritage Bank's Board of Directors announced that Sandra Jones has been promoted to Assistant Vice President and Compliance Officer.

Sandra started with Texas Heritage Bank in 1989 as a teller. She has worked numerous positions throughout the bank and has been a loan officer for the past three years. Prior to joining Texas Heritage Bank, she worked for an oil and gas company for 11 years. Sandra has also attended Lee Junior College in Baytown and Cisco Junior College in Abilene.

Sandra has served the Cross Plains community as a member of the Board of the Chamber of Commerce and as President of the Chamber in 2001. She was a member of the Cross Plains EMS for seven years. Through the years she has been involved in many community activities including Project Pride, Band Boosters and PTO. Sandra is also a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Cross Plains.

David Estes, president of the Cross Plains office of Texas Heritage Bank, said, "Sandra is a valuable member of our team. She is a great asset to the bank and the entire community. I am proud for her accomplishment." Sandra and her husband, Rolan,

are both Callahan County natives and graduates of Cross Plains High School. They have three children, Kim, Kathy (deceased) and Jamie, and five grandchildren.

Texas Heritage Bank has been in continuous operation since 1931 and has banking offices in Cross Plains and Boerne. The Bank is currently finalizing plans for a third office in Leon Springs to open in 2005.

Texas
Heritage
Bank

"We're Proud of Our Local Heritage"

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Scranton Musical and Meeting this Saturday

The Scranton Musical will not be held Saturday, August 7, 2004 because of a lack of musicians. The next scheduled musical will be Saturday, September 4. All musicians are invited to play and may call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group. Please call Mark Ray at this number. There will be a Community Center Meeting Tuesday, August 10 at 3:00 p.m. to elect officers for the coming year. Please plan to attend. Submitted By: Joan Shrader

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

832 Ave. E Cross Plains, TX

Pastor: Donald Duke
 Sunday Morning Bible Study.....10:00 AM
 Morning Worship11:00 AM
 Evening WorshipC:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Bible Study.....7:00 PM



Our Church Is A House Of Prayer

GOSPEL MISSION

716 1st Street
 Full Gospel

Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.
 Michael Ingram, Pastor

CROSS PLAINS COWBOY CHURCH

Pastor: LEN SMITH

Join Us On Sunday Mornings At 10:00 a.m.
 At City Park Behind Rodeo Arena
COME AS YOU ARE!

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

PASTOR: J. D. FRY (325) 646-7647
 Last Sunday of the month singing. Come one-Come all.
 Chips, Dips, Sandwiches

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 Sun. 6:30p.m. Worship & Word *** Wed. 7:00p.m. Bible Study
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"Restoring And Equipping The Saints"

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Pastors: Max Evans & Colleen Anderson

For Information Call (254) 725-4884

Union Center Baptist Church

"Service to God Through Service to Man"

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

5 miles north of Rising Star - 1/2 mile east of Hwy 183 on CR 292

Jerry Eckhart, Pastor (254) 643-1027

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

Friendly Church

Bible Teaching

ROWDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

Pastor: Carl Mauldin

Come Worship With Us!

NIMROD BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

OBITUARY

Coy Rankin

Coy Rankin, 89, of Rising Star, passed away Friday, July 30, 2004, at the Rising Star Nursing Center.

Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, August 1, 2004, in the Amity Cemetery in Comanche County. Higginbotham Funeral Home of Rising was in charge of the arrangements.

Coy was born June 1, 1915 in Comanche, Texas to Samuel and Linda Rankin.

Survivors include his brother, Jay Rankin of Rising Star; his sisters, Gaynell Nelms of Big Sky, Montana, June Rankin of Rising Star, Wanda Summers of Hillsboro, Ruth Mouring of Maryville, Tennessee, and Betty Barnhill of Stanton; several nieces and nephews including Patsy Myers and her husband Richard, of Mineral Wells, and Linda Bates of Rising Star.

He was preceded in death by his parents; step-mother, Nettie Lee; and his brothers, Bill and Ray Rankin.

Project Pride Meets next Tuesday

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 10, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library. The public is welcome.

Thirty-sixth Anniversary of National Fair Housing

This year marks the 36th anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law. To promote fair housing policies, the West Central Texas Council of Governments encourage potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Acts of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

Gifts to the Pioneer Cemetery Announced

I have been remiss getting the gifts listed in the newspaper. To get caught up, I will send 3 to 4 months until I am current.

The reports this week are for the months July 1, 2003 through November 30, 2003.

Each gift is deeply appreciated. To make a donation, you may mail to Texas Heritage Bank, P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, Texas or to Jo Veda Watson, 300 Hog Creek Road, Brownwood, Texas 76801.

Jacquelyn Baxter	\$100.00
Johnie/Macy Boyles	50.00
Betty Browning	100.00
Joe Kendrick	100.00
Billy/Carol Watson	40.00
Mrs. Frankie Smith	25.00
Elmer Faulkner	20.00
Harris Family (Billy Jack)	50.00
Don Harris	500.00
Total	\$1,085.00

<u>Designated Historical Marker:</u>	
M/M Tom Flippin Estate	
	\$ 100.00
Total Historical Marker	\$100.00

<u>Gifts I/M Samuel Wilson:</u>	
M/M Jack Bennett	25.00
M/M Ray Curry	40.00
Z.L./Joan Ballard and Vickie	25.00
M/M Joe Ingram and Judy	15.00
M/M R.O. McCarty	50.00
Brian Vaughn	20.00
Total	\$175.00

<u>Burial Permits:</u>	
Vernon Faulkner	\$100.00
Samuel Wilson	100.00
Lorene Bryson (Prepaid)	100.00
Total	\$300.00
Total CD Interest	\$1,068.92
Total money market interest	23.71
Total	\$1,092.63

<u>Designated Pavilion</u>	
M/M Tom Flippin Estate	\$400.00
Mac Flippin	100.00
Thomas/Wanda Flippin	500.00
Rosa Lee Melton	10.00
M/M Cowan Hutton	100.00
Jerry Fleming	50.00
Betty Browning	100.00
Thomas C. Melton	25.00
Total	\$1,285.00

Total all gifts, permits, interest \$4,037.63

Mike's Tire & Lube

209 So. Access Rd. West, Clyde

NEW HOURS

Monday-Friday Oil Change, Batteries,
 8:00 am. - 7:00 pm Flats Fixed, New Tires,
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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT

Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Michael Estes, possession of marijuana.
 Shawn R. Breeding, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
 Brittney S. Mundell, DWI.
 Jeremy R. Franke, possession of marijuana.
 Anthony L. Cothern, driving while license invalid (DWLI).
 Mary J. York, theft by check.
 Gabriel Guzman, theft by check.
 Marianita Almager, DWI.
 John D. Dobbs, DWI.
 Dana J. Hogrell, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Sablan Reyna, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Tarrant Co. granted.
 Brandi Ketcherside, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
 Earl P. Alexander, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, case dismissed time served in prison.
 Joshua Douglas Teague, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.
 Cody F. Green, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50 fine, \$215 court costs, \$54.57 restitution.

Dwight Crigger, order discharging defendant from probation granted, deferred adjudication.
 Arthur Wylie, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
 Gilbert Mendoza, Jr., order amending conditions of probation granted.
 Richard Swaim, transfer request from Johnson Co. to Harris Co. granted.

Onjel Medford, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
 Daniell Cosby, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, case dismissed for medical reasons.

Jerrod Shea Bonds, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.
 Jackson Gavin, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Gillespie Co. granted.
 Billy Ray Collins, Jr., plea of guilty to DWI-1st, 10 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$243 court costs.

Deborah Christensen, order revoking probation granted.
 Melanie Hohmann, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Deborah D. Anderson, DWI.
 Danny M. Cannon, evading arrest.
 Lauren K. Coy, possession of a controlled substance.
 Jody Lee Crafton, forgery.
 Shana L. Glasgow, forgery.
 Terry Elizabeth Savage, DWI.
 Charles Dale Reutter, DWI.
 Brandon K. Wright, DWI.
 Adam Joseph Stokes, failure to register as sex offender.

Gary Allen Bailey, Ct. I - possession of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance. Ct. II - possession of a controlled substance.

Teresa F. Smith, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 4 years in prison. \$221 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Don Wayne Haney and Lavon Gail Reed, both of Cross Plains.
 Allen D'Wayne Goodner of Clyde and Samantha Sue Dillon of Abilene.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

James Russell Minatra and Jenett Annyce Minatra, divorce.
 Cynthia D. Widener and Douglas K. Widener, divorce.

In re: order for foreclosure concerning Don Paul Ferguson and 1036 PR 2226, Abilene, TX 79602, application for foreclosure.

Randy Snell and Kandi Snell, divorce.
 Denise Annette Stark and Altus Stark, Jr., divorce.

Civil Minutes

John A. Gordon, Norma Lee Gordon, Frank Sasin and Shirley Sasin vs. First National Bank of Baird and Robert E. McCool, substitute trustee, order for release of bond.

McDonnell Construction Co., Inc., et al vs. Beverly Enterprises-Texas, Inc., et al, order releasing bond.

The State of Texas vs. Richard Windham, Jr., et ux, judgment of court in absence of objection, State of Texas to award \$16,000.00 to defendant granted.

Lorrie Diane Miller and Dale Matthew Miller, divorce granted.
 Ward David Robinson and Mickie Jo Robinson, divorce granted.

Chad Lane Smith and Shana Rene Smith, divorce granted.

Criminal Indictments

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A Study Of Moral & Social Principals "What Does The Lord Require" 6 p.m. Sunday

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Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Worship - 10:45 a.m.

Rev. C. Michael Redd, Pastor



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Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Services	11:00 am
Evening Services	7:00 pm
Wed. Evening Service	7:00 pm

First Baptist Church

3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX

Ronnie B White, Pastor



BURKETT NEWS

BY LOVERA STRICKLAND

More donations have been reported by Linda Brady for the Burkett-Adams Cemeteries as follows: Tommy Underwood \$25; Bob and Kay Magee \$25; Raymond and Helen Hounshel \$10; Ora Flowers \$25; Jimmy and Kaye Gains \$50; Louise Jones \$30; Julie Peterson (Hanke) \$25; Dick and Sharon Koenig \$50; Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Maples \$35; Hazel Joyce Klutts \$100; Bill and Vale Holland **In Memory of R.T. Watson and Maurine Gray Gilliam** \$100; Jerl and Sheila Teeters \$20; A.L. Hunter \$25; Andy and Barbara Young \$30; Darryl and Kathy Tinney \$25; Audrey Chambers \$25; Olene Johnson \$25; Earlene Ward **In Memory of Colie and Pearl Thate** \$25; Sharon Childers \$10; Ken and Terri, Kristin and Kashlyn Hunter **In Memory of Leif and Bill Hunter** \$25; Elizabeth Cook \$25; C.A. Walker \$20; Tom and Karen Adams **In Memory of O.B. Byrd** \$50; Roy and Lela Young \$100; and Billy and Lafaye Pace \$100.

The directors of the Burkett-Adams Cemeteries wish to extend their appreciation for each of the donations.

Hasn't it been a busy summer? At least that's a good excuse for waiting this long to report on a wonderful day at the park, June 26, 2004. The descendants of Wade and Anna Golson swam, played tennis, rode bicycles, ate and visited-visited-visited. The following are these lucky people. We're lucky because we managed to stay close and share love. Attending were Michelle Wilkovich, Coleman; Logan Wilkovich, College Station Kelsey Wilkovich, Denton; Liz Golson, Burkett; Pete and Carlene Golson, Rankin; Larry and Kathy Rose, Coleman; Matt, Emma, Alice, Kevin, and Jessica McKinney, Goldsboro; Toby, Melinda, and Cole, Golson, Mansfield; Tiffni Darden and Wyatt, Eastland; Josh Bird and friend, Suzanne Dobry, San Antonio; Dawn, Cheyenne, and Garrett Hill, Farwell; Marley, Gabe and Randy Golson, Midland; Joe Lee, Sandra, and Hannah Rose, Coleman; Tim, Suzanne, Lauren and Tyler Golson, Coleman; Jeff, Stormie, Tracy, and Tristen Price, Novice; Beth Kleiber, Burkett; Steve, Brenna, and Kenzie Kleiber, Cross Plains; Angie, Murray and Julie Golson, Rankin; and Robin, Skyler, McKenzie and Cutter Culwell, Novice.

I took a short vacation with Jackie and his family. Jackie came Monday and stayed until Wednesday evening when I got off work, then we headed for Somerville. The next day, June 24th, Jackie, Julie, Jared, Deonna, Staci, Jeremy and Shari loaded up and left for Austin. We arrived at the airport and Jackie and Julie let us out while they parked the cars. We waited and waited for them, but they didn't show up. So Staci called and they were waiting for us at another place, so we finally got together. We got our luggage checked and all passed through the scanning okay. We finally got on the plane.

It was my first flight and it was so beautiful after we got up in the air. We landed in Minneapolis, Minnesota 7:45 p.m., got our luggage and walked and walked to the car rental place. Then we started to Mankota where we spent the night. The next morning we went to Good Thunder where we met Dale, Julie's son, and his bride to be. We left Good Thunder for Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They were getting married in Sioux Falls at 2:00 p.m. Saturday.

Sunday we returned to Good Thunder where we attended a fish fry and visited. It was cool enough to wear a jacket that night. We returned to Mankota that night and left for Minneapolis early the next morning. We visited the Mall of America before going to the airport. It sure was big!

We got to the airport, got our luggage checked and went through security. I failed. I had bought a picture frame and it had slid on its side and it was suspicious; then my purse failed. I had a half roll of quarters left and they were suspicious. I tried to help the attendant and he told me not to touch anything, so I didn't.

Anyway, we got in the air and got back to Austin safely. I spent the rest of the week in Somerville. I came home Friday night. Jackie, Julie, Jared, Staci, Deonna and a friend, Dwight, came home with me. They stayed until Monday, July 4th. It was a fun trip, but if I fly again, I will be sure to pack picture frame right and I will spend all the roll of quarters.

Leroy Walker of Colorado is visiting Andrew Walker and Bill and Addie Walker and others in the area. Cheyenne and Garrett Hill of Farwell are visiting their grandparents, Beth and Bob Kleiber, a few days this week.

Fire Control Unit Wrapping Location Signs
The Cottonwood Fire Control Unit will complete its effort to install signs that point to individual people's homes in the near future. Signage that identify the route to individual homes to the east of Cottonwood is coming next.

The signs are valuable to identify the route to people's homes for emergency vehicle drivers. Fire and other emergency drivers are not always familiar with where people live and depend on signs for help. EMS drivers really depend on these signs.

But you must agree to have your name on the sign. The cost is \$20.00 per sign. Notify Fire Chief Bob Childress at (254) 725-4126, if you are willing for your name to appear. Once the sign is up, the opportunity to do so will be gone.

According to Childress the Fire Control Unit will be selling a water trailer. If you are interested, drive by the fire station and look at it, then call Bob. The next fire meeting will be Thursday, August 19th. Meet at the Fire Station.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

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sponsoring a Dinner and Musical on Friday, August 20, and that week the Club will meet for quilting on Tuesday.

So please keep this date, 20 August 2004, open and come out to dine with friends and listen to some good music. The proceeds of the evening benefit the West Texas Rehab Center in Abilene.

Junior Ivy Hospitalized in San Antonio

Jon Ted "Junior" Ivy underwent surgery in Audie Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital last Wednesday. The family, nephew, John, and Pat Ivy, of Kerrville, are waiting for results from tests taken during surgery. John is the son of Morris Ivy of Cottonwood and Turkey Creek.

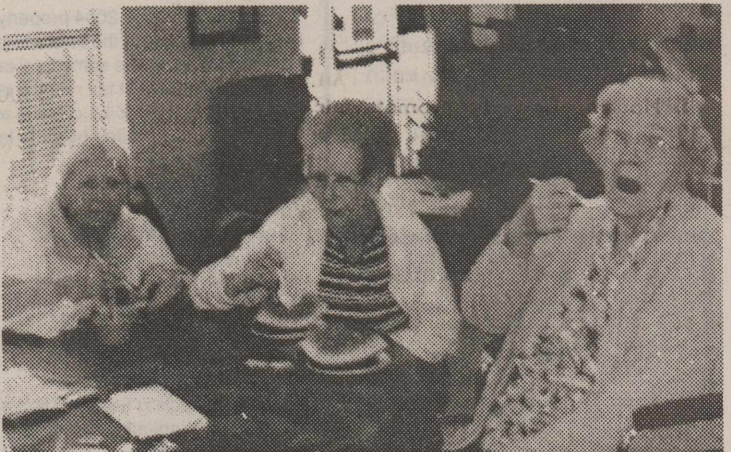
Some of you will remember Junior Ivy, a native of Cottonwood, who left here in 1941 to join the Navy. He was in the Philippine Islands where he was captured by the Japs early on during World War II.

Carol and Wallace Bennett visited Junior on Friday and Saturday of last week, while they were in San Antonio attending a Texas Rehabilitation Association annual conference.

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

RIISING STAR NURSING NEWS

BY LINDA MERRITT



DELICIOUS—Elizabeth Chamberlain (from left), Lorene Jennings and Zeld Milam enjoy the wonderful watermelon.

The residents will be having their birthday party this Thursday, August 5th, at 2:00 p.m. Those with birthdays are: Annie South, Jessie Casey and Jack Smith. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

We all have been enjoying the delicious watermelon. This is a special treat and the residents thoroughly enjoy it. Many thanks to the Spillmans and to everyone

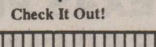
else for all the vegetables and fruit we have received.

A warm welcome to our new residents, Willie Phillips and Annie (Rachel) Marsh.

Thoughts and prayers for Kay Mosley, who is in the hospital. Welcome home Eddie Petty, from the hospital.

God is Good—All the time — All the time—God is GOOD!!!

LIBRARY NEWS



Behind the Books

Summertime being great for family reunions, the cousins came by last week. Being too rainy to do much else, we opted to check out our family tree. Alas, we could find only two books on worms. But that's one more than we found on mud or mules!!

Just for kicks, we started counting books by subject and found 143 on dogs and 69 on horses; 49 on teen-agers and 279 on women. I gave up with 191 on Texas, but cousin kept going with United States where he found 485.

What a wide variety of subjects we covered. Oh, did I mention that cousin is a centipede and has a lot more feet to count with than I do?

July 26-30 Statistics

Circulation:	
Books	101
Interlibrary Loan	2
Internet Users	41
Total	144

Memorials:
Daisy King - In Memory of Mamie Clark
Donations:
Ethel Ames
Donations - books:
Estate of Rita Mitcham

Activity Report

Patrons:	82
A.M.	41
P.M.	41

Programs:	3
Copies:	78
Reference:	4
Check In/Out Books:	23
Calls In:	3
Internet Users:	41

PIONEER NEWS

Wow! We did have some welcome rain last week. It has made everything look sooo green. Everyone is very thankful for it!

Here are the happenings for the Huttons in July:

It has been a busy and enjoyable summer for the Huttons. Travis and Arlene Parson, Cowan and Laverne's grandchildren from Florida, were home for a visit. While they were here Travis and his mother, Wanetta, attended a birthday party for Trisha at Sandy and J.D.'s house. Others there were Danny and Trisha's children and grandchildren, Anthony, Robert and Terry Hutton and sons, Gavin and Garrett, and Robbie and Jason Fortune and children, Chase and Jaycie, Lynn and Pam Hutton and children, Scott and Carrie Hutton and Samantha and friend, Megan Thomas, Tabitha and Michael Jordan and children, Shelby, Lauren and Hannah, and Cowan and Laverne.

Cowan and Laverne's granddaughter, Melissa Hutton of Savannah, Georgia, visited from Friday to Monday. Saturday evening 33 members of the family gathered at Cowan and Laverne's to visit with Melissa and have a hamburger picnic in the yard with all the trimmings. All of this turned out to be a surprise birthday party to celebrate Laverne's "Big 80th" birthday! She received several gifts including a printer so she can print the greeting cards she designs. Her brother, Bob Dean and wife, Nelda, came from Clyde and brought a "Tin Man" he made for her. It is so cute! Pam cooked

Laverne's favorite cake, an old fashioned coconut cake with the number "80" on top. Grandson Jamie and family of Savannah, Georgia called and sang "Happy Birthday" and granddaughter Brandy was there from Galveston. Laverne said she has a great family and it has been a wonderful 80 years.

Along with the festivities, the Huttons received about 1 and half inches of rain from the 28th to the 30th. It was a God send and they give Him thanks.

James and Jean Alexander had their grandson, Will, and his friend, Rachel from Richardson. Will's friend, Jeremy from Conroe, visited over the weekend. They all had a good time.

May Jones spent a few days in Marshall with D.P.'s mother. D.P. came to Marshall a few days later. We had a little reunion with two of D.P.'s sisters, LaMuriel Poulson and Cookie Jones, and his brother, Bill Jones. Bill and Kathy Jones returned home with us for a few days. We really enjoyed their visit.

Frankie Smith visited here children in the Fort Worth area. Both her daughters and her grandchildren were there. Did they ever have a good time!

Jean Fore had her nephew, Grasson Harlow, and wife, Myrtle, from Atlanta, visit with her. Her sister, Vi Harlow of Cross Plains, came out to visit also. They all did a lot of work and enjoyed every minute of it.

Summer is passing very fast. It will not be long until we will be back at quilting. Maybe we will have more news next time. Have a good week!

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

A little child shall lead them. Haven't we all wished that we could go back to the wonder of a child. A few of us have known adults that still seem to have a wonder and fresh vision. Frankly, I think it could be cultivated. We could "practice seeing things as we think a child would see. I think we would all be better for the practice. Read this and then practice thinking of how a child would see things.

I would miss my Mommy and Daddy.

When I see a mud puddle, I step around it. I see muddy shoes and clothes and dirty carpets. My kids sit in it. They see dams to build, rivers to cross and worms to play with.

I wonder if we are given kids to teach or to learn from?

No wonder God loves the little children!

Author Unknown

THE VISION OF CHILDREN

When I look at a patch of dandelions, I see a bunch of weeds that are going to take over my yard. My kids see flowers for Mom and blowing white fluff you can wish on.

When I look at an old drunk and he smiles at me, I see a smelly, dirty person who probably wants money and I look away. My kids see someone smiling at them and they smile back.

When I hear music I love, I know I can't carry a tune and don't have much rhythm so I sit self consciously and listen. My kids feel the beat and move to it. They sing out the words. If they don't know them, they make up their own.

When I feel wind on my face, I brace myself against it. I feel it messing up my hair and pulling me back when I walk. My kids close their eyes, spread their arms and fly with it until they fall to the ground laughing.

When I pray I say Thee and Thou and grant me this, give me that. My kids say, Hi God! Thanks for my toys and my friends. Please keep the bad dreams away tonight. Sorry, I don't want to go to Heaven yet.

Be encouraged to not be so serious all the time. If you are finding yourself having a bad day, stop yourself and think on something good or funny. Have a merry heart and keep it in your mind that it is for your own best interest to take it easy and enjoy right now. The Bible declares in Proverbs 15:13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken. It is our choice whether we have peace and joy or heartbreak and disappointment. The Lord has done all the work that needed to be done and now it is up to us whether we accept it or reject it. (Colossians 3:1-2) (Isaiah 53:4-5) (Deuteronomy 30:19-20)

I encourage you to see the good in all things and do not allow the voice of discouragement to penetrate your heart. Have a merry heart and allow God's peace to infiltrate every area of your life. You will find very soon if you choose to have a merry heart that your health, joy, contentment and peace will be elevated to heights never before imagined.

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BREAKTHRU
 By Bob Pipes
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In Monday's comics, in *Frank and Ernest*, two kids were strapped to their mothers' backs (as the mothers shopped, faced in different directions), and one kid said to the other: "It's a metaphor for life: we know all about where we've been, but nothing about where we're going." I'm afraid that's all too true about all too many adults, also.

What if the Lord were to come right now; do you know for sure, nothing doubting, where you would be going? Would you go to heaven? The Bible tells us that the "things that are written" are written so that "we may know," **I John 5:13**. Obviously, what John wrote (along with the rest of the New Testament) gives us the information we need to be assured of our eternal salvation. May I share what John and God's other writers had to say about that "life or death" matter? We all know where we've been and where we are; where are we going?

I 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: "In the Fullness of Time..."

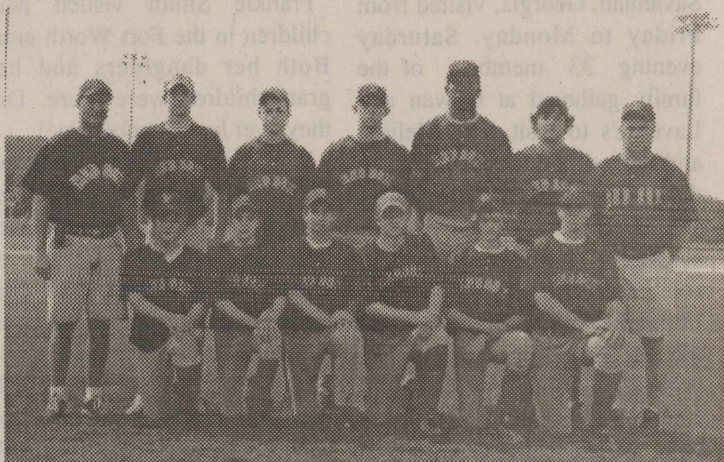
Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
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 Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus



KANSAS CITY, MO. — Thor Woerner (left) and Heath Mayo (right) are seen above at the Kansas City Royals game.



EAST TEXAS RED SOX HARD AT WORK—Heath Mayo (pitching) and Thor Woerner (catching) work together to overtake the batter.



BASEBALL TEAM HOLDS SOME LOCALLY KNOWN YOUNG MEN—Heath Mayo (front, second from left), Thor Woerner (back, fourth from left) and Coach Keith Mayo (back, far right).

Ex-Local Youths Participated in a National Tournament

Heath Mayo of Whitehouse and Thor Woerner of Marble Falls recently competed in the Super Series Select Baseball National Tournament for 14 and under in Liberty, Missouri. Their team, the East Texas Red Sox, was the #1 seed from 40 teams after initial pool play. They won the first two bracket games and then suffered two hard fought losses that sent them home. However, the two losses were against the teams that placed 2nd and 3rd overall. The Red Sox placed 8th overall and had the #1 defense, allowing only

20 runs from their opponents during the tournament. They played teams from OK, MO, AL, LA, and TX.

Heath and Thor began their baseball careers in Cross Plains in 1995 playing on the Giants Pee Wee Division. They have remained friends and team mates.

Heath is the son of Keith and Staci (Weiss) Mayo and has relatives in Cross Plains. Thor is the son of Cord and Kimberly Woerner. Both boys will be attending the 8th grade this year.

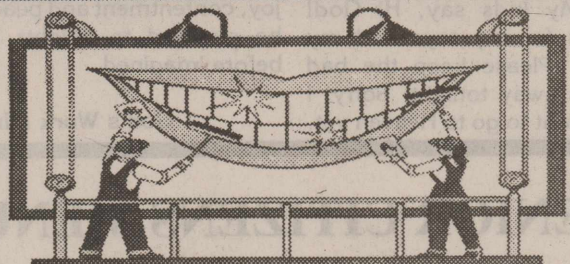
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Sales tax holiday Class of '54 this weekend

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 6, 7, and 8, 2004—the state's sixth annual tax holiday. Layaway plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

The law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. This year's sales tax holiday for clothing and footwear begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 6, and ends at midnight on Sunday, August 8. The tax break is 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 have enclosed a list of items for a quick reference and a flyer you can post in a prominent place in your store in advance of the tax holiday," said Texas State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn.

The list cannot include every possible item that qualifies for the exemption. If you have questions about items not shown here, 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 exemption from local sales tax is up to individual cities. This year, since no cities opted out of the holiday, qualifying items will be fully exempt from tax throughout Texas.

- * Most clothing and footwear priced at less than \$100 will be exempt from sales tax. Customers will receive the break on individual items, regardless of the total amount they buy. For example, sales tax is not due if a customer buys six shirts each priced at \$99.99. But full tax is due on a shirt sold for \$100; the first \$99.99 cannot be exempted.

- * 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 example, tennis shoes, baseball caps, and jogging suits are worn during everyday activities and thus may be purchased tax free during the holiday.

- * Also excluded from the sales tax holiday are accessories such as jewelry and watches; items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases 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.

Class of '54

An amazing fifty-one people participated in this grand reunion which included thirty classmates, nineteen spouses, a close friend, and a daughter. Add to that number our very special guests and former teacher, James Alexander, and his wife, Jean, bringing our total to fifty-three on Saturday afternoon. Eight other classmates who had earlier sent in their registration fee had to cancel in the last few weeks due to illness or circumstances beyond their control. Forty-five students graduated in the class of '54, and most still come back to our school homecoming and genuinely love being together.

It is impossible to portray the tremendous feeling of enthusiasm of everyone in the group for how much this weekend meant to us. If you should run into someone from the class of '54 and dare to ask them how it was, you had better grab a sandwich and a glass of tea because you are going to be there for a while.

Those attending were as follows: James and Jean Alexander, James and JoAnn Barnard, Kenneth and Ann Beeler, Patsy (Cumba) and Duane Beene, Pearl (Smedley) Brown and daughter, Jane Hill, Marjorie (Mauldin) and Danny Brown, Gene Bush, Billie Ruth (Woody) and Ned Clark, Arthur Coats, Joe and Delma (Newton) Coppingér, D.T. and Mary Crockett, Billie Ann (Kilgore) Earp, Edwin and Pence Franke, Carl and Sylvia King, James O. and Lucille Koenig, Barbara Jo (Watson) Medley, Wilda (Queen) and Trendle Mullin, Betty Jo Montgomery, Weldon and Cynthia Newton, Garmond and Lou Parrish, Jim and Pat Rice, Dee and Rhoda Robbins, Ileen (Foster) and Carl Smith, Peggy (Miller) Stovall and friend, Allison Hansen, Ruby (Green) and Bob Wallace, Katie B. (Bryson) Williams, Clarence and Leona Wilson, Elzie and Evelyn Wilson, Jean (Dillard) and Dwayne Wilson.

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2004 Property Tax Rates in CALLAHAN COUNTY

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for CALLAHAN COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control
Fund		
Last year's operating taxes	\$1,047,330	\$336,187
Last year's debt taxes	\$0	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$1,047,330	\$336,187
Last year's tax base	\$312,897,347	\$305,902,639
Last year's total tax rate	0.33472/\$100	0.10990/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,018,189	\$326,416
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$341,925,233	\$333,295,664
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.29778/\$100	0.09793/\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.39571/\$100	0.40758/\$100
x 1.03=maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing		
This year's rollback tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$1,018,189	\$326,416
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$341,925,233	\$333,295,664
= This year's effective operating rate	0.29778/\$100	0.09793/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.32160/\$100	0.10576/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.32160/\$100	0.10576/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.42736/\$100	

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If CALLAHAN COUNTY adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.39571 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2003 taxes by \$10,927.

Schedule A: General Fund Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance			
Schedule B: General Fund 2004 Debt Service				
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).				
Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment

Total required for Debt Service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2004				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95.00% of its taxes in 2004				\$0
= Total debt levy				\$0

Schedule A: Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance			
Schedule B: Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund 2004 Debt Service				
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).				
Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment

Total required for Debt Service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
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+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95.00% of its taxes in 2004				\$0
= Total debt levy				\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 132 West 4th St., Baird, Texas 79504.

Name of person preparing this notice: Bun Barry
Title: Chief Appraiser
Date prepared: July 27, 2004

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Land values are increasing throughout Callahan County

Property appraisal values throughout Callahan County increased over 2003 values, according to Callahan County Appraisal District's Chief Appraiser Bun Barry.

Barry provided appraised property values to the taxing entities throughout Callahan County last Monday and taxing entities will soon begin work on setting tax rates in the various taxing jurisdictions throughout the county. Barry said the Appraisal District reappraised all the land values throughout the county this year and said land values were up across the county. He said statewide, land property values seem to be increasing 20 to 22 percent annually. Barry said its been three years since land values were last readjusted in the county.

The taxing jurisdiction of Callahan County reported the largest property value increase over last year. The County reported property values of \$347,618,021 in 2004, compared to \$312,720,660 in 2003—an increase of \$34,720,660.

Barry said the reason for the increase is based upon the higher land values in the county. He also said the price of oil has gone up by a substantial amount, which also raised the price of property values. He said mineral values in the county were \$11 million this year compared to \$8 million in 2003.

Barry reported the City of Clyde had property values of \$82,828,390 in 2004, compared to \$79,892,940 in 2003 for an increase of \$2,935,450. Barry said the jump in property values in the City of Clyde is because of annexation. Barry said the City of Clyde had some \$1.7 million in new construction last year, which included the new Family Dollar store on Interstate 20. Barry said land values were re-evaluated in Clyde last year and the Appraisal District just picked those number up this year.

The chief appraiser said Clyde CISD reported property values up \$12,728,638 this year. The school district has \$145,958,817 in property values in 2004, compared to \$133,230,179 in values last year. Barry said the increases in Clyde CISD can be attributed to land and oil value increases, as well as some \$5.1 million in new construction through the school district. Barry said the largest growth is being seen in the Clyde school district. "They're growing like a weed," Barry said of the property value increase in the Clyde school district.

The Baird ISD property values increased \$3,863,379 in 2004, according to Barry. He said Baird ISD recorded \$72,312,229 in property values in 2004, compared to property values of \$68,448,850 in 2003.

The City of Baird reported \$31,839,930 in property values this year compared to

Callahan County Property Appraisal Values	
Callahan County	
2004	\$347,618,021
2003	\$312,897,361
Increase	\$34,720,660
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Increase	\$12,728,638
City of Clyde	
2004	\$82,828,390
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Increase	\$2,935,450
Baird ISD	
2004	\$72,312,229
2003	\$68,448,850
Increase	\$3,863,379
City of Baird	
2004	\$31,839,930
2003	\$29,916,270
Increase	\$1,923,660
City of Putnam	
2004	\$1,789,680
2003	\$1,785,220
Increase	\$4,460
Cross Plains ISD	
2004	\$62,227,959
2003	\$59,537,300
Increase	\$2,690,659

\$29,916,270 in property values in 2003—for an increase in property values of \$1,923,660 for the City of Baird.

Barry said Cross Plains ISD also reported \$2,690,659 in property values on the books this year compared to last year. He said Cross Plains ISD reports \$62,227,959 in 2004 property values, compared to \$59,537,300 in property values last year.

The City of Cross Plains does not levy a tax rate, Barry noted. The City of Putnam saw the smallest increase in property values this year compared to last year. Property values increased in the City of Putnam by just \$4,460. He said the City of Putnam had property values of \$1,789,680 in 2004, compared to 2003 property values of \$1,785,220.

Back on the subject of land values, Barry said land values are increasing in the county because of buyer speculation. He said approximately 90 percent of new land buyers are from outside the county. He said people are buying up land, speculating the prices will increase, which they have all over the county.

Barry said people are paying over \$1,000 per acre now for up to 100 acres of land, while you used to see \$1,000 per acre

tracts of just 10 acres or less.

Barry said that low interest rates are also driving land prices up. Barry said in talking with real estate experts, he believes the real estate market in Texas is at its peak. Barry said it's getting to the point where cattlemen cannot buy land and make a profit on it.

The chief appraiser hopes land prices in Callahan County have stabilized. He said the recent property reappraisals should hold the county for three more years.

Barry said property values could increase next year, based upon the current price of a barrel of oil. He said property values this year were based upon \$30 oil, and next year he said the average price of a barrel of oil could be in the lower \$30 to mid \$30 level.

Barry said the Appraisal Review Board has completed all property value appeals and the tax rolls have now been certified.

He said the tax office is now calculating every taxing jurisdiction rates. Tax rates by the various taxing entities can only increase by three percent annually without having to go through the public hearings and possible rollback elections.

Chamber

Lawrences have 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

The effects of the 1994 tornado promoted their present location on Highway 36. Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply, Inc. has seen many changes over the years, especially with increased technology.

The Lawrence family has been active in the Cross Plains E.M.S., Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative, and Callahan County Child Welfare Board. James is a director at the Texas Heritage Bank and serves on the board of the Lake Cisco Christian Youth Camp. They are members of the Cross Plains Church of Christ.

Denise Coulter graciously introduced the keynote speaker, Nicki Harle, Director of Texas Midwest Community Network. She spoke on a subject close to her heart, "The Future of Rural Texas". Nicki presented three points of importance: leadership; regionalism—cooperation and communication; and being connected by technology.

The Cake Auction was a huge success. Thanks Bob, you did great on your first try as an auctioneer. Desserts were donated by Liveoak Real Estate, Cross Plains Review, Bob and Dee Harrell, Sharon Pope, Renee Alexander, Betty Weiss, Yvonne Peevy, and Wanda Goble. Buyers were Allen Wright, Charles Chesshir, Mindi Estes, Shane Deel, Ron Conway, Ray Purvis, Burlie Taylor, Keith Lawrence, Tim Coulter, and Texas Heritage Bank.

Phil Schaefer closed the evening with the benediction.

Callahan County DPS Report

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

- Cases Investigated
- Warnings—72
- Complaints—125
- DWI—3
- Organized Criminal Activity—7
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—1
- Fugitive-Assault Domestic Violence—1
- Vehicle Accidents

There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

Funday/Playday Set for Saturday at Local Arena SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!

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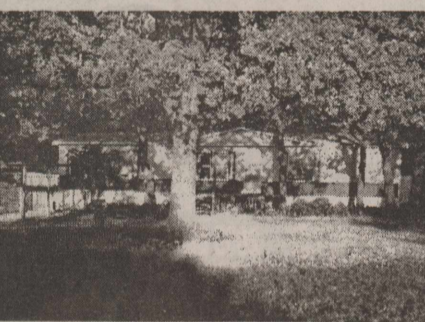
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Carey Family Reunion Set for August 14th

Descendants of the George Washington Carey and Sarah Bell Burton families will have their 63rd family reunion Saturday, August 14, at the Fellowship Hall of Christ Chapel Church, 2101 Coggin Avenue, Brownwood.

Activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. and pot luck lunch will be served at 12 noon.

Following the lunch there will be entertainment and a "White Elephant Auction".

All relatives and friends are invited.

Annual Pillans Family Reunion held Recently at local Community Center

Many excited faces rolled into town to join the Pillans family in celebrating their annual family reunion on Saturday, July 17th. A good size crowd came in to participate, and once again the Pillans reunion turned out to be a smashing success.

Since the theme for this year's gathering was "the Sound of Family", the group focused on the joy of hearing familiar voices again and enjoyed an afternoon of being entertained by family musician, John Mark Miller. He is Nona Belote's grandson, a senior student at Dallas Baptist University majoring in music.

The event was hosted by Nona and her immediate family, who made sure there was enough food and activities to keep everyone smiling. The key ingredient to making this day one to remember, however, was the Pillans family itself.

As the group chattered happily, everyone in attendance was reminded of how precious it is for a family to keep in touch. This year's reunion was a wonderful example of how some traditions are worth holding on to, and the Pillans family is already looking forward to coming back next year.

Cross Cut Reunion Well Attended July 18th

The annual Cross Cut Reunion was held July 18th at the Cross Plains Community Center. Seventy-one people registered. A pot-luck lunch was served at noon and was followed by a business meeting and a Cross Cut Cemetery Association Meeting.

Keith Watkins, reunion president, presided. He read the names of former students and family members who had passed away in the last year. A moment

of silence was observed in their memory.

A number of special attendees were recognized: Most Senior Lady was Willie Mae Gaines Wilson, who was also the Oldest Classmate; Most Senior Man was Raymond Hounshel; Youngest Classmate was Bob Golson; Farthest Travelers were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smelley of Houston; Longest married were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kizer of Brownwood; Largest Family was The Cecil Moore family.

Others recognized were former teachers Marie Stambaugh and Hoyt Byrd; former school board members, Pete Golson; and last business owner, Maxine Keller.

Peggy Chambers presided over the Cross Cut Cemetery Association meeting in place of Roy Stambaugh, president.

The customary silent auction was held with a number of hand crafted items donated. The auction helps to defray reunion expenses each year.

The reunion for 2005 will be held on July 17 at the Community Center in Cross Plains. A special treat is being planned for next year which will be a musical program by the Hounshel family.

Submitted by Mary A. Lane

Grand Ole Oplin August band line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin is proud to announce their band line-up for the month of August and hopes that everyone will come out for and evening of good music and dancing. On August 6 Muddy Creek joins us to bring their own special brand of country music, on August 13 Roland Smith and the Roadrunners will be here playing all your favorite dancing tunes, on August 20 Texas Touch will join us playing the kind of music that will make your want to get up and dance and on August 27 Muddy Creek will be back to entertain us all.

The Grand Ole Oplin is located in the Oplin Community Center at the intersection of FM 604 S. and FM 2926. Our dances are held every Friday evening start at 7:30 p.m. and ending at 10:30 p.m. Admission is only \$4.00 per person. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by everyone during the band's break. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed.

So gather your family and all your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin and don't forget your dancing boots.

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield



TIM MCCOY AND SHARA BEHRENS

McCoy-Behrens Vows to be said August 28th

Michael and Karen Behrens of Yoakum, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shara Behrens of Yoakum, to Tim McCoy of Yoakum, son of Winfred and Joyce McCoy of Cross Plains.

The wedding will take place August 28, 2004 at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Yoakum.

Shara is a 1997 graduate from Yoakum High School. She graduated from Texas A&M University in 2002 with a Bachelor of Business

Management. She received her teaching certificate in 2004 and is currently employed by Victoria ISD as a second grade teacher at Chandler Elementary.

Tim is a 1988 graduate from Cross Plains High School. He graduated Texas Tech University in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics. He is currently employed by Hochheim Prairie Insurance Company in Yoakum as the accounting manager.

The couple will reside in Yoakum.

CROSS PLAINS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2004

Donations & Earnings

Jim Freeman	\$ 100.00
Leota Howser	25.00
I/M W.A. Payne & Neeb Families by J.C. Grantham and Winnie Ruth Grantham	25.00
Interest Added To Acct.	.14
Anonymous Deposit	100.00
TOTAL	\$250.14

Grave Opening Permits

2 GOP - Higginbotham Funeral Home for Wilma Lane \$ 150.00 and Billie Ruth Loving	
Plots - 2- Smith, 2-Ashley, 4-Brashear	600.00
1GOP-Higginbotham Funeral Home for Gilbert Williams	75.00
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CD #7719	\$ 300.00
George Barnard Reunion	100.00
I/M Sterling Odom by Nancy Palmer	25.00
CD #7719 - Draw	2,500.00
Mickey Bush	100.00
I/M Sterling Odom by M/M Ralph Trevey	35.00
CD Earn #7719	319.59
Interest Added to Acct.	.21
TOTAL	\$3429.80

Grave Opening Permits

1 - Plot - Bishop	\$ 75.00
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