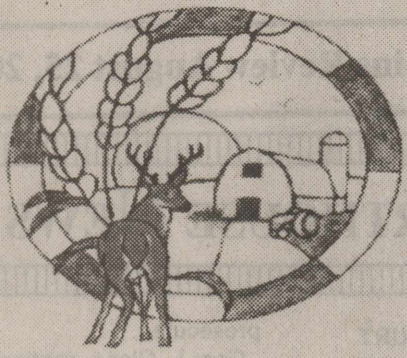


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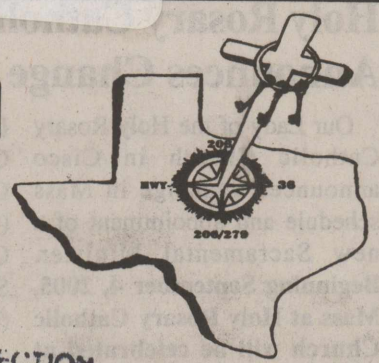


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## DOWN HOME

"Joy Abundant"

By Vanda Anderson  
Editor

Isn't it fun to do something different? Last Saturday evening my friend, Vickie Williams, and I had the opportunity to do just that.

My aunt, Billie Patterson, lives in Albany and she is always telling me about some event that is taking place there. This time The Albany Mainstreet Playhouse was presenting "Always...Patsy Cline".

First we stopped by Billie and Guy's house and then we all went to the Prairie Star, my cousins Treca and Ed Edington's restaurant, to have dinner.

We arrived at the Aztec Theater in downtown Albany early to get some good seats. It turned out Robert Echols, executive producer and founder of Albany Mainstreet Playhouse, had some choice seats waiting for us.

The musical play was based on a true story that took place in Texas. A dedicated fan of Patsy's had a rare opportunity to have Patsy as a house guest, and even arranged an interview with a disc jockey in Houston who helped boost Cline's career.

Talent abounds in Albany and we were delighted by Lorna Ayers, who portrayed Patsy Cline. She performed 25 songs and Patsy would have been proud of her interpretation of her hits. Patsy was only 30 years old when she was killed in a plane crash, but her unique voice and music has proved to be timeless.

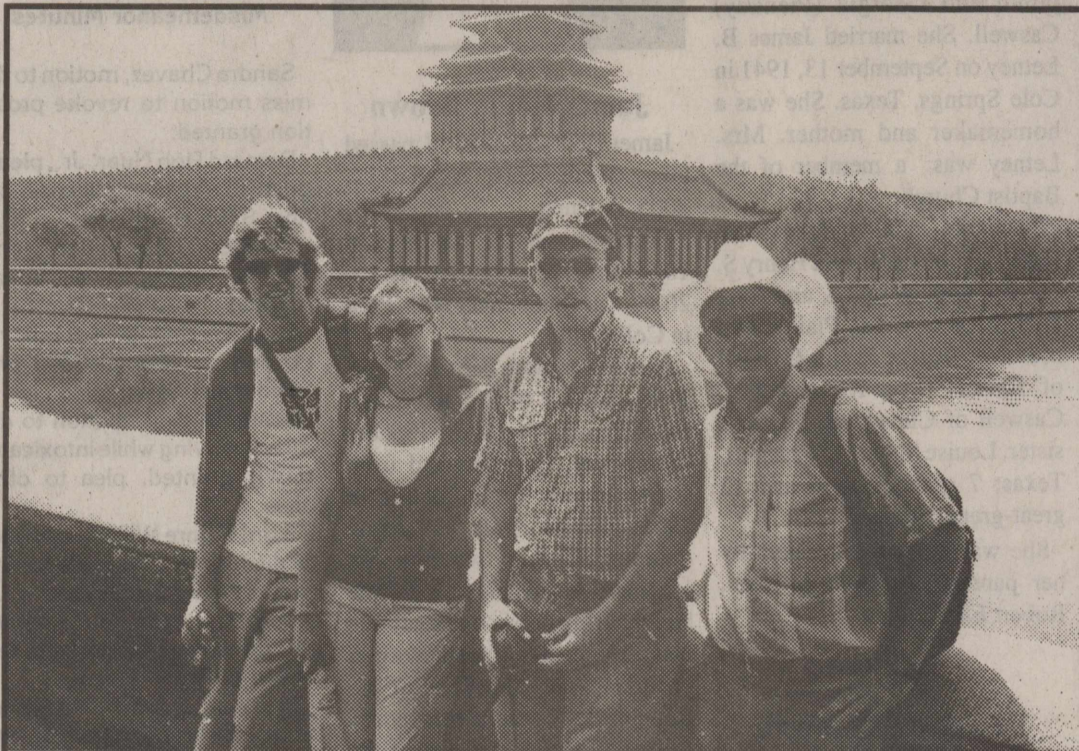
Pam Davis, who played the part of Louise Seger, stole the show with her sparkling personality. This lady could act, and truly entertained you. She kept us laughing throughout the show.

The band and the rest of the crew are from Albany and the surrounding area and they were outstanding.

Additional performances of the "Always...Patsy Cline" production were performed due to popular demand.

I will be checking the schedule of events at The Albany Mainstreet Playhouse, as this adventure just opened the door for some great times to come. You may want to check it out, too.

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FORBIDDEN CITY IN BEIJING—Teaching Interns (from left), Phillip and Kalie (Canada) and Dan (USA), accompany Craig Rogers (right) to China.

## Goshen Goes Global

### Local Man Making A Difference in China

Native Texas Craig Rogers never dreamed of living any place but here in the Great Lone Star State, however, these days he spends more time overseas than at home. Traveling extensively as a youth and young adult around the U.S. and Mexico, Craig gained a love for learning that he says will carry him well into retirement.

A 1992 TSU Agriculture

Services and Development graduate, he taught 10 years in Texas public schools and gained certifications in six teaching fields, as well as administration.

In 2002 he established Goshen Reclamation and Recovery, an outreach and training program for Texas At Risk Youth and Drop-out Dads, not able to get back into public school due to age, but wanting to further their

education to support their children. Goshen grew to include five counties in the Hill Country and Central Texas. Working with so many school districts, adult education, and continuing education programs, he had to give up his assistant principal job to devote more time to the work he knew he was called to do.

"It was our motto to 'keep the

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### Reception to be held for 2005

### W.G. McCoy Scholarship Winner



STEPHANIE EDINGTON

Stephanie Edington has been chosen to receive the W.G. McCoy Scholarship for 2005. The scholarship is given by

Texas Heritage Bank in honor of W.G. McCoy who serves this community and served the Texas Heritage Bank for many years.

The bank is pleased to be able to assist young people of Cross Plains with this scholarship and help them reach their potential by encouraging them to further their education at the college, university or technical school of their choice.

Ms. Edington was chosen by the administration of Cross Plains ISD for this award due to maintaining a good academic record, for honesty, reliability, good citizenship and high moral and ethical standards.

The bank will honor her with a reception in the lobby on Thursday, August 25th at 4:00 p.m. Please come by and wish Stephanie the best of luck in her college career. She will attend Cisco Junior College in Abilene.

Stephanie is the daughter of Howard and Debbie Edington and the granddaughter of Lynda Edington and the late Dr. Scot Edington of Burkett, Herman and Carolyn Law, and Richard and Suzan Anderson all of Pampa. She is the great-granddaughter of C.H. and Juanita Edington of Burkett.

### Callahan County Student Enrollment

	Clyde CISD	Eula ISD	Baird ISD	Cross Plains
1991	1,488	512	472	446
1992	1,447	527	481	457
1993	1,511	511	491	451
1994	1,532	558	503	454
1995	1,528	568	490	449
1996	1,530	595	438	450
1997	1,543	575	454	470
1998	1,517	558	454	437
1999	1,520	573	427	474
2000	1,497	574	391	430
2001	1,452	513	385	409
2002	1,467	532	373	410
2003	1,460	492	378	393
2004	1,461	519	347	390
2005	1,481	471	345	375

### Cross Plains enrollment down by 15 students

Clyde Consolidated Independent School District was the only one of the four Callahan County school districts to report a student enrollment increase this year over 2004 enrollment.

Clyde CISD reported 1,481 students for the first week of school in 2005, up 20 students from the 1,461 reported at the start of the school year last year.

Baird ISD reported 345 students for the first day of school this year, down just two students from 2004.

Cross Plains ISD reported 375 students during the first week of school in 2005, down 15 students from the 390 students who reported to the first day of school in 2004.

Eula Independent School District reported the largest drop in student enrollment this year compared to 2004 figures. Eula ISD reported 471 students for the first week of school in 2005, down some 48 students from the first week of school last year.

### It's Football Time Again, Enjoy a Good Breakfast !!!

This football season's "Football Breakfasts" begin this Friday (8-26-05) at the Dairy Queen. The breakfast bar is ready at opening time, 7 a.m. Different ministers rotate in sharing a five-minute devotional, especially directed toward the students, beginning around 7:20 a.m. All the football players (varsity, junior varsity, and junior high), cheerleaders, parents, coaches and school administrators are especially encouraged to share in this time together. Others who are interested in encouraging our young people in these activities are invited to come also. This is not a "pep rally," rather a time to enjoy some physical and spiritual food together.

Submitted by Bob Pipes

### Love Fund for Rene Denny

A Love Fund has been established for Rene Denny of Cross Plains at Texas Heritage Bank.

Rene has recently underwent open heart surgery. Your assistance and prayers would be greatly appreciated.

### Representative Hilderbran Visits Local Library

The Cross Plain Public Library was honored last Friday with a hastily arranged visit from Harvey Hilderbran, our State Representative from Kerrville.

Hilderbran had a speaking engagement in Baird earlier in the day, and at Charles Rodenberger's encouragement, had called to arrange the impromptu visit. Rodenberger has long been promoting the Library to Hilderbran who was delighted to finally be able to see what he's been hearing so much about for so long.

Several members of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Library were on hand to offer the grand tour of the library facilities and to answer his many questions of interest. Being a diverse group, the members were also willing and able to promote Cross Plains and the Robert E. Howard story. Hilderbran, who chairs the

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### Cross Plains Football

J.V. vs. Ranger  
August 25, 2005  
6:30 p.m.  
There

Varsity vs. Bronte  
August 26, 2005  
7:30 p.m.  
Home

### COMMUNITY SHOWER FOR

Jimmy and Janice Kelly, of Cross Plains

(Lost Their Home and Belongings Monday, July 25th Due To A Fire)

Saturday, August 27th  
6-7:30 PM

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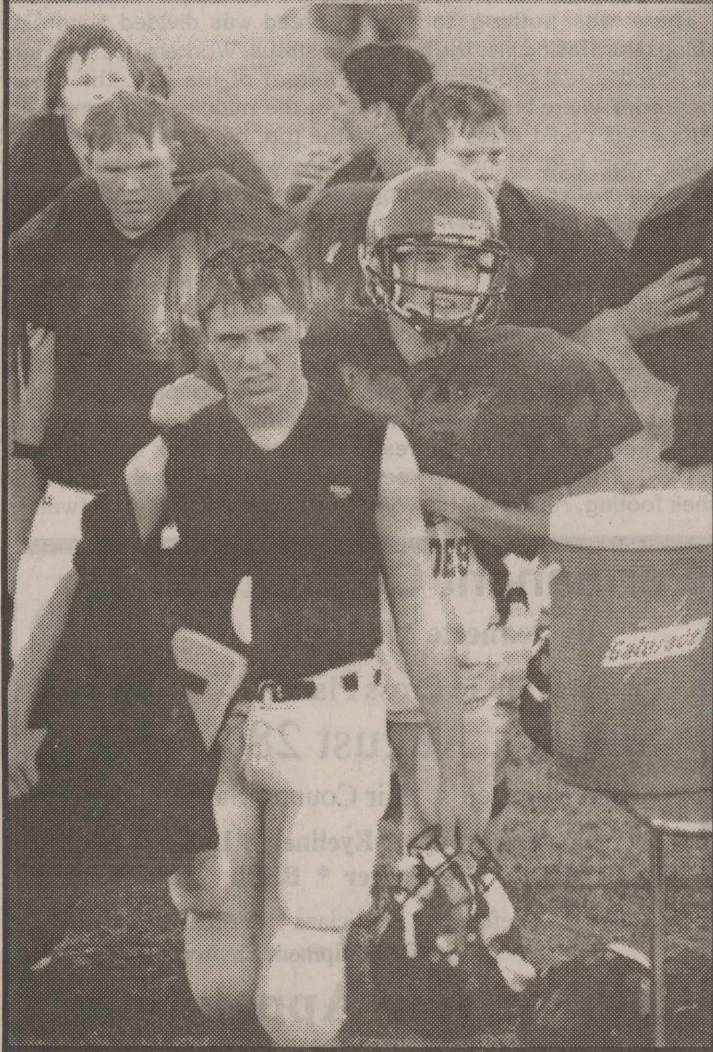
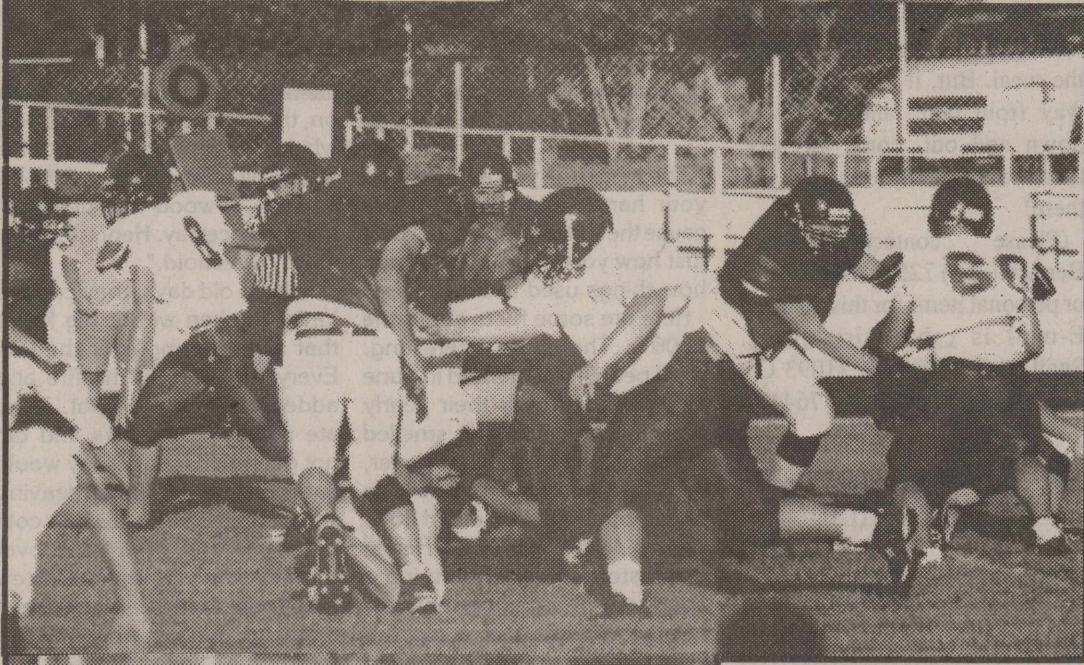
At The Home Of Connie Kirkham 20235 FM 2707, Cross Plains, Texas





## SNAP SHOTS FROM SCRIMMAGE AND MEET THE BUFFALO ICE CREAM SOCIAL

(Photos Courtesy of Teresa Koenig)



### Buffaloes Host 2nd Scrimmage

The Cross Plains Buffaloes participated in their 2nd scrimmage of the season with the Tolar Rattlers.

In the controlled part of the scrimmage, the Buffaloes scored once on a 2 yard run by running back Roy Smith. The Rattlers scored 2 touchdowns.

The two teams went through 2 quarters of game-like conditions. The Rattlers were able to score 3 touchdowns with the Buffaloes unable to get into the endzone.

We worked exclusively on our 2 minute offense (spread) in the game-like conditions. We did some things good and some things not so good. Defensively, we are going to have to tackle better and react to the ball a whole lot faster.

The Buffaloes open the season this Friday night at Buffalo Stadium. The Buffaloes face the Bronte Longhorns. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by  
Coach Hagler

### P.A.L.S.?????

What is P.A.L.S.? At Cross Plains High School a P.A.L.S. is a senior or junior student who is in the Peer Assistance and Leadership classes.

Peer Assistance and Leadership (P.A.L.) is a state accredited curriculum-based program offered at the secondary school level. Students selected to participate in P.A.L. are trained in communication and helping skills that are used to build an atmosphere of caring and understanding and to facilitate a safer and more positive school experience.

Students are given opportunities to work in a helping role with peers on their own campus and in the elementary school. Students are also encouraged to perform community service projects each semester. The P.A.L. student also helps elementary students to read and promote quality education for all students.

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## CPHS Mascot to be in TV Commercial in Abilene

Megan Thomas, mascot for the Cross Plains High School, will be in a commercial that will air on the local TV channels. Megan will be in a commercial for Action Sports Medicine that is located in Abilene.

She will be helping to make the commercial on August 23rd at the Action Sport Medicine building.

Megan will also be inspiring the students to victory in the athletic events and other events during the school year.

We at Cross Plains High School are proud of Megan and her future as the mascot of C.P.H.S.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

**AUG. 29 - SEPT. 2  
BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY** - Sausage, Biscuit, Gravy, Assorted Juice

**TUESDAY** - Waffles, Sausage Links, Assorted Juice

**WEDNESDAY** - Muffin, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

**THURSDAY** - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice

**FRIDAY** - Breakfast Bread, Assorted Juice

### LUNCH

**MONDAY**- Burrito w/Chili & Cheese, Salad, Crackers, Pineapples

**TUESDAY** - BBQ Chicken Strips, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls w/Honey

**WEDNESDAY**- Tacos, Salad, Corn, Jello w/Fruit

**THURSDAY**-Lasagna or Corn Dog, Meadow Blend Vegies, Garlic Stick, Fresh Fruit

**FRIDAY**-Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce-Tomato-Pickles, Fries, Cookie

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

**August 22, 2005**

A called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **August 30, 2005**, beginning at **6:00 p.m.** in the High School Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS  
BUDGET ADOPTION  
TAX RATE ADOPTION**

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

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on August 22, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.

Jackie Tennison  
For the Board of Trustees

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## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

**August 16, 2005**

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Burlie Taylor, Frankie Hyles, Jim Cook, Scott Childress and Reggie Pillans.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie

Tennison and guest, Cliffdean Hargrove.

Motion was made by Pillans and seconded by Schaefer that they approve a proposed tax rate of \$1.2944 of which is \$1.2273 Maintenance & Operation and .0671 Interest & Sinking. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by V. Dillard to adjourn. For 7 Against 0

**August 18, 2005**

The Cross Plains I.S.D. of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Burlie Taylor, Frankie Hyles, Jim Cook and Scott Childress.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent, High School Principal, Elementary Principal, Nora Odom, Homer Parsons, Patricia Hopkins, Susan Holland, Ron Bagley, Wayne Lenz, Karen Lenz, Nathan Joy, Janet Swanson, Tony Wyatt, Judy Luter, Susan Hartman, Annette Nickerson, and Tonjia Walker.

Prayer was led by Burlie Taylor. Minutes were approved as read.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Taylor to accept Texas Association of Public School Insurance as presented by Ron Bagley in the amount of \$29,965. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Childress to take no action on old contract for electricity and will post for bids. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Childress to accept Texas Association of School Boards Unemployment Compensation Program for C.P.I.S.D. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Hyles to accept CPISD Integrated Pest Management Program as presented by Jackie Tennison. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Dillard to accept Investment Portfolio for CPISD year ending 8/31/05. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Dillard and seconded by Schaefer to allow Beta Sigma Phi use of school facilities for yard sale on 10/8/05. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress

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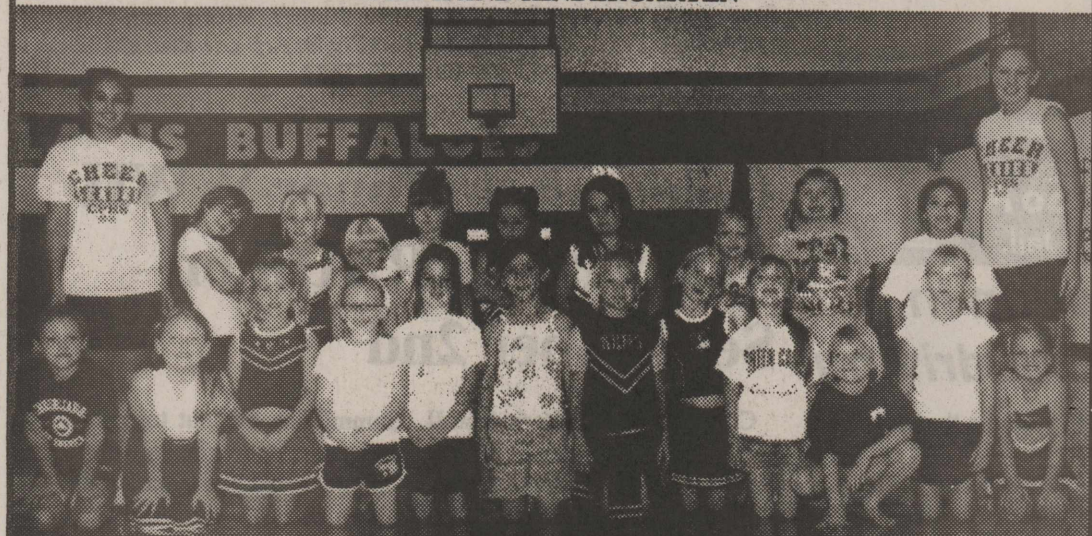
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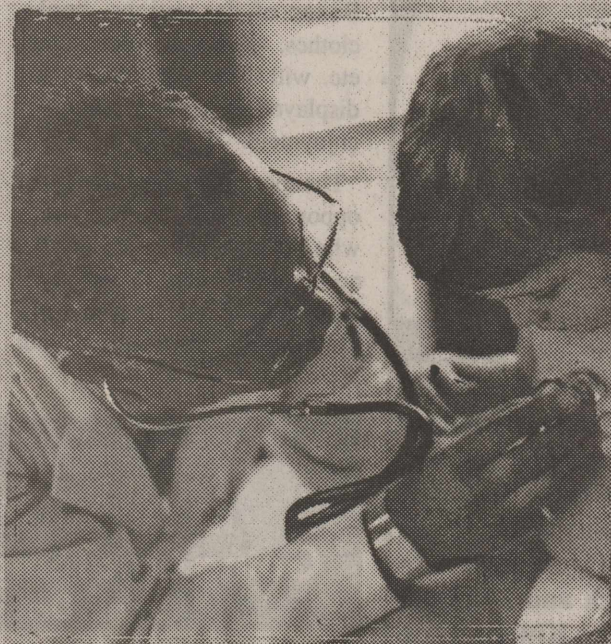
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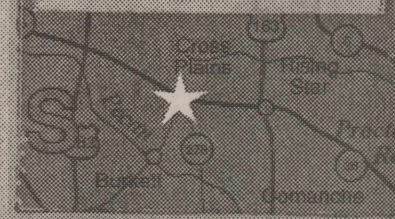
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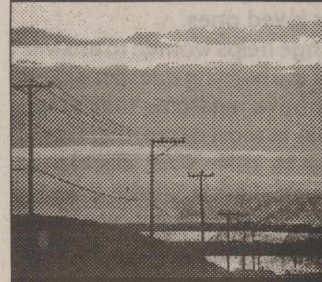
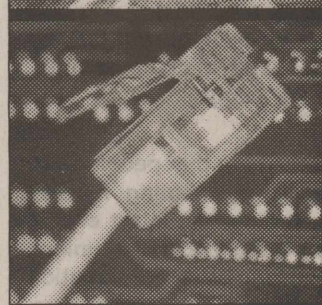
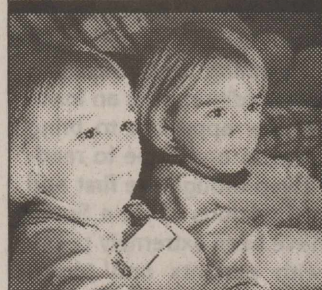
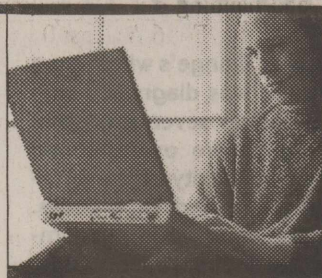
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**KIWANIS CLUB NEWS**—Rick Marshall (right) and Zona Marshall (left), guest of Kathy Chesshir (center), spoke to Kiwanis, August 16th about their 18 years in Saudi Arabia. Rick was an engineering planner for Ralph M. Parsons, a company that designed a city on the banks of the Red Sea for 125,000 people. Zona was required to wear the black covering in public. Rick and Zona are retired and live near Coleman, Texas. The Kiwanis Club meets weekly on Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn. For information regarding membership in the Kiwanis Club, see President Ronnie White or any of the other members.

## Library Flea Market offers "Christmas in September"

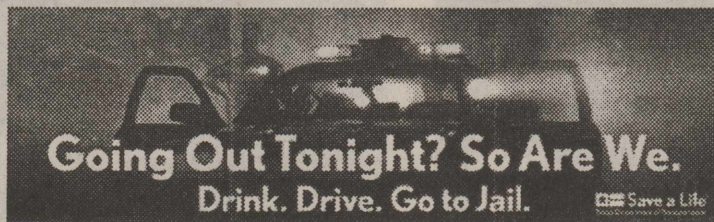
Always the group to be thinking ahead, the vendors at the Flea Market are planning a giant Christmas sale on September 17. Boxes of decorations, books, clothes, Christmas trees, lights, etc. will be unpacked and displayed for your shopping enjoyment.

The special sale day has another opportune twist for everybody who has a few "I loved 'em, but no longer want to use 'em" Christmas items. If you have some items to dispose of, but not

enough to do your own booth, you are encouraged to donate the items to the Library. The money from such sales will go directly to the Library.

To make arrangements to donate your decorations, etc. to the Library, please call (254) 725-4993. Information about renting booth space is available at the same number.

As always, thank you for your on-going support of your local Library.



## Texas joins the nation in crackdown on drunk driving

AUSTIN—With Labor Day and the last surge of summer road trips just two weeks away, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) announced today that Texas will be part of a coast-to-coast effort to remove drunk drivers from the nation's streets and highways. Between August 19 and September 5, state troopers and thousands of local law enforcement officers will be stepping up enforcement of the state's DWI laws.

"We're putting drivers on notice: if you drink and drive during the upcoming Labor Day holiday, you're asking for trouble," said Steve Simmons, TxDOT's Deputy Executive Director. "TxDOT is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Texas Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement organizations statewide to get drunk drivers off the road." NHTSA reports that alcohol was involved in almost half of

the traffic deaths that occurred in Texas in 2003 and predicts that alcohol will be a factor in 7 of the 10 traffic deaths expected during the Labor Day weekend.

"The national crackdown is a comprehensive impaired driving prevention effort focused on highly visible enforcement, public awareness, and paid media to deter impaired driving," said Georgia S. Chakiris, regional administrator for NHTSA. "Travelers in Texas and across the nation will see plenty of officers taking care of business—getting impaired drivers out from behind the wheel and into jail before they can cause injuries and deaths."

This month, motorists can also expect billboards, and radio and television ads warning them not to drink and drive. First-time DWI offenders can lose their driver's license for as much as a year, pay a fine of up to \$2,000 and serve up to 180 days in jail.

## Lewallen Liver Fund Holds Fundraiser, hopes for more in future

This past weekend, Rodney Lewallen couldn't have been more proud to be a DMR resident! His wife Phyllis, brother Darryl and sister-in-law Tammy, organized a fundraiser in their small, Fort Davis community at the DMR Country Store. And their neighbors turned out to show their kind and generous support—it was a great success, and heart warming experience!

Upcoming are two more fundraisers, running consecutively, during Labor Day weekend. Fort Davis' Davis Mountains Resort community will be hosting a Labor Day Weekend Flea Market at the DMR Country Store on Friday and Saturday, September 2 & 3. And, Darryl and Tammy Lewallen will be

hosting a Fort Davis-in-town Outdoor Sale on Saturday and Sunday, September 3 & 4. Proceeds benefit the Lewallen Liver Fund (suggested vendor/concession donation is only 10% of vendor sales). If you are interested in being a vendor or concessionaire, making a donation, or volunteering to help, please call Phyllis Arp-Lewallen at 426-3344 for DMR's Flea Market, or Tammy Lewallen at 426-2636 for Fort Davis' Outdoor Sale.

Lewallen Liver Fund, P.O. Box 1632, Fort Davis, Texas 79734 Tel: 432-426-2636 or 432-426-3344 For further information contact Phyllis Arp-Lewallen at 432-426-3344.

## Coleman to Honor WWII Vets with PARADE on September 2nd

Coleman County World War II Vets will be honored with a genuine cheering, flag-waving, patriotic parade in Coleman at 6 p.m. (line up at 5:30 p.m.) on September 2nd.

This includes all who had a hand in helping win the war, whether they used a rifle, a rivet gun, a plow or anything else.

The Texas Historical Commission has requested that on September 2, all Texas County Historical Commission commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of WWII. Coleman County's Historical

Commission has put together a series of events to do its part.

If you would like to part of this fill an entry form (at the Cross Plains Review) and mail it to:

**Parade**  
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or drop off your entry at  
Commercial Ave Antiques Mall,  
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Call (325) 625-4318 or (325)  
365-4200 for further information.

Submitted by  
Mitzl Hetrick  
Parade Chairperson

## Doctors don't always tell women what they need to know about Breast Cancer

### How to arm yourself with information you NEED!!!!

Few experiences are more devastating than being told you have breast cancer. Not being able to understand the treatment options available to you can add to feelings of despair.

Fortunately, hope is alive and well.

Breast cancer is not a death sentence 98% of those diagnosed are successfully treated if the cancer is detected early, says Dr. Vladimir Lange, Harvard Medical School graduate and author of "Be a Survivor" Your Guide To Breast Cancer Treatment, a unique combination DVD/book that takes a brand new approach to educating women about breast cancer.

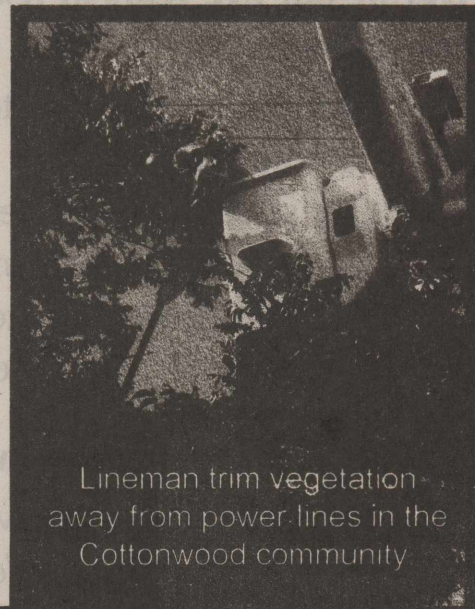
When Dr. Lange's wife, also a physician, was diagnosed with breast cancer seventeen years ago, both were overwhelmed by the complexity of the information they had to process. We thought our world was coming to an end, says Dr. Lange. Even through my wife and I are both physicians, it took weeks to unravel all the details and ramifications of the deluge of information that was thrown at us.

The experience inspired Dr. Lange to help make the journey easier for others. Previous editions of his book have been award-winning best-sellers but the latest edition uses an innovative new approach to bring information and hope to readers. Even though the first and second editions of Be a Survivor have been extremely popular with patients and physicians, we realized that we could do an even better job helping women and their loved ones, says Dr. Lange.

Recognizing that people learn better by combining reading with viewing, the latest edition of Be a Survivor is a unique book and DVD combination that educates and empowers. People always understand, learn and retain better if the information is reinforced in different mediums, says Dr. Lange. For the very first time, readers can actually see videos of the procedures and hear the voices of the survivors. The result is a must-have for all newly diagnosed women and their loved ones.

Lange helps women to answer all of the burning questions they may have regarding their diagnosis. In most cases, there is no need to rush your decisions, says Dr. Lange. Take time to learn as much as you can, and to decide what choices are best for you.

Adopting a positive attitude will greatly improve the outcome of your treatment. The best approach you can take is to resolve right now that you will do everything you can to be successful in your battle against breast cancer, says Dr. Lange. Be resolved and you will survive this challenge.



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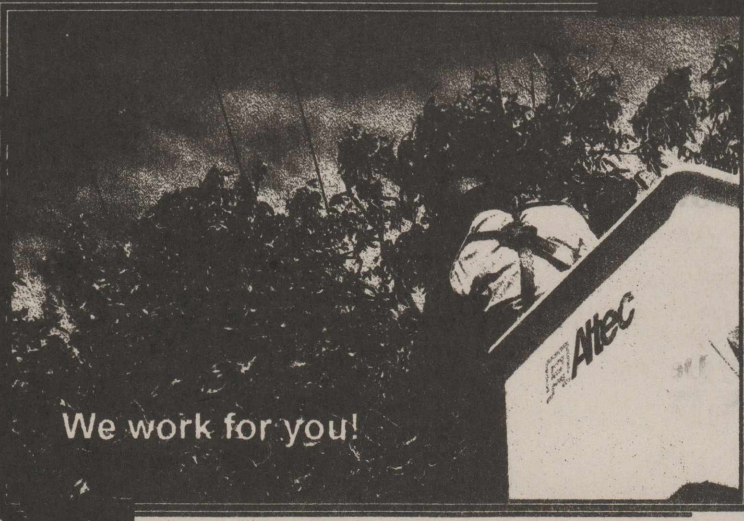
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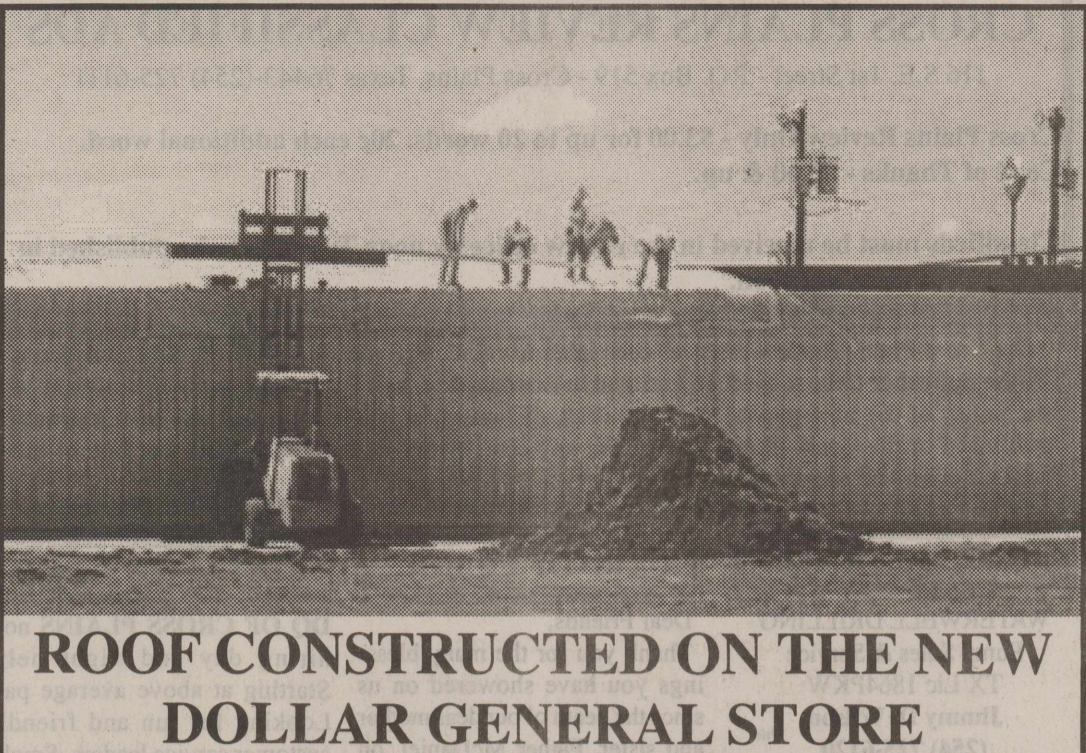
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• Lighten the car's load by removing all unnecessary items from the trunk, such as the bag of sand and shovel from the winter. Every 200 pounds of weight reduces gas efficiency by one mile per gallon. If you have to carry a lot of baggage, avoid using a roof-top container, which will increase the air drag. If you drive a pick-up, the open bed will have the same impact, so put a cover on it.  
• Incorrectly inflated tires decrease fuel efficiency. Check vehicle and tire manufacturer for proper inflation.  
• Don't turn on the air conditioner as a first response to the heat. Start your drive off with the windows open to exhaust the hot air out of the rear windows and then put on the A/C if needed. This will also enable the air conditioning to work faster and more efficiently when turned on.  
• Smooth out your driving style by avoiding "jack rabbit" starts and sharp braking. Both expend gas and breaking can present a hazard for others on the road.  
• It's estimated that every mile per hour above 55 MPH costs 1% in fuel economy. So, slowing down can be both safe and fuel-efficient. Maintaining a constant speed maximizes your

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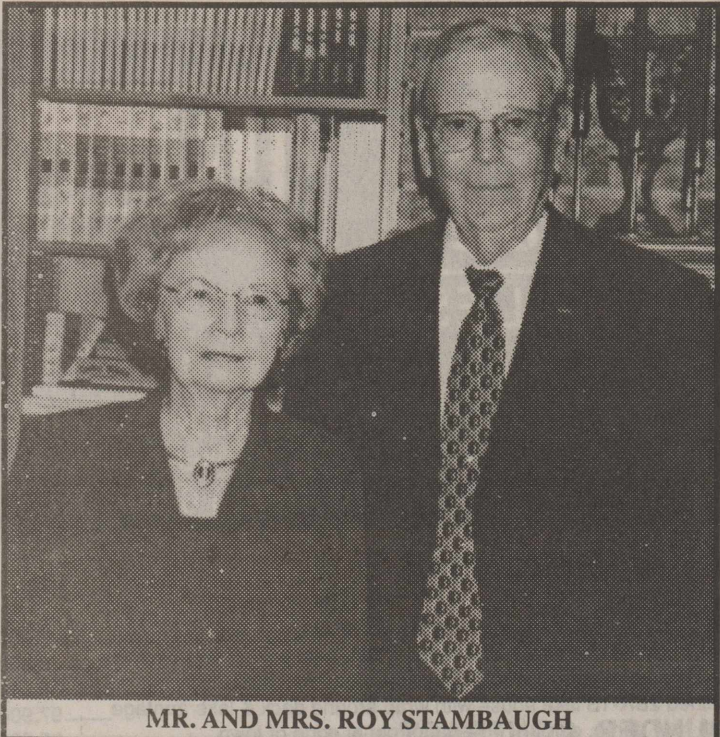
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MR. AND MRS. ROY STAMBAUGH

## Couple Celebrates 60th Wedding Anniversary

Harvel Roy and Mabel Marie (Baucom) Stambaugh celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family celebration in Vernon, which was hosted by their nieces and their husbands: Janna and Derrell Monday, Vernon; Kim and Dean Hinton, Wichita Falls; and Donna and Bob Robillard, Lawton, OK. Roy Stambaugh and the former Mabel Marie Roberts exchanged wedding vows August 14, 1945, in Wingate. They have spent their married life in the Cross Plains area where they have worked. They continue to raise cattle, as they have since they have been married.

Roy grew up near Plainview. During WWII he served with the U. S. Army's 36th Infantry Division in North Africa and

Europe (1941-1945). He worked at the Rudco Oil Company until 1965, when it closed; then he worked at the 3M Company in Brownwood until his retirement in 1987. He is a member of First Baptist Church, where he serves as a deacon. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Masonic Lodge, and the Cross Cut Cemetery Association.

Marie Stambaugh grew up in Cross Cut and retired from teaching in the Cross Plains Independent School District in 1988. Before she began her teaching career in Cross Cut, Marie was employed at Jackson Drug and the Post Office. She is an active member of First Baptist Church. Other memberships include Delta Kappa Gamma, Eastern Star, and the Retired Teachers Association.

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## A SOLDIER'S THOUGHTS

BY JERRY P. BIGGERSTAFF, JR.

### "No Regrets"

Dear Mrs. Sheehan, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your son. I, too, have lost someone in the war. It saddens me that so many of our young soldiers are dying in the war. I, however, believe that you are not bringing pride and honor to your son's death. He died doing something that he knew could happen. He signed the paperwork under his own free will.

By questioning the President you are slandering your son's name right along with that of Mr. Bush. I don't pretend to understand all of the feelings that you are experiencing. I can only imagine what it would be like to lose a child, much less in a war. I can tell you that I do feel your loss as the numbers of soldiers go up.

I have a few questions for you: One: What is your relationship with God? To question death is to question God. Your relationship with God can and will help you to get over such a great loss. Your son was an Honorable man who fought and eventually gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country. The reason he was in Iraq fighting was so that you could camp out on the highway and voice your opinion. Freedom is a wonderful thing.

Two: What do you hope to achieve by what you are doing? I know that you realize this but let's just say that you do actually have something that you hope to achieve. I try and think of what you could possibly accomplish. Do you want the soldiers out of Iraq? Is that it? So we pull out and wait? Wait for another terror attack? Maybe this time the terrorists will kill more Americans and people will then, and only then, understand what Mr. Bush is trying to do. Stop it (terrorism) before it gets too bad to stop.

Three: What if you lived in Iraq and were treated by a tyrant as these people were treated? If you lived in Iraq and camped out on the side of the road leading to Sadamn's (Slip of the finger, or added meaning? Editor) house and protested, you would be dead by the week's end. Instead (of volunteering), your son would have been locked into the military. Then you would have to question why.

Mrs. Sheehan, my name is Jerry Biggerstaff, Jr. I am a soldier deployed to Iraq. The sacrifices that soldiers (may be called upon to) make are a known possibility when we sign the dotted line. Your son was an honorable man and will always have a place in my heart.

Good luck talking with the President and I hope that you can see what it is that you are doing. You have successfully pulled the cowards out of the woodwork. Not all, but some of your supporters will not fight for their country, but against it, rather than defend it like OUR forefathers did. It sickens me as a soldier to see what you are doing there, while we do what we do here. This life is but a stepping-stone in the grand plan.

I hope that the sad reality of your son's death will not continue to overshadow the awesome reality of what he did for his country and the country of Iraq. I believe "God's Signature" is all over his actions.

Ma'am, I would like to recommend that you pack up and go home and praise God that He gave you a son and allowed you to spend the time you did with him. I will continue to do what I do and hope that you will eventually find your peace and then begin once again to enjoy YOUR FREEDOM.

SSG Jerry P Biggerstaff  
Somewhere, Iraq

## Hilderbran's District Tour included Cross Plains

AUSTIN—Rep. Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville) traveled to Baird, Cross Plains, Coleman and Santa Anna last week while on one of his many

tours of Texas House District 53. "These trips always are important and give me the opportunity to meet with local leaders and see community activities firsthand," Hilderbran said. "Visiting my district and meeting with the people I serve personally gives me the information necessary to best represent District 53 when I go to Austin."

While in Baird, the representative presented Sammie Edington of the First National Bank with a house resolution in honor of the bank's 120th anniversary.

Hilderbran then visited Cross Plains, where he took a tour of the Cross Plains Library, hosted by library board members.

Afterwards, he traveled to Coleman, where the representative toured Leon Valley, Inc. with owner Justin Kimmel and the Coleman County Medical Center with Sue Titsworth, Dr. Paul Reynolds, Dr. Michael Baily and nurse Melissa Gober.

Hilderbran also toured the Wind Clean facility with plant manager Robert Brock and attended a Coleman County Telephone Co-op meeting, where he made remarks and gave a legislative update.

"I am excited about all the economic development efforts that have been underway in Coleman County," Hilderbran said. "This area has seen substantial growth in areas that benefit everyone living there, and I congratulate all the local officials who have dedicated their time to these projects."

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## Goshen

gate open for all those who truly wanted to reclaim their lives from their rocky past," Craig noted. Upon acceptance of the program by Texas Department of Criminal Justice, request came in for help so fast that Goshen had to become a full time ministry. Craig's prayer changed from "make me whole and send me" to "send more workers."

"I love working and helping others. So when I first realized God was calling me into a leadership role I was reluctant. I know now all the training and trials I have been through were to prepare me to lead His people," Craig remarked. He was recruited to teach in both Indonesia and China the past two years, where he now lives and teaches part-time at the University of Yangzhou, while writing his thesis in Agriculture Research and Development.

"Asia is a great place to learn about development. Being there is like living history all over, seeing how our own country grew. The east coast cities of China (Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong) are much like our own Washington D.C., Atlanta and Miami, but much more advanced. However, going only 100 miles inland to the west, it is just like "Texas in 1880". Most agriculture is still done by hand and many homes have no indoor water, no A/C or heat, no toilets, and use outdoor or detached kitchens while cooking with wood, coal or cotton stalks.

The Chinese Bureau of Foreign Affairs granted Craig Experts Certification in both Education and Agriculture allowing him to own his own land and business. Due to the nature of the still 63 percent Communist ruled government, Goshen Ministries could not be used so The Goshen Academy was established.

The Academy meets in small village schools, that the government provides for agriculture development and business training. "We will open our third campus in China this fall and two in Indonesia January 2006. Training the native people to be indigenous is the easy part. They all have a

strong desire to learn and be independent. Most will tell you they love their country and are proud, but hate the system and the government that keeps them oppressed."

Craig's favorite part of his job is seeing the people reaching and fighting for freedom. Fighting through education, which he quotes president LBJ as saying, "Education is the fastest way out of poverty."

While home in the states, Craig will speak at several churches, prayer and Bible study groups. Growing up in the Cold War, he hopes to promote the fact that communism still has a strong grip on our world, but a great concern is the rapid spread of Islam even in our own country. "This past Christmas was my first ever in 42 years away from my family, but I knew they were with me in their hearts and I was blessed beyond measure to share Christmas with so many who have never celebrated it before. People from ages 16 to 72 told him, "This was their first Christmas ever." "As we learned the songs, decorated the town and other season activities, it was so much fun to get to open the Bible and answer all their question. Now all the seed planted during the holidays are growing and bearing fruit. Being the only American who has ever been in Xinghua County (3.2 million people) is a great honor. The people all treat me with such respect and are so willing to learn. Many ask me why I don't move to the city (Yangzhou, 2 hours away with 7 million in the city limits alone) where I teach. Well, I just remind them of the famous John Denver song which all those who are learning English there know, "Thank God I'm a Country Boy", who has the freedom to choose and can call America home."

Craig is the father of Craig Jr. and Charlie Rogers and Carrie Hutton, who are Cottonwood natives. And according to both his International and Texas DPS drivers license Craig will always call Cross Plains home. For more information on Goshen Ministries write [wcrogers@hotmail.com](mailto:wcrogers@hotmail.com).

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