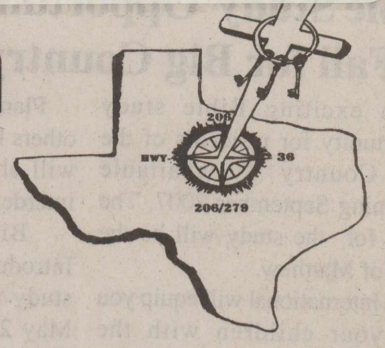


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DOWN HOME

"Coming and Going" Reception at Library

Housing Project May Not Become a Reality for Local Community (18 More Applicants Needed)

Editor's Note: Penny Foster, of Cross Plains, sent the following story in that was published in the *Coleman Chronicle* for our enjoyment. She happens to be the wife of a farmer, Kyle Foster. Farmers and their wives will relate to the many trying experiences mentioned. **Vanda Anderson**

"A Week in the Life of a Farmer"

Monday

Water froze up. Bought nice blackface cow, \$225. Tried to find five-section drag...lost somewhere. Dead steer in feedlot, looks like it bloated. Must be something it ate. Called the vet.

Put blackface cow in with other cows. Fixed fence. Vet wants to talk to me. Vet said steer bloated. It must have been something it ate. Paid vet.

Called banker, asked about a \$10,000 loan. He laughed. I didn't. Put blackface cow back in with other cows. Fixed fence.

Wife mad. Dinner cold; late for hair appointment.

Sprayer froze solid. Put sprayer in to thaw. Weaned pigs from two sows. Wired up gate between them.

Wife mad. Threatened divorce if I thawed out sprayer in her bath tub again.

Put blackface cow back in. Used pickup this time. Found five-section drag. Fixed front tire and rim on pickup. Traded off slightly beat-up section drag.

Sows in with little pigs. Knocked down gate. Nailed 2X6 across pen. Put rest of cows out with nice blackface cow. Fixed fence. Sows ate through 2X6. Locked them out of hoghouse. Cleaned out hoghouse. Started to spread manure. Rendering truck here to pick up dead steer.

Cows broke into hoghouse. Put baby pigs in chicken house. 4:45 - wife mad. Supper cold and kids want to go to town.

Tuesday

Manure spreader froze solid. Need to spray the pigs. Blackface cow looking peaked. Called vet.

Wife mad—car won't start. Vet here. Said cow looked peaked. Must be something she ate. Watch her. If she gets worse, call him. Paid \$10.00.

Property taxes due, paid half what they're worth, same as I'm getting for any corn.

Called vet. Told him blackface cow still looks peaked.

Called feed grinder truck. Said he would be here after dinner. Put blackface cow in with other cows. Fixed fence.

Wife mad. Dinner cold. Mother-in-law wanted to go shopping.

Broke hose on tractor loader. Changed clothes.

Took blackface cow to market. Got \$485. My neighbor bought her.

Banker called. Said my note was due. I laughed. He didn't.

Peaked looking blackface cow in north pasture. Called neighbor. Nobody home. Put blackface cow back. Fixed fence.

Baby pigs have scours—feed must be too rich. Called vet.

Wife mad—hogs out in back yard. Herded them back. Fixed hoghouse door. Nailed 2/6 across door.

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We hope you'll come by the Cross Plains Public Library Thursday afternoon, May 3, between 2:00 and 4:00 to give Library Director Cherry Shults your best wishes on her retirement, and meet our new Library Director, Linda Burns. Cherry said for the last few years that, as soon as Hollis retired, she would, too. Hollis retired from 3M a year ago, and despite pleading and begging by the Board of Directors ("Please stay a few more months! Please stay until the construction you helped start is done!"), Cherry will leave us at the end of April.

The Board of Directors, after discussions with Cherry, intended to hire a library assistant who could, after several months of training, be ready to move into the library director's position when Cherry retired. We were most fortunate to find a highly qualified candidate in Linda Burns. Linda worked as an assistant librarian at the Round Rock public library for 15 years, as that library grew with the town. She then set up a library for her church in Round Rock, and most recently, after a renovation at the Region 14 offices in Abilene, she put their educational resources library back together — in record time, her supervisor reported. After moving to the area about two years ago with her husband, Richard, Linda quickly became active in the Church of Christ, putting her good computer



LINDA BURNS AND CHERRY SHULTS

skills to use, and in working with the Meals on Wheels program.

In view of Linda's experience in library work, Cherry thought it would take very little training time for Linda to be able to take over as Library Director, so the time had come for her to make good her retirement plans. Since there's a great deal to know about our library that can't be communicated in a short time, Cherry plans to be available to assist as Linda needs her, and will be volunteering some time to make the transitions smooth as possible.

During her 10 years as Library Director, Cherry was responsible for "bringing the library into the 21st century," as one board member put it. She was the key person in setting up, maintaining, and updating the library's computer systems, including Internet ready computers for

client us, a computerized check out system, and an online catalog. Cherry also took over direction of the LAP (Learn About...Program for kids aged 3-5) from Billie Loving, and a few years ago, was instrumental in starting our "Lapsit" (early childhood development) program for parents with children from a few months to 3 years. In addition to her outstanding work with the children's programs, Cherry also presided over two major remodeling jobs for the existing library—the first in 1997, shortly after she started, and again last summer. The 2006 remodeling was made possible by a grant Cherry obtained from the Tocker Foundation. Our good relationship with Tocker is a direct result of Cherry's work with them on Tocker Technical grants that paid for some of our

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Louis and Bonita Williams and their son Ryan from Nacogdoches met with parties interested in the new housing project for seniors to be constructed in Cross Plains recently. Although the weather was stormy, there was a good turnout and those present learned that the project will consist of one and two bedroom units; covered parking; each unit constructed for handicapped accessibility with the exception of few that will have bath tubs for resident preference; community center with a full kitchen and television for resident's use free of charge; community garden; walking path; central heat and air; washer/dryer connections in each unit; full-time manager who will check on tenants daily; separate office; and sidewalks handicapped accessible. The entire complex will be fenced with a private street running through it and a brick entrance. City utilities will be supplied.

Mr. Williams advised, however, the main reason for the

meeting was to determine the amount of interest in Cross Plains and surrounding areas for the housing. At the time the application was filed, Cross Plains had just suffered the big fire and the citizens here went the extra mile in assisting him with getting the application approved. However,

the lenders are concerned that there is no longer the support for the housing at this time and are requiring him to prove the need. Units would rent for \$361 for 1 bedroom and \$453 for 2 bedrooms; however, Section 8 vouchers will be accepted and rent could be reduced dramatically with the vouchers.

Mr. Williams received 10 applications the night of April 17th. He has recently advised that the lenders have given him until FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH, to get 18 more applications. If he gets these applications, then they will follow through with the loan, which must be closed by Monday, April 30. If he does not get the applications, then the project will not be built.

You qualify to live in this property if you are 62 or older, your monthly income does not exceed \$1387 per month if you are single or \$1583 per month for two people. You may live in this project and continue to own your home, have CD's, IRA's, or other assets.

If you have any questions, or if you wish to complete an application, please contact Mary Graves 254-725-6563 or Kathy Anderson at the Senior Citizens' Center 254-725-6521.

Submitted by
Mary Graves

A New Level of Integrity to be Implemented into CP Schools

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

Cook's Response gets Quelled, Innovative Committee is OK'd, and Three New Campus Projects get the Go-ahead at the April 19th School Board meeting.

*Board member Jim Cook attempted to read a statement he had prepared in response to Board President Childress' Response last month. Mr. Cook was interrupted however, because he hadn't contacted either Tension or Childress to officially put his response on this month's agenda. Consequently, his statement wasn't allowed to be read at this meeting.

*Ken McCutchen, Tommy and James Ames, Scott Byrd and Ricky Thomas are Co-chairs of the newly formed committee on "Integrity of the Cross Plains Athletic Program". Mr. McCutchen addressed the Board as well as the community concerning the committee and its objectives.

McCutchen emphasized that these are not just his ideas, but a consensus of the people he has met with since the last meeting. He reported that they worked about 15 hours together on the issues at hand. "It really took a lot of effort to pull all of this together," he said. At that point he asked people who worked on it to stand. Approximately 8 or 10 people stood up.

McCutchen explained, "What we've done is try to develop a

philosophical stance out of which an athletic program can be worked into the curriculum." He continued, "This would be in such a way as to complement the academic program and the entire development of all the children, from 1st grade all the way to 12th grade." The Board accepted the guidelines as a foundation to implement this new and innovative program.

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*The student, Clay Koenig, who sustained a severe head injury at the recent track meet is recovering nicely. Principal Hagler commented that, "It was a complete miracle, he had surgery on Tuesday and was talking on Saturday!" Hagler doesn't expect the injury to interfere with the student's ability to graduate in May.

*There are 53 applicants who have applied for the position of Athletic Director. Superintendent Tension said that the Site Base Committee would start the process of going through the list and narrowing them down to about 10-15. The Committee then will recommend 4-6 for the Board to look at and select from. The Board agreed to rehire all the secretaries, aides and auxiliary personnel and accepted the resignation of Amanda Coffman.

*Bids from the 3 upcoming projects were discussed and voted on. Pro Tech Track & Tennis Surfaces, Inc. out of Tyler was chosen to resurface the field track, with stipulations from Mr. Tension that there will be no

hidden costs. Pro Tech will clean, remove dirt, grass and other debris, and install 3 layers of rubber to all 6-lanes, runways and high-jump areas. They will also stripe it to UIL regulations and give a 2-year warranty on workmanship and materials for \$34,980.00.

*The job of new carpet and tile for the entire school will be done by Jones Carpets, out of Early. They will remove all existing flooring and glue residue. Azrock commercial grade vinyl composition tile and J0108-Shaw Commercial carpet will be installed. The bid of \$105,256.67 includes transitions for doorways between carpet and tile as well.

*The Wes Grable Company out of Gouldbusk will be used to refinish the gym floor. They will dry-screen the floor to remove all soil and abrade the old finish, tack-rag the floor using Equalizer Cleaner and apply 2-coats of Coach's Choice Gym Finish for \$2,750.00.

*The Board agreed to buy the lot next to the school from Bob Burks for \$2,200. Superintendent Tension relayed that because of the recent heavy rain, the Title 1 Building sustained a lot of leakage. He has gotten one bid for \$11,000, but added that the amount is ridiculously high and will seek lower bids. He added that the roof needs to be sealed somehow to avoid further leakage.

*High School Principal David Hagler reported that they sent out

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Early voting begins Monday for Constitutional Amendment Election

Early voting for the Constitutional Amendment Election will begin on Monday, April 30th at three locations throughout Callahan County.

Early voting gets underway at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 30th at Cross Plains City Hall, Baird High School and Clyde City Hall for the Constitutional Amendment Election set for Saturday, May 12th.

Early voting hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and early voting will be held April 30th through May 4th and again Monday, May 7th and end on Tuesday, May 8th.

The Constitutional Amendment states:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature

to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

The Constitutional Amendment Election hours are from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 12th. Polling places for the election Saturday, May 12th include: Cross Plains Community Center, 108 N. Beech, Cross Plains, Texas; Baird High School, 600 W. 7th Street, Baird, Texas; Clyde City Hall, 222 Oak Street, Clyde, Texas; and Eula Lions Club, 5776 FM 603, Clyde, Texas.

"Race to Win" Musical

The Children's Choirs of First Baptist Church will present their annual Spring Musical this Sunday night, April 29th, at 6:00 p.m.

"Race to Win" takes place at a super-speedway in preparation for the running of the Freedom 400. Along with the action and thrills involved in NASCAR racing, it's the story of the battle between two drivers for the points championship and how one of them discovers God's love and saving grace in the process. The musical features interactive DVD dialogue with Darrell Waltrip, former NASCAR champion and current race commentator. The community is invited to attend the musical and fellowship afterwards.

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Bible Study Opportunity beginning in Fall for Big Country Residents

An exciting Bible study opportunity for residents of the Big Country is available beginning September 2007. The focus for the study will be the book of Matthew.

Plan to come and join many others from all walks of life who will share in this challenging interdenominational study.

Bible Study Fellowship Introduction classes for the fall study will be held Wednesday, May 2 and Mondays, May 7th and 14th. Please call 325-692-3192 or 325-672-4302 for more information.

Submitted by
Joyce Mundy

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OBITUARIES

Louise Foster



Louise Foster, age 87, of the Atwell community went home to be with the Lord on Monday, April 16, 2007 at a local hospital in Abilene.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Burlie Taylor officiating assisted by Ronnie White; burial was followed in the Atwell Cemetery in Callahan County, Texas:

She was born November 18, 1919 to Maume (Minnix) and Samuel Edwin Erwin in Sabanno, Texas. Louise graduated

from Cross Plains High School in 1938. She married Nathan Foster in Sabanno, Texas on May 24, 1940. She and Nathan made their home in the Atwell community; she was a wife, homemaker, and mother to three sons. Louise was a Sunday school teacher for more than 60 years; she also enjoyed flowers, gardening, and quilting. Her loss will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved her.

Louise was preceded in death by her husband, Nathan; parents, Edwin and Maume Erwin; and brother, Ralph Erwin.

Survivors include her three sons, James Foster and wife Paulette of Atwell, Steve Foster and wife Anita Sue of Abilene, Randy Foster and wife Judy of Cross Plains; one sister, Annette Ege of Friendswood, Tx; 6 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; as well as a host of friends.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations maybe made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, PO Box 130, Cross Plains, Tx 76443 or Hendrick Hospice Inpatient Care, 1900 Pine St., Abilene, Tx 79601.

Commissioners to meet with FEMA representative Thursday

A representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency will be in Callahan County on Thursday, April 26th to inspect flood damage from the heavy rains near Cross Plains on Friday, March 30th.

Meeting in a regular commissioners' court meeting Monday, April 23rd, Judge Roger Corn informed the commissioners that a representative from FEMA would be in the county on Thursday, April 26th at 9:00 a.m. Judge Corn said the representative will meet with each commissioner who has flood damage in his precinct and view the damage with that commissioner. No action was taken by the commissioners' court.

On Monday, April 9th Commissioner Cliff Kirkham gave an update on the damage to roads and buildings in Precinct #4 (Cross Plains) from the flooding rains of Friday, March 30th. There were several roads as well as tin horns washed out from the seven inches of rain, five 1/2 inches of that falling in one hour. Judge Roger Corn had made an Emergency Proclamation Declaring a Local State of Disaster on March 30, 2007.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court meeting of April 23rd include:

—Judge Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Present were Judge Corn, Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tommy Holland, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Alexander, and County Clerk Donna Bell.

—The minutes of the April 9th and April 18th commissioners' court meetings were approved as presented.

—There was no public comment received.

—Robert Childress, Fire Chief of the Cottonwood Fire Department and Ricky Carouth, Fire Chief of the Cross Plains Fire Department, met with the commissioners' court about the Emergency System Number Map. No action was taken.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay all approved bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holland and it carried with a 5-0 vote.

—The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. by a motion from Commissioner Holland and a second by Commissioner Farmer. The motion was unanimous with a 5-0 vote.

Worker's Compensation Session

AUSTIN, TX - The Abilene Field Office of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (Division) is hosting a brown bag educational session for health care providers, employers, human resource managers, claims adjusters, case managers and employee organizations on Friday, May 11, 2007. The topic is Disability Management. This free session

will be held from 11:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the West Texas Health and Human Services Complex, Room K-101, 4601 South 1st Street in Abilene.

For more information, contact the Division's Public Information Office or Joanne Wilson of the Abilene Field Office at 325-695-4992 or e-mail: Joanne.Wilson@tdi.state.tx.us.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Misdemeanor Filings

Charles David Massey, failure to appear.

Ricky Flores, theft by check.
Andrea R. Zapata, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Justin T. Rodriguez, motion to amend complaint granted.

Jose Oscar Ayala, plea of guilty to no drivers license, \$276 fine, \$174 court cost.

Eric Tallmon, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.

Teresa Meacham, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 15 days in jail, \$200 fine, \$256 court cost.

Justin Rodriguez, plea of guilty to Ct. I-driving while intoxicated (DWI), Ct. II - obstructing a highway, 1 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$256 court cost.

Julian Santoya, plea of guilty to DWI - Class A, 18 month probation, \$800 fine, \$356 court cost.

Melissa Reutter, plea of guilty to DWI - 2nd - class A, 2 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$356 court cost.

Melissa G. Reutter, motion to dismiss to disregard stop sign for plea to other case.

Jimmy Neff, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 15 month probation, \$1000 fine, \$256 court cost.

Veronica Arredondo, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$256 court cost.

Bill Vasquez, plea of guilty to DWI-1st, 15 month probation, \$300 fine, \$356 court cost.

Aaron Falra, plea of guilty to Ct. II-possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$700 fine, \$256 court cost.

Jason Dunn, plea of guilty to Ct. I-possession of marijuana, 18 month probation, \$400 fine, \$256 court cost.

Steven Earixson, motion to dismiss to assault, family violence granted victim unwilling to testify.

Leland Wamsley, waiver of counsel and appl. to proceed prose, granted.

Anthony Fiorentini, plea of guilty to possession of

marijuana, 15 months probation, \$600 fine, \$256 court cost.

Loyd R. Kent, plea of guilty to failure to stop and give required information - class C, \$576 fine, \$174 court cost.

Ashley McGinnis, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Crecencia Avalos, plea of guilty to reckless driving, 1 year probation, \$200 fine, \$286 court cost.

Carla Biehl, plea of guilty to Ct. I-DWI, Ct. II-obstruction of a highway, 15 month probation, \$750 fine, \$256 court cost.

Partick J. Oxford, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.

Carla Biehl, motion to amend complaint granted.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Cody L. Reed and Shana T. Hyles, both of Cross Plains.

Jim T. Beeman of Breckenridge and Hope H. Fagler of Clyde.

Robert W. Hoerner of Wamego, KS and Yvonne M. Gerhart of Clyde.

Johnny R. Smoot of Clyde and Sherilyn M. Cannon of Ovalo.

Billy L. Hughes of Baird and Jimmie I. Dockray of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Minutes

Herman B. Hearn, plea of guilty to escape, 7 years in prison, \$264 court cost.

Herman B. Hearn, plea of guilty to theft, 5 years in prison, \$314 court cost.

Civil Filings

Leslie Ann Manicchia and Billy Craig Manicchia, divorce.

Jeremy Lee Steele and Angela Lynn Steele, divorce.

Tracy Pugh and Allen Bray Pugh, divorce.

Sharon Garcia and Rene Garcia, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Martha M. Davis and Alvie Lloyd Davis, divorce granted.

Norma Eltringham vs. Russell-Surles Title Inc., agreed order of dismissal with prejudice granted.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from April 15, 2007 through April 21, 2007 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—172
Complaints—113
DWI—2
Possession of Marijuana—1
Driving While License Invalid—2

Minor in Possession of Alcohol—1

Failure to Identify—1
Fugitive-Forgery—1
Fugitive-Manufacturing Methamphetamine—1
Fugitive-Theft by Check—1
Vehicle Accidents

There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Headlining The 2007 Cottonwood Historical Association Membership Meeting Will Be Claude Champion And Frances (Wilson) Thornton

The annual membership meeting of the Cottonwood Historical Association will have a native daughter and a native son making presentations at the meeting. The meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2007 at the Cottonwood Community Center.

Frances (Wilson) Thornton was born in Atwell, Texas. Her family moved to the high plains of Texas, "raising cotton among the rattlesnakes" she said, and moved back to Cottonwood in 1952 "to raise peanuts among the copperheads." She is the eighth child among nine and remembers

the musicals, her father playing a violin, going to the Baptist Church. She lives in Cottonwood.

Claude Champion grew up in Cottonwood, the son of Calvin and Alice Champion. He went to school in Cottonwood and now lives in Hawley, Texas and operates a Body Repair shop in Abilene, Texas.

Another star of the show on May 5, 2007 will be "Cottonwood's My Home" cookbook. The book is named after a poem written by Buster Woody, who was a native of Cottonwood and wrote the poem in 1983 after a considerable life of travel and roaming about the country. He was a contemporary of mine.

Production of the book is the work of a committee appointed by last year's membership

meeting of the Cottonwood Historical Association as a fund-raiser for repairing the old Cottonwood Methodist Church which the Historical Association owns.

One recipe of note appears on page 86 is for a Peach Cobbler pie was submitted by Nancy Childress. It calls for 4 cups of "fresh" peaches. This recipe won a first prize at a Farm Bureau Convention and was reprinted in the *Abilene Reporter News*.

The cookbook reprints over 100 photos of people and some scenes of the old Cottonwood era.

(To report news or other items for this column, call Wallace Bennett at 254-725-7474, email csb5@airmail.net, or mail to 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, TX 76443.)

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Stats
April 16-20, 2007

Patrons	98
Programs	44
LAP	6
Lapsit	5
Books Checked Out	108
LAP	20
Lapsit	6
Copies	60
Internet Users	28

Memorials: Tom and Arlene Stephenson, Betty Kinnard, and Curt and Ginny Hoskins in memory of James Lawrence

Books Donated: Kim Crockett, Billy Walker, Jim Wilcox and Sue Bennett.

PIONEER NEWS

The quilting girls had a great day quilting on Tuesday. They worked on Olena's "Flower Basket" and on Sherrill's "Star" tops. They did get home just before the storm arrived.

Looking for someone to support for the Cross Plains School Board! Our very own Tommy Ames, from this community, is seeking your vote. You can read about him in the *Cross Plains Review* or just stop him and talk with him for a little bit about education. Good Luck, Tommy!

Recent visitors with Vi Harlow of Cross Plains and Jean Fore were their nephew and niece Junette and Johnny Clayborn of Harrison, Ark. They really enjoyed the visit.

Jim Chesshir came to the Chesshir farm last weekend. He brought his new girlfriend and her 4 year old granddaughter that she is raising. William came, also. William mowed, Jim built fence and sprayed the coastal grass for weeds. Charlene found out how old she was helping entertain a 4 year old. See, Charlene! you can still make the grade!

Chuck Pennel from Houston and Patty Heffley from Ft. Worth visited with their mother, Lou Grider, over the weekend. They just visited and visited and enjoyed one another (Wonder if they took any pillows back home with them). Lou and Dick love to see the kids!

Cowan and Laverne Hutton attended their oldest great-granddaughter's birthday party. She will have her 14th birthday

this week. Jamie and Mary Hutton visited briefly with them Sunday night after church.

Cowan and Laverne recently made a trip to Temple. They enjoyed the beautiful spring flowers on the way there and back.

The wild flowers are sooooo pretty. Just take the highway from Brownwood to Eastland and you can see what beauty is. Don't wait long because the weeds are moving in on the flowers. The rain has caused things to look so good. The wheat looks great, the tanks are full of water, the coastal grass is coming back from the frost. The Lord has blessed us!

Well, our CP girls softball season has ended. The girls did their best. Glenda, Jean and May sure enjoyed watching them play. Wow!! They beat Baird twice! Way to go girls! This was their first year to play. Several of our community girls play on the team: Krista Phillips, Terrah Augustine, and Kala Lawrence. All three will be back for next year. It is great to know that Clay Koenig is at home after a stay in the Hospital. He was injured while high jumping for CPISD in the area track meet. He was also an important part of the CP boys baseball team. They baseball team is finished for the season! Good going boys! I do not know how the Rising Star ball teams did but sure they all did their best. Now, through the summer, we will just get ourselves prepared for football!

Have a great week everyone!

City of Cross Plains/BFI Spring Cleanup Set for Monday, May 7th

The City of Cross Plains and BFI will hold their annual Spring Cleanup on the week of May 7, 2007.

Citizens who wish to dispose of items other than their usual weekly garbage may do so on this day.

Any senior citizen who has large items they would like to dispose of but need help getting it out to the curb, please call the City Hall for help.

As always, BFI will not pick

up batteries, tires, paint, any hazardous material, or any appliances that contain Freon, unless the appliance has been tagged by a professional that states that all Freon has been removed.

Citizens may haul their brush items out to the city brush pit on this date ONLY, or may cut it into 4' lengths and bundle for BFI to pick up.

For further information, please call City Hall at 254-725-6114.

American Legion Post 423 to hold a Meeting

Cross Plains American Legion Post 423 will hold a meeting Thursday, April 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Building.

A meal will be provided. Members and their wives are encouraged to attend, while anyone else who would like to join the post.

LIBRARY—

computer hardware. Cherry's knowledge of small library management was crucial in making the remodeling process go as smoothly as it did. That same expertise allowed her to assist the Board of Directors in many ways too numerous to mention, including planning the renovation of our adjoining building and the development of our small park.

In addition to her hard work on the children's programs and the computer systems, Cherry also spent hundreds of hours developing a good children's collection and adult fiction section. Now, Cherry says, it's time to work on updating the reference collection, and she's very pleased that nonfiction/reference is one of Linda Burns' areas of expertise.

Please come by the Library Thursday, May 3, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. to help us acknowledge all the great work Cherry has done to make our library the wonderful community asset it is, and to join us in wishing her all good things in her retirement.

Submitted by
Ginny Hoskins

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

APRIL 30 - MAY 4
MONDAY - BBQ Brisket, Ranch Style Beans, Potato Salad
TUESDAY - Hearty Chicken Soup, Tossed Salad, Apricots, Sugar Cookie, Crackers
WEDNESDAY - Meatloaf, Whipped Potatoes, Normandy Blend Vegetables, Cheesecake, Roll
THURSDAY - Pinto Beans, Tomatoes & Okra, Saurkraut Salad, Peach Cobbler, Cornbread
FRIDAY - Pepper Steak w/Gravy, Buttered Rice, Green Beans, Corn Salad, Sherbet Cup, Bread
2nd & 4th Tue., Domino Night (42/84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

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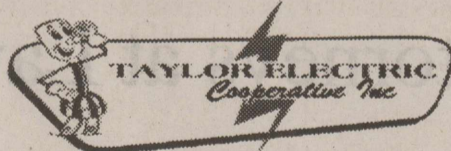
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April 26, 2007

Vote
JUDY LUTER
CPISD
School Board Trustee
May 12

Political Ad Paid By Judy Luter, P.O. Box 745, Cross Plains, Texas 76443

WHEN RENEWING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE *CROSS PLAINS REVIEW* PLEASE BRING THE RENEWAL CARD SENT TO YOU IN THE MAIL THANK YOU



Make Plans to Attend the 68th Annual Meeting on April 26th at our New Location! Watch for more details in your April Co-op Power Magazine

BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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(254) 725-6117

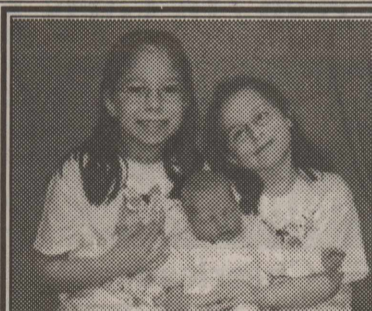


One of those infamous "preacher jokes" is about the preacher who asked one of the members to wake the person up next to him. The man replied, "You put him to sleep — you wake him up!" Have you been looking for a preacher who wouldn't "put you to sleep"?

A very famous publication tells about a preacher who didn't put people to sleep — He woke them up! He went into the Jewish synagogue and taught and they were astonished, "for He taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes" (Mk. 1:21-22). I tell you, this preacher was something else! He could invite fishermen — even fishermen! — to drop everything and follow Him, and they would — they did! He asked a tax collector to leave his lucrative occupation and follow Him — and he did. These men — Peter, Andrew, James, John and Matthew Levi — never looked back. Some of them slept while Jesus prayed, but never while He preached!

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John's accounts of this Preacher's life and teaching/preaching should awaken us and keep us from sleeping. Come share in this excitement with us!

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



It's A Boy!

Megan and Sarah Weide welcome their brother,
Jack Dalton Weide.
Jack was born March 27, 2007 at 8:57 p.m.
He weighed 8 pounds 2.5 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.
Proud parents are
Dave and Liz (Cavanaugh) Weide of Colorado Springs, CO.
Maternal grandparents are
Bettie and the late Morris Cavanaugh of Cross Plains.
Paternal grandparents are Greg and Mary Weide of Mertzon.

HAIL DAMAGE?

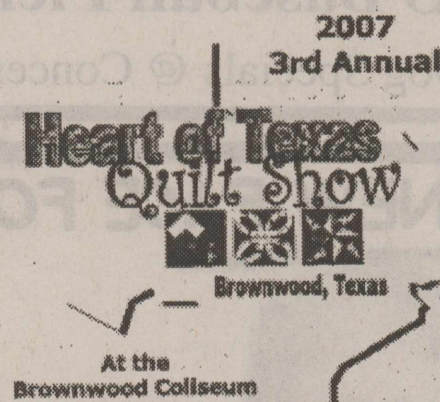
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THERE IS BRAGGING TO BE DONE—Tommy and I are truly proud of the boys that were on our pee-wee basketball team and are appreciative of the effort each of these boys gave us. We would like to thank them for working and playing so hard. It was a blast! We would also like to thank the parents for their help and the thoughtful gift. See you next year. Thank you again Tommy and Donna Ames. The team had two 4th graders and six 3rd graders. The Eagles consisted of coach Tommy Ames (back, from left), Zach Thompson-3rd, Dalton Gilliam-3rd, Brayden Kennedy-3rd, Ricky Higgins-4th and coach Donna Ames; Justin Whiteley-3rd (front, from left), Darrin Ames-3rd, Tucker Collier-4th and Colton Bradley-3rd.

ASU Foreign Language Festival Results Reported

The results from the ASU Foreign Language Festival on March 30th are finally in. Everyone who participated in the contest did a great job, but we wanted to specifically recognize a few outstanding students.

Jake Estes won his section of the Spanish II Prose Reading competition and received a superior rating of 20 out of 20 possible points.

Terrah Augustine also won her section of Spanish II Prose

Reading competition and received a superior rating of 19 out of 20 possible points.

Cody Sliger won his section of Spanish I Prose Reading and received an excellent rating of 18 out of 20 possible points.

Esmeralda Sanchez received a score of 44 out of a possible 50 on her Spanish I written exam.

Congratulations to all of the participants! You did a great job representing CPHS.

Playday May 5th

A "PLAYDAY" is planned for Saturday, May 5th at the Cross Plains Roping Club Arena on Highway 36 in Cross Plains.

Five events will highlight the day. Leadline and all ages including adults will be eligible to participate.

Daily and year-end awards in every age group will be presented.

Non-rider events are provided, too!

For more information call Jamie Wootton at 325-201-1140.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

APRIL 30 - MAY 4

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice

TUESDAY - Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Assorted Juice

WEDNESDAY - Muffin, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice

FRIDAY - Donut, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

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

TUESDAY - Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Peaches

WEDNESDAY - Chalupas, Salad, Apples

THURSDAY - Fish or Hot Pocket, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Mixed Fruit

FRIDAY - Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Potato Wedges, Rice Krispie Treat

Cross Plains PTO Public Meeting

Monday
April 30th
6pm
in
Auditorium

We Will Be Electing New Officers

First Year Competition in FCCLA Successful

This was the first year to compete in STAR events in FCCLA. They took 3 teams to Regional competition in San Angelo in March. All three qualified for state competition which was held this past weekend.

Betty Mathews competed in Job Interview. She placed 4th at regional. She had to prepare a portfolio, fill out an application and go through an intense interview.

Renee Byars and Mandy Rose competed in Illustrated Talk. They placed 5th at Regional. Their talk was about Seat Belt Use. They presented their talk to the Kiwanis Club, Key Club and Brownwood Middle School.

Ben Schaefer, Zach Hedfelt, Dillon Whiteley and Toni Moore competed in Parliamentary Procedure. They placed 3rd in Regional. They were unable to attend the state meeting.

We are very proud of their accomplishments and are looking forward to taking even more teams to contest next year.

Upcoming Recent FFA Contest CPHS Student Achievements Announced

Dairy Products

State Contest @ Tarleton State University April 26

Tiffany Holland

Mandy Rose

Emma Bennett

Terrah Augustine

Poultry

State Contest @ Texas A&M University April 27 and 28

Thomas Estes

Dalton Carpenter

Jake Estes

Kayla Lawrence

Jake McCutchen

Emily Foster

Cody Sliger

Mitchell Gibbs

Other Upcoming FFA Events

State Qualifiers Contest for Poultry and Dairy Products -

Hamilton H.S. April 23

District Awards and Degree Check - Cisco - April 30

Area Awards and Degree Check Breckenridge - May 8

Area FFA Convention - Mineral Wells - May 11-12

Local FFA Awards Banquet - CPHS - May 18

Academic Meet

Shera Gary - Ready Writing 3rd in District

Thomas Estes - Science

5th in District

13th in Regional

Russell Thomas - Current Event

2nd in District (.5 Point)

19th in Regional

Band

Competed in Spring Competition @ Llano

Improved from last year in both performance and sight reading

Athletics

Kaelen Martinez - Track

Shot - 1st District

2nd - Area

Discus

2nd - District

3rd - Area

Clay Koenig

High Jump

4th District

5th Area

Regionals - Abilene Christian University, Friday, April 27th

Shot - 12:00 noon

Discus - 5:00 p.m.

Tennis

District Meet Results

April 10 and 12th

Russell Thomas -

3rd Boys Singles

Christiana Burrhus and

Macayla Cook

3rd Girls Doubles

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Take Me Out To The BALLGAME!!

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Sophomore Class Fund-Raiser POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL GAME

Soph./Sr. vs. Fresh./Jr. Girls Friday, May 4th 6pm Football Field

The Boys Will Be Cheerleaders Crowning of the Powder Puff Queen and Ex's Band Perform at Half-Time Concessions Available

A NEW FACE FOR THE CPISD JANE HOLMES

Education:
Bachelor of Science in Speech Communication at Auburn University;
Master of Education in Administration & Supervision at Georgia State University

Employment:
Several years teaching at the Elementary & Secondary Levels;
Several years as an Appointee with the Ronald Reagan Administration;
Quite a number of years as an Official with The Social Security Administration

Currently: Retired

Personal: Member of Coggin Avenue Baptist Church in Brownwood, TX;
Member Beta Sigma Phi Service Sorority;
2 children, 4 stepchildren, 15 grandchildren and One Grand Husband!

Political Advertisement Paid By Jane Holmes, P.O. Box 117, Cross Plains, Texas 76443

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THE AMES FAMILY—Darrin (from left), Donna, Shelby, Delany, and Tommy Ames.

VOTE MAY 12th TOMMY AMES FOR CROSS PLAINS ISD SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE

I am Tommy Ames and I am running for a position on the Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board. I have been married to Donna Ames for 17 years. We have three children in the Cross Plains public schools, 8th grader Delany Ames, 7th grader Shelby Ames and 3rd grader Darrin Ames. Our children have been attending Cross Plains schools since Pre-K and Kindergarten and our hope is for each to graduate here. Having attended school at Cross Plains grades K-12, I am a 1986 graduate. From there I attended Tarleton State University and graduated from Texas Tech University in December 1990 with a degree in Secondary Education. I have worked in the oil industry as a field foreman since May 1991.

We have a good school, good kids, and a good faculty. Our teachers are truly some of the most dedicated teachers of any school.

Donna and I have been coaching and helping coach T-ball, softball and pee wee basketball. I have been around the teachers, coaches and kids, and we have a great community. My kids truly enjoy going to class and sporting events.

I have attended the school board meetings for the past several months. I am aware of the struggles we are facing, but we must work together and do what is best for the school and the students. Being a member of the newly formed Student Development Committee, we are hoping to create more interest and support for both academics and sports. We want all of our children to be successful in both the classroom and athletics so they will become productive adults and parents. Thank you for your support.

Remember Early Voting Is April 30th-May 8th

Political Ad Paid For By Tommy Ames, P.O. Box 721, Cross Plains, Texas 76443

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT Election held on May 12, 2007 will be tested on April 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at Room #102 County Courthouse, Baird, Texas to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

(s) Donna Bell
Signature of Officer

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion SOBRE ENMIENDAS A LA CONSTITUCION que se llevara a cabo el 12 de mayo de 2007 se probara el 27 de abril de 2007 a las 9:00 a.m. en Room #102 County Courthouse, Baird, Texas para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todas los proyectos de ley.

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24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, 365 DAYS A YEAR—one of these 911 telecommunicators is on duty to answer your calls for service, serving all citizens of Callahan County. This week has been set aside by Governor Rick Perry, to honor them, if you see one, tell them thanks for a job well done. Pictured (left to right) Jarett Knowles, Valerie Walker, Desma Cantine, Arlinda Williams, David Underwood and Jackie Semmler, (not pictured) Laura Corgey and Dianne Cheek.

Governor Perry proclaims 911 operator & dispatcher week

State of Texas
Office of the Governor

The men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators are invaluable to the Lone Star State.

As 9-1-1 operators and dispatchers, they are dedicated to saving lives, frequently responding to Texans in hours of great need.

Throughout Texas, the Commission on State Emergency Communications works with local and state

governments to ensure reliable access to emergency telecommunications services. To highlight the invaluable role of public safety telecommunicators, the commission designate a week in April for an awareness campaign.

At this time, therefore, I encourage all Texans to extend their appreciation to public safety telecommunicators. They serve with distinction, placing their fellow Texans first. Together, their expertise and commitment highlight the best

of the Lone Star State.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 8-14, 2007,

**Public Safety
Telecommunicators Week**
in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof,

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 26th day of March, 2007.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas

Down Home

Wife banging on hoghouse door. Says car is on fire. Ripped pants on hoghouse door.

New spark plug wires and radiator hose for car \$14.87.

Vet here. Says pigs have scours. Feed must be too rich. Paid vet \$10.00

Wife mad. Dinner cold and car won't start. Out of gas.

Called feed grinder man. Said he would be here before supper time.

Wife back. Says we are going to eat supper at Frank's steakhouse at 6:30 sharp.

Blackface cow in north pasture again. Called neighbor.

Wife mad. Dryer blew fuse. Clothes still wet.

Hogs in front yard again. Herded them back. Fixed other hoghouse door. Nailed 2X6 across.

6:30 sharp - wife mad. Grinder man here. Gas man here. Neighbor came to get blackface cow. Canned soup for supper.

Wednesday

Blackface cow in north pasture. Banker called. Said note was past due. Nobody laughed. Sent check.

Wife mad. Washer overflowed again. Trash barrels full again.

Put water hose in manure spreader to thaw it out.

Sow farrowed—14 pigs. Hooked up heat lamp with extension cord. Hog prices \$1.00.

Wife mad. Car won't start. Sewer is plugged up.

Fixed dryer, washing machine, started car, emptied trash barrels, and unplugged sewer.

Sat in easy chair with dirty clothes on. Wife mad!

Thursday

Water froze up.

Forgot running water in manure spreader yesterday. Boy-oh-boy.

Banker called. Check bounced. I laughed. He didn't.

Sold 10 head of hogs. Hog prices \$4.00.

Wife mad. Furnace quit.

Sow loose in hoghouse.

Chewed up extension cord—\$7.48. Ripped pants on hog house door.

Blackface cow still in north pasture. Bought her back for \$200.00.

Tax man here. Says 14 head of cows in north pasture not shown on tax form. Told him I didn't know how I miscounted like that. Sure glad to see them all home.

Friday

Water overflowing again.

Tire blew out on froze up manure spreader. Got too hot.

Snowed last night. Driveway drifted shut. Wife mad. Can't get to town for her groceries.

Blackface cow had twins in north pasture. Carried them to barn. Twin calves looked peaked. Called vet.

Wife mad. Hot water heater not working. Water cold.

Banker called me. Said he might give me a loan if the cattle market would go up. I laughed. He didn't.

County Agent here. Says I ought to plant black walnut trees instead of corn. Says in 40 years they will be worth a fortune. Showed him how to get off the place.

Vet here. Said peaked looking cows sometimes have peaked looking calves. Paid \$15.00 (\$5.00 for each).

Put new steel door on hoghouse.

Dealer called. Wanted to know how I bent up drag so bad. Said he sure wished he had come looked at it before the trade.

Guess I won't get truck started today.

Saturday

Steel hoghouse door froze shut.

Put space heater against door casing.

Got tractor started. Found right hand glove.

Neighbor called and asked if I was missing blackface cow with twin calves. Wife says hoghouse is on fire. Sure is.

Garden hose froze up. Called fire department.

All the neighbors are here. Wife mad. House is a mess. Fire truck stuck in driveway.

Put fire out with snow and wet sack.

Insurance man here. Says he doesn't have hoghouse listed on policy. Anyway, it was \$100.00 deductible (about what it cost to fix it).

Threw away steel door. Sold space heater.

Neighbor called. Said he'd only charge me a dollar a day keep out cows and calves. Went and got them.

Wife mad. Hogs eating cat food on back porch. Put 2x6 on hoghouse door.

Sunday

Wife mad. Late for church again. Car started and quit. Gasoline froze.

Went to church in pickup.

Sermon same as a month ago.

Fell asleep during sermon. Hat rolled down aisle. Wife mad.

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Free Poetry Contest Open to Cross Plains Residents

OWINGS MILLS, MD (USA) — The International Library of Poetry has announced that over \$100,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the CROSS PLAINS area, particularly

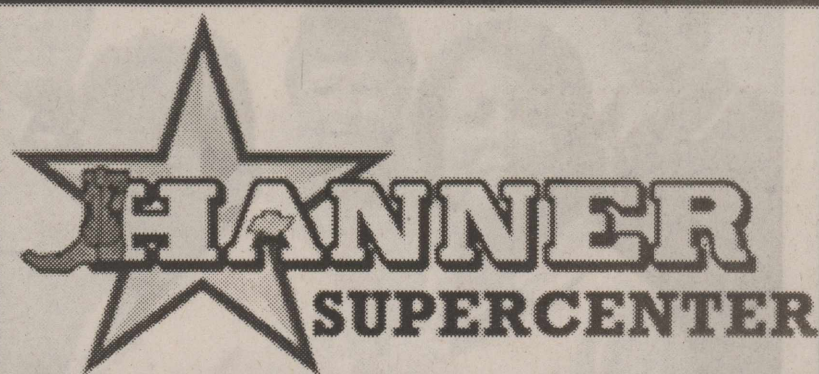
beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is June 30, 2007. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

“Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner,” stated Pamela Roberts, Contest Director. “When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own

poetic works of art can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition,” continued Roberts.

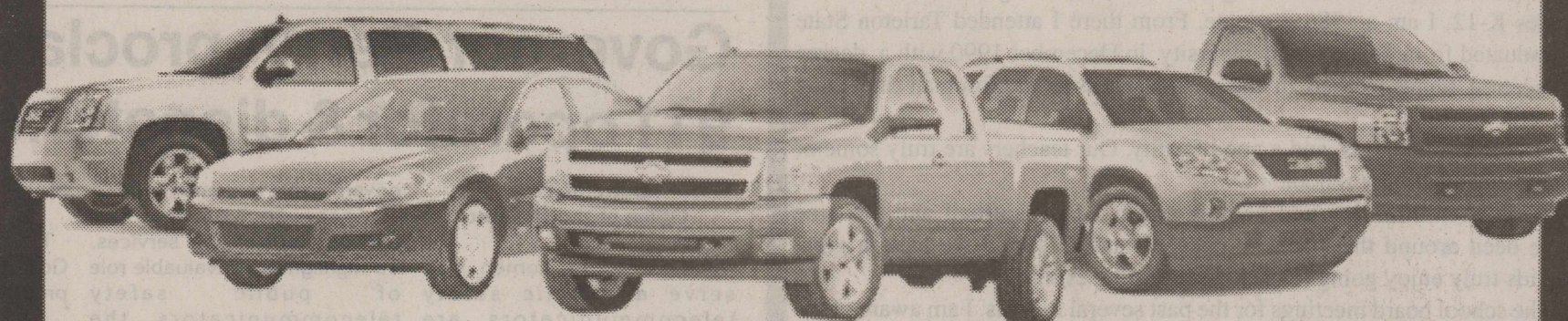
To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19925, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by June 30, 2007. You may also enter online at www.poetry.com.

The International Library of Poetry was founded in 1982 and is the largest poetry organization in the world.

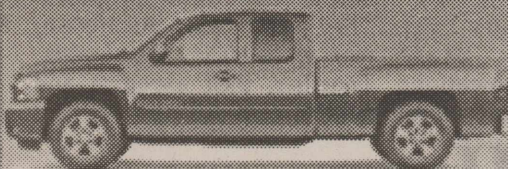


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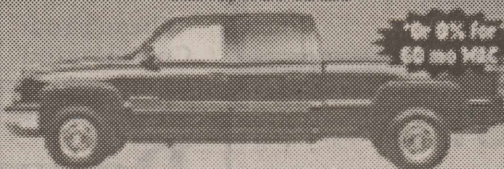
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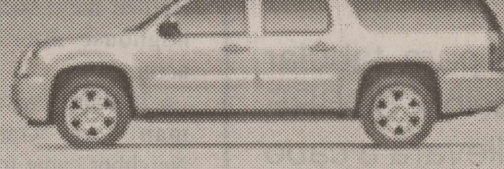
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Local Residents Open Their Homes for "From Ashes to Beauty" Sorority Tour

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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

On May 12, 2007, you will have the honor and privilege of walking through the newly built homes of eight local residents who have graciously agreed to let us view their post-wildfire restoration. The "From Ashes to Beauty" Tour of Homes, sponsored by the local chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, will include the homes of David and Jane Holmes, Nora Odom, Linda Slaymaker, David and Bethany Parker, Charles and Kathy Chesshir, Wanda Merryman, Charles and Beverly Ross, and Larry and Sandra Crockett.

Two or three homes will be featured weekly up until the week of the Tour.

Charles and Beverly Ross lost their beautiful home built in 1982 on that day of so much destruction, and lost everything material. Beverly says that she has learned to live with very little, and realizes now how much "stuff" they had accumulated that they really didn't need. However, as Charles pointed out, the magnitude of the overall loss did not hit them until they moved into their new, vacant house. They don't buy anything until it becomes evident that it is needed, and when you go to change the oil in the car, for example, you have to stop and buy a basin and wrench, or whatever is needed to do that task. When you make a certain recipe in the kitchen, you have to go buy a pan or dish of specific size. At Christmas, not only did they have to replace all Christmas tree lights, but they had to buy the ladder and staple gun to put up the outside lights. We don't think of all the "things" one uses in the course of a day, much less those special days that occur once a year.

We will find some rooms are not furnished nor finished in the Ross' home, and also in many of the other homes on the Tour. The replenishment of one's life is "a long, painful process", as Beverly describes their new home. First of all, the fire came at the "worse possible time" in their lives, with two children in college. For eight months after the fire, they were fortunate to rent a completely furnished home in Cross Plains from Scott and Luann Sandahl, who live in Austin. Luann is Roxie Thomas' sister.

Now that they have lived in this new home for seven months, there is a new rug on the dining room hardwood floor, but dining table and chairs have not yet been purchased. In some ways, according to Beverly, they are still "camping out". A new couch arrived Friday from South Carolina.

The new home, built by Dale Mitchell, is a beautiful brick home with fireplace, and over 3000 square feet. The floor plan is similar to the old one, but the kitchen is now where the master bedroom was, offering them same views but from different spots. There are three bedrooms, off the Great Room, 2 and 1/2 baths, a sunporch, a two car garage. Other floors are either carpeted or have ceramic tile.

School Board

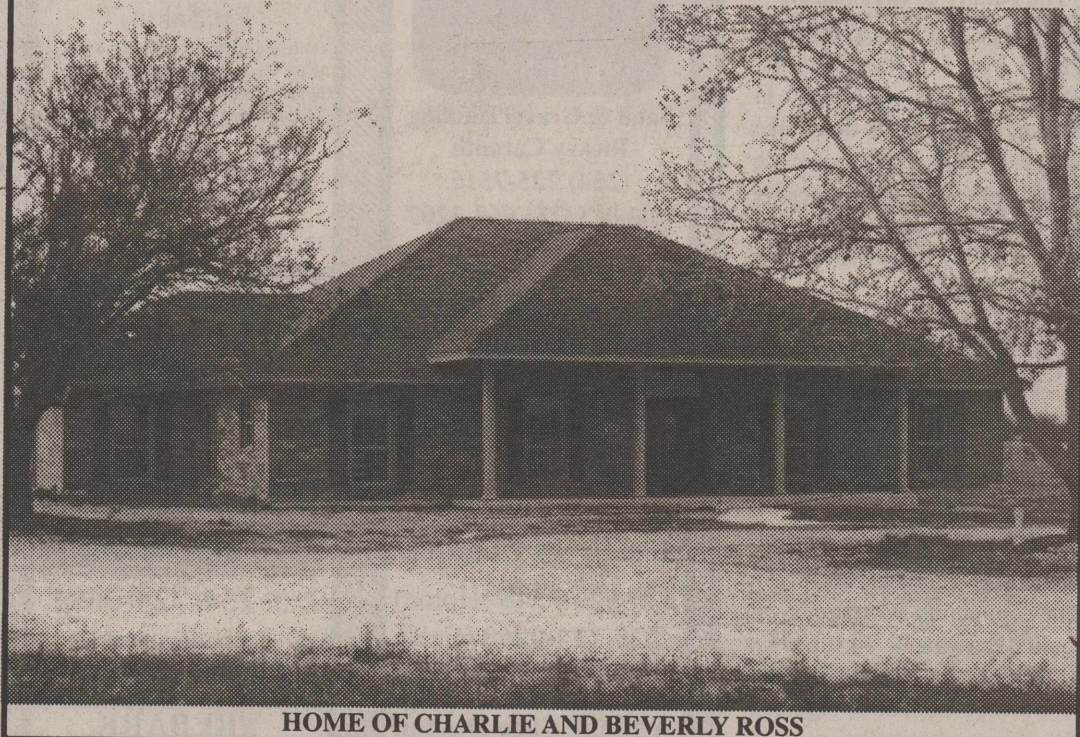
questionnaires to area 1A and 2A schools to get a better feel for how their respective schools handled stipends. So far, from those who responded, the amounts ranged from 0-\$10,000, depending on who, what and where.

Childress said that he believed that their stipends were not competitive with other schools. Tennison recommended that the Board table it and make a final decision at a later date. The issue may appear again on the next agenda. The Board did agree to give Mr. Hagler an extra \$1,500 for filling in for former principal Jimmie Cearley.

The new **Attendance Incentive Program** is up and running. Whichever group wins with the best attendance will be offered a get-away for a day. The Cross Plains Band will be going on a trip May 5th to the Dallas/Ft.



HOME OF LARRY AND SANDRA CROCKETT



HOME OF CHARLIE AND BEVERLY ROSS

The trees on their lot, surprisingly, survived, except for the pear tree which they "hated". A large 20 year old mimosa tree which housed a treehouse, was scorched, and apparently was weakened because it did not survive 60 mph winds in November last year. They came home to find it "uprooted" and leveled.

One change that Beverly is proud of, is that every room in the house is painted a different color. She had always had white walls before, and inspired by magazine pictures of colored walls, she now has a "rainbow" house. I can hardly wait to see their new home.

Beverly is a homemaker and active community and church volunteer; Charles is an airline pilot for US Airways. The couple have two children, James, a senior, and Karen, a sophomore at Texas Tech University.

Larry and Sandra Crockett's new brick home, built by Hutton Construction, is built on the former site of the home they lived in for four years. It had been built in the early 1980's. The new home has 1853 square feet, is a three bedroom home with sunporch and bay window. There is a huge circular driveway, something Sandra has always wanted. The large Great Room is combined with the kitchen and there is a completely open view with no obstructions. The master bathroom with its beautiful tile,

has a large whirlpool bathtub and completely wheelchair accessible shower.

In the dining room there is a family treasure, a 100 year old hutch and table passed down from Larry's mother. Contemporary furniture and Pergo wood floors complement the Great Room and a free-standing wood stove sits in the corner of the Great Room.

The house is full of light with its khaki-colored walls trimmed in white. One of the bedrooms is used as the office and there is a double carport. Larry is having a detached garage built in the back for his "stuff box" and for a tractor.

The Crocketts lost 70 large trees to the burning, and a couple of fruit trees and Afghan Pines. On the advice of Bob Childress, they are leaving most of the trees for at least a year-more to see if any of them will leaf out again and survive. They haven't been able to finish any landscaping and if it rains before the Tour, our instructions are to "park on the street".

As we discussed the "long process" of refurbishing one's home after losing everything, Sandra said they are at least "half furnished" and it is "livable" and comfortable.

Larry is a retired Air Force Master Sergeant, and is now a Postal Clerk at the U.S. Post Office in Cross Plains. Sandra is a retired school teacher, having taught seventh and eighth grade

English and Reading in the Cross Plains schools.

Tickets for the Tour of Homes will be \$6.00, and can be purchased from several locations in town after May 1 and from BSP members. The raised funds will be given to the Economic Development Council to assist with the building of "Welcome to Cross Plains" brick signs which will have commemorative plaques, describing the historical impact of the wildfires of December 27, 2005.

Submitted by: Carol Bennett

Baird Cemetery Association News Reported

The Baird Cemetery Association Directors met in regular session March 19th, and April 16th. The Cemetery Directory was reviewed and placed for public use at the Baird City Hall, Callahan County Clerk's Office, and Parker Funeral Home.

The Directory was originally prepared by Aubrey Loper, capably assisted by his granddaughter.

The Directory has now been updated by Dana Voights, and will also be listed on the Callahan County Historical Committee website. The Directory is a great help to visitors seeking the gravesites of relatives and friends.

Memorials and donations have been received honoring Mrs. Beulah Springgate, Mrs. Florice Robbins, Mrs. Isabel Betcher, and Joe Harris. We are grateful for the kindness of Donald and Gwen Coonrod, Tommy and Janet Donnell, Billy and Barbara Edwards, Tommy and Pat Holland, Sharon Kraus, J. Lynn Lawhon, Jerry Loper, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McDonald, Felix and Barbara Manion, Skip and Pat Parker, and Ida Mae Strickland.

Condolences are extended to the families of Joe Harris, Mrs. Springate, Mrs. Robbins, Mrs. Betcher, Mrs. Dorothy King, and J.W. Harris.

Our bluebonnets are in full bloom at present, thanks to the good rains of recent weeks. The Texas State flowers are not as bountiful as in 2005, but there are a few spots worthy of your time for viewing. Thanks to our mowing crew for their usual good work, and for leaving the bluebonnets to make seed.

Thanks to everyone for your support!

San Angelo

The Rehab center finally called me and I should check in this afternoon.

I am still a little nervous but sharing with you helped a lot. I'll tell you about it when I get back.

Needed Information

I am not very cell phone literate and I have not tried these tips out, but it seems that if they work it might be very useful information. I would be interested to learn and share your experience with other readers.

Subject: Emergency
The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked.

Try it out. Add this number under the name "emergency" in your contact list.

SECOND
Subject: Have you locked your keys in the car?

Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone: If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their cell phone from your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other "remote" for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the

trunk).
Editor's Note: It works fine! We tried it out and it unlocked our car over a cell phone! "

THIRD
Subject: Hidden Battery Power
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Another # to add to your contact list as "Battery Power"

FOURTH
How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?
To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone: *#06# A 15 digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. When your phone get stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use / sell it either.

If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

And Finally....

FIFTH
Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to.

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FISHER FINALIST—Ruth Dye Fisher was recently selected by Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. as a finalist for the Community Action Leader of the Year representing Callahan County.

Kirkham, Bates & Fisher finalists for Community Action Leader of the Year for Callahan County

After years of helping those less fortunate in their communities, Connie Kirkham, Mary Bates and Ruth Fisher were the perfect choice as finalists for the Community Action Leader of the Year representing Callahan County.

These finalists and others from 6 other counties will be honored by Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. at a semi-formal banquet held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 1st at the Adams Street Community Center, 510 E. Adams Street in Brownwood. Finalists were chosen on impact to the community, initiative and helping people in need.

"God has given Connie a gift for hospitality. She really has a love for people," said Vanda Anderson.

In addition to being a former board member of the Cross Plains Library and Helping Hearts Helping Hands, Kirkham also delivers food to the sick, organizes fundraisers for needy

families and uses her home to benefit others.

"The kids call her Granny Mary. She is very dedicated and seldom misses," said Margie Sowell, principal of Cross Plains Elementary School.

After years of working in the school system, Mary Bates retired and realized she missed the children. She then became a volunteer foster grandparent at Cross Plains Elementary School. She now works with 1st graders and helps them improve their reading skills.

Mrs. Bates is not pictured. "She always had a smile on her face and a kind word," said Nancy Turnbow, City Secretary of Baird, referring to Ruth Fisher.

Mission of miracles is how Fisher describes her volunteer work. This 95 year old senior works every day assisting others in the community. She divides her time between the clothes closet and the food pantry. Fisher also provides and

prepares food for many community functions.

Show your support for these finalists; attend the Community Action Leader of the Year Banquet. Enjoy dinner, door prizes and a special speaker as we honor those who donate their time and talents to the community.

Tickets for the event are \$30 each or \$240 for a table of eight. Please contact Kathy Chesshir at 725-7119, or call Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. at 800-625-4167 for more information. Space is limited. This article submitted by: Julie D. Smith

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Disaster assistance available to Callahan County small businesses

Sacramento, CA—Small businesses in Shackelford County, Texas, and the neighboring counties of Callahan, Eastland, Haskell, Jones, Stephens and Throckmorton may now apply for low interest disaster loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). "These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by drought, excessive heat and high winds beginning January 1, 2006," announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center - West.

Small businesses may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) of up to \$1.5 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred. "Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 4%, a maximum term of 30 years, and are restricted to small businesses without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship,"

Judd said. By law, SBA makes EIDLs available when the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Mike Johanns declared these disasters at the request of Governor Rick Perry.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are ineligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency (FSA) about the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However, in drought disasters, nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

For information and application forms call toll-free (800) 659-2955, or visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339. Mail completed applications to the U. S. Small Business Administration at 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

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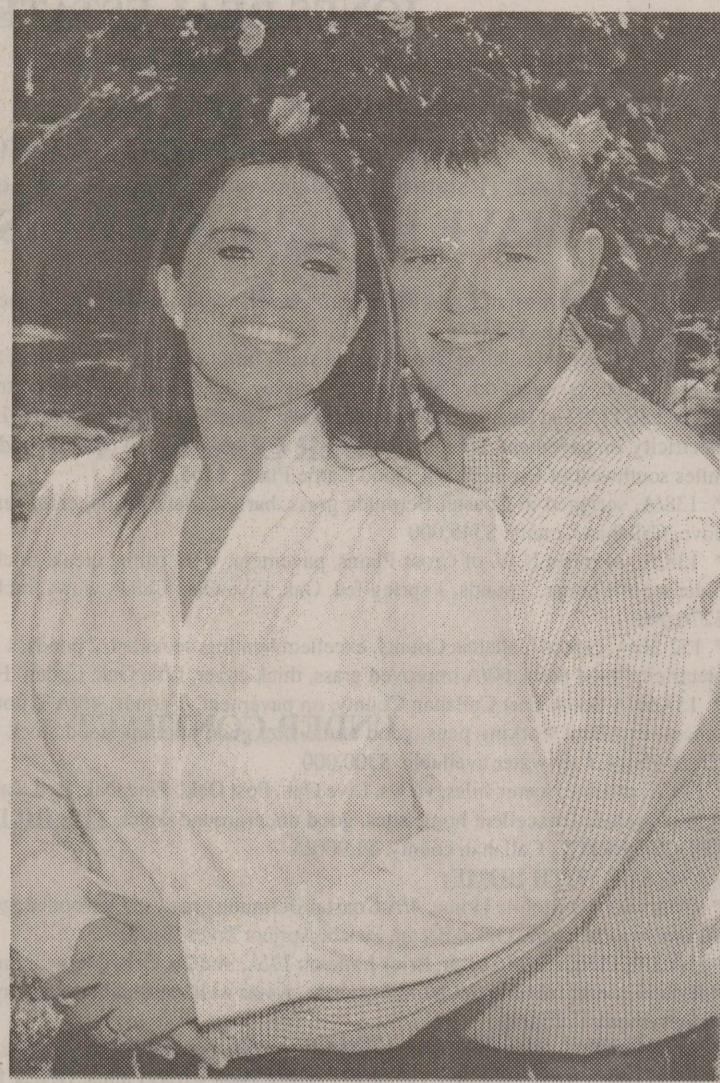
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According to information provided by Meek Blood Center blood usage has increased for a number of reasons. The aging baby boomer and World War II generations are receiving advanced medical care that often requires blood transfusions. As the usage of blood continues, and older donors are needed more than ever before. At this time there is no artificial substitute for human blood. The blood supply is totally dependent on volunteer donors who are willing to donate their blood to save the life of someone they will never know.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. There is no upper age limit. There are some restrictions regarding certain medications, medical conditions, and some travel areas outside the U.S. Those who have questions may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org.



LUCY TYLER AND JAMES BISHOP
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Engagement Announced

Randy and Darlene Tyler of Clyde, announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Lucy Tyler of Clyde, to James Bishop of Abilene, the son of Charlie and Marsha Bishop of Abilene.

The couple will be married May 26th, 2007 at ACU Chapel on the Hill.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Clyde High School. She graduated from Tarleton State University in 2006. She is

employed at Abilene Dialysis.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Cooper High School, and attended Tarleton State University. He is employed at Associated Contractors.

The bride's grandparents are John and Kathy Armor, Wanda and the late Dean Tyler, all of Clyde.

The groom's grandparents are Johnnie and Joan Hester of Abilene, and the late Ben and Lou Turner of Clyde and the late James F. Bishop of Hamlin.

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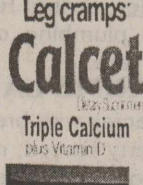
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