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Rich in Agriculture Abundant in Wildlife Masthead Designed by Deborah Lowitzer

CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

Keys to our Past, **Present and Future** Hinge on the Cross

NUMBER 11

DOWN HOME

99TH YEAR

Editor's Note: The following directions to our Father's House is very cleverly written. It has some good sense advice that we can all incorporate into our lives. It was written by my favorite author ----Author Unknown.

The sweet lady from Austin sent this to me. All the positive information mailed to me for this column is appreciated. Vanda Anderson

"Directions to Our Father's House"

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Make a Right onto Believeth Blvd.

Keep straight and go through the Green Light, which is Jesus Christ.

There, you must turn onto the Bridge of Faith, which is over troubled water.

When you get off the bridge, make a Right turn and Keep Straight.

You are on the King's Highway- Heaven-bound.

Keep going for three miles: One for the Father, One for the Son, and One for the Holy Ghost.



PROOF-What appears to be an angelic presence with his outstretched arm spotted in the clouds (on May 10th) in the sky above Cross Plains.

Love Fund Established for Dustin Snell at **Texas Heritage Bank**

severely burned on the upper McKenzie. portion of his body. He is hospitalized at the Baylor Burn your assistance and especially Unit in Dallas. Dustin is your prayers during this very undergoing skin graphs and difficult time in their life. Please

Thanks to everyone's help.

A Love Fund has been opened expenses while his wife, Amber for Dustin Snell at the Texas (Phillips) stays with him. The Heritage Bank. Dustin was couple has one daughter,

The family would appreciate reconstructive surgery. Snell is go by the local bank and make a

This meeting is open to all

Salute to Area Veterans

PRICE 50¢

By Vanda Anderson Editor

Saturday, May 26th marked the formal dedication of the Cross Area Veterans Plains and Memorial Dedication Ceremony. Approximately 200 individuals paid tribute to those who faithfully served their country, even to the point of death.

God provided wonderful weather-an overcast sky and 70 degree temperatures allowed everyone to enjoy the salute to our Veterans.

Donnel Clark, Vice Commander of the American Legion Post 423, welcomed the crowd to the long awaited celebration. He noted that this memorial park was the only one of its kind in Callahan County. The invocation was led by Burlie Taylor, Post Chaplain. Members of the American Legion Post 423 raised the colors and Bob Kirkham, Post Commander led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kerry

Mann, Director of Music at First Baptist Church, sang "The Star Spangled Banner".

Clark introduced the guest speaker, Colonel Tracy A. Deputy Smiedendorf, Commander, 7th Maintenance Group, Dyess Air Force Base. He is directly responsible for overseeing the combined production efforts of 2,100



DEDICATION OF VETERANS MEMORIAL-Staff Sgt William Spraggins- U.S. Air Force (from left), Sgt. Michael Bennett-U.S. Marine Corp and Colonel Tracy A. Smiedendorf-**Dyess AFB.**

service in Texas. Colonel Smiedendorf's dedica- and a moment of silence was tion address appealed to the observed.

and educating the youth benediction. Refreshments were concerning the importance of served in the gazebo at the City Memorial Day and value of Hall Park courtesy of the City of service to keep our country free. Cross Plains and the Masonic At this time, the engraved Lodge.

Taps was played by Kyle Foster

public to continue encouraging Ronnie White led the closing

stones were unveiled. Veterans of I would like to recognize Cindy each war were asked to stand. (Purvis) Payne and her parents, The World War II Veterans, the Audrey and Jewel Purvis, for Greatest Generation, were the their dedication in accomplishing this beautiful Veterans Memorial Recognition of Veterans killed Park. Its beauty compliments in military service was presented our landscape, while the solemn by Garmond Parrish. Family tribute expresses honor to our

Then exit off onto Grace Blvd. From there, make a Right turn on Gospel Lane.

Keep Straight and then make another Right on Prayer Road.

As you go on you way, Yield Not to the traffic on Temptation Avenue.

Also, avoid SIN STREET. because it is a DEAD END.

Pass up Envy Drive and Hate Avenue.

Also, pass Hypocrisy Street, Church on Tuesday, June 5th, at information, contact Kathy Gossiping Lane and Backbiting Blvd.



currently in a germ-free bubble donation or mail it to: **Texas Heritage Bank** while he is recuperating. **POBox 699** Dustin has health insurance, but

is in need of assistance to cover Community Cancer

Walk Planning Meeting

It is that time again to make your ideas and suggestions, plans for our Community Cancer and we will discuss how we can

Walk. We were blessed with a support our community members

very successful event last year, who are struggling with Cancer.

top that one! Please come to a other organization who would

meeting at the First Baptist like to get involved. For more

7:00 p.m. in the sancutary. Bring Purvis at 254-725-6219.

We want to see if we can churches, civic groups, and any

aircraft and munitions Cross Plains, TX 76443.

maintenance personnel assigned to five squadrons, as well as a fleet of 36 B-1 aircraft. He also provides maintenance support for 29 C-130 aircraft. He was born and raised in Niles, Michigan but their name was called. has spent many years of military

majority in attendance. members were asked to stand as heritage.

Amazingly, the list was brief in See Photos Page 8 comparison to those who served.

Gregory Manchess Honored Guest

Mayor Ray Purvis has signed the annual proclamation designating June 8 as Robert E. Howard Day: Dozens of visitors will be arriving from around the globe to join local citizens in celebrating Howard's life and his noted contributions to the literary world.

Honored guest this year is the highly acclaimed painter and illustrator, Gregory Manchess from Beaverton, Oregon. Manchess' paintings have appeared in magazines like Time, Newsweek, Smithsonian and National Geographic. He has illustrated film posters, billboards, children's books, as well as the covers of two Major League Baseball World Series Programs. His work has garnered a gold medal, three silver medals, and a Best Illustration of the Year Award from the Society of Illustrators in New York. While in Cross Plains,

Manchess will participate in a panel discussion at the high town. school on Friday, June 8, at will be available at the Post 2:00 p.m. In addition, he will be Office during regular hours on the featured speaker at the Friday. Celebration Dinner, Friday evening, 6:30 at the Cross Plains open for tours all day Friday and Community Center. Manchess Saturday. The Cross Plains will be discussing his work in Public Library will extend its illustrating the "Conquering hours to accommodate visitors Sword of Conan". who wish to view the original Other activities planned for the

manuscripts of some of Howard's two-day festival will be bus tours, writings. In addition to the walking tours, several panel regular afternoon hours, the discussions, a silent auction and a Library will be open Friday from dealer's room that will offer an 10:00 a.m. and on Saturday, from opportunity to purchase various 10:00 a.m. to noon. publications directly from the numerous authors who will be in the celebration dinner, are open to



GREGORY MANCHESS

A special postal cancellation

The Howard Museum will be

All of these activities, as well as

the public. Folks are invited to participate in the festivities and to meet some of the visitors who return year after year to our little community.

Reservations for the celebration dinner are available at various places around town. The dinner is being catered by Cook's Fish Barn and offers piping hot catfish and all the trimmings (including dessert and drink. The \$10.00 reservation MUST be made by JUNE 1ST.

For more information, please contact a Project Pride member at 725-4993 or 725-6562.

> Submitted by Era Lee Hanke

Saturday Saturday, June 2, at the Cross

Plains Roping Club Arena on Highway 36. Five events will be featured.

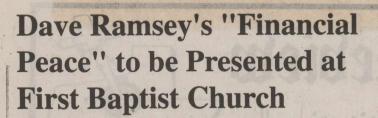
Leadline and all ages including adults will be provided.

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

There will be non-rider events,

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

PLAYDAY A PLAYDAY will be held on



CHURCH DIRECTORY

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

First Baptist Church will be hosting a free orientation for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University on Wednesday, May 30th at 6:30 p.m. The orientation will present information on the upcoming seminar and registration.

Dave Ramsey is nationally renown as a Christian Financial

832 Ave. E

ALL

Pastor:

Walter Pope

209 S.W. Hwy 36

Evening Service.....

Friendly Church

advisor specializing in helping families reduce debt, increase savings and build real wealth by defeating the credit companies. Please don't miss this opportunity to build your financial future. For more information contact Kerry Mann FBC of Cross Plains

254-725-7629.

Cross Plains, TX

Sunday Morning Bible Study ... 10:00 AM

Morning Worship.....11:00 AM

Evening Worhsip......6:00 PM

Wednesday Night Bible Study ... 7:00 PM

CROSS PLAINS, TX

Our Church Is A House Of Prayer

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

BITUARIES

Albert Rile Hughes

Albert Rile Hughes was born in Coleman, Texas July 5, 1921, and passed peacefully into heavenly glory Monday morning, May 28, 2007.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 31, 2007, at Casa View Baptist Church, 2626 Gus Thomasson, Dallas. Interment will follow at 4:00 p.m. in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, May, Texas. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m.

After service in the Army Air Corps during World War II, Albert returned to his Texas bride, Billie Jean Myrick, and began a career that lasted over 50 years as a certified piano

Christian and deacon, having faithfully served at First Baptist Church Cross Plains and Cottonwood Baptist Church. Albert was a resident of Buckner Retirement Village in Dallas for the final two years of his life. Survivors include his wife of 65

technician. He was a committed

years, Billie Hughes; daughter, Cindy Liebrum and husband Chris; son, Craig Hughes and wife Katha; grandchildren, Cory and Clay Liebrum, and Hannah and Caleb Hughes; cousin, Hazel Jones; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Buckner Senior Care and Assistance, 600 N. Pearl St. Suite 200, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Memorials may be made to

Veda Mae Flippen Pavlow

Veda Pavlow, 84, died Tuesday, Baptist Church in Corpus Christi, May 22, 2007 at San Marcos, a member of The Eastern Star. Texas. Services were held 1:00 She was a beautician, having her p.m. Saturday, May 26, 2007 at own shop for years. She was an the Pioneer Veterans Memorial artist and in later years owned a Pavilion with Rev. Charles ceramic shop. Copeland officiating; interment

Cemetery. Veda was born April 20, 1923 brothers, Henry and George in Seymore, Texas to Texas Matthews. George and Nancy (Bradford) Matthews. She live in that area Kay MacKenna of New until finishing school. She then Braunfels, Texas; a son, Ronnie moved to Pioneer to live with her sister and family, Nell and Joe Fleming. It was here she met and married Dow Flippin, September 6, 1945. They lived in this area several years before moving to Pampa, Texas. Later they moved to Corpus Christi, Texas. Dow died in 1980. Several years later Pioneer Historical Association, she married Paul Pavlow, who c/o Jo Veda Watson, 300 Hog also preceded her in death. Creek Rd, Brownwood, TX

Veda was preceded in death by will follow at The Pioneer her parents; husband; 3 sisters, Nell, Ina and Laverne; and 2

> Survivors include a daughter, Flippin of Friendswood, Texas; four grandchildren; three greatgrandchildren; a sister, Mary Matthews of Stephenville, Texas; a number of nieces and nephews; and her in-laws in this community.

Memorials can be made to the

Carol "Jan" Smith

Canterbury Villa of Cisco.

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COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Theodore Evans III, driving while intoxicated (DWI). Jesus G. Moreno, possession

of controlled substance. Kenneth D. Robinson, possession of marijuana.

Brenda D. McFadin, possession of marijuana.

Michael J. Oliver, possession of marijuana.

Billy M. Chaney, possession of marijuana.

Robert E. Lee, theft. John S. Brown, driving while license invalid (DWLI). Charles C. Speckles, DWI.

Leonardo Gonzalez III, DWLI. Billy Joe Moore, failure to stop and give required information.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Douglas Wayne Spurrier II, order discharging defendant from probation under deferred adjudication.

Anthony Donnell Dean, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Angela Jaquez Bravo, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, sent to prison.

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Stephen Joseph Lawlor, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.

David Tene, plea of guilty to no driver's license. \$200 fine, \$154 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Michael L. Parker and Meghan M. Lee, both of Robinson. Edward A. Jeffers of Montgomery Creek, CA and Lisa A. Rogers of Clyde.

> **42nd DISTRICT COURT** John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictments

Thomas Tiemann, theft.

Criminal Minutes

Erin Hall, end of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication. William E. Sneed, judgment

revoking probation granted.

Civil Filings

The State of Texas vs. Deletta A. Austin, judgment nisi.

The State of Texas vs. Wayne L. Phelps, judgment nisi. Maria Delfina Mendez and

Roman Mendez, divorce.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from May 20, 2007 through May 26, 2007 include: **Cases Investigated**

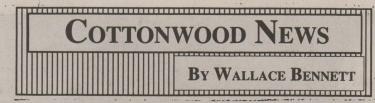
Warnings-56 Complaints-77 Possession of Marijuana-2 Fugitive Arrest-Theft by Check-1

Vehicle Accidents There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span



Welcomes You! Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sun. 6:30 p.m. Worship & Word *** Wed. 7:00 p.m. Bible Study "An Apostolic Church" PASTOR, Phillip R. Schaefer (254) 725-7140 **COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH** Sunday School9:45 AM Morning Worship.....11:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time......7:00 PM Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599 Church (254) 725-6266 Veda was a member of First 76801. **Bible Teaching**

Brushy Creek Cowboy Church



Auto Accident Sends Ila Stroud to Hospital

Ila Stroud, long term resident of Cottonwood, is in Hendrick Medical Center as the result of an automobile accident. According to Jeanette Ray, her daughter, Ila is feeling better but still suffers from a fracture in her wrist and bruises.

I talked with Ila last Friday before we left town for a high school graduation ceremony in Arlington, and she was feeling in good spirits. Prayers for Ila's speedy recovery and wishes for her good health are in good order. **Betty Baxter Laid to Rest in**

Cottonwood Cemetery

Betty Baxter, mother of Dena Terstegge and grandmother to Kathleen Terstegge, was laid to rest in Cottonwood Cemetery last Thursday. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Baxter. Matt McCowen of Cottonwood Baptist Church led the services. In lieu of flowers, memorial gift to a

the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Unit, the Cottonwood Historical

Association, or the Cottonwood Community Center is suggested. **Book on Newton Boys** Received

Thanks to Billy Woody, of Ft. Worth, who sent me a brand new copy of "The Newton Boys; Portrait of an Outlaw Gang". The Newton family were residents of Cottonwood during the 1920's and most of the boys were born here. Now I have the facts, thanks to Billy.

Cookbook Enjoying Record Sales

I was in the Texas Heritage Bank of Cross Plains last week and heard from several people that the "Cottonwood Cookbook" was making record sales. So, if you have not gotten yours, 254-725-7369.

(For new items or personal items about Cottonwood, please contact Wallace Bennett at 254-725-7474 or e-mail at csb5@airmail.com, or snail mail at 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.)



Julene Franke (left) and Joyce Odom (right)

Plains Garden Cross **Club Plant Sale well done**

The Cross Plains Garden Club design titled "Tranquility". They held a plant sale in front of wish to express their thanks to contact Beverly Brown at Johnson's Dry Goods store on the Johnson's and all of the May 12th from 8 a.m. til 12 noon. customers for their patronage.

In conjuction with this, Julene Franke and Joyce Odom wore their originally designed "Garden Hats", and Joyce displayed her

Library sets in motion "Books on Wheels"

The Cross Plains Public Library up and provide the information is offering a new program, Books about their particular choices of on Wheels, for those who are books and/or authors. confined to their homes, either basis. After completing a form to let us know what type reading material you are interested in, volunteers will deliver books to your home. The books will have person.

are not receiving that service may library. call the library at 725-7722 to sign

The library has a sizeable permanently or on a temporary collection of large print books in many categories, as well as audio books on cassette tape for people who may find it difficult to read small print.

We also invite individuals in the two week checkout periods with community who are interested to a limit of four (4) books per volunteer their services once or twice a month to select books or Questionnaire forms will be tapes and deliver them, or pick up distributed to the Meals on the books from the recipients Wheels recipients, but those who home and return them to the

Submitted by Linda Burns, Librarian

Submitted by Joyce Odom, **Garden Club Reporter** American

Legion Post 423 to Meet Thursday

Members of the American Legion Post 423 will meet Thursday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall on N.E. 1st Street in Cross Plains. A meal will be served. Wives of members are encouraged to attend.

Any prospective members and their wives are cordially invited.

Microfilm Reader **Available Public Library**

The microfilm reader given by Texas Heritage Bank belongs to the Library and is available there for all to use.

Lavonne Childress, Reporter

Everyone come on out and

Submitted by Elizabeth Rogers

TTENTION!!!

As of

September 1, 2007

Plots at the Cross Plains

Memorial Cemetery

will be \$100.

Plots that have been

reserved and have not

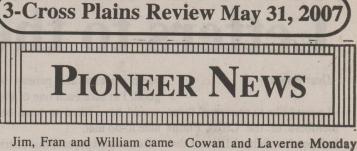
paid are still \$75 until September 1, 2007.

For further information,

call Bob Harrell at

254-725-6153.

enjoy the entertainment.



getting to use it. Then he mowed quilt. for Charles. Christy had put some and Jim made cages to put around garden. Guess she needs a few okra plants in another flower bed. Charlene and Christy went to Reunion". It will be June 23 this Abilene Monday, so Charlene year. could spend some of her Mother's pleasant afternoon.

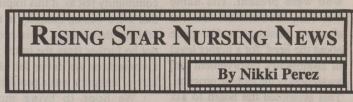
to the Chesshir farm this last night. Tuesday Laverne visited weekend. Charlene got a weed with her granddaughter, Terry, eater the week before for and her new little great-grandson Mother's Day and William loved before she went to Pioneer to

The girls finished Cheryl's tomatoes in the north flower bed "Star" quilt. It was pieced by her grandmother, Loraine Merrill. them, so Charlene has a mini What a wonderful "keepsake" Cheryl has.

Do not forget the "Pioneer

Jim and Charlene and family Day money! They ate supper out did another "super" job on the and Christy shopped for her Meal Memorial Day Service. We thank on Wheels job. It was a really them and all who attended. There will be more later in the paper

Lynn and Pam visited with about the service.



again, for a few days anyway. I guess we will take it any way we can get it.

not recognizing our judges for our Hat Contest. They were Eula Mae Grissom and Elise Hobbs. They did a fine job and we are thankful they volunteered. Thank you very much, and I am so sorry. We are pleased to announce that Robert Lee has finished his course in Certified Med Aide and that we are very proud of him. Congratulations Robert.

Some more great new on the home front is that Jessica Nieto hamburgers on the grill for gave birth to a healthy and Memorial Day. Speaking of beautiful baby girl, Ashley. She Memorial Day, Jimmie Payne was 9 lbs. and 2 oz. We are was recognized at the Memorial looking forward for her return. Day service for serving in the **Congratulations Jessica!**

new resident with us. Mrs. Ina rose corsage. month were Bessie Pope, Myrtle and God Bless all of you.

Howdy! Well, it looks like rain Hoggett and L.W. Mitchell. Employees' birthdays were Robert Lee and Lori Osborn. Happy Birthday to you! I want First off, I want to apologize for to thank Gene Moore for volunteering to play the piano for our birthday party. The residents

and staff enjoyed it. I would like to send our deepest sympathy to the family James Strahan who passed away last week. He will be greatly missed. We would like to say a special "thank you" to Raymona Dudas for donating some Bingo prizes. We really appreciate it.

Thank you, Danee, for cooking Philippines during World War II We are also pleased to have a in 1945-46. He received a yellow

Louise Miller. Welcome to our At this time I would like to home Mrs. Miller. honor the men and women who We celebrated our May fought for our freedom and have birthdays last Thursday. The passed on; and to the ones who residents who had birthdays this are still fighting today. Thank you



Helping Hearts and Hands NEEDS **Applications**

Is your home in need of minor

The Cross Plains Area Housing

Initiative would like to extend a

hand to assist you in the help you

might need. FREE assistance is

available now to homeowners

who are elderly, handicapped

Applications are available now

at the Senior Citizens Center,

Texas Heritage Bank, and City

Hall. The application deadline

will be the end of August and

if you need any assistance in

filling out he application,

please call Pat Stephens at

This is a worthwhile

community project that has been

in action since 1998. Volunteers

254-725-6819.

repairs: painting, plumbing,

insulation and caulking?

and/or very low income.

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

In a list of "Facts of Life," the first one was "Ade's Law: anybody can win - unless there happens to be a second entry." Another, "Andrew's canoeing Postulate: no matter which direction you start, it's always against the wind coming back." The list deteriorates to "Miller's Law: the yoo-hoo you yoo-hoo into the forest is the yoo-hoo you get back."

Surely by now you are ready for some real "Facts of Life." Even though these simple man-made "laws" or "facts" of life are humorous, it was Jesus who, with some other very simple statements, grabbed the attention of the world. Here are a few: "To save your life, you must lose it" (Matt. 16:25); "The first shall be last" (Mk. 9:35); "If a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit" (Matt. 15:14b).

If we want the real and important facts/laws of life, we'll go to the Giver of the real ones - and thus have those which go beyond "hoo-hooing into the forest" or "canoeing into the wind." Come join us in seeking the Way, the Truth and the Life - and thus add God-excellence to our lives.

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

will be needed once again to complete these projects, so be looking for a date to be set in the fall of this year.

We are excited and looking forward to this year's endeavor. If you have any questions or would like information, please contact Roxie Thomas 254-725-6141 or Pat Stephens 254-725-6819.



Library Stats May 21-25, 2007

Patrons	74
Programs	10
Books Checked Out	44
Copies	7
Reference	3
Internet Users	35
Interlibrary Loans	2

Donations: Teri Mize and **Barbara Black** Book Donations: Curt and

Ginny Hoskins and Ann Beeler



luck.

Genealogy Society Musical to be Daisy Holcomb Honored held at the on Her 96th Birthday **Rocking R**

The Rocking R will start having community musicals on the first Friday of the month. The first one will be held this

Friday, June 1st, starting at 5:30 p.m. on Hwy 36 (16 miles from Comanche and 12 miles from Rising Star). It will be pot

her 96th birthday Sunday, May 20th at the Cross Plains Church of Christ Activity Center. She extraordinary lady! She has was born May 24, 1911. Nineteen family members, dedicates her life to serving along with her church family, others.

Daisy Holcomb was honored on were present for the special occasion.

> Happy Birthday to an been a blessing to many as she

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JUNE 4 - 8

MONDAY - Chili Cheese Dog on Blend Vegetables, Cheesecake, bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw w/ Roll Raisins, Pears

Salad, Applesauce, Bread Whipped Potatoes, Normandy w/Fruit, Crackers

THURSDAY - Pinto Beans, TUESDAY - Chicken & Tomatoes & Okra, Saurkraut Dumplings, Buttered Carrots, Pea Salad, Peach Cobbler, Cornbread FRIDAY- Chef Salad (Ham-Egg-WEDNESDAY - Meatloaf, Cheese), Baked Potato, Gelatin

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



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

good. I'm sure each one of them tion. I would like to commend those would have liked to have been members of the Cross Plains able to do that.

Independent School District that But, as a taxpayer in this district, voted to uphold its academic I want my dollars spent to give standards at the last School Board our children a good education, not to just make children feel

meeting. From the last edition of the good for trying. The TAKS stan-Cross Plains Review, I gathered dards are plenty low now. By not that the Board was under severe lowering CPISD standards any emotional pressure to lower its further, the parents and students an unusually thorough job and I long established standards to let of future classes may work harder appreciate it.

some students and parents feel to avoid this uncomfortable situa-

Bob Childress Cottonwood

PS I would also like to commend the reporter for the work she does reporting the School Board meetings. She does

Dear Editor,

This prompted the board to ask week.

and regularly and for and overall school experience of would appreciate any ideas or many hours. We discussed this school and of these children. input from you. athletics, academics, facilities, Additionally, we hope to work fund-raising, tutoring, research; closely with the PTO and the the "Student Development anything and everything we could Athletic Boosters as well as Committee". Our philosophy and think of that might lend assistance any other organizations which our goals are to work hard to to the overall effort. We tried to are already working hard to support the professionals who keep our focus positive and our advance the development of our we entrust with the care and meetings were then, and remain, children. open to anyone. We discussed Ken and his family are moving children. We want and need the several different names for our to Zephyr, and while we will miss help of anyone and everyone committee. We did not want to be his well spoken voice at our who feels that the support of our limited by our title and we meetings we will always be children is a worthy cause. wanted to be positive so what grateful for the words he spoke we agreed upon was the "Student that first night and the effort he Tommy Ames 254-725-7100, Development Committee". has put into getting this endeavor Colby Walker 725-4895 or Scott Unfortunately, we were a little started. In our short existence we and Keeka Byrd 725-6836. slow getting this title, as well as have already experienced some our philosophy, out to the success and have made some community. Lacking an official mistakes. However, we are just

really more of a letter to the reflected in the official minutes give. They are worth it! entire community. Several school of the school board meeting, board meetings ago, an individual which led to the same phrase recruit help for our endeavors. whom I had never met stood up being used in the headline of the If you are interested in helping and addressed the school board April 26 issue of the Cross Plains promote academic and athletic and all of the concerned citizens Review. Some individuals in the excellence in our school or who were present. His name community felt as if this implied simply coming to a meeting to was Ken McCutchen. He was that there was no integrity in the check it out, we would love to eloquent, passionate and he spoke athletic department. This could have your input and your help. If about the need for a higher level not be further from the truth! As you can run a weed eater or paint of community involvement and a committee we never felt that brush or maybe tutor, we need awareness in the athletic program. lack of integrity was a problem. you! We will be positive and what

those who were present if anyone community support to the can, in any way we can. We would be interested in forming a teachers, coaches, administrators would really like for teachers, committee to address those issues. and the school board by means coaches, administrators, and More than half of the people of a (hopefully large) group of school board members to join us. stood in support. The first parents and concerned citizens With a day to day knowledge meeting was held the following who are willing and anxious to of the needs of the school, their help in any way that will insight would be invaluable. If We began meeting immediately effectively aid in the education you're not prepared to join us we

name for our committee, we were getting started. The goals are

referred to as the "Committee on lofty but the effort is needed. Our integrity of the Cross Plains children are our future and they This letter to the editor is Athletic Program". This was deserve the best efforts we can

> The time has come for us to We hope to bring more we are about is helping where we

> > The name of our group is responsibility of educating our

For more information contact

Written by Scott Byrd Submitted by the Student Development Committee

2007 PRE-K GRADUATION DAY Elementary Principal Margie Sowell presents Neka Cantu with her diploma.

PERFORMING FOR THE AUDIENCE Pre-K students demonstrate their sign language skills.

Jurnee Thomas Easter is when Jesus was resurrected. For Easter my family celebrates by hunting eggs and having supper. I think that people

should believe in God. **Teagan Fortune**

Shelby McWilliams We celebrate Easter because Easter means a lot to me after three days Jesus rose from because Jesus rose from the dead the dead. What we do on Easter is for us. My family celebrate it by we eat and hide Easter eggs and eating dinner and hunting eggs hunt eggs together.

Kelli Sue Bennett Easter means to me celebrating Easter means to me that Jesus Jesus resurrection from the dead. My family eats delicious meals **Cheyenne R. Hass**

together.

Tips told for Stress-Free

ids Corner Stori

Natalie Anderson

Easter to me is one of the most important holidays because it resembles the resurrection of Christ and how he died and suffered for us. This holiday is so important because he gave up his own life so we could live on this earth.

Some unfavorable people do not believe in the birth of our Christ. And if he never would have been born the earth would have ravel into chaos and man would not exist.

Kelbi Hyles

Easter is celebrated because Jesus rose from the dead and my family believes that Jesus would want us to have fun while we celebrate the guy that was willing to sacrifice his life for his millions of kids.

Kaitlyn Koettel

What Easter means to me is to celebrate Jesus death on the cross for our sins. Easter is not about a hunt for Easter eggs or a feast, it is about praising Jesus and God gave his one and only son, went through pain that we can't even imagine. That's what Easter means to me.

Shyler Tillery

Easter means a lot to me because Jesus rose from the dead on the third day to save us from sins. To celebrate Easter we go to my uncle Edie's house to hunt eggs.

Elisa Cantu

Easter means a lot more to me than my birthday, not just because you get a party on Easter but because Jesus went out of time. My family celebrates Easter by going to our church and having a huge feast.

Bronc Dillard The day Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Our family has a BIG dinner and we also hunt eggs.

Kaitlyn Potter

Easter means to me that it is a good thing that Jesus rose from the cross for our sins and 3 days the dead. My family and I go to church on Sunday and eat at church.

Inez Salazar

Easter means Jesus rose from the death. I celebrate it be eating Easter food and break a pinata and spend time with my family.

Zack Thompson

I celebrate Easter with my grandpa and grandma at their house. It means Jesus got crucified on Easter.

Blake Self

Easter to me is a big thing because nobody else can come back to life and God is a good God. My

family celebrates by having a big like to call feast and fun, and to because we need to share. top off the fun we hunt eggs.

Kaylee R. Potter

What does Easter mean to me? Easter is when Jesus was resurrected. My family and I celebrate Easter by going to church and listening to the wonderful and awesome story. Then maybe sometimes we go to our grandparents and spend time with them, eat lunch. Easter egg hunt, take a nap, say good-bye and thank them and go home to go to bed.

Morgan Manley

Easter is a Christian festival celebrating Christ's life. Or to celebrate Jesus' life. Easter means getting together with family hunting eggs and praying.

Korbin McLean

Easter is about celebrating the crucifixion and to be happy that he died for our sins. So for my celebration we hunt eggs and have a feast.

Brenna Kleiber

Easter means that Jesus died on later Jesus rose from the dead. Easter also means that flowers bloom and babies are born. My family celebrates Easter by dying eggs, planting flower seeds and putting away my winter clothes.

Taryn E. Estes

We celebrate Easter because Jesus died on the cross and came back to life 3 days later. My family celebrates it by having Easter egg hunts and enjoy going to church. That's what Easter means to my family and me.

Tiffany Bush

Easter means to me that we celebrate the day of Jesus and we should celebrate it nicely. My family and I celebrate it by hunting eggs. We don't need to dinner and tasty deserts or what I fight over finding the most eggs

Justin Whiteley

I egg hunt and eat a Easter meal this day. It was when Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.

Mikera Walker

Easter means Jesus resurrection, it's not all about the candy eggs. My family celebrates Easter by staying home.

Tucker Collier

What Easter means to me: At Easter we celebrate Jesus resurrection and to be with my family. We also hunt eggs.

Jaylynn Stout

Easter means to me is Jesus will come from the dead. My family spends time with me and they will give me stuff. The Easter bunny will give us stuff too.

Larry Roberts

Easter is important because Jesus died on a cross. My family and me celebrate it by hunting the Easter eggs. I like it.

ing we hunt Easter eggs and we have a very good meal. It is fun to have Easter. It is also a time to thank God for what we have.

rose from the dead so by celebrat-

Gaven D. Hutton

Easter means to me celebrate Jesus return to life. My family celebrates Easter by eating a big feast, by going to church and hiding eggs.

Rebekah Crockett

Easter means Jesus rose from the dead on the third day of Easter. At school we have an Easter egg hunt.

Brayden Kennedy

Easter means a lot to me because Jesus died on the cross and three days later he rose from the tomb.

Charles Thompson

Easter means every thing to me because Jesus rose from the dead and has forgiven our sins. My family celebrates Easter by Easter egg hunting.

Dalton Gilliam

Easter means a lot to me because Jesus rose from the dead for us. My family and my parents celebrate Easter by eating together.

Brittany Bush

Easter means a lot to me because Jesus rose from the dead and we can have an Easter egg hunt in my back yard.

Kristin Savell

Easter means a lot to me because Jesus rose and the third day. To celebrate Easter my family goes to my grandma's house so we can Easter egg hunt.

Seth Wyatt

Easter means that Jesus died on the cross. I feel sad that he died. He died on Easter Sunday that is why we celebrate Jesus death. We celebrate Jesus death by hunting having an Easter egg hunt. Easter eggs. I think it is fun to hunt Easter eggs.

and hunts Easter eggs.

Meghan O'Briant

Easter means that Jesus died on the cross and rose on the third day. We celebrate it on Easter Sunday. We celebrate Easter for good health. For Easter my sister and me were the only ones that hunted eggs and it was fun!

Debra Land

Easter means a lot to me increased risk to the child. because Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead to help his citizens in his country. My family and I celebrate it like going out and eating Easter dinner with my family.

Laramie Gambrell

Easter is a celebration of when Jesus was crucified on the cross. My favorite color is red for Jesus blood. We celebrate it by hiding Easter eggs.

Billie Pointer

Easter means to me hunting Easter eggs. We celebrate by going to my friends and eating calendars and local lists of good meals.

Colton Bradley

Easter means to me that Jesus rose from the dead. We celebrate Easter by eating lots of food.

Evelyn Morales

does not celebrate.

Megan Hagler

Easter to me is about getting with my family and that Jesus was rose. My family and I get to go to my grandma's where I spend my Easter, my favorite holiday!

Zach Gartman

What Easter is really about is Jesus resurrection on the third day after he died on the Cross. My children. family and I celebrate Easter by

Summer Check it Out

The summer is a joyous time when loved ones come together. But for many families, the summer can also be a time of stress and frustration, sometimes unintentionally resulting in an

Prevent Child Abuse Texas offers the following tips to help families enjoy the summer while keeping tension to a minimum:

1. Establish a budget for summer spending. Be realistic about what you can afford to spend on entertainment, special foods, travel, etc.

2. Hold a family meeting to discuss summer plans. Ask for ideas from the children for family activities that would appeal to them.

3. Post a calendar of family activities in a place where all family members will see it.

4. Check community events to find inexpensive or free activities for children. Write all possibilities on individual slips of brightly colored paper and put them in a "summer fun jar." When children have been especially cooperative with other family members, allow them to Easter to me means when Jesus choose a slip of paper from the rose from the dead. My family jar. Then, the family can enjoy an afternoon of fun activity together.

> 5. Have your children make a list of elderly or shut-in neighbors in your area. Plan to share a meal, some of your time, or run errands for these neighbors. Explain to children that helping and sharing are important elements.

> Prevent Child Abuse Texas is the leading organization working to prevent the abuse and neglect of our state's

More information is available by accessing the organization's web site at www.preventchildabusetexas.org

Barbarian Festival to be held Saturday, June 9th

Fun for the Whole Family!

The festivities begin with a parade pleasure throughout the day. down Main Street, followed by a fun filled day of arts, crafts, live music by the Class of '57 and The entertainment, food, games and Music Mann, Kerry Mann will much more.

Show entries will be on display locations). So, get yourself some throughout the day. Art and Craft yummy festival food, grab a seat vendors will line the streets along in the shade and let us entertain with food vendors and their tasty you for a while. treats. For your sweet tooth visit If dominoes are your thing, join the bake sale, beginning at the gang at the Senior Citizens' 9:30 a.m., at the Senior Citizens' Center at 1:00 p.m. for a lively Center for homemade delights. 42 Tournament. You just might be Proceeds from the bake sale the proud winner of a Walmart benefit the Senior Citizens' Center.

The Ninth Annual Barbarian bounce house. And don't forget raffle items include a garden Festival will be this Saturday, the dunking booth where our June 9th, in downtown Cross esteemed citizens of Cross Plains Plains from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. are available for your dunking

Live entertainment includes delight us on the piano. (See ad Amazing Car and Tractor in this paper for show times and

> gift card. Proceeds benefit the participating in any of the above Senior Citizens' Center.

The little ones won't want to Don't forget the raffle items in general call (254) 725-6498 or leave the kids area in the Senior currently on display at Texas Citizens parking lot featuring Heritage Bank. Drawings will such giant inflatables as a slide, begin at 11:00 a.m. and continue an obstacle course and a throughout the day. Some of the

bench, a swing, yard art, a gift basket, a western lamp, a knife, a hunting light and gift certificates from various local businesses. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and can be purchased in advance at the bank or at the festival where all items will be on display at the Festival Booth. Proceeds from the raffles will benefit the Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Memorial Scholarship Fund.

This a fun festival so gather up the family and come hang out with us for the day. We'll see you there!

For more information about categories or about the festival 725-6692 or visit our web site at www.barbarianfestival.com.

Submitted by Keeka Byrd **Barbarian Festival Committee**

Looking for Employees **55 Years** and Older The largest program offered

by ACCESS is the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). This program funded under Title V of the Older Americans Act as well as state and local grants, enables them to help thousands of lowincome individuals, age 55 and older, throughout the United States.

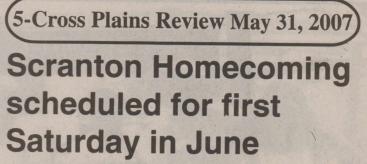
Through this program, seniors benefit from training, counseling, and community service assignments at faith-based and community organizations in their communities, prior to transitioning into the workforce. SSAI ACCESS is providing your community QUALITY resources. It is here to serve your community and help you community increase its revenue. SSAI ACCESS provides employment to older workers and provide support staff at no cost to

If you are 55 years old or older and are ready for employment, call Charlotte Evans or Betty Holamon 325-646-1591 or 325-642-6053. They can assist you with employment in Cross

Annual **Pioneer and Area School** Reunion

Our annual Pioneer and area schools reunion will be held on Saturday, June 23 at the Cross Plains Community Center. We Disaster Field Operations Cenwill have coffee and visiting ter - West. beginning at 8:30 a.m.

for Economic Injury Disaster A business meeting and Loans (EIDLs) of up to \$1.5 memorial service will follow. A million to help meet financial report on the Pioneer Cemetery obligations and operating exwill be given. We recognize the Oldest Woman, Oldest Man, met had the disaster not oc-Longest Distance Traveled and



Please mark your calendar for and gold. It is hoped you will be the annual Scranton Homecoming which will be held the first Saturday in June, June 2, 2007 at the Scranton Community Center

a.m. with a potluck lunch start- is the largest fundraising event ing at noon. The potluck lunch this year will be sandwiches, chips, dips and desserts. If you can, please bring these items to share with those who travel and are not able to bring food. After lunch, there will be a special memory time, a short business meeting, followed by music programs by Jimmy and Jerry Blackwell and Tim Turnbough and his group.

Everyone looks forward to seeing each of you as your attendance is important to maintaining the Scranton community spirit and its traditions.

Eveyone is encouraged to wear the school colors of green

nesses in Shackelford County,

Texas, and the neighboring

Haskell, Jones, Stephens and

Throckmorton may now apply

for low interest disaster loans

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

Small businesses may qualify

penses which could have been

able to come and enjoy the homecoming program and then stay afterwards to enjoy the meal and the Scranton Musical.

The kitchen opens at 5:30 and Registration starts at 11:30 the musical starts at 6:00. This of the year for the Scranton Community Center, which provides the location for the Scranton homecoming each year.

> This year the menu will be BBQ brisket, beans, coleslaw, potato salad, bread and a drink all for \$7.00 per plate.

The Scranton Exes Homecoming Committee hopes you will be able to stay, enjoy the entertainment and meal, support the Scranton Community Center and have more time for visitation. Please note the Scranton **Exes Homecoming Committee** now has a permanent address: P.O. Box 149, Cisco, Texas 76437

Submitted by Nelda G. Wheeler

Disaster assistance available to Callahan **County small businesses**

Sacramento, CA-Small busi- Judd said.

By law, SBA makes EIDLs available when the U.S. Secrecounties of Callahan, Eastland, tary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Mike Johanns declared these disasters at the request of from the U. S. Small Business 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 curred. "Eligibility for these loans at www.sba.gov/services/

Shelton Windham is in complete remission

Lymphomatic Leukemia. The family provided this note of thanks to all who have helped in absence. any way. John (Brandy), a lifelong resident of Taylor and Callahan counties, worked for fifteen years as Deputy, then Chief Deputy for the Callahan County Sheriff's Department. He also served as the Baird City Marshal. He is presently employed as the School Resource Officer for Hawley Independent School District. Carrie grew up in Hawley. She is a Deputy Sheriff, serving as Jail Administrator for Jones County.

Dear Family and Friends: As you can imagine, when our in the hospital. little Shelton was diagnosed with

Editor's Note: Shelton Blake the Sheriff, County Judge and Windham, son of Carrie and County Commissioners of Jones John (Brandy) Windham, was County, both my husband and diagnosed with Acute myself were able to remain employed and receive our salaries so our bills could be paid in our

> God has been merciful and kind during this trial, He has provided us with you, our family and friends to give us financial, emotional and spiritual support. The outpouring of prayers, donations, gifts, cards, letters, phone calls, and hospital visits has been phenomenal. We knew how much we were loved, we knew we were not alone in our distress and for the first time in our lives we were able to focus on something without having to worry about financial problems. We were able to be where we were needed most, with our baby

Baby Shelton is now in comleukemia our small world was plete remission and doing wonturned upside down. Our ~fam- derfully. Our journey is not over, ily was torn apart while both we still have two and a half years parents stayed with the baby in of chemotherapy and many Through it all our Heavenly Father has been good to us, among

Genie Penn

Mrs. Ray Purvis

Mary Callaway

John M. Lapata

Michael Gregory Johnny Smoot

Greg Rogers

Debbie Markham

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JUNE 7

Harold Merrill

Roger Williams

Mrs. Billy Wright

Nan Ree (Elliot) Rice

Ricky Smith

Sheila Teeters

Teresa (Potter) Kennedy

Tonjia (Potter) Foster

Theresa Cheshier

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Zula Elliot **Bobby Johnston**

Donna (Erwin) Ames

Carlie Bludworth

Fred Smith

Rolan Bryan

Thomas Bryan

Carl Smith

Matthew Shane Smith

Matthew Tyler Reed

Oplin Tells Line-up of **Band** for June

The Grand Ole Oplin is proud to announce their band line-up for the month of June. Starting off the month on June 1st, Muddy Creek will be joining us playing all of your country favorites. On June 8th, Country Classics will be here to entertain us all, and on June 15th, Texas Touch will be joining us playing their own special country dancing music. On June 22nd, Muddy Creek will be joining us again playing some more of your favorite tunes, and closing out the month on June 29th, Jack Rosser will be joining us with some good old fashioned country tunes.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community is located at th enter, and intersections of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Admission to our dances is only \$4.00 per person, and everyone is invited to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed at any of our functions. So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of good music and plenty of dancing.

Care Packages for

Troops Abroad

response to a request by District

71, State Representative Susan

King is creating a program to

assist local citizens in sending

their support to our local sol-

diers in Iraq via Co-op Care Pack-

Co-op Care Packages is an

effort to bring some of the com-

forts of home to our military

men and women serving in Iraq.

Between Memorial Day (May

31st) and Independence Day

(July 4th) Taylor Electric Coop-

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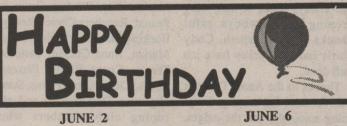
our school system.

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non-profits and state and local agencies. Plains.

Ft. Worth for two months. Like more hospital stays in Ft. Worth. most middle class families, we live hand to mouth, and were prepared to lose everything our many blessings, He gave us rather than either one of us leave you, our dear family and friends. our baby to come home for Thank you so much. work. Thanks to the wonderful administration at the Hawley Police Department, Hawley ISD,

John (Brandy) and Carrie Windham



Todd Hogan Darrel O. Walker Jane Nunn Gregg Williams Bruce Hubbard Donny Webb **Ross Rowlett** Mark Coburn Clark Coburn

JUNE 3 Hayden Gabriel Pancake Sandra (Weiss) Carey Charles Coburn Alexis Angel Mauricio

JUNE 4 Tommy Lynn Porter Tommy Mac Connelly Wayland Blair Kenneth Sowell

JUNE 5 Kreede Abigaile Orum Sarah Weiser Noel Ingram Eddy Joe McAnally **Bill Stephens** Maudie J. Brown James Bryan Hutchins **Russell Steele** Gene Bush Staci Watson Jeri Woodruff

To get your name on the Birthday Column, send your name and date of birth to The Cross Plains Review, P.O. Box 519, Cross Plains, Texas 76443, There is no charge for this service. To delete a name due to death or other reasons send name and birth date (Month'and Day) or Call 254-725-6111

Family with the Most Members is based on the financial impact Present.

Lunch this year will be sandwiches, vegetable trays and dessert. The cost will be \$6.00 per person.

Please bring your old pictures, etc. from our school days.

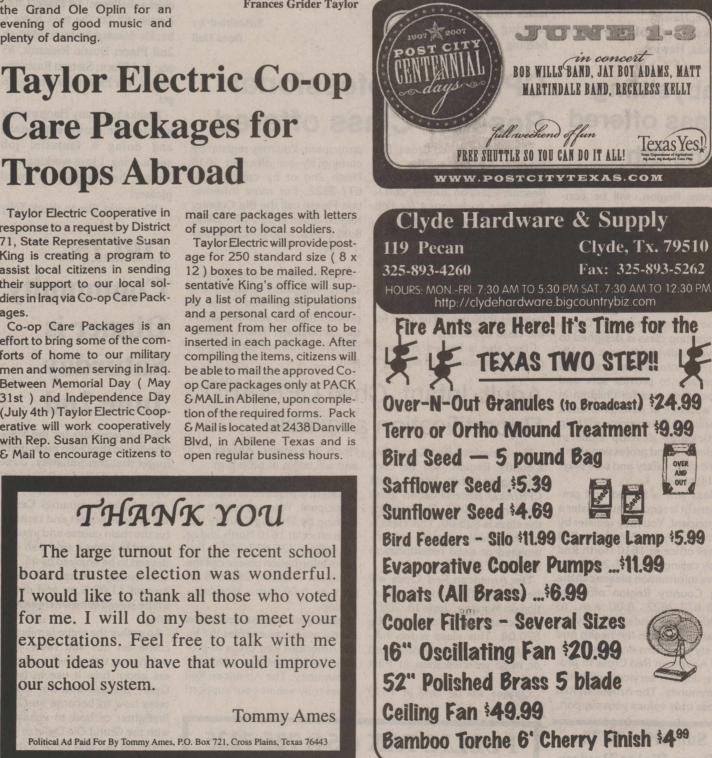
of support to local soldiers.

Submitted by **Frances Grider Taylor**

of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest plications to the U.S. Small Busirate of 4%, a maximum term of ness Administration at 14925 30 years, and are restricted to Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX small businesses without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship,"

disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339. Mail completed ap-76155.

The deadline to apply for these loans is August 14, 2007.



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& Mail to encourage citizens to open regular business hours.

THANK YOU

board trustee election was wonderful.

I would like to thank all those who voted

for me. I will do my best to meet your

expectations. Feel free to talk with me

about ideas you have that would improve

Tommy Ames

The large turnout for the recent school



HILLBILLIES & HIPPIE OF HAWLEY



Turkey Creek Cook-off Results

We had great weather and a good turnout for the Turkey Creek Cook-off. Ten teams put their grilling skills to the challenge and results are as follows:

Brisket 1st Place: Hillbillies & Hippie, Hawley; 2nd Place: Flaming Floozies, Hawley; 3rd Place: Ed's Custom Const., Clyde. **Ribs**

1st Place: Hillbillies & Hippie, Hawley; 2nd Place: Hazardous Cooking, Cross Plains; 3rd Place: Flaming Floozies, Hawley.

Chicken

1st Place: Hazardous Cooking, Cross Plains; 2nd Place: Lonesome Dove, Rising Star; 3rd Place: Up-in-Smoke, Rising Star





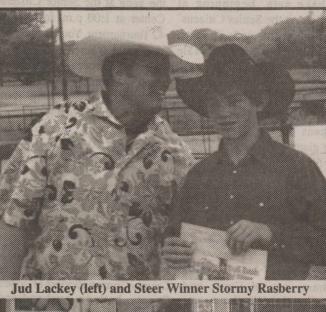
2007 Cross Plains Bull Bash Great Success

What a wonderful day for a Bull Bash! It was a packed house and filled with excitement! Thanks to Jason Marks for providing extra pens, accommodating and handling some of the roughest stock we have ever had! Thanks to the stock contractors: Kent Cox, Stephenville; Mike King and Jerry Linley, May; Gregg Willingham, Cross Plains; Mark Huff, Odessa. Steers: Jeff Bacon and Jason Marks both of Cross Plains and Heath Hoaretz of Golthwaite, who does an outstanding job with the mutton busting.

We started out with mutton butting and had 15 contestants: 1st Place: Talon Barker from Cottonwood; 2nd Place: Brazos Ham; 3rd Place: Taylor Adams of Cross Plains. Thanks to Kevin Elkins for the beautiful buckle presented to the winner and all of the kids and parents who participated!

The next event Steer riding proved to be very competitive, there was only one (1) qualified ride. Stormy Rasberry from Roby won the Gorley rope (donated by Jess Gorley) and he also took home a nice check! Thanks to our young Cowboys! They had some rank steers to deal with and they did well!

The PCBR started the bullriding with some great cowboys! Such as Rickey Walker, Tom Messick and Dale Gideon just to name a few! Will Wilson of Zephyr took



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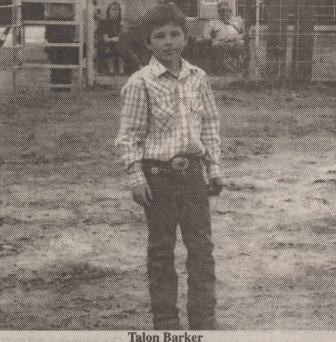
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Linley for his tribute to Dusty thanks for use of panels.

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Chili

1st Place: Ed's Custom Const., Clyde: 2nd Place: Flaming Floozies, Hawley; 3rd Place: Too Much Fun, Clyde.

Beans

1st Place: Too Much Fun, Clyde; 2nd Place:Ed's Custom Const., Clyde; 3rd Place: Hillbillies & cook-off. Thanks to the two Peoples Choice vote. Hippie, Hawley. Jackpot Cobbler-Flaming tallying up the scores and Floozie, Hawley.

Peoples Choice Award-Too Lindsey Barnett for her help, she Much Fun, Clyde. Much Fun, Clyde. Hippie, Hawley.

Thanks to the judges and Rolan Jones for a great job with the came out and participated in the ladies from the Dallas Area for helping the judges. Thanks to

did anything and everything we Showmanship Award-Too asked of her and did a great job! Thanks to Georgia and Darvin Friendliest Cook- Hillbillies & King of Baird for making our handmade plaques.

We appreciate everyone who

coming by our office at 1610

Submitted by **Dana Hall**

first place with 84 points. He was presented with a buckle. Pat Reedy also from Zephyr came in second with 78 points. These cowboys proved their experience and class.

The excitement continued with 24 bullriders in the open, the bulls were awesome and proved to be quiet a challenge! 1st Place: Chad Lorrah, 88 pts (he took home a buckle donated by Jason Marks); 2nd Place: Dustin Richards, 83 pts; 3rd Place: Stetson Rasberry, 78 pts; 4th Place: Pat Reedy, 76 pts.

Thanks to Jimmy Hargrove for keeping the crowd entertained and doing a fantastic job announcing. I love working with Jimmy, he always is a crowd pleaser!

We would like to thank Toby

Community

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Dinner is

Saturday

Hargrove, it was very special to everyone, especially to Jimmy and Cliffadene Hargrove and Frankie and Kelli Hyles. I have the highest respect for these and Rickey Carouth, Blake families. They worked and served many years in the roping Heritage Bank, Welch Stone, club and did a great job.

and always make it look easy keeping our cowboys safe! Thanks Josh Hudspeth, Cody Harris and Jud Lackey for a job well done.

Thanks to the Arena Director Curt Johnson for keeping things Highway Department and all going smoothly, and the judges, Mark Campbell and J.R. Hudson. Thanks also to Crystal Messick, those horsemen Rod Middleton, Clint Middleton and Ricky Adams. We would also like to say

Thanks to our sponsors and the citizens of Cross Plains for making this event a success! Sponsors: Cross Plains EMS Fulenwider Dodge, Texas Jones Real Estate, Park Car Wash, The bullfighters were fearless Kevin Elkins, Higginbothams, Mexico City, Winfrey Grain & Peanut, Ranchers Choice Realty, Rockin-U-Bucking Bulls, Village Market, Anna Chessir, Taste of Texas, Cross Plains Frozen Foods, City of Cross Plains, State roping club members who worked.

Roping Club Members will PCBR Secretary. How about meet Monday, June 4th, 7 p.m. at arena. See you there. Thanks!

> Submitted by **Dana Hall**

CPR for Professional Babysitting **Class offered Rescuer Class offered June 8th** The American Red Cross, Big participant. You may register by

The American Red Cross, Big Country Region, will be conducting an Babysitting class on Friday, June 8, 2007. The class will be held at 1610 North 2nd Street, Abilene, TX and will begin at 8:30 a.m. The cost for the class is \$35.00 and includes a First Aid Kit and all class materials.

The American Red Cross Babysitting class is designed to provide individuals, ages 11-15, with the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of parents or adult guardians. This training will help participants develop skills in leadership and professionalism; basic care; safety and safe play; and first aid

Class size is limited and prepayment is required to register a participant. You may register by coming by the American Red Cross office at 1610 North 2nd or by calling 325-677-2622. For more information please call the Big Country Region office at 325-677-2622, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Participation in the health and safety programs enables the local American Red Cross to provide disaster services within the community. The American Red Cross truly values your support.

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ducting a CPR for Professional North 2nd or by calling 325-Rescuer Class on June 9, 2007. 677-2622. For more informa-This class is designed for first tion Please call the Big Country responders such as doctors. Region office at 325-677-2622, nurses, firefighters and life-8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday guards. An American Red Cross -Friday pocket mask is required and included in the cost of the class. Class will be held at 1610 North 2nd Street, Abilene, TX and will begin at 9:00 a.m. The cost for

Country Region, will be con-

the class is \$66.91. Class size is limited and pre-

Adult, Infant, Child CPR/AED **Recertification** available

Country Region, will be conducting an Adult, Infant, Child CPR/AED Recertification class on June 4, 2007. The cost for the class is \$25.00. This class is for individuals who are only interested or need recertification in CPR/AED

The American Red Cross will be offering First Aid Certification on Monday, June 18, 2007. The cost for this class will be \$20.00. This class is for individuals who ar0e only interested or need recertification in First

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The American Red Cross, Big North 2nd Street, Abilene, TX

PUBLIC FAX (254) 725-7225

Aid. Classes will be held at 1610 Cross truly values your support!

and will begin at 6:00 p.m.

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June 2nd Just a reminder for the folks

who live in the Oplin area, don't forget that this Saturday, June 1st you are invited to the annual Oplin Community Dinner.

The Oplin Community Center will provide brisket and sausage for the main course and you are invited to bring a side dish or a dessert to be enjoyed by all. The Community Center will open around 11:00 a.m. and dinner will be served somewhere around noon.

So gather the entire family and come on out and meet your neighbors, talk with the old timers about how it use to be in Oplin, discuss with our volunteers how to become an Oplin firefighter or how to volunteer with the Grand Ole Oplin or just come on out and enjoy a good

meal



Cross Plains Public Library Announces (7-Cross Plains Review May 31, 2007) **2007 Student Writing Winners K-9th Grade**

The Cross Plains Public Library has completed their Creative Writing Project for spring 2007. **Class Winners**

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Judge's comment- "I was particularly impressed with how well even the young writers phrased their sentences and included excellent detail. These students are learning to write well. Congratulations to both the writers and their good teachers!" Kindergarten

"This is what I wrote last yearthe judgement still stands. It is always such fun to see this age group's drawings illustrate. For real honest-to-goodness originality in creating stories, I think these kids can't be beat. I really enjoyed judging these illustrated stories that prove kids this age aren't yet too saturated with pop culture. My judgement of Kindergarten's original thought still stands."

1st Place - Trenton Potter 2nd Place - Ashley Cochran 3rd Place - Jacy Bien **First Grade**

"Many of these young writers are good storytellers, which made choosing winners a difficult job. Judging was based on thoughtfulness, originality, and author's skill in storytelling." 1st Place - Kayla Stoudmire 2nd Place - J.C. McDonald 3rd Place - Brittany Crouch **Second Place** "These second graders

remembered to include good detail. They are good storytellers and certainly good writers mechanically for their age. Very impressive." **1st Place**

"Sara and the Miniature Horse" Grace Goode 2nd Place "Animals of Africa" Logan Phillips 3rd Place "I Love Horses" Hannah Cowan **Third Grade** "Some very good details in these entries. The writers are especially imaginative." 1st Place "Influences"

2nd Place "Glory Hill, Wyoming" Victoria Creamer **3rd Place** "The Best Adventure" Maci Whitson Ninth Grade "The poems selected show real imaginative and fun to read. To the authors: Keep writing." 1st Place "Remember When" Amanda Dunaway 2nd Place

"No One Will Ever Know" Shera Gary **3rd Place** "Thinking of Her" Nathan Creamer **Overall Winners:**

1st Place Grade 9 - Amanda Dunaway

"Remember When" "A good poem-thoughtful, expressing strong emotion without sentimentality."

2nd Place

Grade 6 - Joe Holland "Paper Thin"

"What an original solution. I had a good laugh over the unique food and wonderful cabins. The quality of being paper thin and train stopped and everyone how it 'paid off.'"

<u>3rd Place</u>

Grade 2 - Grace Goode "Sara and the Miniature Horse'

she said the last six years. I enjoyed all of these entries, and I wish each author could have been first. Choices were made on how imaginative, original, and wellstructured as a story, essay or knew there was something wrong poem each entry was. Wit, just by the look on my face. I attention to detail, and original thought were also a consideration.'

Overall 1st Place Winner

"Remember When"

By Amanda Dunaway

Remember the days when we colored and napped It's been hard for us to change

paper thin!

When I go over the fact of being paper thin I got an email from Princess Daisy saying she was being held captive and did not know her location. At this point I knew my adventure had begun. The first thing I had to do is warn talent as poets. The story is Professor Bobbery about the situation. I knew he would help me because he is a good friend of mine and also one of the smartest people in town. When I got to his

house he knew exactly where the princess was. He told me I would need tickets for the next cannon, because the princess was being held on the moon. He said there was a cannon that could simply shoot me to the

moon, but the only problem would be finding it. I had heard of a cannon being in Poshley Heights, but no one knows where it is, a man named Frankly hid it in the nineteen twenties and it hasn't been used

ever since. The only way to get to Poshley Heights was by train, so I got my tickets for the Excess Express. It was a very nice train with great hopped off the train, now I was in

Poshley Heights. After I gathered my luggage I hopped out of the train, and in front of my eyes was the most beautiful town I had ever seen. I "The judge can say again what guess what I've heard about Poshley Heights being the home to the rich and famous was true. Soon I found the mayors house. I knew I had to speak to him.

> When I entered his house he asked him for permission to use the cannon. He told me I could but only if I could find it.

I found the nearest tunnel just outside of Poshley Heights that led underground. There had been rumors that this tunnel had been haunted and no one has ever been in it. I figured the cannon would be down here and the rumors were made to keep people away from it.

Suddenly the cave wound into a spiral. I went around and around

up along with all of his allies, the princess and I took over the station on the moon and made it our home and we lived happily ever after.

3rd Place Overall Winner

"Sara and the Miniature Horse"

Once there was a girl named Sara. Sara loved horses! She rode a horse when she was only three. Her dad and mom didn't care if she rode it because it was a miniature horse.

Her dad bought the horse from a friend of his. Sara had so much fun with the horse that she sometimes forgot to do her homework. But she eventually got it done. Sara is eight now and has everything in her room horse stuff! When her friends would come to her house they always say, "Why do you like that horse so much?"

Sara only said, "Because it's my life!" Sara didn't know she was spending so much time with the horse. She just wanted to have some fun.

That night Sara thought about what her friends had said. Then she fell asleep. School was the next day.

Sara got up. "Hello horse," said Sara. The horse had stuck it's head through the window. Sara laughed again and again. She hurried and got ready for school. "Bye, bye," she said to the horse with a kiss. Then she left for school. "Today is the big day, " said Sara to herself.

She was frightened. After school was a horse contest that meant whoever had the cutest miniature horse would win. Sara thought some more. She thought of her horse and what she would do.

When Sara got back to her house from school it was already time to go. Her mom said to get her best outfit on and then dress the horse. Sara got the horse all dress up so cute! When they got to the contest Sara looked at all the people. "Wow," she said, "there is way more people than last year." Her mom shook her head. "Well, said her mom, "go get your number." Sara looked and looked at all the people. Sara went to get her number.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Happiness Is a Choice

nursing home today.

move necessary.

a new puppy.

Her husband of 70 years re-

After many hours of waiting

patiently in the lobby of the nurs-

ing home, she smiled sweetly

when told her room was ready.

to the elevator, I provided a vi-

sual description of her tiny room,

including the eyelet curtains that

had been hung on her window.

"I love it," she stated with the

enthusiasm of an eight-year-old

having just been presented with

"Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen

"That doesn't have anything

"Happiness is something you

decide on ahead of time.

Whether I like my room or not

doesn't depend on how the fur-

niture is arranged ... it's how I

"I already decided to love it ...

It's a decision I make every morn-

ing when I wake up. I have a

choice; I can spend the day in

bed recounting the difficulty I

have with the parts of my body

that no longer work, or get out

the room just wait."

arrange my mind."

to do with it," she replied.

cently passed away, making the

The 92-year-old, petite, wellas my eyes open I'll focus on the poised, and proud lady, who is new day and all the happy memories I've stored away ... fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashjust for this time in my life." "Old age is like a bank acionably coiffed and makeup

count-you withdraw from it perfectly applied, even though she is legally blind, moved to a what you've put in."

So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories. Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred. 2. Free your mind from wor-As she maneuvered her walker ries.

3. Live simply.

- 4. Give more.
- 5. Expect less.

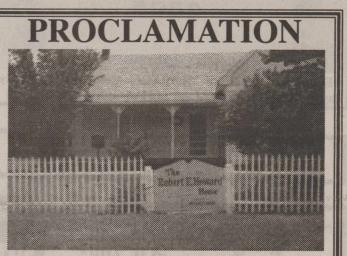
Furnish your mind with happy memories

From the Internet

This is so true. I personally needed to hear it again. I have done fairly well with choosing to be positive but as things accelerate, I have sort of forgotten that I have a choice. I am going to try to minimize the negative and accentuate the positive. I can refuse to be a "gloom spreader." People have enough of their own. They do not need mine. After all, I have decided to be "just fine."

BHW

Thanks to Carl White who had an opportunity to check out unlocking the car with a cell phone. of bed and be thankful for the He reports that it worked fine.



ones that do."

"Each day is a gift, and as long

2nd Place "The Magical Book" Charles Thompson 3rd Place "Just a Dream" Shyler Tillery **Fifth Grade**

Rebekah Crockett

"Detail is unusually good in these essays. Reflection of family life and the one essay giving instructions are clearly indicative of how important the young writers considered including important and telling details." **1st Place** "Life as A (family named deleted for judging)' Aaron Wheeler 2nd Place "My Favorite Thing to Do" Lindsey Ames **3rd Place** "Wood Burning" **Houston Smith Sixth Grade**

"There are good stories-fun to read. Students are good writers with good imaginations. Some are influenced by pop culture, but most write originally and well."

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

1st Place "Paper Thin" Joe Holland

and adapt

I loved the laughs and times at the park Back then we were all afraid of the dark

We laughed and played With all the friends we've made

And have grown older with every grade

But time is ticking we're in high school now We'll say good-bye soon and

we don't know how.

Overall 2nd Place Winner

"Paper Thin"

By Joe Holland

Once when I was in the woods I found a black treasure chest. I heard voices inside urging me to open it, and when I did a ghost popped out and cursed me for the rest of my life.

He didn't tell me what the curse was but I knew right away when I felt my body and realized I was

YOUR FUTURE

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and then I found what I was looking for, the cannon. I pressed a button on a nearby control panel and I, along with the cannon, were lifted into Poshley Heights. The mayor congratulated me and I hopped in the cannon. He lit it and almost immediately I was on the moon. The station were the princess was, was easy to find. It was a huge airtight bubble filled with oxygen, and when I opened the door I saw the most terrible thing!

Through the door I saw the princess being prepared for her death. A man named Lord Crump and all of his allies were pitching in on tying the princess hands and feet together to make sure she wouldn't get away. I knew I could try and fight them or I could pay them as much money as they wanted. It would've been hard to fight being paper thin so I decided to pay.

The offer was one thousand dollars in cash! I counted all the cash I had and all I had was nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars. I asked to speak with the princess alone so they lead us to a closet. I realized it was a supply closet and had loads of paint. I hatched an idea. The princess folded me up into a small rectangle shape and painted me green. She came out of the closet and payed all the money and was set free. Then I slipped out of the money bag and left Lord Crump with only nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars.

At last Lord Crump was locked

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Sara was so happy she fainted! Sara won a trophy! She brought it home and stuck it in her room. She looked at it for a long time. Then her mom came in her room and said, "I have some bad news. The horse got bit by a rattle snake, on the nose and she's dead." Sara started crying. She would never forget that night. She felt so bad and so sick that she went outside in the cold winters night and prayed for the horse that she'd have a great home up in heaven! Then she buried the horse and said good-bye to her. Then she went back inside and fell asleep and dreamed the best dream ever and that was about her horse going to heaven!



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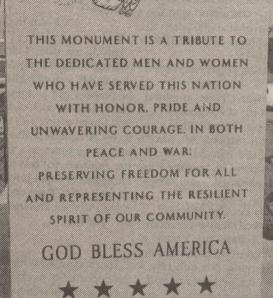


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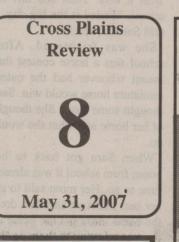
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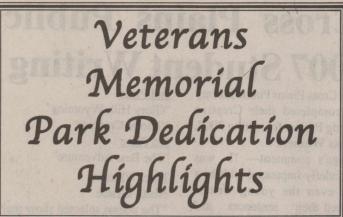
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ANNOUNCING SOLDIERS KILLED IN ACTION-Garmond Parrish, Burlie Taylor (sitting) and Donald Beeler (right).

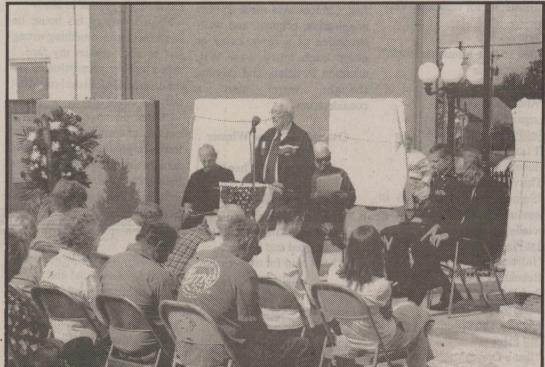


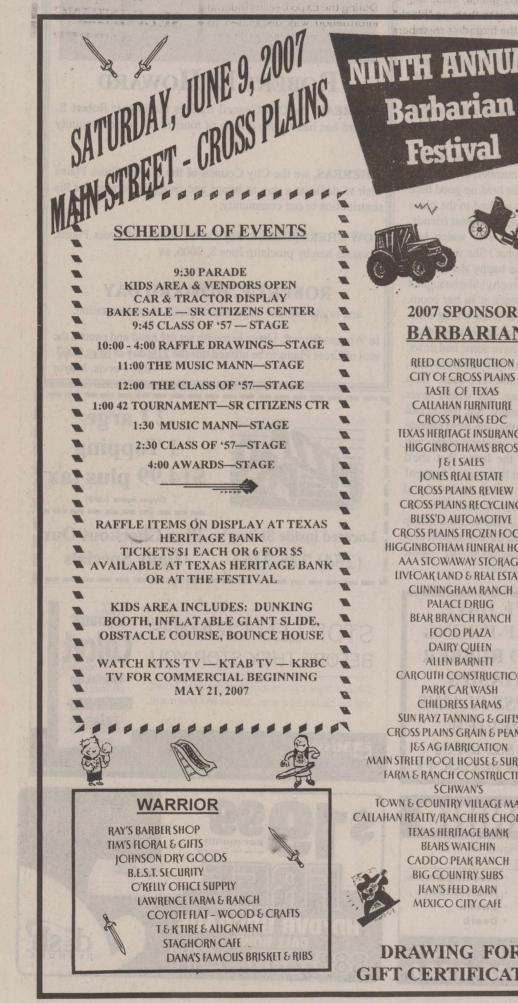






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DEDICATION CEREMONY-Garmond Parrish (from left), Burlie Taylor (standing), Donnel Clark, Colonel Tracy A. Smiedendorf, and Ronnie White.



WELL ATTENDED-Approximately 200 attend the Dedication Ceremony of the Veteran Memorial.



Charles Holden to receive Bronze Star for service with 'Devil's Brigade'

By Al Pickett Special Writer

In the summer of 1942, Charles Holden became a member of a unit that became known as the "Devil's Brigade." Now, 65 years later, Holden, age 90, has been notified that he will receive the Bronze Star for his service with the 1st Special Service Force, a unit that has been the subject of numerous books, documentaries and the 1968 movie "The Devils' Brigade."

"I got a letter from Washington about a month ago that said I was supposed to receive a Bronze Star," he said, "but I haven't got it yet. The whole company is supposed to get it." Born and raised in Clyde, Holden has lived in the Denton Valley area south of Clyde since 1959. He said he was already in the service in 1942 when he first learned of the formation of the special unit.

"I saw a sign on a bulletin board, wanting volunteers," Holden recalled. "They made it sound like you were getting a good deal.'

What he received was an adventure of a lifetime.

Holden was one of 1,800 original volunteers for the joint World Warll American-Canadian commando unit. The original advertisement said preference was to be given to men previously employed as lumberjacks, forest rangers, hunters and game wardens.

The 1st Special Service Force was officially activated on July 9, 1942, a joint force of three according to Holden, so they small regiments and a service battalion under the command of Lt. Col. Robert T. Frederick. Holden said the group did its initial training at Fort Harrison near Helena, Mont., where he learned mountain climbing and skiing. Force members received rigorous and intensive training in stealth tactics, hand-to-hand combat, the use of explosives for demolition, parachuting, amphibious warfare, rock-climbing, mountain warfare and skiing.

"We knew we were better trained than the American army," Holden said.

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After completing training in Virginia and Vermont, the Force sailed to the Aleutian Islands to



The unit was then sent to Europe, first landing in Casablanc and then arriving in Naples, Italy, on Nov. 19, 1943. The Force immediately went into the line with the U.S. 36th Infantry Division. That winter, the 1st Special Service Force earned a reputation for being able to take impenetrable objectives when no

The force wiped out a strategic enemy defensive position that sat high atop a mountain surrounded by steep cliffs. Holden said American and British forces had suffered many casualties in previous futile attempts to take

1968 motion picture "The Devil's Brigade," starring William Holden, Cliff Robertson and Vince Edwards.

"I wish the movie would have stayed closer to the truth," Holden remarked.

The 1st Special Service Force continued its attack, assaulting Mount La Rementanea, capturing Monte Sambucaro and assaulting Monte Vishiataro. During the mountain campaign, the 1st SSF suffered 77 percent casualties. Although he injured an elbow

and contracted malaria during his time with the unit, Holden knows he was much more fortunate than many of his comrades. He does, however, remember a close call.

"We were in a place where you couldn't dig a fox hole because of the rock," Holden said. "We piled up rock to build a little pen around us. They started throwing mortar at us. One mortar shell hit the rocks about two feet behind me. It wedged between the rocks without the nose hitting, so the fuse didn't go off." Much feared for their fighting

prowess, the Force became known as "The Black Devils" when the personal diary of a German officer was discovered. It referred to "die schwarzen Teufeln (the Black Devils)." With blackened faces, small units would often overwhelm German defenders without firing a shot and then disappear into the night. The Special Force brigade was withdrawn from the mountains in January of 1944 and landed at the beachhead at Anzio, south of Rome, on February 1st. Their task was to hold and raid from the right-handed flank of the beachhead marked by the Mussolini Canal. Shortly after that, the German units pulled back up to a half-mile to avoid the Force's aggressive patrols. It was at Anzio that the Germans dubbed the 1st Special Service Force the "Devil's Brigade." The diary of dead German soldier contained a passage that said, "The black devils are all around us every time we come into the line." The soldier was referring to them as "black" because the brigade's members smeared their faces with black boot polish for their covert op-

Neugebauer discusses new 2007 farm bill

man Randy Neugebauer joined to work from during the draftfellow members of the House ing process. Since many of the Agriculture Committee leader- current policies have worked ship Thursday in discussing wellfor American producers and plans for drafting the 2007 Farm

"The House Agriculture Com- cies. mittee has an important task to complete over the next couple of months as it sets out to write the 2007 Farm Bill," said Neugebauer. "We have put in a great deal of work over the last year getting input from all corners of American agriculture. Now, I look forward to getting to the negotiating table and crafting a bipartisan Farm Bill that promotes agriculture into the next decade."

The drafting of the 2007 Farm Bill will occur primarily in each of the House Agriculture subcommittees. The work on the conservation, credit, research, and energy portions of the legislation will get started next week, with work on the remaining portionstaking place in June. Chairman Collin Peterson's goal is for the full committee to approve a complete bill by July 4.

Neugebauer believes the success of the 2002 Farm Bill gives

Reaching Consumers

In March, the Texas Beef Council (TBC) reached an estimated 148,000 viewers during its monthly television cooking segments. TBC appeared on four television segments across the state focusing on beef and wine fusion. Live cooking demonstrations offer a great way to educate consumers on beef's versatility and nutritional content while providing recipes and tips.

Sharing Beef Nutrition

The Texas Beef Council (TBC) exhibited a booth at the WIC Fitness & Expo held in Houston. During the Expo beef nutritional information was distributed to over 150 registered dietitians, dietetic technicians and other healthcare professionals attend-

Washington, DC - Congress- the Committee a solid blueprint taxpayers alike, Neugebauer supports continuing these poli-

> Neugebauer does have concerns about the reliance on a "mirage" reserve fund to increase spending on conservation and nutrition programs, and possibly other areas.

> "These reserve funds sound great in theory, but they are really just a mirage," said Neugebauer. "The chances are slim that the money in these mirage funds will be available for Farm Bill programs, so it hurts our effort to write sound farm policy if we aren't using accurate budget numbers."

> The 2008 budget creates a mirage fund for agriculture totaling \$20 billion over five years. However, to use money in the fund, either offsets in other federal spending or tax increases would be required. Finding similar offsets or successfully approving tax increases has proven to be a difficult challenge in the past.

"School's Out Celebration Scheduled

The First Baptist Church has scheduled a "Ladies Night Out" salad supper on Monday, June 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Instead of a program and a speaker, we will be celebrating "school's out!" with fun and games. So, come join us. Bring your favorite games, salads and friends for an evening of fun and laughter.

All ladies of the area are welcome.

Submitted by Linda Slaymaker



...member of the 1st Special Service Force

returned to Fort Ethan Allen in Vermont.

one else could.

the important target. The cap-

be part of the invasion force of ture of Monte la Difensa near the the island of Kiska. But the Japaancient town of Rocca d'Evandro nese had already evacuated the (about 10 miles southeast of island by the time they arrived, Cassino) was the basis for the

CHARLES HOLDEN ...circa 1942

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1st SSF fought for 99 days without relief at Anzio.

erations in the dark of night. The

"Holden said he and his comrades were among the first Allied forces to reach Rome on June 4th and then went back to the Pope's summer home, about 15 minutes from Rome, where they stayed for several weeks.

On Aug. 14, 1944, the 1st SSF landed at lles d'Hyeres during Operation Dragoon, the invasion of southern France. the Force was a unique military unit that never failed to achieve its objective. It was disbanded Dec. 5, 1944, in a field near Villeneuve-Loubet in southern France.

During the war, the 1,800-man unit accounted for some 12,000 German casualties, captured more than 7,000 prisoners and sustained an attrition rate of more than 60 percent. Holden, who attended the group's reunion last summer in Helena, said there are fewer than 100 members of the original "Devil's Brigade" still living.

Many of the American and Canadian Special Forces today trace their heritage to the 1st Special Service Force.

Beef Beyond Borders

The U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) is working with Guatemalan food service outlets to ensure U.S. beef value cuts are placed on their menus. Because U.S. beef prices are high in Guatemala, it is necessary for consumers to receive affordable beef value cuts. USMEF is working on a threephase program to introduce these cuts into the country. The three phases include training a fabrication company, training restaurants on the tenderness and cooking methods of value cuts and promoting these new items on television, billboards and print-ads. According to USMEF, U.S. beef exports to Guatemala last year increased 29 percent in value to \$2.85 million compared to 2005.

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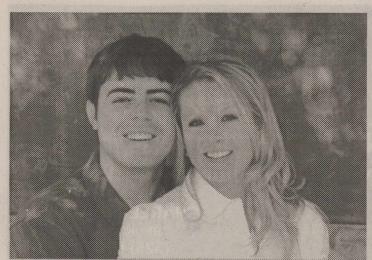
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DUSTY JIM BARRON AND HEATHER REBECCA DEANE ...plan July 14, 2007 wedding in Richmond, Texas

Engagement Announced

David (Butch) & Sharon Barron of Baird are pleased to announced the engagement and up coming marriage of their son Dusty Jim to Heather Rebecca Deane. Heather is the daughter of Becky Preston Deane of Houston, Texas.

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KIESHA RUTH McCLELEN & THOMAS BRIAN GAGE ... to wed June 30th in Granbury Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McClelen of Glen Rose are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kiesha Ruth McClelen High School and a graduate of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Gage of Clyde. The bride elect is a graduate of graduate of Abilene Christian L.L.P. in Abilene. University with a B.S. degree in Food, Nutrition & Dietetics. wedding in Granbury, TX. Kiesha is employed by Aramark The couple will live in Abilene.

as a registered dietitian at Hendrick Hospital. Brian is a graduate of Clyde

to Thomas Brian Gage, son of Hardin-Simmons University with a B.B.A. degree in Accounting. He is a certified public accoun-Glen Rose High School and a tant with Layton & Fowler, CPAs, They are planning a June 30th

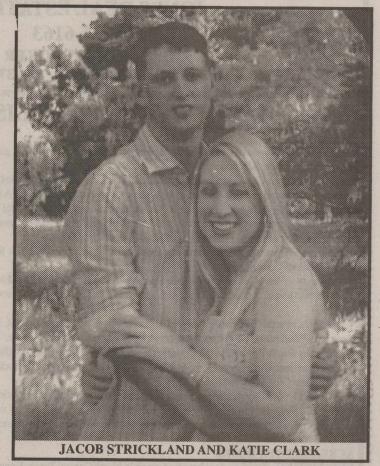
USDA Offers free credit monitoring

WASHINGTON, April 20, 2007 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will offer free credit monitoring for one year to people whose private identification information was exposed on a Federal Government website that is accessible to the public. The information was removed from the website immediately after **USDA** learned of the potential exposure. There is no evidence that this information has'been misused. However, due to the potential that this information was downloaded prior to being removed, USDA will provide the additional monitoring service.

USDA became aware of the

private identifying information was embedded in a larger number and therefore not immediately identifiable. The same day, all identification numbers associated with USDA funding were removed from the website.

USDA believes that immediately prior to April 13th, the website in question contained private identification information relating to approximately 47,000 individuals who receive USDA funding from the Farm Service Agency and USDA Rural Development. USDA has identified between 105,000 and 150,000 individuals whose private information has been entered into a federal government database at some time during the past 26 years. USDA is in the process of notifying, via registered mail, all 150,000 people whose information was exposed and offering them the opportunity to register for free credit monitoring for one year. In an effort to avoid revealing information that could increase the vulnerability of this private data, USDA is not providing additional details about the website at this time, knowing the data has likely been downloaded by nonfederal entities. USDA will provide additional details once the USDA funding recipients who are potentially impacted have had an opportunity to register for free credit monitoring. **USDA** funding recipients who wish to take advantage of the credit monitoring offer will be provided with instructions for how to register. Any USDA funding recipient with questions may call 1-800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636) or visit USA.gov. The call center operates from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (EDT), Monday-Friday.



Clark-Strickland Announce Engagement and Upcoming Wedding Plans Told

We are happy to announce the Melissa and Kenny Baughman of engagement of Jacob W. Magnolia, Texas. Strickland and Katie A. Clark.

Lovera and the late Jack of Dallas. She is the daughter of Strickland of Burkett, Texas, and Gail and Katie L. Clark of Jimmielee and Virginia Payne Coleman. of Cross Plains. He is the son The big day will be July 14th of Jackie and Julie Strickland at the Burkett Baptist Church in of Somerville, Texas and Burkett.

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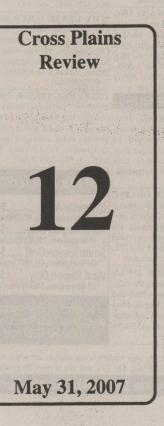
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