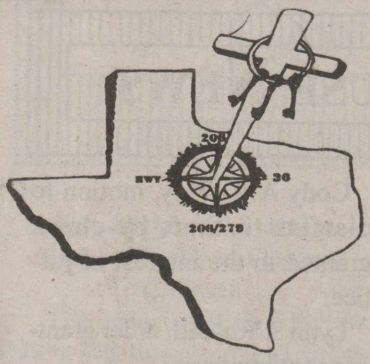


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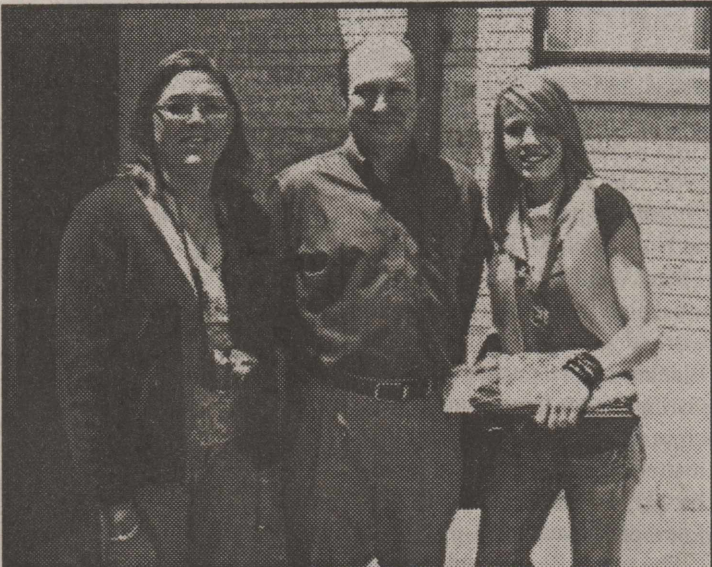
Project Pride enjoys another successful Howard Days

The annual Robert E. Howard Days celebration just seems to get better each year. Even the struggling and uncertain economy and the late afternoon thunderstorms did not dampen the spirit of the 2009 event. Over 200 folks from all over Texas, 24 folks from 11 other states, one from Canada and one from France signed the guest book at the Howard Museum this past weekend.

The panel discussions held in the brand new and "not really open yet" Library annex were well attended; the folks on the Saturday bus tour go to see a fawn that was just a few hours old as well as feeding a long horn steer on the Parr Ranch, the silent auction found many unusual items going to new homes as the people generously bid, knowing the proceeds would go to the maintenance of the Museum. Volunteers were kept busy both days registering and leading groups of people through the Museum and the shop proved to be a popular place as books, caps and t-shirts sold at a record pace.

Larry Thomas, Texas Poet Laureate of 2008, was the featured speaker at the Celebration Dinner on Friday evening. Having grown up in west Texas, Thomas could identify with many of Howard's poetic themes and shared several of Howard's poems that reflected Thomas' interest in the same areas.

Emily Harris, daughter of Nicky and Evelyn Harris, was introduced as the winner of the 2009 Robert E. Howard Foundation Scholarship. Just a



LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES ROBERT E. HOWARD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP—Evelyn Harris (from left), Paul Herman and Emily Harris are shown at the recent High School Awards ceremony.

couple of weeks out of high school, Emily impressed the crowd from around the world when she calmly stepped to the microphone and read her winning essay about the old icehouse and its role in Howard's life. The actual icehouse is now gone, but the slab is still visible behind Bud Dillard's Taxidermy business. The site is part of the annual walking tour offered each year during the Howard Days.

The visitors were fascinated with her findings and the "locals" were excited that one of us had uncovered information that was new to the world of Howard scholars and fans. Emily found herself an "instant celebrity" as folks wanted to visit with her and get a picture. Even the fellows from Goodspeed Productions in Hollywood whisked her away from the crowd to shoot footage for the documentary they are

working on about Howard Days and Cross Plains. Emily's paper had already been published in the REH Foundation newsletter and can also be found elsewhere in this issue.

In spite of all the long hours and hard work that go into making an event like this happen, Project Pride members almost hate to see it end. Visitors who return year after year have come to feel like family and it's almost sad to think that we won't see them for a year. But we don't have much time to rest, as it will soon be time to launch another new school year when we feed the school personnel on one of their in-service days.

Ya'll better sign up with Project Pride and join in all this rewarding fun.

Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson

A Spy Among Us

The Cross Plains Public Library is hosting the "I Spy Fish Fry" on Saturday, June 27th, at the First United Methodist Church, 1217 N. Main St. in Cross Plains beginning with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a program by former CIA agents James and Meredith Olson at 7:30 p.m. Have the Olsons discovered a secret in Cross Plains? Is someone here not who they appear to be? Has someone been living among us a common everyday citizen, but is actually a spy? Do you know who it could be?

Candidate # 1: Arlene Stephenson—Most of you know Arlene currently from her work at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center. Arlene spent her bachelorette days enjoying canoeing in Canada. Originally from Kansas, she moved here in 1985 with her husband, Tom and their son Randy. The family moved to Brownwood in 1993, and then relocated to Oklahoma in 1995.

They returned to Cross Plains in 2003 and have been active citizens ever since. Arlene has spent years with the Girl Scouts as Director of Volunteer Operations, where she recruited and trained volunteers as well as organized special events to support the GS program, and has enjoyed visiting the headquarters in Savannah, Georgia.

She volunteers for the Cross Plains Public Library, First United Methodist Church, Project Pride and the Robert E. Howard Days.

Tom was in retail management, having managed the local Higginbotham's for many years. Randy is also in retail management as a professional racquet technician and has traveled, most notably to Wimbledon and Beijing. Arlene had a sewing alterations

shop—Arlene's Alterations—for some time, but now enjoys reading, cross-stitching and working word puzzles. Her work with Project Pride and the Robert E. Howard Museum brings her in contact with patrons from all over the world. Innocent enough, eh?

Not so fast! When Arlene and Tom moved to Oklahoma, where were they really? Friends had said that they never heard from them except for an annual Christmas letter with no postmark. And what was Arlene really doing at those "recruitment" meetings. Could it be true that after contacting the Savannah office we discovered that no one there has ever heard of Arlene Stephenson?

Officials in Canada say they know of Arlene because of her many trips to the Great Lakes Forest, but we found no records to show she ever rented a canoe there. Just what was she doing? Many thought that Arlene retired from the alterations business, but would you believe there are invoices showing that she is still ordering "thread" from a warehouse in Russia. Are her contacts with the Howard Museum a cover for other activities? And rumor has it that she passed on her undercover activities to her son: Randy traveled to Beijing on behalf of his tennis company, but while he was there, was he stringing tennis rackets or "pulling strings" for unknown reasons? Hm-m-

Candidate #2: Rolan Jones—Born in Brady, Texas, Rolan moved to Cottonwood after WWII in 1945. He attended school at Cross Plains where he met and later married Sandra Illingworth. After college, Rolan applied to the CIA, but he states that they "didn't want a

biologist." So instead he wore many hats, working as a collector for a finance company in Abilene, on the ship channel for Hess Petro-chemical in Houston, and as an independent distributor for Foremost Foods, to name a few.

In 1976 he started selling real estate and currently owns Jones Real Estate in Cross Plains. Rolan was a Justice of the Peace for 20 years, reviewing background checks, criminal histories and driving records. His recent work is growing all-organic foods, which includes raising his own chickens, goats, cattle, deer, alpaca and a llama. He grows all types of fruits and vegetables, including artichokes, raspberries and other exotics.

He makes his own cheese, butter, flour, cornmeal and much more. He is passionate about food safety, not just the bacterial content, but the availability of food during a national emergency. Rolan and Sandy had 3 girls (now 2) and have 5 grandsons and another on the way. They traveled to Ireland last year and will visit Scotland and England in 2010. He enjoys reading non-fiction, especially science-related publications.

Wait a minute! He applied to the CIA and was turned down? What would you think if we had an inside source who reports that Rolan mails a large envelope to the government every month and then receives a package back one week later? Could it contain data on the availability of fields and crops in case a national disaster strikes? Just why does he insist on only eating food produced on his own farm? What does he know that we don't? As Rolan himself says, "Civilian intelligence is just as important as foreign intelligence." What about

See A Spy Among Us Page 5

89th Annual Pioneer Reunion Set for June 27th

The 89th Annual Pioneer Reunion will be held at the Cross Plains Community Center on Saturday, June 27th.

Coffee and Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and mid morning the Business Meeting

American Legion Post 423 to Meet this Thursday

The Cross Plains American Legion Post 423 will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday, June 25th at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Building on N.E. 1st Street.

All members and prospective members and their wives are encouraged to attend. A meal will be provided.

Monthly Pool Tournament set for Thursday, June 25th

The Senior Center will have its monthly pool tournament on June 25th beginning at 5:30 pm. You may come early as 4:30 pm to practice and then the fun begins. Men, women and children of all ages are welcome to participate. The Champ to beat this month, if possible is Audrey Purvis! Come join some real pros and try to win a prize! There is no cost to the tournament, if you would like to make a donation to the center you may do so!

and Cemetery Report will be held. A Memorial for those lost this year will also be featured.

Lunch and visitation will be at 12 noon. Everyone is cordially invited to

attend. If you need additional information you may call Frances Taylor 254-725-6739, Jim McCowen 254-725-4279, or May Alexander Jones 254-725-7188.

Family Vacation Bible School at Cross Plains Church of Christ to Begin

Everyone is invited to participate in the Family Vacation Bible School presented by the Church of Christ in Cross Plains, 433 North Main, June 29-July 1, Monday through Wednesday nights, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each evening.

The theme for the lessons for age 3 through adults is "Lessons from the Book of John." The lessons will be drawn from Jesus, "I Am's" from John's account of

the Gospel. Monday night: "...The Light"; Tuesday night: "...The Life"; Wednesday night: "...The Way."

There will be skits, singing, Bible study, crafts and puppets—and, of course, refreshments. If transportation is needed, please call 725-6117 or 725-6700, and it will be arranged.

Let's have a great time of learning and enjoyment at Family Vacation Bible School!

Book Signing for Local Author Thursday, July 9th

Carol Walt, author of "Unidentified Texas Objects" and resident of the Pioneer community, will appear at Art Walk in Abilene this week. On Thursday, July 9th from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., she will be signing books at a meet-the-author event hosted by the Texas Star Trading Company at 174 Cypress Street

in downtown Abilene. Carol says that even if you don't want to buy books, come to Art Walk and drop by the Texas Star Trading Company to say "hello" to the owners Glenn and Carole Dromgoole and to see the many other great things they have for sale.

Long Awaited Historical Marker Unveiled at the Annual Atwell Cemetery Meeting

Atwell Cemetery Association held their annual meeting and Memorial Service on Sunday, May 24th with 150 plus in attendance.

Those coming the farthest were Kimberly Gibson from Ruidoso, New Mexico and Rhonda Kirkham from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. There were also those from Utah.

The oldest in attendance was Vera Pillans, being 90 years of age; the youngest was Isaac Lagasse 10 months of age. Our longest married couple was Richard and Janell Purvis of Abilene who had been married 60 years.

Following the annual meeting, the memorial program and the unveiling of the Official Historical Marker was presented. 4 His Glory, consisting of Rhonda Swift, Connie Swift, Matt Sowell and Amanda Sowell, provided the gospel and patriotic music.

The Cross Plains American

Legion presented the colors and Rick Terrell spoke of veterans. Georgia Yawn of the Callahan County Historical Commission spoke on the cemeteries in Callahan County and also of those that were designated as historic.

The Atwell Cemetery is the 6th historical cemetery in Callahan County.

Reggie Pillans, President of the Atwell Cemetery Association, unveiled the Historical Marker followed by the reading of the marker inscription by Lee Abernathy.

The following contributions were made to the cemetery fund during this past year: Wilma Lawrence - In Memory of Michael Dupriest - \$25; Grave Permit - Michael Dupriest - \$75; Grave Permit - Ruby Mae Isbell - \$75; Grave Permit - Mack Foster - \$50; Grave Permit - Howett Wilson - \$75; E.M. Sessions - \$25; Lee Abernathy - \$150; and Rodney Riffe - \$35.

Submitted by
Barbara Black

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OBITUARIES

Billy James Marsh

Bill Marsh, 76, died Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at his residence in Buffalo Gap.

The son of the late Eunice (Notgrass) and William Marsh, he was born on August 1, 1932 in Nimrod, Texas, and was reared in Cisco. After graduation, he served for two terms in the U.S. Air Force before being discharged in 1960. An electronic technician, Bill worked for Sanders Associates which was later bought out by Lockheed.

Bill married Janet Hession on January 11, 1958 in Wayland, Massachusetts. The couple moved from New Hampshire to the Abilene area 21 years ago. He was a Baptist.

Bill loved his family and his dog, "Clara". He also loved Texas and woodworking.

Survivors include his wife, Jan Marsh of Buffalo Gap; son, Bill Marsh of Buffalo Gap; daughters, Terry Marsh of Buffalo Gap, Christine Marsh of Massachusetts, and Debbie Marsh of Morgan City, Louisiana; seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Gary Marsh of Baird; sister Annabelle Warren of Comanche; and six nieces.

A family memorial service will be held at a later date. Local arrangements are being made by The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road in Abilene.

Memorial may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018.

Online condolences may be posted at www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Fred Falkner

Funeral services for Fred Falkner, 79, of Brownwood, were held at 7 p.m. Friday, June 19, 2009, at the Heartland Funeral Home Chapel with Minister Don Davis officiating. A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 22, 2009, in the East Hill Cemetery in Fort Stockton, Texas.

He passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2009 in Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Fred Weldon Falkner was born July 8, 1929 in Odessa, Texas to J.D. and Bernice Marie Clement Falkner. At the age of 16 he graduated from Fort Stockton High School in 1946 and attended Texas Tech University.

On June 2, 1951, he was married to Loretta Criswell in Fort Stockton. He was a member of the Fort Stockton Masonic Lodge for more than 50 years and in 1978 he helped organize the Fort Stockton EMS where he served as the EMS Chief until 1992. In 1987, he retired as a test tire analyst from the Firestone Test Center. He was also a professional photographer.

Falkner had lived the past 17 years in Brownwood and was a member of the Cross Plains Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta Falkner of Brownwood; one son, Ken Falkner of Elk City, OK; one daughter, Cindy Martin and husband Charles of Fort Worth; five grandchildren, Jason Falkner, Jenesa Vaughan, and Melissa Wray of Elk City, OK, Todd Vickrey of Murfreesboro, Tenn. and Heath Vickrey of Fort Worth; one brother, Bob Falkner and wife Lynda of Ozona; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Cynthia Jennell Wilkins

Graveside services for Cynthia Jennell Wilkins, 59, of Blanket, were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 21, 2009, at Rock Church Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Day and the Rev. Dean Banks officiating. Heartland Funeral Home in Early was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Wilkins passed away Thursday, June 18, 2009, with loved ones by her side.

Cynthia Jennell Smart was born on June 10, 1950, in Baird, Texas, to Coley C. Smart and Caroline Augusta Neff Smart. She was raised and attended school in Cross Plains. She acquired her GED in 1988. On November 11, 1965, she married Grady Gale Wilkins, he preceded her in death on November 20, 2002.

Mrs. Wilkins was employed as a cashier for twenty years and worked at the Whistle Stop in Blanket before retiring in 2004. Caring for her family and having close friends were the things that mattered most to her and she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was a Baptist and lived in Blanket for 40 years, moving there from Cross Plains.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her son, Clayton Wilkins of Blanket; daughter, Lavonda Jones and husband Dejuan of Arlington; grandsons, Chris Boykin of Blanket, Gregory Fuller of New Braunfels and Joseph Wilkins of Round Rock; granddaughter Cyndi Boykin of Brownwood and great-granddaughter, Elyssa Lewis. She is survived by three brothers, Coley Smart of Lake Brownwood, Clayton Smart of Florida and Carl Smart of Houston; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, sisters, Rozenia Smart, Coleen Stephens, Dorothy Benes, Caroline "Cissie" Slayton, Clara Vickrey, and Coreece Record; and nephew Eddie Duane Slayton.

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Barack Obama, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000.

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COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Billy Joe Moore, assault, family violence.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Daniel Paul Bushnell, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

David A. McCowan, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 10 days in jail, \$400 fine, \$385 court costs.

Michael Mendez Jr., motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Michael Mendez Jr., order discharging defendant from probation under deferred adjudication.

Johnny Guerrero, Jr., motion to amend complaint granted.

William R. Faulkenberry, motion to dismiss to DWI granted for plea to other cases.

Deborah S. Counts, motion to amend complaint granted.

Marty L. Yarbrough, motion to amend complaint granted.

Cody A. Dorsey, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Lynn S. Russell, order granting continuance.

Jessica E. Parsons, plea of guilty to DWI - Class B, 1 year probation, \$400 fine, \$410 court costs.

Staci D. Baker, plea of guilty to theft, 18 month probation, \$500 fine, \$235 court costs.

Michael Cloud, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 18 month probation, \$500 fine, \$285 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Stephen T. Crow of Baird and Michelle L. McRae of Clyde.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

July 4th Annual Start-up Party to Focus on Flag and Children

The annual start up party for July 4th this year will focus on the flag and children's participation in the ceremonies will begin the festivities for the annual holiday celebration.

And it is a birthday celebration! The nation's birthday! With flags blowing in the wind, bands playing and patriotic programs almost everywhere.

So, start off this annual holiday by bringing your children and grandchildren to Cottonwood Community Center at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning for the July 4th program. It will start the day off right for any other celebrations or barbecues you have planned. Also, there will be a drawing for the Quilting Club's annual July 4th quilt. So, don't be late. Let's show the children what it is like to celebrate the 4th of July.

Annual Musical Full of Music, Fun and People

People and music and food were the special topics of a Friday night in the Cottonwood Community Center. A lot of musical genius and old friends favored the evening.

Favorite old timers from out of town showed up to enjoy a spaghetti supper and meet friends and neighbors who convened for the festivities.

Garmond and Lou Parrish from Abilene, as well as Richard and Jeanell Joy Purvis were there. A cousin, whom I had never met, Billy Bennett of Clyde, son of my father's cousin Levi Bennett was there and Weldon Bennett, another of Brownwood.

And there were plenty of locals, too many to mention, but newcomers to the area were welcomed, Diana and Russ Miller and first-timers Betse and John Rossen. They were impressed with the music. Chuck Patrick emceed the program and introduced the ten or so musicians who performed.

Many thanks to the hard workers in the kitchen, and especially Yvonne Peevy and Cookie Robinson, who cooked the delicious meat sauce. I think I heard that Dena Nickerson had her hand in it, too.



EMCEE AT SPAGHETTI SUPPER— Chuck Patrick.

Cottonwood Volunteers to Hold Bake Sale on July 4th

Okay folks, the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Unit will hold a bake sale July 4th at the Village Market in Cross Plains from 8 a.m. until they sell out. So get your rolling pin out, dust off your baking palette and let's get something baked up for the festivities. I'm sure anything you bake from a recipe of the old (new) Cottonwood Cookbook will be tasty and good.

You can deliver the baked items to the store or call Diane Smith 254-725-6164 or Dena Terstegge 254-725-4774 and make arrangements with them.

Need a 911 Sign Made?????

If you are in Cottonwood Valley and would like a 911 sign made, please call Bob Childress at 254-725-4321. Proceeds will go to the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Unit.

Bruce Strahan Buried in Cottonwood Cemetery

Bruce Strahan, former resident of Cottonwood and brother of Harold Strahan and cousin of Gloria Strahan, died in Waco on June 27, 2009. He was the son of Howard and Emma Strahan and attended school in Cottonwood, Baird, Abilene and graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1938. He attended Texas A&M

and Houston Dental College where he graduated in 1944. Bruce married Miriam I. Stanford of Waller, Texas in 1943.

He was in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 and again during the Korean War. He practiced dentistry in Cross Plains, in the Navy and in Odessa.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Miriam Inez Strahan; four sons; one daughter; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Harold Strahan of Cottonwood; and a cousin, Gloria Strahan, also of Cottonwood.

(Please call Wallace Bennett for any personal or local news items about Cottonwood or people living in Cottonwood at 254-725-7474, e-mail address csb555@dishmail.net. Please remember, I can't print it, if I don't know about it.)

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VA Expenditures in Callahan County

Compensation & Pension	Education & Rehab.	Insurance & Indemnities	Totals
\$1,462,479	\$9,234	\$99,649	\$1,571,362 FY92
\$1,503,488	\$8,185	\$85,438	\$1,597,111 FY93
\$1,473,510	\$10,434	\$94,789	\$1,578,733 FY94
\$1,640,099	\$37,516	\$95,514	\$1,773,129 FY95
\$1,747,180	\$67,560	\$98,557	\$1,913,297 FY96
\$1,953,125	\$59,238	\$97,956	\$2,110,319 FY97
\$1,799,805	\$55,208	\$97,217	\$1,952,230 FY98
\$1,912,169	\$49,703	\$93,917	\$2,055,789 FY99
\$1,984,240	\$52,268	\$93,552	\$2,130,060 FY00
\$2,105,506	\$88,640	\$92,816	\$2,286,962 FY01
\$2,490,000	\$64,000	\$90,000	\$2,644,000 FY02
\$2,845,671	\$50,424	\$95,923	\$2,992,018 FY03
\$2,996,883	\$68,375	\$96,118	\$3,161,375 FY04
\$3,344,000	\$101,000	\$92,000	\$3,538,000 FT05
\$3,527,000	\$122,000	Not listed	\$3,649,000 FY06**
\$3,576,000	\$136,000	\$46,000	\$3,758,000 FY07**
\$4,157,000	\$99,000	\$44,000	\$4,300,000 FY08**

** VA reports additional expenditure of \$1,634,000 in FY08 on Medical Care for Callahan County. This is down from the \$2,021,000 in FY07 and \$1,714,000 in FY06.

VA Expenditures in Callahan County

The large increase in Compensation & Pension payments is questionable when compared with prior years. VA assures us that "Expenditures presented at the county level for compensation, pension, education and vocational rehabilitation reflect the dollar values of actual payments made to individuals." There are five other Texas Counties with an estimated Veterans population of plus or minus 100 from Callahan's 1,527.

Payments to individuals in those counties range from \$1,897,000 to \$4,261,000 vs Callahan's \$4,300,000. These five counties are Colorado, Jackson, Maverick, Robertson and Young. This office assisted 382 people in 2008 (C150, B169, XP63), down from the 434 in 2007. Requests for help are increasing as a result of economic conditions in our great country. We will continue to do our best for those who are entitled to benefits.

LIBRARY NOTES

June 15-19, 2009

Patrons:	161
Books Checked Out:	148
Programs:	63
Summer Reading Program	58
Other	5
Copies:	20
Reference:	10
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Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are now being held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the Cross Plains Church of Christ Activity Center on East Highway 36.

For additional information, contact Claude at 254-725-4496 or Diana at 254-725-4670.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 29th- Movie Day @ 10:00am/ Paper Craft "thing" with Shirley Clark!
Tuesday, 30th- Exercise Classes- 11:00 am/ FREE Manicures @ 10:30am
Wednesday, 1st- Nutrition Education
Thursday, 2nd- Exercise Classes- 11:00am /
Friday, 3rd- Center Closed/ NO MEAL

Senior Center is having a FUND-RAISER!

The Senior Center is raising money! A donation will be made to the Center in the amount of \$250.00 if the Center can raise an additional \$250.00. The idea is to get the donation matched by the community. If you are able to

donate any amount of money it will be greatly appreciated. There will be jars located around the city for your convenience. Please help your seniors in your community. The deadline for donations is June 30th.

Senior Center can use your leftover Garage Sale Items

The Senior Center is always collecting gently used items for a fundraiser rummage sale. The plan is to have a sale in the Spring and Fall when the City Wide Sale takes place. If you're spring cleaning now and don't want to have a sale of your own, call the

center. If you have had a yard sale, we would appreciate your donation of leftovers! We can pick it up or you may bring it to the center at 108 N. Main Street. We have plenty of room to store it until the sale.

Do you know someone who can benefit from a Home Delivered Meal???

Do you know someone that would benefit from a Home Delivered Meal?

The Cross Plains Senior Citizen Center would always like to know if you or someone you know would benefit from a Home Delivered Meal. The meals are

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Farmers Market

Do you have an abundance of fruits and vegetables from your garden? The Center has a table that is designed for produce for the Seniors. If you have extra gar-

den items please bring them to the center and we will put them out to help our seniors get fresh fruits and vegetables.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JUNE 29 - JULY 3

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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

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She is a former Cross Plains resident and member of the Class

of 1961. Currently Pat resides in Buffalo Gap. She has been participating with the Partnership Evangelism Group for the past six years.

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What Became of the Ice House?

By Emily Harris

The Neeb Ice House was an important part of the economy of Cross Plains during the 1920s and 1930s. Beef and dairy products were stored and kept cold at the Ice House, where eventually the goods were loaded onto railroad cars and shipped to outlying markets.

Most of the local businesses also benefited from the Ice House in some way. Citizens would buy cold drinks in the summer and wagons from the Ice House would travel through town delivering 5 and 10 pound blocks of ice for the local residents to use in their homes.

Mrs. Bobbye Hinkle, a resident of Cross Plains, says she can remember her brother and her taking their little red wagon to the Ice House and bringing home 10 pound blocks of ice.

The Ice House was also a place where boxing matches were held. This is where Robert E. Howard would become a part of the Ice House history by taking out his

pent up frustrations on workers, roughnecks, and locals in the boxing rink. The invention of the refrigerator in the 1950s put the Ice House out of business but the building would continue to make history.

After the Ice House closed, the building remained vacant until the mid 1950s. The building was then used by Bye Montgomery as a testing and grading station for peanuts that were eventually purchased by the Gainey Peanut Company in Abilene, Texas.

In 1965, W.L. Lawrence purchased the building. The Lawrence's used the front of the building as a warehouse and the back was used as a shop to repair machinery. Wilma Lawrence, the daughter-in-law of W.L. Lawrence, said that when the building came into their family it was packed full from floor to ceiling with 100 pound bags of peanuts.

In 1994 a devastating tornado destroyed the back half of the building, shortly afterwards the Lawrence's sold the building to

Bob Hefner from Coleman. Mr. Hefner's intention was to use the building for his business of manufacturing humming-bird feeders. He ended up never using the building for that purpose so therefore he gave the building to the City of Cross Plains.

The City put the building up for bid and many people expressed their interests by placing bids on it. Dana Hall, a local resident and bidder, wanted to make the huge building into a bar-b-que restaurant. Bud Dillard, also a local resident and bidder, wanted to make the building into a taxidermy. In the end Bud Dillard won the bid and the building is now known as Wild Texas Taxidermy.

To this day the building is still a thriving business in the community of Cross Plains. Though the building has been home to various businesses and has suffered many hardships, it will continue to remain a historical landmark and contribute to the history of Cross Plains, Texas.

Class of 1959 Celebrates their 50th Reunion



CLASS OF 1959

The class members began to arrive at the home of James and Paulette Foster at about 1:00 p.m. everyone was excited and anxious to see their classmates. Most of them they had not seen each other for 50 years. Everyone visited and renewed old memories of our school days. Some looked a lot like they did when we graduated and others had changed so much you did not recognize them. This is why name tags were very important.

At 3:00 p.m. the class president Jim Fleming called the class meeting to order which included a memorial in remembrance of the class members which have passed away. The classmates remembered were: Lynn Brashear, Mary Brown, Billy Mayes, Margaret Gill Bennett, Tony Burns, Johnny Pancake, Anita Baugh Shirley, Norman Vaughn, Sidney McClure Easterling, Wesley Price, Juanita Hinkle, Perry Jennings and Billy Beane. As Jim Fleming read the names Sharon Pope placed a pink rose in a vase in memory of each classmate.

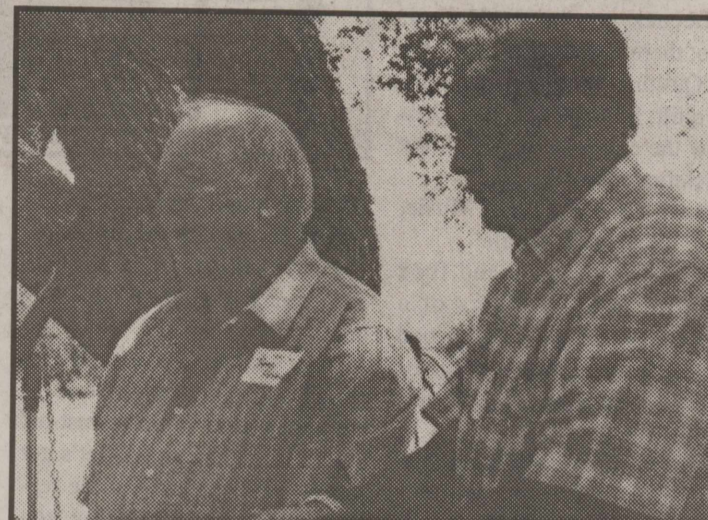
Dolores Magee entertained the group with a skit, which was enjoyed by everyone. Dolores also presented several awards to classmates.

The class meeting was adjourned with a prayer by James Foster. Delicious sandwiches were served which included a choice of several meats, cheeses, dips, chips, desserts, fruits and drinks.

After lunch each classmate received an amazing memory book for the Class of 1959, which was put together by Charlene and Jim Fleming. The book is so detailed and contained a wealth of information about the class members and the community in 1959.

Jackie Dewbre Drury handed out the T-shirts that were designed by her daughter, Marcie Frazier. Everyone thought they were beautiful and were proud of them. Marcie did an excellent job designing the T-shirts.

The class members attending were: Joe Atwood Watson, Dolores Byrd Magee, Betty Childers Thomas and husband Ronald, Lila Coe Lambert, Dicky coats, Jackie Dewbre Drury, Wayland Dixon and wife Cookie,



INSTRUMENTAL IN THE PLANNING OF THE 50 YEAR CELEBRATION— James Foster (left) and Jim Fleming.



IN MEMORY OF THE LATE CLASSMATES— a pink rose was placed in the vase for each individual by Sharon (Ingram) Pope.

Annette Falkner King and husband Huey, Jim Fleming and wife Charlene, James Foster and wife Paulette, Audrey Gary, Helen Grider Gage, Billy Hargrove and Carol Baird, Patty Illingworth Turner, Sharon Ingram Pope and husband Del, Rolan Jones and wife Sandra, Ann Koenig Jennings, Larry McAnally and wife Barbara Merrill, Danny McCarty, Forrest McDonald and wife Kathy, Ross McGary and wife Rebecca, Dale Mitchell,

W.A. Morris, Charles Neeb and wife Cheryl, Sammie Renfro, Lynda Tyler Edington, John Watson and wife Jolaine, Everett Wilcoxon, Frances Wilson Thornton and husband Don. We also had several family members and friends who came by to visit. The Class of 1959 would like to express their thanks to James and Paulette Foster for hosting the party at their lovely home.

Submitted by Sharon Ingram Pope

1936 Graduate of Cross Plains High School Looks Forward to the Upcoming Homecoming

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

The Cross Plains Ex-student Association is setting plans into action for the Cross Plains High School Homecoming planned for September 19, 2009.

After providing Connie with some updated addresses for our classmates, she shared the story about Henry Elvin Williams of Colorado. She also sent out invitations for some of the earlier graduates and Henry responded by stating that he was planning on attending. He has been out of school for 73 years. Now that is dedication to your school! Way to go Henry, I'm looking forward to seeing you!!!!

Perhaps this will inspire some of you who have never returned to the Homecoming to attend. Maybe you haven't seen any of your classmates since graduation, it's not too late!

School years, especially high school, may not have been happy days for you. Everyone has grown up now, so give your classmates another chance. They

are probably not the same personality you remember.

It is really fun to meet with the people you grew up with and reminisce about old times, and learn about their current life.

You will see photos of the 50th Reunion of the Class of 59 in this issue of the *Cross Plains Review*. It was fun trying to figure out who was who. My aunt, Joe Atwood Watson, is in this class and so I know most of them personally. However, I called Sharon (Ingram) Pope to help me out. This group had a wonderful time and are so glad they made the effort to get together.

Make plans to leave the weekend of September 19th open for this special event. The entire community works diligently to prepare for Homecoming and to make it fantastic for all the exes.

If you have any school day photos that we haven't previously ran, please send them to the *Cross Plains Review*, P.O. Box 519, Cross Plains, TX 76443 to be published prior to Homecoming. Old photos are always fun and get the memory bank rolling!!!!

Cross Plains I.S.D. Board Minutes

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Tommy Ames, Jim Cook, Bryan Bennett, Michael Cowan, Donnie Dillard and Hoyt Foster.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent, Interim High School Principal, Elementary Principal, and guests Ronnie Kincaid, Kenneth Thompson, Patricia Cook, Burlie Taylor, Kim Crockett, and Roy Dodds.

Prayer was led by Donnie Dillard. Minutes were approved with connections.

Motion was made by D. Dillard and seconded by Foster. For 5 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Foster to pay for the high school cheerleader camp (\$3,045).

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by Cowan to pay 50 percent of the junior high cheerleader camp (\$1,020). For 5 Against 1 Tommy Ames

Motion was made by D. Dillard and seconded by Ames to pay the bills. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Ames to repay substitutes finger-printing on fourth substitution job. For 6 Against 0

Board went into executive session at 7:10 p.m. and was out at 8:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Ames and seconded by Foster to accept the resignation of Casey Hodges. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by D. Dillard to hire Billy McKinney as science teacher/coach. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by D. Dillard to pay consulting fee of \$1,000 each to Mr. Dodds and Mrs. Warlick for July and August.

Motion was made to adjourn by Bennett and seconded by Ames. For 6 Against 0

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Cattle Raisers across Texas urge Senate to stop Clean Water Restoration Act

Fort Worth, Texas—The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee today passed a bill out of committee that would give the federal government regulatory authority over stock tanks, drainage ditches and any water features found on family ranches despite large opposition from cattle raisers across the country.

S. 787, the Clean Water Restoration Act, would achieve unprecedented expansion of federal authority by removing the word "navigable" from the Clean Water Act definition of waters in the U.S. and replacing it with "waters of the United States." The new definition would grant the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers virtually unlimited regulatory control over all wet areas within a state.

The proposed legislation would require cattle producers to manage around puddles in the middle of pastures, drainage areas, road ditches and more. If cattle producers are unable to demonstrate proper management of these areas to the federal government, they could be required to get a permit, which would be far too impractical and expensive.

Additionally, the legislation would result in a major decrease in authority from state governments and private property owners all across the United States.

"All waters are not equal in terms of their environmental

function and value, and they should not be regulated in the same way," TSCRA President Dave Scott, a rancher from Richmond, Texas, said. "If this bill passes in Congress, ranchers across the U.S. will be forced to get a permit to continue everyday operations on their own land."

"The federal government already struggles to handle the backlog of 15,000 existing permit requests; how it plans to deal with the massive amount of new permitting requirements and litigation this bill will surely create is beyond reason," Scott continued. "There is no doubt ranchers like me will be the ones forced to cover the costs, not to mention the huge administrative burdens of endless government red tape."

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is asking the Senate to stop this bill should it come up for a full Senate vote.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 132-year-old trade organization and is the largest livestock association in Texas. TSCRA has more than 15,000 members who manage approximately 4 million head of cattle on 51.5 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TSCRA provides law enforcement services, livestock inspection, legislative and regulatory advocacy and educational opportunities for its members and the industry.

A Spy Among Us

his "real estate" business? Could it be a front for something else? IT certainly gives him an excuse for meeting strangers in remote locations. And funny thing about those background checks: what if we told you that when the State of Texas was contacted regarding a background check on Rolan himself, the paperwork was returned stamped "Classified." Makes you wonder.

Candidate #3: Connie Kirkham—Owner of Connie's Cuts and Curls on Main Street in Cross Plains, Connie Roby was born in Sabinal, Texas and moved here in 1963 when she was in the 7th grade. She met Cliff Kirkham at a rodeo and in 1967 they were married at the McClure ranch.

Connie began her salon next door to their home in 1968 and continued hair-styling until her 4th child was born. She then took an 11-year break to raise their children and afterwards opened Connie's Cuts and Curls.

Her husband, Cliff is currently a county commissioner, but previously worked as a carpenter, ran service stations, and was employed by the local phone company.

Connie has 4 children—3 girls and 1 boy and four grandchildren, 3 boys and 1 girl and another on the way.

In 1999, Connie and Cliff suffered the loss of their 100-year-old home (where Cliff was born) due to fire. That tragedy didn't stop them from sharing what they have with others over the years. Each Christmas and Thanksgiving they invite the public to their home for dinner and take meals to any shut-ins who can't join them. Connie enjoys sewing, ranching, gardening, crafts, yard work and, of course, cutting and styling hair. She has traveled to

Paris, France and across the southwest United States.

Whoa, there! Seems the perfect picture, but aren't those the one you least suspect? What would you think if we told you that the French Foreign Legion has on its list of U.S. contacts a Connie Roby Kirkham? And what about those deliveries to the salon? The boxes say bluing, but could she really use 100 gallons every week?

There aren't many white-haired women in the county! What is really being delivered? Some beauty salon customers have reported that those pink foam rollers she uses emit a strange sound.

Are they sending out some signal? As for all those "strangers" they invite to dinner. Could they be contacts? Reliable sources say that some of Connie's holiday guests claim to be locals, but they were never seen before—or since—in Cross Plains. And who were those men in three-piece suits getting out of black cars and sifting through the ashes of the Kirkham home before Connie and Cliff were allowed in? Is Connie really the community angel she appears to be?

At the conclusion of the Olson's program, our local "spy" will be uncovered. Read next week to find out who it is!

Cost for the program is \$10 per person and includes a fried catfish (from Mexico City Cafe) dinner with baked beans, coleslaw, hushpuppies, drink and dessert. There are limited seats available; call the library at 254-725-7722 before they're gone!

Submitted by
Michelle Kaiser

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LINDA BURNS & SUE BENNETT OF THE CROSS PLAINS LIBRARY WERE THE RECENT GUEST SPEAKERS OF KIWANIS MEMBER DEBI BENNETT— They shared all of the exciting events happening at the library and about the new addition that is 95% complete! We appreciate the Cross Plains Library and all that it offers our community and children. Join us each Tuesday at 12:00 at Jean's Feedbarn. 6/30- Jake Estes- sharing about mission trip to China.

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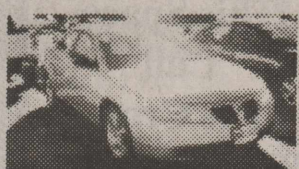
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CALLAHAN COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS SHOTGUN TEAM shown at the Taylor County 4-H Shotgun Shoot are front row (l-r): Monty Ellis, Anthony Koch, Ted Pitzer, and Garrett Ellis. Back row (l-r): Sam Seay, Brandon Hobbs, Hunter Patterson, Clay Doss, Will Meier, Drucilla Meier, Mary Seay, and Kevin Meier (coach). Not pictured are Steve Ellis and David Pitzer (coaches).

Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Team participated in Taylor County 4-H Shotgun Shoot

The Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun team participated in the Taylor County 4-H Shotgun Shoot this past Saturday, June 13th. The competition was held at the Abilene Clay Sports shooting range and although the temperature was brutal, Callahan County had a very successful day. These 4-Hers

posted several personal best scores, and Drucilla Meier shot a perfect round of trap (25 targets straight)!

Official places were as follows: Clay Doss placed 2nd in Senior 1 Trap. Anthony Koch placed 2nd in Junior 5-Stand, 2nd in Junior Skeet, and 4th in Junior Trap. Drucilla Meier placed 3rd in Senior 1

Trap, 4th in Senior 1 Skeet, and was awarded Ladies High Overall in the Senior 1 division. Hunter Patterson placed 1st in Senior 1 5-Stand. Mary Seay placed 4th in Intermediate Skeet, 4th in Intermediate 5-Stand, and was awarded Ladies High Overall in the Intermediate division.

Callahan County Riding Club Schedule

The schedule for the 2009 Callahan County Riding Club season is below. All regularly scheduled play days will begin with trainers/exhibitions at 6:30 and the events beginning at 7:00 pm. Check us out on the web for updates at HYPERLINK "http://www.callahancountyriderclub.com" <http://www.callahancountyriderclub.com>

JUNE DATES

Saturday, June 27th; Sunday, June 28th (NBHA).

JULY DATES

Saturday, July 11th; Saturday, July 18th; Saturday, July 25th.

AUGUST DATES

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Applications are available now at the Senior Citizens' Center, Texas Heritage Bank and City Hall. The application deadline will be the end of September and if you need any assistance in filling out the application, please call Pat Stephens at 254-725-6819.

This is a worthwhile community project that has been in action since 1998. Volunteers 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 are 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.

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Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from June 14, 2009 through June 20, 2009 include:

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Announcing the Lou Halsell Rodenberger Book Prize in Texas History and Literature

Lou Rodenberger was honored twice at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Western Writers of America. Her daughter, Kathy Wilcox, and husband, Charles A. Rodenberger, accepted the 2009 Stirrup Award for the best article in last year's Roundup, the magazine published by the organization.

In addition Judith Keeling, editor-in-chief of Texas Tech University Press announced the Lou Halsell Rodenberger Book Prize in Texas History and Literature to be awarded biennially for the best manuscript

on or by a woman whose writing illuminates Texas history, culture and letters, especially in West Texas and the Texas Border Region.

The prize will award \$1,000 and the publication of the manuscript with the first winner to be announced February 15, 2012. To help endow the prize in Lou's memory make your tax-deductible donation to Texas Tech Foundation, Inc., through Texas Tech University Press, Box 41037, Lubbock, TX 79409-1037 or online at www.ttu.edu.

ROBERT E. HOWARD WESTERN STORY SERIAL

MOUNTAIN MAN

Continued

"I bet them Perdition hombra starts somethin'," said Kirby. "Ain't a one of 'em showed up yet. They're settin' over at Perdition soakin' up bad licker and broodin' on their wrongs. They shore wanted this show staged over there. They claimed that since Tomahawk was furnishin' one-half of the attraction, and Gunstock the other half, the razez ought to be thrown at Perdition."

"Nothin' to it," said McVey. "It laid between Tomahawk and Gunstock, and we throwed a coin and won it. If Perdition wants trouble, she can get it. Is the boys r'arin' to go?"

"Is they!" said Richards, "Every bar in Tomahawk is crowded with hombra full of licker and civic pride. They're bettin' their shirts, and they has been nine fights already. Everybody in Gunstock's here."

"Well, let's get goin'," said McVey, getting nervous. "The quicker it's over, the less blood there's likely to be spilt."

The first thing I knowed, they had laid hold of me and was pulling my clothes off, so it dawned on me that I must be under arrest for stealing the stranger's clothes. Kirby dug into the baggage which was in one corner of the stall, and dragged out a funny looking pair of pants; I know now they was white silk. I put 'em on because I hadn't nothing else to put on, and they fit me like my skin. Richards tied a American flag around my waist, and they put some spiked shoes on my feet.

I let 'em do like they wanted to, remembering what pap said about not resisting an

officer. Whilst so employed, I began to hear a noise outside, like a lot of people whooping and cheering. Pretty soon in come a skinny old gink with whiskers and two guns on, and he hollered: "Listen, Mac, dern it, a big shipment of gold is down there waitin' to be took off by the evenin' stage, and the whole blame town is deserted on account of this foolishness. Suppose Comanche Santry and his gang gets wind of it?"

"Well," said McVey, "I'll send Kirby here to help you guard it."

"You will like hell," said Kirby; "I'll resign as deputy first. I got every cent of my dough on this scrap, and I aim to see it."

"Well, send somebody!" said the old codger. "I got enough to do runnin' my store, and the stage stand, and the post office, without—"

He left, mumbling in his whiskers, and I said: "Who's that?"

"Aw," said Kirby, "that's old man Braxton that runs that store down at the other end of town, on the east side of the street. The post office is in there, too."

"I got to see him," I said, "there's a letter—"

Just then another man come surging in and hollered: "Hey, is your man ready? Everybody's gettin' impatient."

To be continued.

The Doctors Prescription for Health

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Cross Plains, TX 76443 Telephone 254-725-4311

Oh, My Aching Back

One of the most common complaints seen by a primary care physician is back pain.

What are the common causes of back pain? Over the next couple of weeks we will explore the major reasons for back pain.

Back pain typically originates either from the muscles and ligaments, the nerves, the disc between the vertebrae or the bone of the vertebrae itself.

The common thoracic or lumbar strain are examples of pain originating due to irritation of the muscles and/or ligaments. Most commonly, this will occur due to a fall, motor vehicle accident or an increase in work or pleasure activities without proper conditioning.

The irritation will cause inflammation, swelling, stiffness, and pain. You may even develop a "crick" in your back. As a rule, ice packs in the early stages, coupled with anti-inflammatory medications, rest, and gentle stretching will bring relief within a few days. Quite often, after the first 24 hours after onset of the pain, moist heat several times per day proves helpful. Above all, discontinuation of the offending activity for awhile is necessary to give the body time

to heal.

Back pain secondary to nerve irritation can have many causes. A virus can irritate nerves, such as in the case of shingles. The nerve inflammation can also be due to pressure from muscle swelling, ruptured or bulging discs, masses of some sort, vertebral fractures, or even something we refer to as viscerosomatic pain. Viscerosomatic pain simply means that internal problems such as bladder or kidney infections, gallbladder problems, prostate infections, etc. refer pain to some area in the back.

Unfortunately, in such a short amount of time we cannot cover every possible way nerves can be the major source of back pain. Several of the more common reasons have been addressed. However, we can readily see that causes of back pain can vary dramatically.

Next week, we will explore this subject further. The main thing to remember if you have back pain that has not resolved in a timely fashion, is to seek medical help.

Until next time, here's to your health, happiness and peace.

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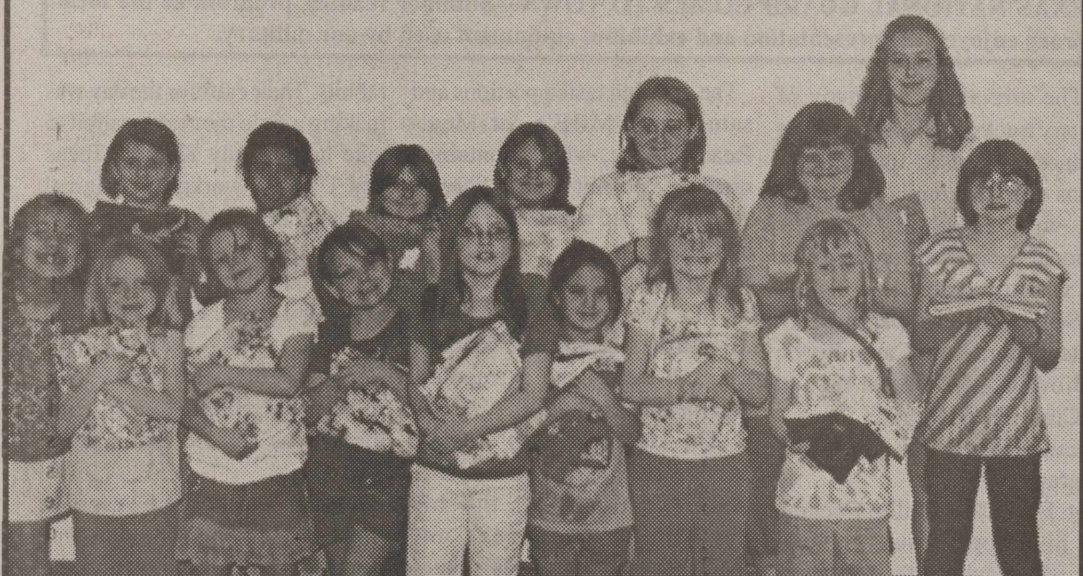
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RISING STAR NURSING HOME

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THREE GENERATIONS WORKING AT THE RISING STAR NURSING HOME—Samantha Tollett (from left), Ava Dodd, and Shannon Sellers.



G.A. GIRLS FROM THE RISING STAR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—made pillow cases for everyone.

Hello to everyone. Well, things are happening here at the Rising Star Nursing Center. We have enjoyed some rain and sunshine lately even though it is not officially summer yet, the temperatures are creeping up.

Mrs. Alma Simpkins had her half done on Thursday by Ms. Lillie in preparation to attend her great-grandson's high school graduation in Cross Plains. She was so excited and had a great time. Mr. James Lewis had a close friend graduating, so he also attended the graduation in Cross Plains.

Our CNA Mandy Nixon attended the graduation of her niece, Kaylee Nixon from kindergarten at Cross Plains.

Mrs. Hazel Campbell has spent sometime working on a gift for a friend in Arkansas. She does a lot with plastic canvas. This past Easter she made all of the employees a basket and then filled

it with candy. But, for the friend she made a calendar. It was very interesting to watch her make all of the "parts" for this. She made the 31 numbers, special numbers made from a different color to represent "special" days, the years, etc. I wonder what her next project will be?

The library here is fantastic! Wesley Stewart goes to the library about once a week. He has really enjoyed getting out and has also enjoyed the great selection of western books available.

We have with us three generations of family. Mr. Ava Dodd, her daughter Shannon Sellers and her granddaughter Samantha Tollett. Ava has been working here for quite a while as a CNA-Restorative person. Her daughter Shannon is a CNA and her granddaughter just started as a fill in for our dietary department.

Ms. Kay Justice is our

"planting" lady. She has been with us for a couple of years and loves her plants. She enjoys sharing them with fellow residents and has a real knack for growing plants.

We had strawberry shortcake on Friday and all of us will be wearing ties to honor our fathers.

The G.A. girls at First Baptist Church in Rising Star learned to sew by making pillow cases for everyone here. We would like to thank them for the wonderful work that was done, and the residents are really enjoying them.

All of us would like to take this time to remember Erma Payne, Mrs. Payne left us recently to be with the Lord and we will miss her very much. Erma was very active and she loved her manicures, enjoyed her exercises and she was great at Bingo, too.

Till next time, may God bless and keep you.

DPS Reminds Teens to Drive Safely this Summer

As summer begins, DPS reminds teens to play it safe while driving. In the U.S., motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens. Approximately 6,000 teens per year are killed in traffic crashes in this country—that's the equivalent of one commercial airliner full of teens crashing every week.

"Teen drivers' inexperience, combined with other factors, accounts for the fact that they are involved in three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers," said Texas Highway Patrol Chief David Baker.

Teenagers are more likely to be involved in car crashes because of their inexperience behind the wheel, but they can take several steps to reduce their chances of becoming involved in a wreck.

Those safety steps include:

- Do not send text messages while driving! Talking on the cell phone and texting are dangerous distractions when you're behind the wheel.
- Always use your safety belt, and tell everyone in your vehicle to buckle up.
- Don't drink or use drugs and drive.
- Don't speed or race other cars.

Exercise caution while driving at night. Darkness can make navigating the road more difficult, especially for inexperienced drivers.

If teen drivers make these simple steps a part of their daily routine, they'll improve their chances of returning home safely. These steps will also reduce their chances of receiving a ticket. From June through August 2008, the Texas Highway Patrol issued almost 5,000 citations to teens (ages 15-19) for driving under the influence, not wearing safety belts and speeding.

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HORSEMAN'S CORNER

A Brief Explanation and Overview of Lead Changes

First and foremost, your horse must be prepared for this maneuver by being extremely supple. This consists of three parts:

1. flexing at the poll
2. yielding to leg pressure
3. regulating forward motion.

In short, your horse needs to be under full control at the slow, rhythmic lope, consistently performing a three beat gait yielding to your leg, while two-tracking

lightly and willingly with no "unrequested forward motion" or advanced speed.

A key to correct, synchronized lead changes is to maintain a straight line without turning until the change is complete. My horses are cued to change leads more by taking my leg away, than by kicking with the opposite leg.

When I change leads, I fully concentrate on the hind lead changing and allow the front to follow.

Watch for Part II in next month's column.

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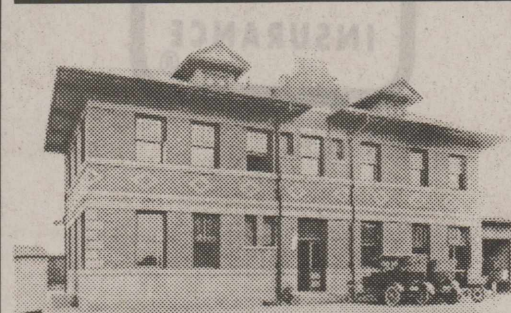
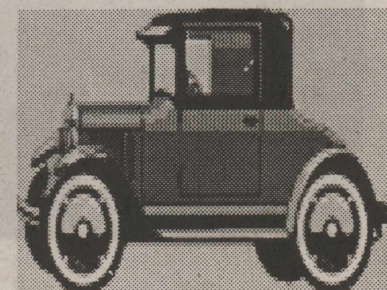
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Festival by Lake Clyde is Fast Approaching—July 4th

A large crowd is expected at Clyde Lake on Saturday, July 4th during the City of Clyde's Festival by the Lake Fourth of July celebration, with food, music and a fireworks display over the lake at dark.

City of Clyde employees are again sponsoring this year's celebration at the lake. City of Clyde employees Terry Davis and Kenny Doss are helping with this year's celebration and came by the *Clyde Journal* office late last week to inform the public about this year's celebration.

The Independence Day celebration will actually begin the day before when cook-off teams will begin preparation for this year's cook-off. The cook-off team entry deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 3rd and teams will be judged in three meat categories, including ribs, chicken and brisket. Entry fee for this year's cook-off is \$60 for all three categories or \$20 for each individual category. Two other categories to be judged this year are "Jackpot beans" and "Jackpot dessert." Entry fee for those two "Jackpot" items is also \$20. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in all five categories and the prize amount to be awarded will depend upon the number of entries.

Davis said so far this year, 19 teams have signed-up for the cook-off—six more teams than the 13 which entered last year. Judging of the cook-off will take place beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday with the beans category. Desserts will be judged at 12:00 noon, the chicken judging will begin at 1:00 p.m., followed by the ribs at 2:00 p.m. and the brisket judging starts at 3:00 p.m. The award ceremonies will begin at 4:00 p.m.

There is also a bass tournament planned again this year at Clyde Lake. Instead of teams, Davis said this year's fishing tournament will be individual entry only. He said the entry fee for this year's fishing tournament is \$20 and sign-up will be available up until the morning tournament start beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the first and second place winners for the biggest three-fish stringer. A "Big Bass" prize will also be offered during this year's tournament, and the entry fee for the big bass is \$5.00.

Davis said five bands are tentatively scheduled to perform at this year's festival. He said individual bands will be performing every two hours beginning at 10:00 a.m. with the Clyde local band "Last Not Lost" scheduled to begin things. Callahan Divide, Zach Harmon, Cory Bivens and Bo McDowell are also scheduled to play on stage at this year's festival. Bo McDowell is scheduled to be the final band performing.

Other activities scheduled for Saturday at the festival will be children's games such as a water balloon and egg toss.

A volleyball tournament, horse-shoe tournament and washer pitching tournament are also scheduled this year. Sign-up for all the games and tournaments will begin at 12:00 noon.

Davis said to help get the word out to those living around Clyde, 99.7 KBCY radio station will be doing a live remote broadcast from the lake from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Davis said food and craft booths are also planned at this year's festival. He said food booths at the lake this year are \$80 and other craft booths are \$40. Electricity and water are available at some of the booth locations. To register for a booth, contact the City of Clyde at 893-4370. Among the food booths being planned is the Clyde Chamber of Commerce, who will be selling bar-b-que sandwiches and iced tea.

This year's celebration will conclude with a fireworks display over Clyde Lake. Rick Gilmore and the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department will be setting off fireworks beginning at dark. The City of Clyde has purchased \$3,500 in fireworks this year and the fireworks display is scheduled to last approximately 30 minutes.

Davis said all the camping sites at Clyde Lake have already been reserved. He said so many camping sites have been reserved, that some of the cook-off teams will not have water available. Davis said all 21 camping sites which have water and sewer connections, have already been reserved.

The City of Clyde will not charge an entry fee to this year's celebration, however the City of Clyde will be taking donations at the gate to the entrance at Clyde Lake. Davis said the City of Clyde is also taking cash donations for any local individual or businesses for this year's festival.

This year's major sponsor for the Festival by the Lake is Blake Fulenwider Dodge/Jeep/Chrysler in Clyde.

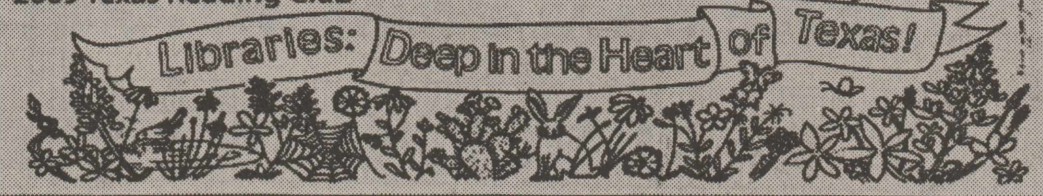
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2009 Texas Reading Club



TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD COMES TO TOWN—Summer reading program at the local library enjoyed the presentation and exhibit of equipment used by our military.

The arrival of a convoy of military trucks and equipment last Wednesday caused many Cross Plains citizens come to attention and wonder why the Texas National Guard had come to town and why they came to a stop at the Senior Citizens' parking lot.

The visitors from Camp Bowie in Brownwood were the stars of the Cross Plains Public Library's special Summer Reading Program.

Sgt. First Class Phillip Cochran and his troops treated children and adults who attended to an exciting and very informative presentation. Explaining the history and purpose of military uniforms and headgear, reason for certain colors and designs, and revealing entertaining stories of military life captivated the audience.

The children tasted portions and samples of MRE's, or Meal-Ready-to-Eat, which contained crackers, peanut butter, cheese, fruit drink and a meat dish main course.

A military medic gave details of the supplies carried in his 30-pound bag and the function of each item used in medical emergencies.

The kids were then escorted across the street to explore and investigate all the big engineering equipment and machinery, graders, dozers, huge trucks, lowing riding hummers, and a military ambulance.

To conclude the exciting day, each child and adult were given a package of his or her very own MRE to take home.

Miss Sue's Little Readers enjoyed several stories about

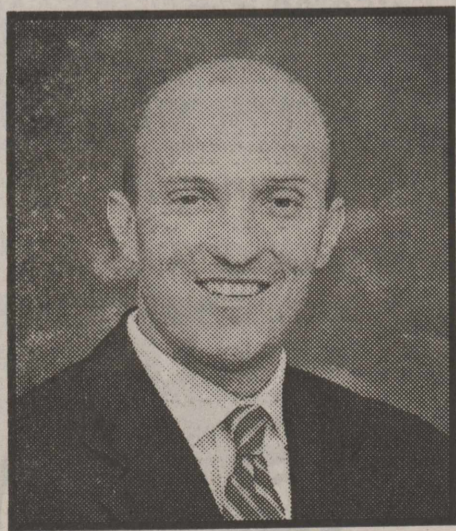
rabbits. Their craft for the day was making a little moveable rabbit to take home. Judy Kilgo's Teens and T'weens worked on original projects, the art of paper folding.

This week Jacque Childress presented a wonderful program about Old Timey things that make MUSIC. Next Wednesday's Summer Reading Program will be offered by representatives from the Abilene Zoo. Come join us for all the fun!

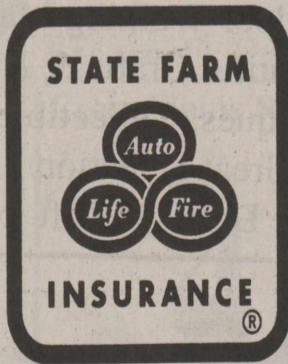
Remember the 3 to 6 year olds meet at 1 p.m. The special program starts at 2 p.m. and the Teens and T'weens meet at 3 p.m. Children who attend the 1 p.m. program are welcome to stay for the 2 p.m. with an attending parent. Teen and T'weens are welcome to come early and join us for the special programming.

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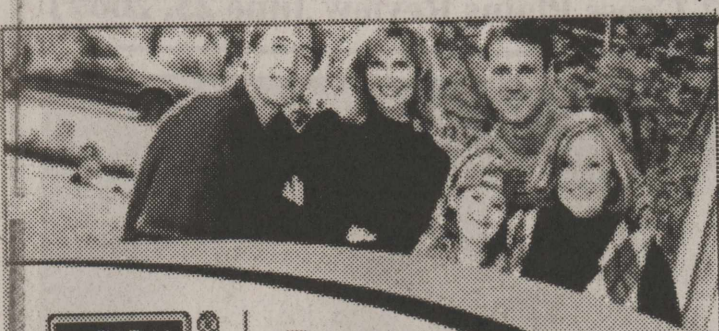
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Fireworks displays at Hawley and Tye

Wes-Tex Connect and Taylor Electric Cooperative are jointly sponsoring two Independence Day fireworks display celebrations in Hawley on Saturday, June 27th and Tye on Friday, July 3rd.

The Hawley Independence Day fireworks event will begin at 9:50 p.m. on Saturday, June 27th at the Hawley football field.

The Tye fireworks display will be held at dark on Friday, July 3rd at Rister Park baseball field in Tye.

The public is invited to attend these free fireworks displays.

Our ladies are still a work quilt on Oleana's "postage stamp" top. It is very pretty. When we finish this one we will be through quilting until September. We have missed several members lately due to not feeling well. Hopefully everyone will be better by fall.

The Watson family had their family reunion this past week. It started off at Barbara and Bill Medley's house with a fish fry. Some 56 kinfolks attended. Then, on Saturday, about 118 folks met at the Troy Watson home place. Everyone had a great time. The farthest person came from California. Also, kin came from Louisiana and Illinois. They had games, an auction and lots to eat.

James and Jean Alexander and May Jones attended the graduation of James and Jean's

granddaughter, Ashley. Everyone was so proud of her. She received several "honors" for being a very good student.

There were about 607 students graduating that night. She was in the top 10 percent of the class. Ashley plans to attend Harding College in the fall. She is the daughter of Jim and Marla Alexander of Richardson. Her three brothers, Doss, Jack and Will were there also. The family had a dinner at the Texas Roadhouse before attending the graduation. All of us had a wonderful time.

The community and Cross Plains High School can be very proud of Krista Phillips. She did a great job representing us at the "first" annual FCA girls basketball game in Abilene. She scored 8 points for her South

team. She and two other girls were high point. The South team won 47-40. Good job, Krista. She will be going to Lamar to school in the fall.

Can you believe that at least seven of the Cross Plains High School graduates were from our little community? The Valedictorian, Jacob Estes and one of the Salutatorian Krista Phillips are from Pioneer. We are so proud of you both. In fact, we are starting another step in your life. May God Bless you all.

Do not forget the Pioneer and surrounding communities are having their reunion at the Cross Plains Community Center this Saturday. Come on out at 8:30 a.m. and have coffee and doughnuts.

See you next time!

2008 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
(Consumer Confidence Report)

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Secondary Constituents

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constitu-

ents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

About the Following Pages

The pages that follow list all of the federally regulated or monitored contaminants which have been found in your drinking water. The U.S. EPA requires water systems to test for up to 97 contaminants.

Definitions

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) The

highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)

The level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

Treatment Technique (TT) A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level (AL) The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

ABBREVIATIONS

- NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units.
- MFL - million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)
- pCi/L - picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- ppm - parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/l).
- ppb - parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/l).
- ppt - parts per trillion or nanograms per liter.
- ppq - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter.

Inorganic Contaminants

Year or Range	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2006	Barium	0.146	0.146	0.146	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
2008	Fluoride	0.07	0	0.13	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2008	Nitrate	0.05	0.05	0.05	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
2006	Selenium	3.5	3.5	3.5	50	50	ppb	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines.
2008	Gross beta emitters	6.65	5.1	8.2	50	0	pCi/L	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.

Organic Contaminants TESTING WAIVED, NOT REPORTED, OR NONE DETECTED

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

Year	Disinfectant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MRDL	MRDLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Disinfectant
2008	Chlorine Residual, Free	1.12	0.5	4.98	4	4	ppm	Disinfectant used to control microbes.
2008	Chloramine Residual	2.14	0.5	4.1	4	4	ppm	Disinfectant used to control microbes.

Disinfection Byproducts

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2008	Total Haloacetic Acids	20.7	1.6	55.3	60	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2008	Total Trihalomethanes	49.8	10.6	149.2	80	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

Unregulated Initial Distribution System Evaluation for Disinfection Byproducts

This evaluation is sampling required by EPA to determine the range of total trihalomethane and haloacetic acid in the system for future regulations. The samples are not used for compliance, and may have been collected under non-standard conditions. EPA also requires the data to be reported here.

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2007	Total Haloacetic Acids	25.1	1	76.3	NA	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2007	Total Trihalomethanes	128.8	38.9	328	NA	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

Unregulated Contaminants

Bromoform, chloroform, dichlorobromomethane, and dibromochloromethane are disinfection byproducts. There is no maximum contaminant level for these chemicals at the entry point to distribution.

Year or Range	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2008	Chloroform	4.3	3.9	4.7	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2008	Bromoform	1.25	0	2.5	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2008	Bromodichloromethane	5.25	2.8	7.7	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2008	Dibromochloromethane	3.9	1.2	6.6	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

Lead and Copper

Year	Contaminant	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2001	Lead	4.6	0	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
2001	Copper	0.546	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

Recommended Additional Health Information for Lead

All water systems are required by EPA to report the language below starting with the 2009 CCR to be delivered to you by July of 2010. We are providing this information now as a courtesy.

"If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. This water supply is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>."

Turbidity

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

Year	Contaminant	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Limits	Turbidity Limits	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2008	Turbidity	1.00	99.00	0.3	NTU	Soil runoff

Total Coliform REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO COLIFORM BACTERIA.

Fecal Coliform REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA.

Secondary and Other Constituents Not Regulated

(No associated adverse health effects)

Year or Range	Constituent	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Secondary Limit	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2006	Aluminum	0.042	0.042	0.042	.05	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2008	Bicarbonate	149	140	157	NA	ppm	Corrosion of carbonate rocks such as limestone.
2006	Calcium	59.1	59.1	59.1	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2008	Chloride	51	30	72	300	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element, used in water purification, byproduct of oil field activity.
2005	Hardness as Ca/Mg	181	181	181	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring calcium and magnesium.
2006	Magnesium	12	12	12	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2006	Manganese	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	.05	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2006	Nickel	0.002	0.002	0.002	NA	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits.
2008	pH	8.2	8	8.4	7-0	units	Measure of corrosivity of water.
2006	Sodium	59	59	59	NA	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits, byproduct of oil field activity.
2008	Sulfate	71	67	75	300	ppm	Naturally occurring, common industrial byproduct, byproduct of oil field activity.
2008	Total Alkalinity as CaCO3	122	115	129	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2008	Total Dissolved Solids	308	246	370	1000	ppm	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.
2006	Total Hardness as CaCO3	196	196	196	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring calcium



2008 Cross Plains Graduate Selected for Dean's List

Tiffany Walker of Denton, class of 2008 Cross Plains graduate, recently received notice that she had been selected for the Dean's list for Spring semester at Texas Woman's University. Only those students enrolled for 12 semester hours and earn a 3.5 or higher

GPA are eligible for the Dean's list. Tiffany is the daughter of Mike and Tonja Walker of Cross Plains, and granddaughter of Skeet and Wanda Walker of Cross Plains and Darrel and Frances Crafton of May.

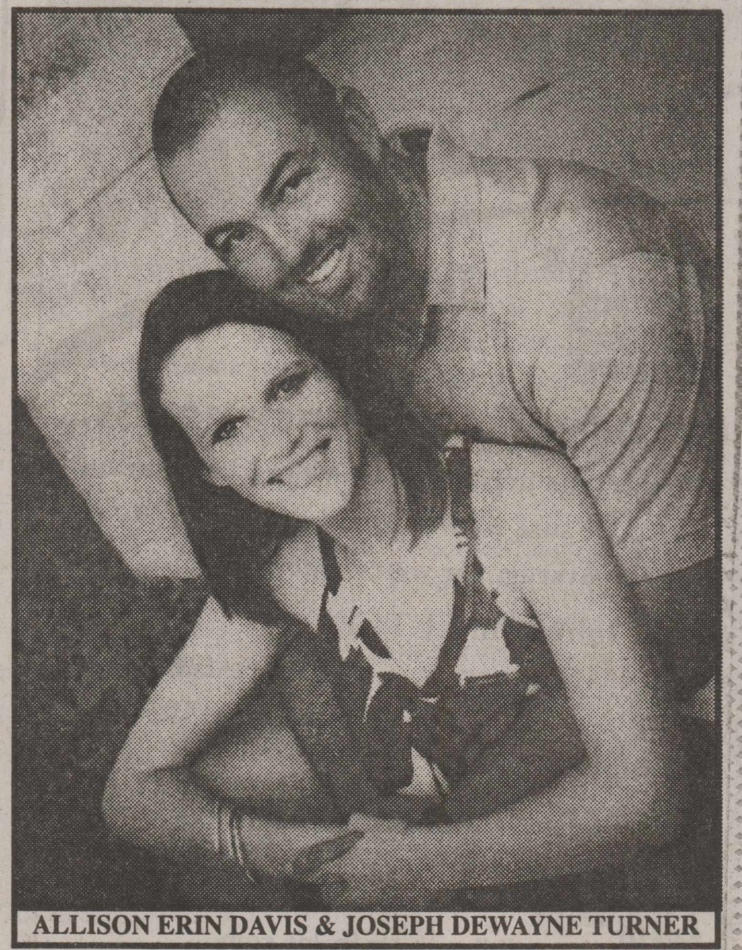


DONNA BESSELAAR AND DAVID VALCOURT

Besselaar - Valcourt to Wed July 25, 2009

Joe and Jane Besselaar would like to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Donna Jane Besselaar, to David Alan Valcourt. David is the son of Sandi Rando and David Valcourt. Donna is a 1998 graduate of Cross Plains High School. She currently teaches third grade for Richardson ISD. David is a 1993

graduate of Plano East Senior High School. He currently works as a graphic designer for Bioworld Merchandising in Irving. The couple will wed on July 25, 2009 in Dallas at Greenland Hills United Methodist Church. Reception will follow at The Filter Building at White Rock Lake.



ALLISON ERIN DAVIS & JOSEPH DEWAYNE TURNER

Davis - Turner to Wed July 25, 2009

The parents of Allison Erin Davis and Joseph DeWayne Turner are proud to announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Allison is a graduate of Godley High School and Texas Wesleyan University and has been hired by Godley ISD as a Third Grade teacher. She is the daughter of Wayne Ann Davis and the late John Davis of Godley. Joseph is a graduate of Cross

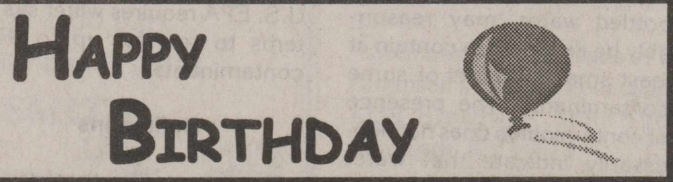
Plains High School and Howard Payne University. Joseph is employed by Godley ISD as a BCIS teacher and coach. He is the son of Greg and Dannes Turner of Cross Plains. Allison and Joseph will be married on July 25, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Willow Lake Wedding Gardens in Weatherford, Texas. Family and friends are invited to this celebration of love.

State 4-H Photography Contest Winners

The Callahan County 4-H would like to congratulate our senior 4-H members that participated in the State Photography Contest that was held during the Texas 4-H Roundup from June 8th - June 11th in College Station. This contest was the final step to the 4-H Photography project for the senior 4-H members. The objectives of the 4-H Photography project are to develop life skills in composition, light, story line, posing, and awareness. It also encourages 4-H members to use photography as a meaningful communication tool in their lives. Below are the results for Callahan County:

Hannah Capra—People / Color-Blue Ribbon-Best of Show, People/B&W-Blue Ribbon, Special Effect-Blue

Ribbon, Architectural Elements/B&W-Blue Ribbon. Nikki Carroll—Animal/B&W-Blue Ribbon, Still Life/B&W-Blue Ribbon, Plant/Flora/B&W-Blue Ribbon. Submitted by: Hoss Sasin, CEA - Ag



- JUNE 27**
 Connie Swift
 Alan Duane Hutchins
 Stephen Wagner
 Ron Ricci
 Colton Bonner McWilliams
 B.J. Wood
 Brody Luke Johnson
- JUNE 28**
 Matt McGowen
 Mitchell Lewis
 Daniel Lewis
 Mrs. Russell Calhoun
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 Jerry Payne
- JUNE 29**
 Mark Allen Burkett
 Jacob D. Barron
 Terry Watkins
 Jimmy Fleming
 Mary Newton
 Roy Gilland
 Jimmy Dunn
 B.A. Harrigal
 Randall Keith Erwin
 Robert Allen
 Chuck Vest
 Orville Holland
 Mary Parrish
 Larry Don Lee
- JUNE 30**
 Jerry (Koenig) Johnson
 Linda (Cowan) O' Del
 Bobbie Newton
 Fred Butler
 Russell Chapman
 Elizabeth Cohn
 Tommy Johnston
 James Caffey

- JULY 1**
 Brayden Todd Barrett Kennedy
 Aubrey Childers
 Gary Ledbetter
 Harold Mobley
 Orville Black
 Deborah (Tennison) Christensen
 Susan Moseley
 Charles D. Proctor
 LaTrisha (Curry) Clark
 Jodi Lynn Payne
- JULY 2**
 Cody Smith
 Danny Fritchlee
 Jo Jo (Koenig) Morgan
 Sharon Gilmore Barnes
 Barbara (Shocklee) Hinkle
 Vira Earl Hooks
 Mrs. Billy Wayne Teague
 Ricky Dean Walton
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- 01 Ford F250 XLT, Super Duty, 4 dr., Super Cab, 6 spd.....\$6,595
- 99 Ford F350, Crew Cab, Super Duty, 6 spd.....Special.....\$5,750
- 99 Ford F250, Super Duty, 4 dr. Super cab, 6 spd., Power Stroke.....\$5,750
- 97 Ford F250, Heavy Duty, Super Cab, Power Stroke.....Reduced to.....\$4,500
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- 94 Chev. Diesel, Crew Cab, Runs good, Bad Paint, Automatic.....\$1,950
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- 98 Chev. S-10, 4 Cyl., Automatic, Looks, Runs good.....(green).....\$3,595
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