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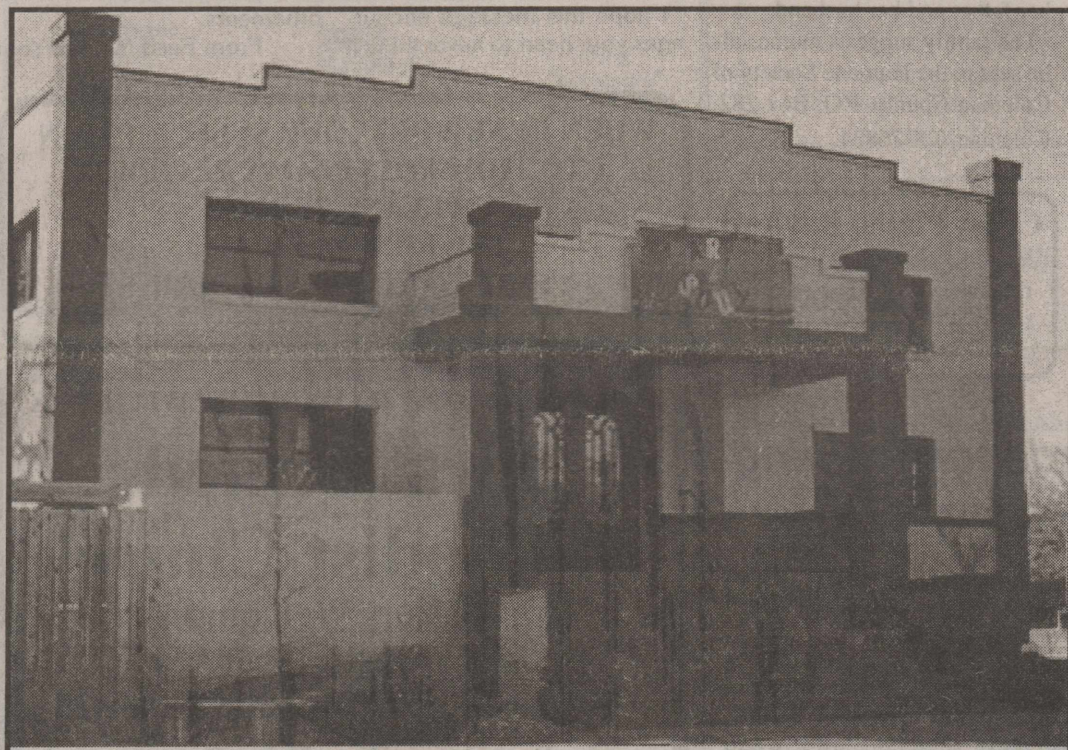
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J's Art and Soul Open House —

Jessica Cunningham Gilbert (Owner and Operator) and her brother Kyle Cunningham



Great Addition To The Community —

J's Art and Soul looks great in the neighborhood.

J's Art and Soul — A Touch of Culture to the Community of Cross Plains

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Having followed the amazing transformation of the old Methodist Church into a beautiful building with immaculate landscaping, it was refreshing to view the interior at J's Art and Soul's Grand Opening last Saturday, January 29th.

The outside of the building has been painted beige and trimmed in dark brown and rust colors. The front steps were tiled with an exquisite ornate metal hand rail installed in the center.

Two magnificent doors grace the entrance and when you step inside there is light and beauty everywhere. A unique blown glass chandelier hangs in the entrance ceiling.

The two small rooms on each side of the entrance have been transformed into additional show casings for various art forms. An antique cabinet with glass doors made a neat display for handmade soaps and lotions. A very unusual table was also included in this area. Personally designed cards of all types were also available.

The original hardwood floors caught my eye immediately. It had been stained a dark color and with the pews now removed the huge room was very open. Two metal panels hung in the center of the room running east and west with paintings displayed on each side. A padded circular seat (like

you see in the lobby of a hotel) allowed guests to sit and take in the grandeur of the entire room. The seat was handmade in Fort Worth just for J's Art and Soul.

The original brick walls on the north and south were left as they were (even with bricks missing) and a rusty color wash was painted over it. It is amazingly striking and different.

The walls in the old stage area were simply color washed (over the imperfections) in a lovely shade of green.

Jessica made a counter/desk area on the left side while glass counters were used to display jewelry. Chad Cunningham's personally designed and built knives and spurs were exhibiting in other glass cases. He is Jessica's father.

A beautiful metal spiral stair case was installed in the center that takes you down to the basement where Jessica has her photography equipment.

Realistic paintings featuring old Mobile and Texaco stations were outstanding. They were painted by Charlie Hukill of Abilene. They brought back memories of earlier days. Also, Charlie was my parent's neighbor in Abilene.

My favorite painting was the old clock that was highlighted on the north wall. Linda Shobe of Fort Worth is the highly talented artist.

Modern style art covered one wall from top to bottom in blue

and green tones and accented the room perfectly.

There were two artists exhibiting their skills. One was painting faces on the children. Another, Van LeBus, of Abilene, was bending old forks into pieces of jewelry. This is called "found objectives" jewelry which is very interesting.

All types of artwork were displayed to accommodate a wide variety of individual tastes. A group of three cactus paintings was outstanding, plus a huge tree that made you think of "Jack and The Bean Stalk" story. These works were created by Linda Murray of Abilene.

Jessica's photography was scattered throughout. You may recall the large Texas flag behind her counter and the big cowboy. Her photographs of horses were also prominent.

Describing every piece of art would be impossible, you will just have to see it for yourself.

Jessica stated there was a constant flow of visitors throughout the day with approximately 400 attending the grand opening.

Everyone enjoyed tasty finger foods and drinks provided by Jessica, her mother, Kim Cunningham, and her grandmother, Jonnie Jo Wright of Boerne. The Rising Star Vineyards provided wine for the occasion. A special thanks to

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Gather Up Your Old Photos for Centennial Chili Night—Thursday, February 10

Have you ever wondered how Cross Plains looked in the 1930s? Or maybe the 1940s? Who were some of the people who shaped Cross Plains? What if you could have a book filled with old photographs of Cross Plains and stories about the people who lived here? Even better, what if you could be part of that book.

Well, your opportunity is here. To celebrate the Cross Plains Centennial the Barbarian Festival Committee is putting together a **Photo Memory Book of Cross Plains** with all those old photographs you wanted to see and memories about the people and places from the past. Your old photographs and your memories

can be part of the book.

Thursday, February 10 has been named Centennial Chili Night at the Senior Citizens Center. **From 5 to 7 p.m.**, come by the center and bring your old photographs. The Barbarian Festival Committee will be there to scan the photographs and help you jot down some of your memories of people from Cross Plains. We'll scan them while you enjoy chili and the **Centennial Players and Centennial Singers**, who will be performing. Your photos will be ready for you to take back home with you when you're ready to leave.

So start looking through your

photo albums and shoe boxes and dig out some old photos for the book. And, be thinking about memories of people and places you'd like to share. Remember Cox's Supermarket? Vaughn Grocery? Pancake's Truck Stop, just to name a few places that you might have a memory of two of. The Centennial Chili dinner will include a bowl of chili, cornbread, dessert and a drink for \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. The proceeds benefit the Senior Citizen's Center.

There will also be a **silent auction** including pillows handmade by Lou Grider at the event.

Lone Star Libraries Grant Awarded to Cross Plains Public Library

Cross Plains Public Library patrons may have noticed we've added some new books thanks to a grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The library received \$3,779 from the commission's Lone Star Library program which channels funds directly to Texas public libraries. These flexible funds supplement local funding sources and allow public libraries to offer a higher level of service to patrons of all ages.

The Texas State Legislature began providing Lone Star Libraries grant funds in 2002. The commission has distributed over \$35 million in funds to Texas

public libraries to date; for fiscal year 2011, \$6 million in funds were distributed to 541 accredited public libraries statewide.

Libraries may use these funds in whatever ways they choose to meet their communities' needs. "Because of this grant, we will add nearly 250 books for all our readers, plus book-processing materials," says Library Director Linda Burns.

"Local librarians are in the best position to know what their communities need," says commission Director and Librarian Peggy D. Rudd. "These local leaders make decisions that result

from sound community needs assessment and thoughtful evaluation of library capacity, ensuring that Lone Star Libraries funds are spent in alignment with long-range goals and objectives. This partnership between the State of Texas and local governments has resulted in significant improvements to library programs and services for all Texans."

New titles are always displayed in a special section of the library, so come in and check one out! Library hours are Monday thru Friday, 1-5 p.m.

Submitted by
Michelle Kaiser

Centurion Ranching and Farming Landowners to be Honored

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Cross Plains, we want to honor the ranchers and farmers who helped grow this wonderful town.

The committee is in the process of making plans to be a part

of this year long Centennial Celebration.

If your family has owned ranching or farming land continually for 100 or more years and you consider Cross Plains home, please call one of the

following members for more information—Jean McWilliams 254-725-6455, Jane Bonner 254-725-6257 or Karen Adams 325-624-5501.

Some of the families who have been landowners for 100 years or more are: Koenig, McWilliams, Harris, Bonner, Payne, Montgomery, Parks, Joy, Golson, Foster and Pillans.

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Services for Phillip Bennett to be Held Thursday, February 3rd

Phillip Bennett, age 52, of Cross Plains, passed away Thursday, January 27, 2011 in Abilene. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 3, 2011, at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with John Swift officiating. Burial will follow in the Cottonwood Cemetery.

He was born on August 5, 1958 in Fort Worth, Texas to Arnett L. Bennett. He was raised by his father and grandmother, Lee Bennett in Cottonwood, Texas. Phillip graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1976. He married Sheri Brown on February 14, 1981. They made their home in Cross Plains and were blessed with five children.

Phillip was a proud and blessed father first, a beloved son, brother and cousin and a loyal friend. He was best known by his humor and smile and his "Floopisms"—the most remembered being, "Remember who you are and where you come from."

His family, friends, his country and the Dallas Cowboys were his greatest passions. He truly loved the outdoors and hunting. He was an avid geography and history enthusiast and genuinely loved life. He was known for making people laugh and feel like part of

his own family.

He was a member of First Baptist Church and an active board member of the Cottonwood Historical Association. He worked for Pioneer Farmer's Coop, in the oilfield, at First Baptist Church for a number for years. He was currently employed at Abilene Christian University as an irrigation tech and truly felt that his work wasn't just a job—it was work worth doing well. His friends and co-workers there were close as family.

Survivors include his sons, Michael "Mikey" Bennett and wife Kaci of Cross Plains; Andrew "Andy" of Cross Plains; Cpl. Elias Bennett of Hawaii and L. Cpl. Zachary Bennett of Afghanistan; daughter, Brittany Bennett of Abilene; four brothers, Robert Bennett of Cross Plains; David Bennett; half-brothers Jimmy Dean, Bobby Dale Cochran; half-sisters Mary and Clydene; mother, Bonnie S. Cochran, all of Sulphur Springs; two uncles, Wallace and John Bennett, both of Cross Plains; as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arnett Bennett.

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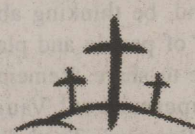
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OBITUARIES

Percy Miller (Red) Duncan

Percy Miller (Red) Duncan, age 91 years and 27 days old, went to be in the presence of God at 2:15 p.m. on Saturday, January 15, 2011, at the home of his eldest son, Elmer and daughter-in-law, Barbara Reynolds Duncan. His memorial service will be held at the Cottonwood Church of Christ, Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Afterwards drinks and snacks will be served at the Cottonwood Community Center.

Red was born on December 18, 1919 at Anson, Jones County, Texas to Elma Desmond and Seba Ella Smart Duncan. He enlisted into the Army November 27, 1942 in Abilene, Texas and served as a Pvt First Class in the CC L 405th Infantry in World War II. His military qualifications were Exp Infantryman, Combat Infantryman, SS MI Rifle. Duncan's occupation was listed as a truck driver light and his service was in the European African Middle Eastern Theater. He was wounded in the European Theater December 1, 1944. Mr. Duncan's decorations included the Good Conduct Medal and a Purple Heart. He was honorable discharged August 13, 1945.

When he came out of the service he met Ray Nell Gary and they married on July 8, 1946 in Callahan County, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Lon Owen Duncan, Sr., his sister, Bonnie Lee Duncan Sproles, and his wife, Ray Nell Gary Duncan.

Red is survived by his children, Elmer Lloyd Duncan of Cleburne, Mary Ella Duncan St. Peter and Wanda Fay Duncan Marsh, both of Cottonwood, Larry Dwayne Duncan of Cleburne, Martha Lois Duncan Jones and Margie Ann Duncan, both of Cottonwood. He had 19 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Barbara Wells Kirkpatrick

Barbara Wells Kirkpatrick, 61, of Coleman, died Friday, January 28, 2011, at her residence. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 31, 2011, at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed in the Trickham Cemetery, under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

She was born Barbara Frances Wells on June 25, 1949, in Augusta, Ga., the daughter of Alice Stearns Wells and the late Ray Wells. Soon after, the family moved to Coleman where Barbara graduated from Coleman High School. She was married to Charles Kirkpatrick on March 22, 1969, in Coleman. He preceded her in death on April 26, 2006. Barbara worked for 19 years with the Coleman ISD, retiring as Food Service Director. She fed many kids at school, as well as many strays at home, because of her love for animals. Barbara was also a member of North Coleman Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Dr. Jennifer Kirkpatrick of Dallas, Amber Kirkpatrick of Coleman; her mother, Alice Wells of Coleman; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ervin Wells and wife Brenda of Silver Valley and Greg Wells of Katy, and Sylvia Wells of Coleman; two aunts, Vena Bolton of Early and Elizabeth Ann Stearns of Cross Plains; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father and her husband.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Humane Society of Coleman County, P.O. Box 282, Coleman, TX 76834.

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2011 Master Gardener Training Class set for February 17th

The Big Country Master Gardener Training Class will be February 17, 2011, at the Taylor County Extension Office. Registration deadline is February 4th.

Do you have a green thumb or wish it was a little greener? Do you have an interest in gardening and sharing your knowledge?

Master Gardeners are members of the local community who take an active interest in their lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers and gardens. They are enthusiastic, willing to learn and to help others, and able to communicate with diverse groups of people. What sets a Master Gardener apart from other home gardeners, is their specialized training in horticulture. In exchange for their training, persons who become Master Gardeners contribute time as volunteers, working through their Extension office to provide

horticultural-related information to their communities.

The program covers topics including lawn care, ornamental trees and shrubs, insect, disease, and weed management; soils and plant nutrition, vegetable gardening; home fruit production; garden flowers; and water conservation.

The registration fee is \$150 and will cover 15 sessions, ending May 19, 2011. Classes meet on Thursdays from 6 to 9pm at the Taylor County Extension office, located on the southeast corner of the Expo Center and Fairgrounds. SPACE IS LIMITED.

For more information, contact Robert Pritz, County Extension Agent at the Taylor County Extension Office, 325-672-6048 or download an application at <http://txmg.org/taylor/>.

Scranton Musical set for Saturday

The Scranton Musical will be held Saturday, February 5th at the Scranton Community Center. The kitchen opens at 5:30 p.m., and the music begins at 6:00 p.m.

Buddy and Ruby Johnson will be the kitchen hosts. There will be a special of Sloppy Jo's plus there will be sandwiches and homemade pies available. All area musicians are encouraged to play. Mark Ray is the emcee.

You may call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group.

Submitted by: Joanie Shrader

Fax Any School Related News To Us At 254-725-7225

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

ZEAL FOR LIFE

We should never lose our joy and zeal for life. Many times we allow our circumstances to change how we see life and we lose our appreciation for the simple things that are all around us.

What we must realize is that all of the joys of life come down to the simple things. It is not a big event that will fill us with joy but many small happenings that if we allow them will fill us with a joy that is unspeakable. Doing simple things like spending time with your children, your spouse, your family and friends can do so much to show you that life is beautiful. If we only focus on the problems around us, it is very easy to have a pity party and be tempted to murmur and complain about our woes. That is all the more reason that we should focus on our blessings. See the good that surrounds you and make an extra effort to relive those childhood memories that brought so much happiness.

Doing simple things like taking walks in the park, going for ice cream, playing board games, and simply doing things with those who mean the most to you can reignite your zeal for life and show you how much you have to be thankful for. It is in looking at what we possess that we become appreciative for life. Be encouraged to do the simple things again. Do not fall for the rat race of life, but rather take it easy, smell the fresh air outside and look around you to see how abundantly blessed you really are.

I hope this message encourages your heart to never think it

foolish to slow down and take a moment to be a kid again. Acting like a kid even when we are adults can do so much to fill one's heart.

Dwayne Savaya from the Internet

Inedible Clay for Christmas Ornaments

Mix well: 4 cups flour
 5 tsp. powdered alum
 1 cup salt
 1 1/2 cups water

If the dough is too dry, work in another tablespoon of water with your hands. Roll out, cut ornaments with cookie cutters, puncture hole for hanging, or mold and let dry.

To roll: Roll dough 1/8" thick on lightly floured board. Dip cutters in flour, make hole for hanging with plastic straw dipped in flour (use dots from end of straw to make decorations).

To mold: Shape dough no more than 1/2" thick into figures such as flowers, fruits, etc. Insert fine wire for hanging.

Bake ornaments on ungreased cookie sheet for about 30 minutes in 250° oven. Turn and bake another 1 1/2 hours until hard and dry. Remove and cool. When done, sand slightly with fine sandpaper until smooth, paint with plastic-based poster, acrylic or markers. Paint both sides. Allow paint to dry and seal with shellac, spray plastic or clear nail polish.

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Wednesday

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Picnic in February? \$15.00 !!!!!

Following the tradition of our founding families, the Cross Plains Public Library is celebrating the Centennial with an old-fashioned picnic supper and a trivia contest.

Mark your calendars for an exciting adventure about Cross Plains from the town's beginning to current events. The fun will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 26th, inside the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

Look among your friends, neighbors, co-workers, churches and other organizations to find your 5-person team and then challenge others to form teams to try to best you.

There will be fact, fiction, food and fun with the winning team receiving double their ticket price back.

Cost is \$15 per person, which includes chicken, baked beans, potato salad, biscuits, drinks and old-fashioned apple pie.

We will also have the Centennial Singers to perform during the event.

Don't be intimidated if you're a newcomer! These are multiple-choice questions regarding businesses, schools, government and activities, from past to present. Want to brush up on your facts?

Come to the library and take a look at the old newspapers on microfilm or ask an "old hand" to be on your team.

To reserve your table, call the library at 254-725-7722. Reservations are due by February 18th.

Submitted by
Michelle Kaiser



It is time to finish up your trimming of trees, cutting all limbs off the top of your house, and those you cannot walk under.

This is also a great time to plant any new trees you might want.

Rake and prepare your garden for planting. Onions and beets should be planted by the middle of February.

You should have your weed and feed on your lawn by the middle to the end of February. March is the time to thin and transplant your fall blooming bulbs.

Field corn should be planted by the first day of March or shortly thereafter.

Remember, if it blooms in the spring, transplant in the fall. If it blooms in the fall, transplant in the spring.

Chili Supper and Silent Auction

To Benefit the Senior
Center of Cross Plains

Thursday,
February 10th
5:00-7:00 pm

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Tuesday, February 8th
10:00am - 2:00pm
Cross Plains Senior Citizens
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For more information call the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Wednesday
7:00 pm
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Do you struggle with hurts resulting from addictions, divorce, anxiety, depression, grief, co-dependency, negative family issues, or abuse? Have you been ordered to attend a support group?

All of us struggle with life's hurts, hang-ups and habits of one kind or another.

Celebrate Recovery is a recovery program based on the principles taught by Jesus Christ in Scripture. These principles run along with the AA 12 Step Program.

Join us on Wednesday's at 7 pm as we listen, share and learn how to recover, heal and help others do the same.

Celebrate Recovery has a light meal at 6:45 pm. This group is sponsored by the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

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REH 14
Other 6

Copies: 125

Internet Users: 34

Reference: 8

Memorials:
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Volunteers:

Arlene Stephenson
Sue Bennett
Beverly Ross
Lavonne Childress

Cross Plains Area Genealogy Society meets at the Library every first and third Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

Centennial Corner

If your toes start tapping and you automatically start moving every time you hear "The Charleston," it's time to join the Centennial Singers.

That's just one of the lively songs Director Kerry Mann has the group practicing. Give him a call at the Baptist Church 725-7629 to join up.

If your brain kicks into high speed every time you hear "trivia contest," it's time to round up some historical friends and sign up for the Library's evening of fun, food, fellowship, and fundraising on February 26th.

Project Pride challenges other groups to show up and take 'em down.

Call the Library at 725-7722 to join up.

Centurion Landowner—

We will be recognizing and honoring these families at the 2011 Ranch Rodeo. We will also be asking all the landowners to be a part of a Centurion Landowners book that will tell the generations, brands, history and story of each family. The book will be displayed at the Cross Plains Library.

Do your research and come join us in honoring the landowners of the past as we celebrate the 100th birthday of Cross Plains.

Submitted by
Jane Bonner

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES: BY AMBER THOMAS WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 7th - Movie Monday 10:00am Cokes and Popcorn, Computer Classes
Tuesday, 8th - The Brown Bag Check Up 10:00am-2:00pm 10:00am Mexican Train Dominoes, 11:00am Exercise Class and Computer Classes
Wednesday, 9th - Blood Pressure Checks by Girling 10:30-11:30am and Computer Classes
Thursday, 10th - Fundraiser Chili Supper/Silent Auction 5:00-7:00pm, Exercise Class at 11:00 and Computer Class
Friday, 11th - Manicures 9:30-11:30

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WEDNESDAY - Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert and Drink
THURSDAY- Goulash, Peaches, Cornbread, Dessert and Drink
FRIDAY- Tuna Salad Sandwiches, Tomatoes/Pickles, Fruit, Dessert and Drink

MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

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ATTENTION

If ordering flowers or valentines to be sent out of town, you must pre-order by Friday, February 11th. All valentines sent to the school need to be ordered by Friday, February 11th.

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BREAKTHRU
By Charles Chesshir
Cross Plains Church of Christ
Parenting Strategy

Parenting is a humbling task. Children will reflect the character and integrity you exhibit whether good or bad. Therefore we must humbly seek God's direction here.

Children's view of God in their early years is patterned by what they see in parents. They don't discern hypocrisy until they are teenagers. Church going Pharisees become detestable to teenagers just as they did to Jesus. A little rebellion from mom and dad is a good thing if it involves getting closer to God. Unfortunately, rebellion is often away from parents and God because of the early life association.

The greatest strategy for raising children is genuine trust in God displayed for children to see. Living each day accountable to God and helping children to see that they are accountable to Him, even when they are away from you, is the ultimate reality they must grasp.

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Cross Plains Powerlifting Team Competes at Dublin

The Cross Plains powerlifting team travelled to Dublin on Saturday, January 29th. Although the meet didn't have as many participating lifters, the competition was stiff. The girls took home three 1st

place medals and a 3rd place team trophy even though we were outnumbered and not able to field an entire team.

Racking in three 2nd place medals and four top six finishes, the boys showed tremendous im-

provement both individually and as a team. These young athletes did an excellent job representing Cross Plains High School.

The results of the competition are as follows:

Name	Place	Wt.	Class	Squat	Bench Press	Deadlift	Total
Michelle Drew	1	181		280	170	315	765
Miranda Williams	1	132		190	115	245	550
Rosa Salazar	1	148		225	120	240	585
Michael Ramsey	2	114		250	135	300	685
Austin Thomas	2	220		485	260	435	1180
Jeff King	2	242		405	245	425	1085
Dakota Bomar	4	165		325	165	385	875
Angus Worcester	5	148		245	115	295	655
Colton McWilliams	6	132		255	105	300	660
Mitul Pael	6	114		185	105	220	510
Preston Posuk	8	220		345	175	405	925

In addition to her first place medal, Michelle Drew was named "Outstanding Female Lifter" of

the meet. She attained the high-end bench press, deadlift and 2nd highest squat in the girl's portion

of the meet.

Submitted by
Coach Jessie Ellerbe

Taylor Electric Cooperative Offers Free Trip to Washington, D.C., for Two Area High School Students

Taylor Electric Cooperative invites all area high school students who live within its 11-county service area to participate in the annual Government-in-Action-Youth Tour essay contest and win a trip to the nation's capital. The contest and trip to Washington, D.C., is part of a national program that brings together high-achieving students from all over the country for meetings with legislators, social events and educational tours.

This year's essays should address "What are the biggest energy issues for your generation?" Students should write between 1,500 and 2,000 words on the topic. Essays will be judged by local educators.

The contest is open to any high school student who is currently a sophomore or will be 16 years of age by this summer and who attends classes in the following school districts: Abilene, Baird, Blackwell, Clyde, Cross Plains,

Eula, Hawley, Highland, Jim Ned, Merkel, Trent, Sweetwater or Wylie.

Winners will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., leaving June 10 and returning home June 17. The itinerary will include tours of national monuments, the Smithsonian, The FBI, the Capitol building, the Supreme Court, the National Cathedral, The Ford Theater, time for shopping and many more activities.

For more details, contest information is available from local school counselors and entry forms and details can be downloaded online at www.taylorlectric.com. Click the "Community Connections" tab to learn more about Youth Tour, as well as the Taylor Electric Scholarship program.

The contest deadline is March 1, 2011, when submission entries will close at 5 p.m. For more information call 325-793-8538.

4-H Photography Project Meeting

The Callahan County 4-H is gearing up for the 2011 4-H Photography Project. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15th at 6:30 p.m., at the Callahan County Extension Office. This meeting will be our orientation and kickoff meeting. We will be discussing the "NEW" rules and guidelines for our County, District and State entries.

We look forward to seeing you on the 15th!

Submitted by: Jerry Warren, CEA-Ag

2nd 4-H Vet Science Meeting

The 2nd 4-H Vet Science meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted at the Callahan County Vet Clinic. 4-H members are encouraged to mark this on your calendars.

The last Vet Science meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd, so mark your calendar. If you have any questions please call The Extension Office (325) 854-5835.

Hope to see you on February 22nd.

Submitted by: Jerry Warren, CEA - Ag

Cross Plains Public Library Sponsors Writing Contest

It's time once again for our students to show their literary prowess! The Cross Plains Public Library's annual writing contest is drawing near! All students attending, or eligible to attend, the Cross Plains schools from pre-K through 12th grade, including home-schooled students may enter.

There are three categories: poetry essay or short story. Poems

may be of any kind: blank verse, haiku, rhymed couplet, etc.

The entry can be a paper that was prepared for another class. However, students may submit only one entry.

The deadline for entries is March 25, 2011. Entries will be "blind judged" by retired high school or college-level English or composition teachers.

Award ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each grade, and trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall. Additionally, trophy winners will have their entries published in the *Cross Plains Review*.

For more information, please contact the library at 725-7722. Good luck!

Submitted by
Michelle Kaiser

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Have a great week!

Cross Plains Masonic Lodge Announces 2011 Scholarship Program

Cross Plains Masonic Lodge #627 AF&AM, has announced that it will award three \$1,000 scholarships to deserving graduates of Cross Plains High School this year. Ray Purvis, Worshipful Master of the lodge, said that the amount of the scholarship represents a six-fold increase over last year's program and was made possible by generous donations from lodge members who allowed accessing matching funds provided by the

Grand Lodge of the State of Texas.

The scholarships will be awarded to 2011 CPHS graduates who intend to attend college. Selection will be based upon character, need, demonstrated academic accomplishment and contributions to the community. Applications may be obtained at Cross Plains High School and must be returned no later than March 31, 2011.

Immunization Clinics Announced for Callahan County

Texas Department of State Health Services are holding Immunization Clinics in Callahan and Flu and Pneumonia Vaccine will be available as follows:

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(Please note date change this month)

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OLD FOLKS AND COWPOKES

JAMES NICHOLS

There is always some excitement going on around Bob Golsen's place. On this particular day there was a dun mare running around kicking up her heels. Randy Strickland and Bud Dillard were hovering around Bob like two old maid sisters.

That dun mare had given Bob a double lick and busted him right in the groin. He was standing there looking pretty pale, stooped over a might, legs spread apart, and looking like some old tattered bow-legged cowboy in a world of hurt.

It was pretty apparent that old "Sandy" had knocked what little sand Bob had left clean out of him.

Old Sandy, the mare, reminds me of an ad that came out in the *Texas Horseman* or some such magazine that read something like this: Three year old mare, good cow pony, gentle and handles great. "Needs expert rider!"

This makes you wonder what part of expert Bob is.

To appreciate this story, you have to understand that Bob, in his younger day, was a pretty good bronc rider. There was that old mare by the name of Queen Dyn -0-Might (Rising Star Friday Night Rodeo) that he could ride. Bob rode her 7 times out of ten. This put him in pretty good standing with the local people.

A morning or two later on as the story was being passed around a local cafe; Bob made his way in with somewhat of a gingerly stride. There was a couple of old-timers who made a statement

as Bob passed by. They said something about having a Shetland pony they were needing broke, but Bob didn't seem to catch the drift.

Now days, that Bob has most of his luster rubbed off, he is known for sign painting, pigeons and yard dogs, and not in that particular order.

As far as the pigeons go, Bob fared pretty good in the pecking order there for a while. That is until a chicken hawk cleaned out his best birds.

When it comes to the yard dogs, most of Bob's are Sooners—sooner poop in the floor as not to.

There is a story about Bob when he lived in the old rock house down by the road. He would come by the locker plant every day on his way home from work and pick up meat scraps and bones for his yard dogs.

Meat scraps after a day or so goes to working on a dogs inwards. They would start to pass gas that would peel paint. It would stink to high heavens and then some.

Bob had an old evaporator air-conditioner that leaked a little water and the yard dogs like to sleep under it in the hot summer time. The air-conditioner would pick up that smell and suck it right into the house and Bob would get accused of it.

I have to admit that I like writing about Bob, because as the old-timers would say, "He is a pretty colorful person." Color is drawn to him like nails to a magnet.

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Sorority Donates Flag for Centennial Celebrations —

(left to right): Jane Holmes, Wanda Merryman, Teresa Veteto, Lavonne Childress, Sue Neal, Jane Bonner, Betty Fraley, Dora Warlick and Elizabeth Hunsaker. The Beta Sigma Phi Sorority recently secured the flag that was flown over the State Capitol building on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 and donated it to be used throughout the local Centennial year by various groups. At the end of the year, it will be given to the city to be flown on special occasions. When asked how they were able to get the flag, Wanda Merryman, President of the group, sort of chuckled and said, "Well, I just called them and said I wanted it." Now that's how you get things done!!

Texas AgriLife Extension Service to Offer Professional Food Mgr. Certification Training Course

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, 1 in 4 Americans will become sick, 1 in 1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

If under the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) jurisdiction each food establishment is required to have one certified food manager on site.

Many of you have already received a letter from the Texas Department of State Health Services regarding this. Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of State Health Services must have one certified food manager. Food manager certificates will be

valid for 5 years.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Taylor and Jones Counties, is offering a professional food manager certification training course. This program will be offered for \$110 on Monday, February 7 & 14 at the Taylor County Extension Office located on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center. Cost includes training, materials, and the State food manager certification examination.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals

prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction
 - Improved relationships with health officials
 - Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness
- By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about:
- identifying potentially

hazardous foods and common errors in food handling

- preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food
- teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees
- complying with government regulations
- maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings
- controlling pests

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Professional Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas AgriLife Extension Service, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call Martha Alice Sprabery at 672-6048.

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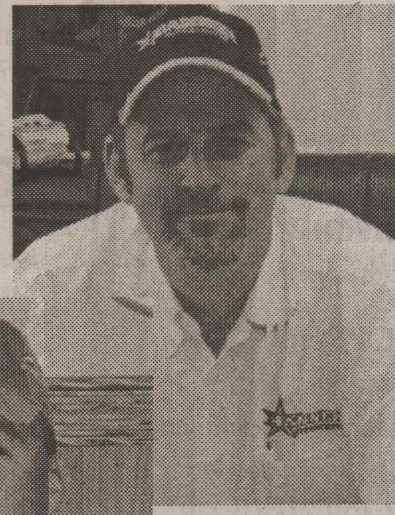
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 Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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"Active Shooter" is a new term law enforcement uses today but it is not a new phenomenon. The most recent example is the tragedy in Tuscon, Arizona, where a mentally unstable man opened fire on a crowd of people, shooting nineteen, including U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords, and killing six.

Callahan County Constable and former Cross Plains Chief of Police Ed Duncan was involved in just such an incident forty-one years ago when he was a young patrolman on the Dallas Police Department.

He was one of almost a hundred police officers who became involved in a wild gun battle with a man who stepped out of his house with pump shotgun and began shooting everyone in sight.

Before the battle was over, it would involve a hundred or more police officers who would fire over a thousand rounds to force the man from the house where he had barricaded himself.

It would end when he waked out of the front door, raised his shotgun and was downed in a hail

of gunfire. The incident resulted in ten people shot, including a young girl, four police officers and a TV reporter. Two were killed, including the gunman, about whom Constable Duncan noted laconically, "He'd been shot a bunch; he was pretty dead."

Local author Ed Walt of Pioneer was also involved in the gun battle, and has released a new book about the incident based on personal interviews with police officers, citizens and reporters who were present. The book, entitled "The Hall Street Shoot-Out, A True Story of the Dallas Police Department's Biggest Gun Battle," is available locally at the Cross Plains Public Library where sales will benefit library operations or at Ray's Barber Shop where the profits will go to fund the Cross Plains Masonic Lodge's Scholarship Fund.

Walt and his wife, novelist Carol Walt, will be featured at a book signing at Texas Star Trading Co. of Abilene during Artwalk on the evening of Thursday, February 10, 2011.

**Grand Ole Oplin
February
line-up
announced**

The Grand Ole Oplin is proud to announce their band line-up for the month of February, 2011. Starting off the month on Feb. 4th, we welcome Muddy Creek who will be playing all of your country dancing favorites, on Feb. 11th Country Classics will be joining us playing the kind of music that makes you want to get up and dance, on Feb. 18th Jack Rosser will be here playing all you favorite two-steps and waltzes and on Feb. 25th Muddy Creek will be back playing some more of your country favorites.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 So. and F.M. 2936. Our Friday night dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. with admission being only \$5.00 per person. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared 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, good friends and a good time.

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

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Natural Health & Healing

By Belinda Harris Southall

These days our ears and eyes are bombarded with so much information on how to keep your heart healthy. There are so many things you can do, but the most important, is to create good habits that you know you can stick to and keep yourself accountable for the rest of your life even if it is something very small.

Today I will present 5 easy things you can do in your everyday life that will improve and preserve your heart for years to come. According to the CDC, heart disease kills more men and women than any other disease including ALL cancers.

The #1 risk factor overall for heart disease is inactivity and obesity. So, what does that mean? Get those feet moving!! It has been shown that as little as 10 to 25 minutes of exercise for 2 days a week can decrease the risk of heart disease by 36%. 10 minutes can add up really fast, by taking a walk around the block, parking at the back of the Walmart parking lot, walking into the bank lobby instead of going through the drive-thru, or taking the stairs

at work instead of the elevator.

Eat at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables a day. This is the bare minimum that should be consumed. Green leafy vegetables provide tons of vitamin, minerals, and nutrients that we cannot get from anything else! They provide powerful antioxidants that protect our bodies from toxins and cancer. They are worth their weight in gold!

So get in the habit of having something green on your plate every time you sit down to eat. And no, iceberg lettuce on a McDonald's hamburger doesn't count, and french fries are not considered a serving of vegetables!

Drink water instead of sodas. This not only brings your sugar and calorie intake down, but keeps your body hydrated so your heart doesn't have to work as hard throughout the day.

Caffeine laden drinks are really stressful on our hearts even though they help keep us more alert and focused. Start small. If you don't want to give up your sodas, at least drink 2 times the amount of water, as the soda you consume, to keep

your body in balance.

Eat some nuts! Raw, unsalted almonds and walnuts are great sources of omega fatty acids which keep our hearts pumping properly. So, grab a handful and snack on them daily.

Try to avoid eating large portions of saturated fats such as red meats and/or trans fats, (often found in potato chips and fried food). The effects of these unhealthy fats cause plaque to build up in the arteries of the heart, a disease called arteriosclerosis which can lead to heart attacks.

According to the American Heart Association, "Good Habits are the key to Good Health." So develop a habit you will stick with and get going!

I will be writing this article monthly over various subjects under the umbrella of Natural Health and Healing. Topics may range from Diet, Nutrition, Alternative Medicines, Sports Injuries, Back Pain, etc.

If there is a subject you would like to see an article on please send me an email at bsouthalldc@aol.com.

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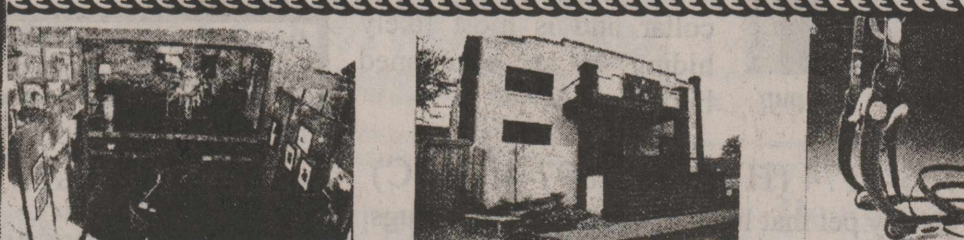
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**Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department
Supper A Success**

The annual CPVD chili supper that was held on January 22, was a great success. The department would like to thank everyone who attended this event; your support is greatly appreciated! Proceeds from the event go toward replacing worn out equipment and the conversion of the army surplus trucks into serviceable fire trucks.

We would like to especially thank Hutchins Frozen Foods for donating the ground beef; the Centennial Singers for their wonderful performance; the Centennial Committee for

donating the proceeds from the T-shirts sales; all those who volunteered their time to help serve; and everyone who had baked and donated cakes for dessert. Without everyone's continuing support and help, the event would not have been possible. Thank you.

The department would also like to thank the following for their generous donations: Cowan and Laverne Hutton; Damian Friend; Michael Butler; Cottonwood Land & Cattle; J & S Sales; Ron and Nancy Rhodes; Lucille

Koenig; Wanda Merryman; Donna Wagner; John and Betse Rossen; Burlie and Jerri Taylor; Stanley Jernigan; Connie's Cuts and Curls; Sherri Maxwell; Charles Bright; Betty Browning; Andy Sanders; Randy and Charlotte Montgomery; Robert E. Howard Foundation; Carol Bennett; Charles and Nancy Barnes; Deverl and Nancy Harp; Wilma Lawrence; D & J Enterprises; Keith and Leslie Lawrence; and Dana McDade. Thank you for your support.

Commissioners approve proclamation supporting women's heart health

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court approved a proclamation recognizing February 4, 2011 as National Wear Red Day in Callahan County during a brief commissioners' court meeting held Monday, January 24th at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Harold Hicks and a second by Commissioner Tom Windham, the commissioners' court voted unanimously to proclaim February 4, 2011 as National Wear Red Day in Callahan County to increase awareness and understanding of women and heart disease.

The proclamation follows:

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, heart disease is the number one killer of women and one in four American women dies of heart disease; and

WHEREAS, many women do not know that heart disease is a woman's problem and they do not take it seriously; and

WHEREAS, the risk factors for heart disease are smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, overweight, obesity, physical inactivity, diabetes, a family history of early heart disease, and age; and

WHEREAS, women can promote their own heart health and prevent disease and illness by taking steps to prevent and control the heart disease risk factors; and

WHEREAS, keeping women

healthy and promoting awareness of women's health issues, including heart health, is an important responsibility and depends on the actions of many organizations and groups in our community; and

WHEREAS, women's health remains a priority for families, communities, and government, and our commitment to keeping women healthy is stronger than ever; and

WHEREAS, the National Wear Red Day® campaign and The Red Dress® symbol are building awareness of women's heart disease risk and empowering them to reduce their risk and prevent heart disease; and

WHEREAS, Callahan County women need to take action to make heart health a priority for themselves and their families, become aware of their heart disease risk, and take action to control their risk;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roger Corn, Callahan County Judge, do hereby proclaim February 4, 2011 as National Wear Red Day® in Callahan County, Texas and encourage all citizens to work together to promote and improve the health of women and increase awareness and understanding of women and heart disease.

(s) Roger Corn
County Judge
1-24-11

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court meeting included:

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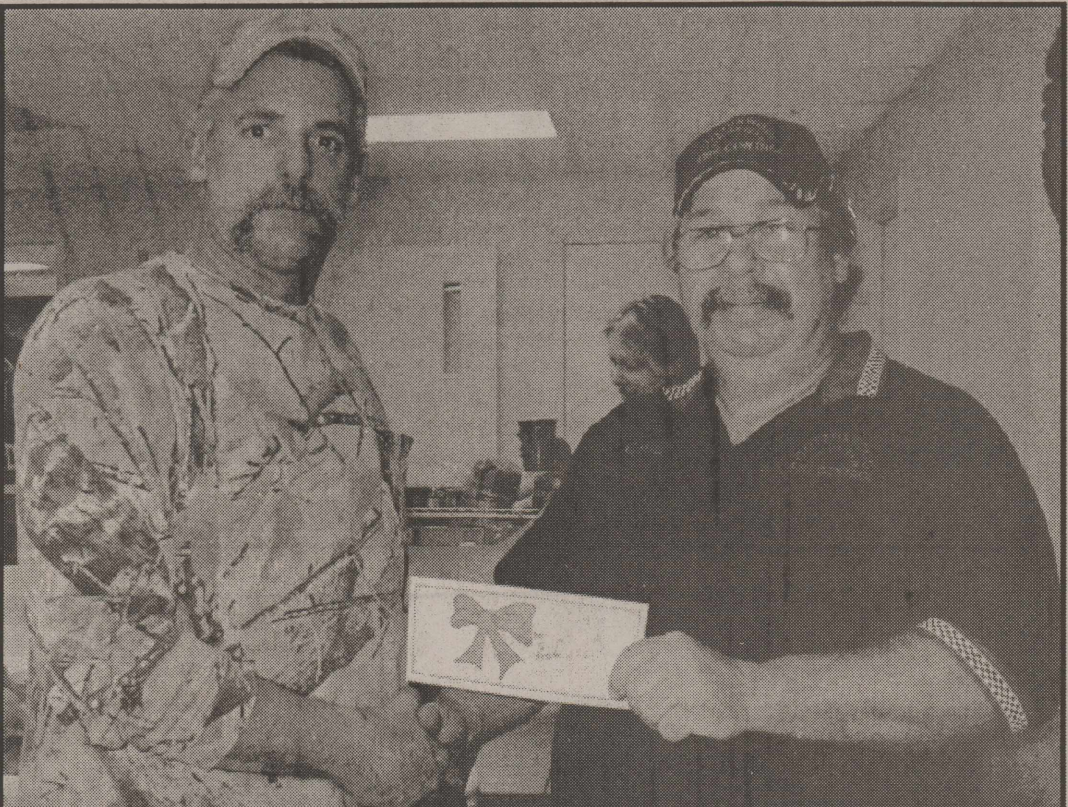
"We're doing our part to help the environment and helping our customers and communities 'Go Green!' This is very important to us," explains Alan Buxkemper, Executive Vice President, "The first step is to

offer products throughout our stores that are better for families, the home, the office and environment. We are always looking to expand our line of "Green" products. At the same time, we do our best to set a good example by supporting recycling programs within our stores and encouraging our customers to recycle at home.

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water. This represents a tremendous amount of materials that did not go into community landfills or end up as trash along our Texas highways. It also represents a significant amount of monetary savings for Super S Foods communities in not having to deal with clean-up efforts.

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\$25.00 Gift Certificate from Super S Foods Awarded —

Cottonwood Fire Chief, Joe Testegge (right), congratulates Brent Hamlin, winner of the \$25 gift certificate from Super S Foods. Ken Lowrey won the other \$25 Super S Foods gift certificate, donated by Bob and Marsha Ossowski of Nubbin Ridge Vineyards.



Ready For the Fish Fry —

Cottonwood Volunteers Sue Bennett, Travis Northern and Adrian Allen serve up french fries, fish, chicken and hushpuppies at the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Fish Fry last Saturday.



Mindy and Taryn Estes performed at the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Fish Fry.

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10-Cross Plains Review February 3, 2011
Cross Plains City Council Minutes

November 9, 2010

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. Members of the council present were Mayor Ray Purvis, Lewis Fortune, Jerry Cassle, Bob Kirkham and Peg Terrell.

Employees present were Teresa Kennedy, Debbie Gosnell, Jan Yeager, Jarrod Potter and Don Gosnell.

Members of the public meeting was Era Lee Hanke.

Ray Purvis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Purvis gave the invocation.

Mayor Purvis asked for citizen comment. None were received.

By general consent the police report was approved as presented.

By general consent the judge's report was approved as presented.

Terrell moved to approve the

bills as presented. Kirkham seconded and motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the sale of a portion of Avenue I. Fortune moved to advertise for bids and open bids on Monday, November 29, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Kirkham seconded and motion carried.

Gosnell discussed the cost of the installation of a new fence located at the Potter Well Field. The council approved the cost of the fence up to \$3,000.00. Fortune seconded and motion carried.

Discussion was held relating to the number of calls the City Hall receives concerning the condition of the Cross Plains Cemetery. Gosnell asked what she was suppose to tell people when citizens call City Hall

complaining, noting that most people are under the impression that the City owns the Cemetery. Gosnell also reported that she had spoken with several of the Cemetery Association's Board Members and they advised her that they are in the process of trying to find someone to mow it for the winter months. After lengthy discussion, it was noted that the cemetery does not belong to the City of Cross Plains and all complaints should be directed to one of the Cemetery Association board members or President Bob Harrell at 254-725-7120.

Cassle moved to adjourn. Kirkham seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor
 ATTEST:
 Debbie Gosnell,

December 14, 2010

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. Members of the council present were Mayor Ray Purvis, Lewis Fortune, Jerry Cassle, Bob Kirkham and Peg Terrell.

Employees present were Teresa Kennedy, Debbie Gosnell, Doug Dugger and Don Gosnell.

Members of the public meeting with the council were Era Lee Hanke, Susan Schaefer and Connie Kirkham.

Ray Purvis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Connie Kirkham led the invocation.

Mayor Purvis asked for citizen comment. None were received.

By general consent the minutes were approved as presented.

By general consent the police report was approved as presented.

By general consent the judge's report was approved as presented.

Cassle moved to approve the bills as presented. Kirkham seconded and motion carried.

Susan Schaefer met with the council to submit the 2010/2011 Annual Chamber of Commerce

budget and to go over the 2009/2010 expenditures. Cassle moved to approve the budget and expenditures as submitted. Terrell seconded and motion carried.

Terrell moved to approve the Centennial Proclamation proclaiming January 12, 2011 as the official start of the Centennial celebration recognizing the City of Cross Plains as a Texas incorporated city form 1911-2011. Fortune seconded and motion carried.

Bids were opened for the sale of a 2000 Chevy Pickup. Bids as follows: Robert Simons \$750, Doug Dugger \$650. Terrell moved to accept the bid from Robert Simons in the amount of \$750.00. Kirkham seconded and motion carried.

Gosnell presented a request from Diana Ring to sell to the City her property that adjoins City property. Fortune moved to offer Ms. Ring \$5,000.00 for the property and if accepted to have a title search done on the property. Kirkham seconded and motion carried.

Gosnell discussed the dilapidated house located at 416 N. Main. She reported that the roof is beginning to fall in and all the doors are standing open.

Fortune made the motion to contact the City Attorney and begin the process of condemning the house and having it demolished. Kirkham seconded and motion carried.

Gosnell suggested adding Kirkham to the signature cards at the bank. It was pointed out that it's not always convenient when someone needs a check immediately to have to go to the barber shop to get the Mayor's signature and Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Cassle is not always available for signing. After lengthy discussion it was decided to leave the signature card as is.

Discussion of comp time was held. Cassle moved to pay Don Gosnell, Dugger and Sowell for 100 hours and Debbie Gosnell for 80 hours. Fortune seconded and motion was carried.

Cassle moved to adjourn. Kirkham seconded. Motion carried.

Look Into J's Art and Soul



Welcome To J's Art and Soul —
 Charlotte and Robert Lee are registering at the Grand Opening.



Realistic Paintings By Charlie Hukill —
 Local resident, Garnette McKay, is admiring the artwork.



Taking It All In —
 Louise Brooks (left) and Jonnie Jo Wright, (Jessica's grandmother) are sitting on a circular seat enjoying the festivities.

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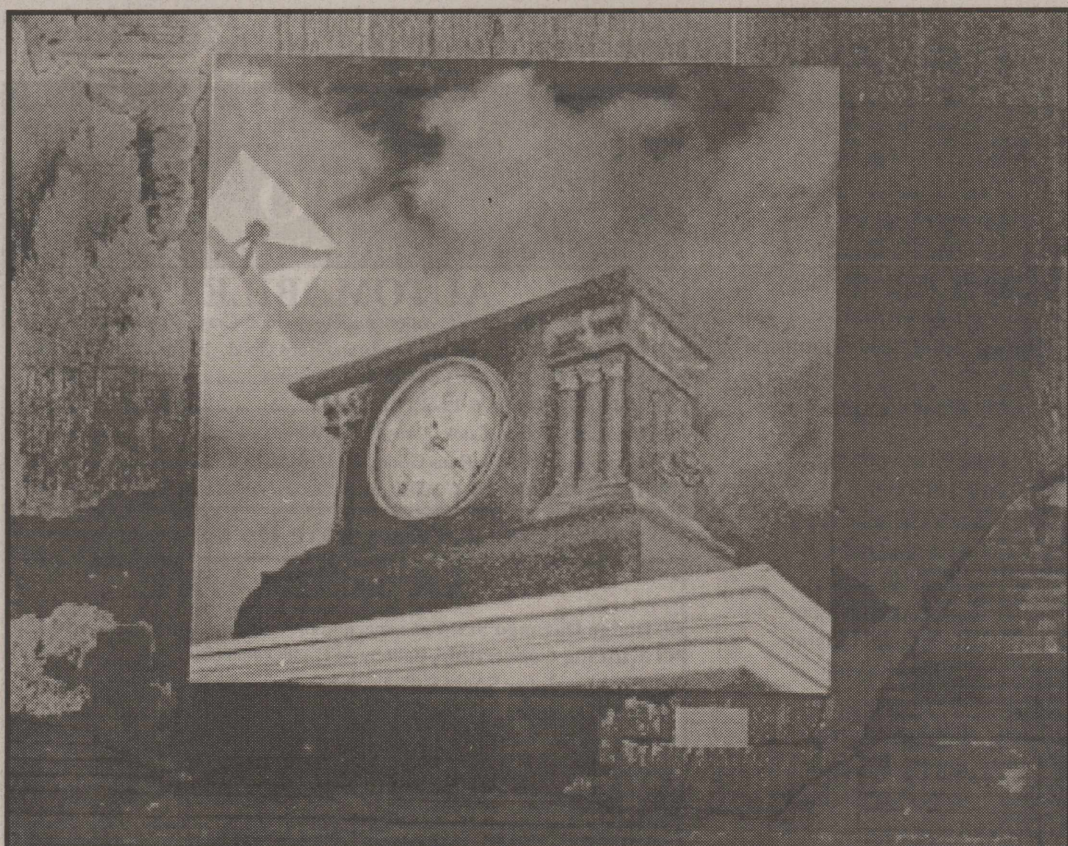
Checking Out The Homemade Soaps and Lotions —
Local residents Lucille Koenig (left) and Johnnie Bland were enjoying the Grand Opening.



Preparing The Goodies —
Kim Cunningham, (Jessica's mother), is photographed in the red kitchen.



Courtyard View —
Just wait until spring arrives and the colorful plants lend their beauty to the fantastic landscaping.



Striking Painting —
Linda Shobe of Fort Worth is the artist of this amazing painting.

J's Art and Soul Grand Opening and Open House —

Vilma Haskell of Cross Plains for assisting with the serving.

An adorable kitchen, decorated in red, is located on the left side leading out back.

Most guests found their way to the inviting courtyard. It has a lovely rock walk trimmed with a variety of plants. Giant flat rocks have been made into benches and big clay pots are used ornamentally. A multi-colored burro is also featured. Trees,

crepe myrtle and all kinds of cactus were incorporated into this lush garden.

One wall features rustic wood and tin to be utilized as a backdrop for photographs. Many wonderful photographs will be the beginning of memories in this courtyard.

Giant boulders and plants also highlight the outside of the building. In the spring when everything is in full bloom it will

be a gardener's delight.

Jessica noted that sales were good, also. The group of three cactus paintings sold along with some photography and jewelry. The handmade soap and lotion was also a big hit.

J's Art and Soul has added both beauty and culture to our community and everyone wishes Jessica well in her endeavor.

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“Show of Support” — Presentation at Kiwanis of Cross Plains

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains met at Jean's Feed Barn on Tuesday, January 25th. Kiwanis Club members meet there at noon each Tuesday of the month. They usually have a short program while they are eating from 12:00 to 1:00.

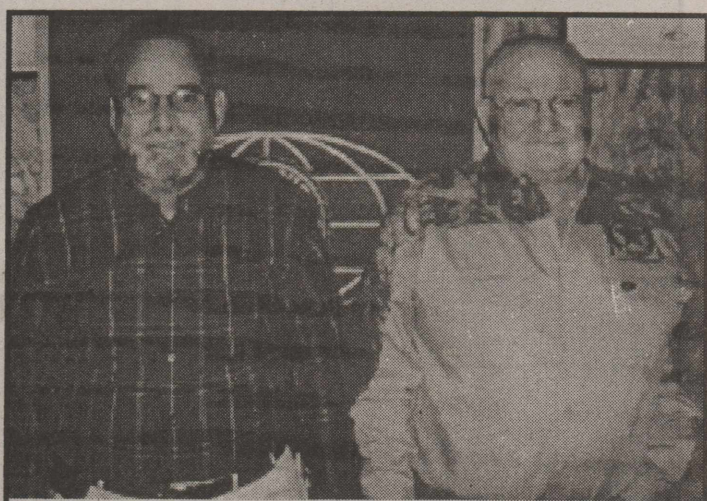
The Kiwanis Club member in charge of the program for the day was Rick Austin, minister of the Cross Plains Church of Christ. He presented to the members as his program, his father-in-law, Jesse “Red” Wood, known by all his friends as “Red” Wood.

Red Wood lives near Zephyr. He and his wife, Mary, have lived there on 80 acres between Zephyr and Comanche for over 10 years. He operates his own small business in his shop located at their home. His business is “Knives by ‘Red’ Wood.” Red has been a hunter and fisherman all his life. He was a guide and outfitter for more than 40 years, including 15 years in Texas as a hunting ranch manager. He was also a guide and outfitter in Colorado and New Mexico for many years.

He started making knives around 1991 for people who use them; many are professional wildlife men and women.

However, on this day, Red did not talk about his business. Besides making selling knives, he is a strong advocate for the men and women of this country who display in such courageous ways their love for this country of ours as they proudly fight for the freedom which we at home are able to have because of their desire to serve this country as they do.

Red spoke with great emotion as he presented a program that takes place in this wonderful state of ours every November in Midland. The program is called the “Show of Support.” It was founded by a very compassionate individual who has a big heart and a dream by which he could somehow show our wounded military



KIWANIS GUEST SPEAKER —
Rick Austin (left) standing with guest speaker Red Wood (right).

heroes that they are deserving of recognition. He wanted to let them know that their efforts are greatly appreciated by all of us. Not like the men and women who came home from the Korean and Viet Nam conflicts of the last century—he felt they should be told they were indeed grateful for what they do. The man Red Wood spoke of is Terry Johnson.

Not much information is known about him because Terry is a very humble individual and feels he is not the one to receive any recognition, it should all go toward these brave men and women who have served America so gallantly.

The “Show of Support” was started by Johnson in 2004. He gets a list of men and women who have served in the Iraq-Afghanistan war and have been sent home due to some type of serious illness or injury while fighting in combat.

The “Show of Support” recognizes anywhere from 40 to 60 heroes each year. The convention took place last year on November 18th in Midland. It takes place around the same time each year. Oliver L. North was the guest speaker last year.

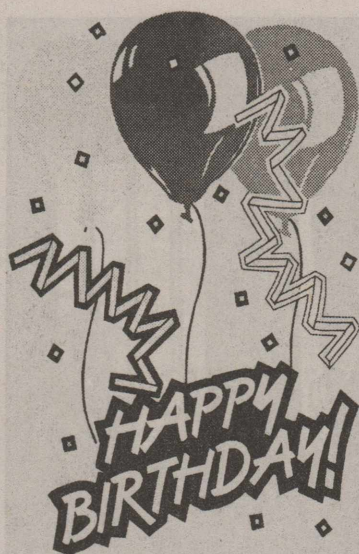
Each hero is called on stage—their story is told—they are

presented several gifts (made possible by many generous supporters), and then they are presented with an opportunity to go hunting and fishing on one of the game ranches in Texas.

All this is done at no cost to the “heroes.” Thanks to the generous hearts of so many grateful citizens. Red Wood, my father-in-law, usually donates 3 to 4 knives each year which are auctioned off. He also sells the number of knives needed to the “Show of Support”, at a great discount, enabling each soldier to have one. All proceeds from the auction are given to the “Show of Support.”

It is indeed a great program that recognizes great individuals who are willing to sacrifice their own lives for the freedom we as Americans experience each and every day of our lives. If anyone would be interested in helping in this great effort you can contact them by writing to “Show of Support Military Hunting, Inc.”, P.O. Box 11225, Midland, TX 79702, call them at 432-687-2167 or 866-GO1-HUNT. The email address is WWW.SHOWOFSUPPORT.ORG

Submitted by
Rick Austin



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Deborah Lowitzer
Curtis Ray Shields
Mrs. Ivan Clark
Terry Cearly
Tommy Garrett
Norman Farr
Mrs. Larry McAnally
Mary Lee
Elmer Duncan
Tommy Graham
Billy Evans
Mrs. Jimmy Mobley
Mary Ruth Lee
Cory Pope
Richard Emmons
Dana Archer
Robin Johnson
Gay Helms

FEBRUARY 7

Breanna May
Jennifer (Pancake) Caraway
Mrs. Dale Bishop

FEBRUARY 8

Shawn McKeehan
Charles Strength
Grady Newton
Kashlyn Hunter
Sherry Wilson
Robby Bailey
Wanda (Bell) Easterling

FEBRUARY 9

Cassidy Champion
Mary Strahan
Fred Dill
Jennifer Dee Calhoun
Michael Heath Bright
Granvel Scott
Ronnie Flippin
Cecil Johnson
Skip Nichols
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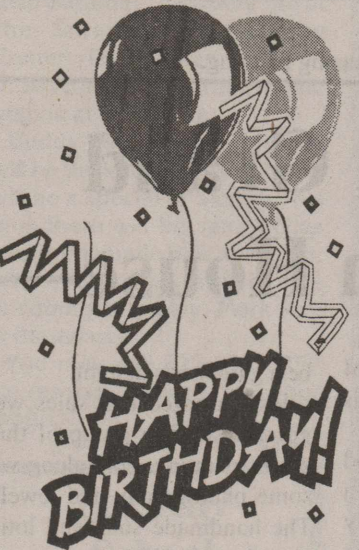
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Cody Golson
Nathan Wayne Jones
Lori Bishop

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Ashley Bennett
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Ashley (Beggs) Moses
Bill Wilson
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Californians Visit Museum —

Our windy weather was not a deterrent to Messiah Bane and her aunt Taylor Grant, as they drove out from Plano to visit the Robert E. Howard Museum recently. Ms. Bane is a student at the Antelope Community College in Lancaster, CA, where she is studying sign language. A long time fan of Howard's writings, she was delighted to find that Cross Plains was so close to her aunt's new home in Plano, where she was visiting. Ms. Grant had recently retired from a data processing center in San Francisco and relocated to Texas.

Texas Discovers New Cattle Brucellosis Infected Herd

Austin —For the first time in over five years, a cattle herd in Texas has been diagnosed with bovine brucellosis (Bangs disease). According to Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) officials, a small beef herd in South Texas (Starr County) has been determined to be infected. Brucellosis is a bacterial disease of cattle that can cause abortions, weak calves and low milk production. Humans can also catch brucellosis (undulant fever), most commonly by consuming unpasteurized milk products, or handling contaminated birthing material when assisting with difficult calving situations in infected cows.

Routine surveillance (blood testing) at a livestock market led to the discovery of the infected herd. TAHC rules require all adult sexually intact cattle to be tested negative for the disease prior to change of ownership. “This herd may have been affected for some time and not detected due to lack of sales of adult test eligible cattle,” stated Dr. Andy Schwartz, TAHC state epidemiologist. For that reason a full disease investigation is underway to find the possible source of infection, and to identify any exposed animals that may have left the herd. Though it has been five years since cattle brucellosis was last detected in Texas, there was on-going concern among industry and regulatory officials that infected herds might still exist.

“The discovery of this herd is a reminder of the value of continued surveillance efforts, and the importance of an effective system for tracing exposed animals,” further added Dr. Schwartz.

The federal brucellosis eradication program began in earnest in 1959, with Texas being the last state to be declared “Free” of the disease in 2008. The good news is that Texas will not lose its Class Free status as designated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). USDA issued an interim rule in 2010 that suspended the provision for possible reclassification of any Class Free State or area to a lower status, and instead encouraged a localized risk based disease management approach. Currently, the only known reservoir for bovine brucellosis in the United States is in elk and bison in the Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA) located in parts of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. The GYA is not considered the likely source of the newly detected Texas herd however, based upon the epidemiological information received to date.

Producers desiring more information on brucellosis may call their local TAHC office, or visit the website at www.tahc.state.tx.us.

Founded in 1893, the Texas Animal Health Commission works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals, and exotic livestock.

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