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## Local Volunteers for the EMS and Fire Department Honored with Reception

By Vanda Anderson  
Editor

The City of Cross Plains hosted a reception honoring the dedicated volunteers who serve the Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service and the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department.

### EMS Volunteers include:

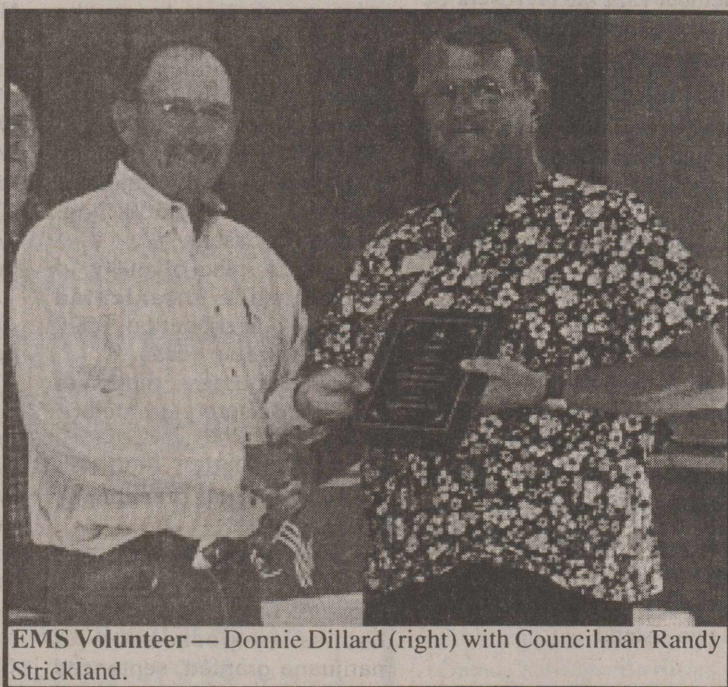
- Angela Bogart - 1 year
- Cody Sliger - 1 year
- Ed Bogart - 1 year
- Jan Trammell - 2 years
- Kathie Murphree - 3 years
- David Holmes - 5 years
- David Parker - 5 years
- Davy Crockett - 5 years
- Mark Ring - 5 years \*
- Gerald Brown - 8 years \*
- Roy Hunter - 8 years
- Jimmy Long - 12 years
- George Mathews - 13 years \*
- John Swift - 16 years
- Scott Bland - 17 years \*
- Bob Pipes - 18 years
- Debra Childers - 19 years
- Susan Schaefer - 20 years
- Charles Chesshir - 29 years
- Donnie Dillard - 29 years.

### Fire Department Volunteers:

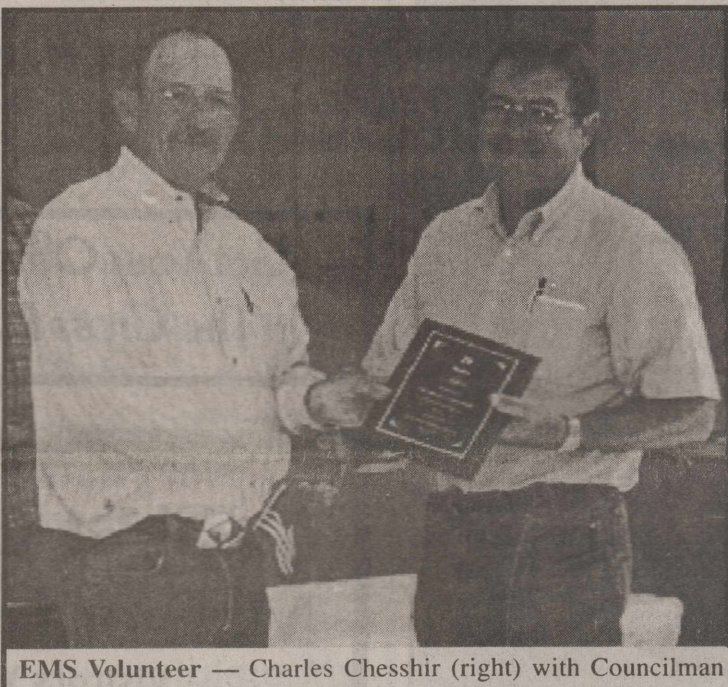
- Neil Belote - 3 years
- Rickie Brown - 3 years
- Laura Lawson - 3 years
- Michael Gregory - 5 years
- J.D. Huddleston - 5 years
- Paul Lawson - 5 years
- Mark Ring - 5 years \*
- Gerald Brown - 7 years \*
- Gerald Brown, Jr. - 7 years
- Darren Koettel - 9 years
- Scarlet Koettel - 9 years
- Kyle Foster - 12 years
- George Mathews - 14 years \*
- Blake Foster - 16 years
- Scott Bland - 19 years \*
- Les Cowan - 19 years
- Robert Simons - 19 years
- Linda Reed - 20 years
- Rickey Carouth - 22 years
- Randy Foster - 38 years.

\* Indicates the individual served in both organizations.

Everyone enjoyed delicious cake, coffee and tea. Hats off to the city employees for going that extra mile to express gratitude to



EMS Volunteer — Donnie Dillard (right) with Councilman Randy Strickland.



EMS Volunteer — Charles Chesshir (right) with Councilman Strickland.



Fire Department Volunteer — Ricky Carouth (right) with Councilman Lewis Fortune.



Fire Department Volunteer — Linda Reed (right) with Councilman Fortune.

these fine individuals. Personally, I was disappointed that so many volunteers were unable to attend the event and receive their plaques, etc. from the City of Cross Plains. Also only a small crowd gathered to show their

appreciation. What would we do without them????? We are currently in a crucial circumstance of not having enough EMS volunteers at times. If this situation is not remedied, the possibility of losing our EMS is very possible.

## Special Postal Cancellation for Howard Days Revealed

### Don't Forget to Get Yours

The local U.S. Postal Service will again offer a special cancellation honoring the annual Robert E. Howard Days. The cancellation will be available only on Friday, June 10 during the regular 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. hours of operation.

This year's cancellation was designed by Bill Cavalier of Michigan City, IN. Cavalier is a regular attendee at the local event and has designed several of the special cancellations over the years.

Over 100 guests have already registered for the two-day event scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 10-11. Of special interest will be the delightful ladies returning from Scotland for their second visit. Registrations have been received from regulars and new folks representing Washington DC and 15 different states beyond Texas.

This Friday, June 3, is the deadline to register for the Celebration Dinner scheduled for Friday, June 10, 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. For \$15.00 per person, folks will be treated to a special fajita dinner catered

### Summer School Program offered for limited English Speaking Students entering Kindergarten or First Grade

The Cross Plains I.S.D. will offer a summer school program for limited English speaking students who will enter kindergarten or first grade for the 2011-2012 school year. The summer school will be for six weeks beginning June and ending July 11, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Neither transportation nor meals will be provided. If less than ten

See Summer Program Page 4



by Mexico City in a gaily decorated atmosphere featuring items and program covers from all the past dinner held in conjunction with the Howard Days. Local graduating Senior, Delany Ames, will also present her essay that won her a scholarship from the Robert E. Howard Foundation.

Diners may participate in the silent auction of Howard related books, CD's, board games and art items before the dinner and for a very brief time afterwards. Proceeds from the auction benefit Project Pride for the maintenance and operation of the REH

Museum. Don't forget the Friday, June 3 deadline if you wish to share in the festivities of the Celebration Dinner on June 10. Dinner reservations may be made at the Cross Plains Public Library, the Texas Heritage Bank, City Hall or by mailing a check to Project Pride, PO Box 534. Questions may be directed to Project Pride members at 254-725-4993, 254-725-6562 or to Pro-jPride@yahoo.com.

Submitted by  
Arlene Stephenson

## Cottonwood Musical this Friday, June 3

Come out to the Cottonwood Community Center this Friday night, June 3, to hear some of the best music in the Big Country at the Cottonwood Musical.

Musicians from across the area will be performing some of your favorites from country, rock and roll, blues and a variety of music. Admission to the musical is FREE.

The musical is held in the Cottonwood Community Center,

once the old schoolhouse, in Cottonwood, off FM 880, north of Cross Plains.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with the music starting at 5:30 p.m. Chuck Patrick will emcee the event.

Barbecue brisket sandwiches, sandwiches, chips, pies, iced tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available in the kitchen. Proceeds from the kitchen go toward the care and maintenance of the Community Center.

## Show Off Your Classic Car or Truck at the Barbarian Festival for FREE in 2011

There's no entry fee for this years Classic and Antique Car and Truck Show at the Barbarian Festival. Just polish off your old Chevy, T-bird, Studebaker or classic Mustang and bring it on down to the festival at Treadway Park on Saturday, June 11th.

You'll want to get there early, as space is limited. You can bring your car as early as 6 a.m. The festival starts at 9 a.m.

Cash prizes will be given for "Best Car", "Best Truck" and "Best of Show". The Car Show is sponsored by Hanner Supercenter Chevrolet in Baird. The Car Show registration form is available on line at barbarianfestival.net.

This year the Barbarian Festival moves to under the shade trees at Treadway Park on Highway 36 in Cross Plains, the ideal location for the festival, with

new restrooms and the new foot-bridge that connects the front and back sections of the park. There's lots of room for craft and food booths, games and rides, the car show, tractor show, live music and all kinds of fun!!!!

Lots of fun and entertainment for the kids, including rides and games, rescue dogs and facepainting. Free ice cream for the kids will be available at the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Group's booth.

Live music at the festival will feature the band, "Class of 57", a group that has delighted audiences at the past several Barbarian Festivals with playing country and rock music. The Centennial Singers and Monk Burris will also perform at the event.

Bring your old Farmall, International, John Deere,

Minneapolis Moline or other antique tractor for the tractor show! Contact Cindy Payne at 254-725-9418 or get the registration form and information on line.

Find the registration forms for the tractor show, car show and the booth space online at <http://www.barbarianfestival.net>. While you're there at the website, take a look at our sponsor pages—you'll find information and the friendly faces of many local businesses who have generously donated to support the Barbarian Festival.

The Barbarian Festival, now in its 13th year, is held the second Saturday in June in conjunction with Robert Howard Days, a celebration of Robert E. Howard, creator of Conan the Barbarian. Howard lived most of his life in Cross Plains.



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 Dwaine Clowers  
 254-725-6268

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 Sunday Morning Worship....11:00 am  
 Sunday Evening Worship....6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley

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Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

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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.

**Obituaries**

**Nora Blackwell Green**

Nora Blackwell Green, age 100, passed away Wednesday, May 25, 2011 in Abilene. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 27, 2011 at the Cross Plains Church of Christ with Farrell Stephens officiating, and Bob Pipes assisting. Burial followed in the Cross Plains Memorial Cemetery.

Nora was born on September 30, 1910 to Luther Anderson Luttrell and wife Susie Savannah (Honea) Luttrell in Knox County, Texas. She married Bob Blackwell on September 13, 1926 in Atwell. He was preceded her in death in 1972. In 1974 she married Arza Green and he preceded her in death in 2000. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Jim and Becky Blackwell of Clyde and Jerry Blackwell of wife Nona of Baird; two sisters, Leona Gary of Coleman and Goldie Star of Cisco; daughter-in-law, Wanda Blackwell of Cisco; six grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and twelve great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, a son, Bobby Blackwell, four brothers and two sisters.



The Holiday Week-end Visitors tour Museum — James & Catherine Goodzeit of Floral Park, New York included the local Robert E. Howard Museum on their recent Texas itinerary. The visit was a long-time dream come true for James, who has been an avid reader of Howard's works for many years. He develops software programs for the financial industry while Catherine manages a private physician's medical office. The couple met in Ireland where James was on a work related trip and Catherine was on a pleasure trip from her homeland of Lithuania. As Catherine placed her sticker on the world map in the Museum, it was noted that she is the first visitor we have ever had from Lithuania.

**Callahan County Sheriff's Office Weekly Crime Report**

Reported By: Ronnie Broadus, Communications Supervisor

Total Booked in Callahan Co. Jail (all Agencies) - 11  
 Arrest Made by SO - 2  
 Assist Motorist - 0  
 Assist Other Agencies - 1  
 Calls to Citizens EMS - 24  
 Calls to Clyde PD - 29  
 Calls to DPS - 10  
 Calls to Baird City Marshal Office - 11

05-24 6:18PM Received a call of an alarm going off at a home in the 13000 blk. CR 224. Deputy Livingston responded. On arrival found sliding back door open a small bit. Deputy Livingston made entry and checked home. All appeared ok. Home was secured.

05-26 6:20PM Received a call of phone threats from subject in the 11000 FM 1178. Deputy Marlow responded and made contact with subject who received a voice mail on his cell phone of a threat. Report was taken.

Other activity from 5/23/2011 thru 5/29/2011:  
 Total Calls by SO - 24

Calls to Eula F.D. - 4  
 Calls to Cross Plains EMS - 7  
 Calls to Cross Plains F.D. - 2  
 Calls to Clyde F.D. - 6  
 Calls to Cross Plains P.D. - 5  
 Calls to Baird F.D. - 0  
 Calls to Hamby F.D. - 3  
 Calls to Cottonwood F.D. - 1  
 Calls to Putnam F.D. - 0  
 Calls to Oplin F.D. - 0  
 Calls to Game Warden - 0  
 Burn Ban is in effect. If you see smoke call 9-1-1 and report it. Help prevent a wildfire.

**COURTHOUSE NEWS**

**CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS**  
 Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings  
 Colinda L. Simmons, theft by check.  
 John J. Rice, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Alma Padilla, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Antonio Zaragoza, motion to revoke probation granted.

Eric K. McKechnie, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Avery Eugene Elder, Jr., order on motion to revoke probation granted.

Daniel V. Conde, transfer request from Taylor Co. to Dallas Co. granted.

Michael Bolton, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs.

Eloy Rios, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$424 court costs.

Terry Lee Burgess, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

42nd DISTRICT COURT  
 John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Minutes

Jose A. Quezada, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted, sentenced to federal prison on same case.

Salvador Salinas, transfer request from Taylor Co. to Scurry Co. granted and order dismissing motion to revoke probation and amending

conditions of probation granted.  
 Leonal Villarreal, judgment revoking probation granted.

Civil Filings

Lisa Reeves vs. Gayland Reeves, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Dustin Terrell, Clinton Reid Terrell and Riley Denton Terrell vs. Robert E. Eubanks, order granting plaintiff's motion for non-suit.

In the estate of Louise Jones Terrell, deceased, order transferring case to county court granted.

Debra Smith vs. General Motors Corporation n/k/a Motors Liquidation Company, order of non-suit granted.

Wayne Boyd vs. Texas Workforce Commission and Winn Dixie Stores, Inc., order granting summary judgment.

Tammy Jo Phillips and Robert Wayne Phillips, divorce granted.

Janice Yvonne Kelly and Jimmy Glenn Kelly, divorce granted.

Thomas Richard Willis and Sherry Jean Willis, divorce granted.

Melissa A. McMahan and Willis McMahan, divorce granted.

Fidelity & Guaranty Insurance Company vs. Marty Ross, judgment granted.

Jo Ann Garza and Higinio Garza, Jr., divorce granted.

Jason Edward Lowe and Karen Starr Lowe, divorce granted.

Heather Marie Vernon and Harold Max Vernon Jr., divorce granted.

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# Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown

There was a good crowd at the Coats Reunion on Sunday. The George Coats Family Reunion is coming up this weekend.

Friday night is musical night. Everyone come out and enjoy all kinds of music at the Cottonwood Musical.

Congratulations to Adrian Allen. He's been named the President-Elect for the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club. Adrian is the owner of the Cottonwood Spring Vineyard. Cottonwood is well represented

with the Kiwanis. Bob Ossowski and Arnie Smith are board members.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Barbarian Festival. It'll be a good time to get some of Joe's Barbecue. The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will be out at the Festival—Saturday, June 11th at Treadway Park, on Hwy 36 in Cross Plains.

The group will be serving barbecue brisket sandwiches, Coke floats and nachos. They'll

have FREE ice cream for the kids. Be sure and look for them at the festival.

The Barbarian Festival runs from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. where there is lots of shady trees. There will be a lot of booths with crafts, jewelry and all kinds of things. Lots of games and rides for the kids, too. The Senior Citizens Center will have a booth with turkey legs. Look for Amber and her gang there at the festival.

## Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from May 22, 2011 through May 28, 2011 include:

- Cases Investigated**  
Warnings—197  
Complaints—111  
Driving While License Invalid—12  
Possession of Controlled Substance—3  
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—3  
**Vehicle Accidents**  
There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

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## Dismounting Welcome Sign

The Cross Plains Garden Club will be dismantling their "welcome sign" and landscaping at the site of the new health clinic on Main Street. This must be completed before the landscaping process begins for the clinic.

The sign has deteriorated and will not be reused, but the plants, including century plants, spineless cactus, yellow

chorioptes and amaryllis, will need to be dug up. The Garden Club would like to donate the plants to anyone who would like them.

Please call any of these members for details: Eva Fleming 325-201-8085, Diana Miller 254-725-9418 or Julene Franke 254-725-7434.

## PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Last Tuesday the Pioneer Quilting Club met at the Community Center for our weekly session of quilting and visiting. Present were Lou Grider, Olena Ezzell, Glenda Phillips, Barbara Jo Medley, Norma Tucker and Marqueta Westbrook.

Our community is saddened for the loss of Alvin Flippen of the Pioneer community. His funeral was held Saturday, May 21st. The family had lunch at the club house Saturday after his funeral. The quilting club is very appreciative of the large donation they gave us.

Glenda's weekend visitors were her son, Howard, from Midland and his son, Blake and daughter-in-law, Susan, from Alvaredo. Glenda has been watching her grandson, Logan, play baseball and his team is doing really well. Logan is one of their pitchers and he also plays third base. He is in the sixth grade at Cross Plains and his grandmother, Glenda, is really proud of him.

Olena has a new great-grandson.

His name is Elijah Praxton Ezzell and he was born May 19, 2011. He weighed eight pounds and 15 ounces. His parents are Tige and Erin Ezzell of San Antonio and his grandparents are Bryan and Lisa Ezzell of Rising Star. Elijah had to stay in the hospital a few days with yellow jaundice but is home now and doing fine. Congratulations to the Ezzell families!

My husband, Aldon, and I attended the Cross Plains High School graduation ceremonies Friday night. Our great-nephew Ben Dugger, was one of the twenty-four graduates. He is the son of Doug and Dawn Dugger of Cross Plains. There was a large crowd in the gym, the speeches were very entertaining, and it was a really nice event.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Memorial weekend, and remember, "Quilters come with strings attached."

Submitted by  
Marqueta Westbrook



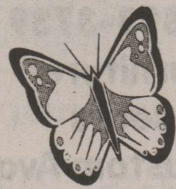
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## PROCLAMATION Daisy Holcomb Day - May 29, 2011

WHEREAS, Daisy Holcomb celebrates her 100th birthday; and WHEREAS, Ms. Daisy is a Christian lady and a prayer warrior; and WHEREAS, Ms. Daisy is a loving mother to her children; and WHEREAS, Ms. Daisy is a living Christian example to all of us, and WHEREAS, We congratulate Ms. Daisy and wish her a Happy Birthday and as Callahan County Judge, I proclaim May 29th, 2011 as Daisy Holcomb Day in Callahan County.

SIGNED THE 24TH DAY OF MAY,  
2011

(s) Roger Corn,  
County Judge  
Callahan County, Texas



## BREAKTHRU

By Charles Chesshir  
Cross Plains Church of Christ

### Who Can I Trust?

Trusting people is always a problem. You trust someone because you have selfish needs that you desire for them to meet. For a while they meet those needs, but then circumstances change and they can't go on. Maybe they can't physically do it, or they tire of you and give up. Trusting people with a confidence is also a problem. Sooner or later most people tell what they know. Then there is trusting people's advice. Some are wise and give advice sparingly, because they don't know the future. They usually don't steer you wrong, they just don't steer you at all.

There is one and only one you can trust. He knows you better than you know yourself. He knows your past and all your mistakes and loves you without condition. With Him you have no worry. He knows the future and you can trust His advice. He invites you, to come over to His place and never withdraws His invitation. He does not tire of your company. He is Spirit and has unlimited power to renew you inside. He can transform your uncertainty and give you confident joy and hope. His nature can heal you, fill you, and complete you in ways that you become like Him.

His name is Jesus. You can trust Him, and seek Him out; if you want to.

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus  
433 N. Main St. Worship...6:00p.m. 254-725-6117  
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible  
Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening  
Study...7:00p.m.

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## RISING STAR NURSING

DONNA MCINTIRE

Well hello to everyone. We have had a low key couple of weeks. After the National Nursing Home Week we were all kind of give out. Now we are catching our breath and starting to have a good time.

On Friday, the 20th, we had our first annual "Employee of the Year" banquet. It was a lot of fun and we recognized a lot of people. **ROBERT LEE** was our **Employee of the Year**. We took the "Angel of the Month" people and then voted on who we wanted and it was almost unanimous for Robert. He received a substantial amount of cash, gift certificates and free meals for a year. Congratulations to you Robert, you deserve being recognized.

Then we had **Dorothy Horrell** recognized as our employee who had been here the longest, with **34 years of service as CNA and in Housekeeping**. **Ava Dodd** was next with her service in the Cross Plains Nursing Home, Baird, Clyde and her in Rising Star totaling **15 years certified**, not counting the number of years before she was certified. **Darla Moore** has been with us **8 1/2 years** and anyone who know her knows she is dedicated and compassionate.

**Johnnie Elliott** has been here almost **11 years**. She has been in the long term care for more years than that. She keeps pretty

private, but she is a God send to Rising Star Nursing Center and its residents.

We recognized **Lori Osborn** with **8 years of service**. She left a job she had held for 16 years to come to Rising Star to be close to her sister, Rachel, who was **DON** at the time, then Rachel left.

**Julie Buffington** has been here almost **5 years** straight from Nursing School. What a blessing she is to our residents with her straight forward approach. **Pat Jones**, our **Dietary Manger**, has been here almost **4 years** in December and we couldn't do without her. She keeps the kitchen running like a charm.

We also recognized a quarterly **Angel of the Month Award** and those were **Ava Dodd** 1st quarter, **Darla Moore** 2nd quarter, **Janet Mathis** 3rd quarter and **Tara Ratliff** for the 4th quarter.

It was very interesting to find out just how many people had how much experience. Together here we have over 90 years experience. What an accomplishment! It was a very successful time for everyone and we all look forward to next year. So, get ready and look out, the "Angels" are watching.

That is about all for now. So, till next time, may God bless and keep you.

Cross Plains **•Ads Noon on Tuesday**  
Review **•Articles Noon on**  
Deadlines **Monday**

## American Legion-Baird

100 Chestnut - Behind Co-op  
Mon. - Sat. Open @ 4:00 p.m.  
Members & Guests Welcome!

## SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS  
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Monday, 6th-** Movie Monday 10:00am. Cokes and Popcorn, Computer Classes.  
**Tuesday, 7th-** Mexican Train Dominoes at 10:00, Exercise Class 11:00 and Computer Classes.  
**Wednesday, 8th-** Blood Pressure Checks by Girling.  
**Thursday, 9th-** Exercise Classes 11:00am and Computer Class.  
**Friday, 10th-** Bingo at 10:30 am.

## Would you like to learn Spanish?

The Cross Plains Senior Center will be offering Spanish Classes on Monday evenings. This is a basic Spanish class and is available to Adults in the Cross Plains area and surrounding community. If you are interested, please call the Center to sign up.  
254-725-6521

HOME DELIVERED MEALS MUST CALL  
TO ORDER, AND OR CANCEL A MEAL  
NO LATER THAN 10:00 A.M.

## Brandin' Wall

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center has plans to make the north outside wall of the Center into a Brandin' Wall. The wall will be painted and then brands will be made out of metal art and attached to the wall. If you or your family has a brand and would like to have it on the wall, you may purchase them for \$100 for the first brand, \$75 for each additional brand. The brand will measure approximately 2 foot by 2 foot and will be powder coated black. In addition to the wall, there will be a Brand Book that will tell who the brands belong to. Stay tuned for more information about the book! Please bring your brand by the CP Senior Center and be one of the first to be a part of Cross Plains history! The following ranches have already reserved their space: Richard and Sharon Parr, Rusty and Debbie Reed, Randy and Judy Foster, Cliff and Connie Kirkham and the Fleming Family (Neil & Jo Veda Fleming Bush.) Call Amber if you have any questions, 254-725-6521.

## VOLUNTEER DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED!

The Cross Plains Senior Center is in need of a few great people to help deliver Meals on Wheels for the Seniors in this great community! Drivers and runners are both needed. If you know your way around Cross Plains then driving would be a great way to help. If you don't know your way around but are willing to ride and take the meals up to the houses, then we have openings for that too! If interested or available, please call the Center at 725-6521.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JUNE 6—JUNE 10

- MONDAY-** German Sausage, Potatoes, Green beans, Bread/dessert/drink  
**TUESDAY-** Smothered Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Bread/dessert/drink  
**WEDNESDAY -** Beef Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Salad, Bread/dessert/drink  
**THURSDAY-** Meatloaf, Potatoes, Peas, Bread/dessert/drink  
**FRIDAY-** Tuna Salad Sandwich, Tomatoes/Pickles, Fruit, dessert/drink

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

## Centennial Corner

What an interesting coincidence to current events to find that somebody had predicted the end of the world back in 1919!!! Must have miscalculated, also.

But the title of Ann Beeler's "just off the press" book of the history of Cross Plains is no coincidence. "FOOTSTEPS of approaching thousands" was part of the phrase used by Col. Lackland, the popular auctioneer employed by the Texas Central Railway Company, to start the sale of lots on January 12, 1911, that launched Cross Plains on the present site.

It's an extremely well done piece, reflecting untold hours of pouring through the archives of the *Cross Plains Review*, records in the County Courthouse and other publications on the history of Callahan County, Cross Plains and the surrounding areas.

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EMS Volunteer — Susan Schaefer (right) with Councilman Strickland.



EMS Volunteer — Bob Pipes (right) with Councilman Strickland.

## Old Folks & Cowpokes

### James Nichols

#### A Local Cowboy — Jack Watson

Jack Watson was born in 1935, the fifth and last child of R.T. and Nanie Watson. R.T. and Nanie were married in 1924 and built the family home in 1926 where they both lived and worked the place until they passed over. Jack still worked the place raising wheat and cattle.

Jack married Cloma Joe Atwood in 1956 and the couple had three children, Guy, Todd and Staci. They made their home in Abilene. Jack worked many jobs including being a roughneck, farmer, rancher and cowboy.

His adventures as a cowboy would take him to France in 1956 with Bob Estes and the Lone Star Ranch Rodeo out of Baird, Texas.

Jack, Sprout Harpole and Bill Barton, all from the Cross Plains area, traveled with the show. Sprout was the stock foreman for Estes. Jack and Bill were bull riders and cowboys. Fay and Wag Blessing, Hollywood actors and stunt people, were along, too. Wag was the World Bull Riding Champion in 1947.

The tour took them through Paris, Toulouse, Lyon, Nimes and

Marseilles. In Paris they played the fifth and last child of R.T. and Nanie Watson. R.T. and Nanie were married in 1924 and built the Madison Square Garden of Europe.

At Nimes they played at the Coliseum that was built by the Romans in 200 B.C. It would seat 100,000. It was built totally out of rocks the size of tables and bigger. Stone cutters cut each one to fit. There were arches ten to twelve foot wide and twenty-five to thirty foot tall. This was the place where the Romans came to watch the gladiators fight and where Nero fed the Christians to the lions.

Jack said, "As a boy I can remember reading the stories in the Bible and listening to them being told. As I stood there in the middle of the coliseum the hair on the back of my neck and head stood up, for I was standing in the very spot where it happened. Some time it got so bad I would just have to stop thinking of it."

The movie Quo Vadis had been filmed there and was released November 1951 starring Robert Taylor and Deborah Kerr.



EMS Volunteer — Debbie Childers (right) with Councilman Strickland.

#### Summer Program

eligible children desire to participate in the summer program, it will not be offered. For further information, call Margie Sowell, Elementary Principal at 254-725-6123. El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Cross Plains ofrece un programa del verano para niños deficientes en el inglés y que van a entrar al kinder o el primer grado para el año escolar de Cross Plains.

Este programa del verano va a durar seis semanas, el lunes al

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#### Class of 1966— 45th Year Reunion to be Held June 10-11

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#### Immunization Clinics in Callahan County

The Texas Department of State Health Services are announcing Immunization Clinics in Callahan as follows:

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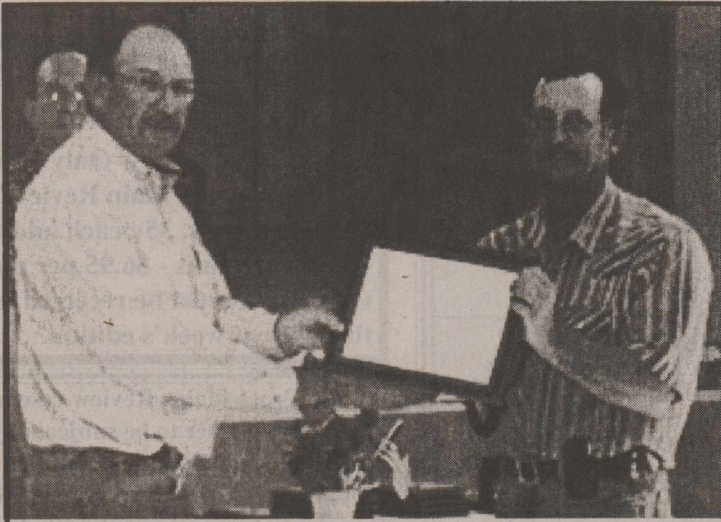
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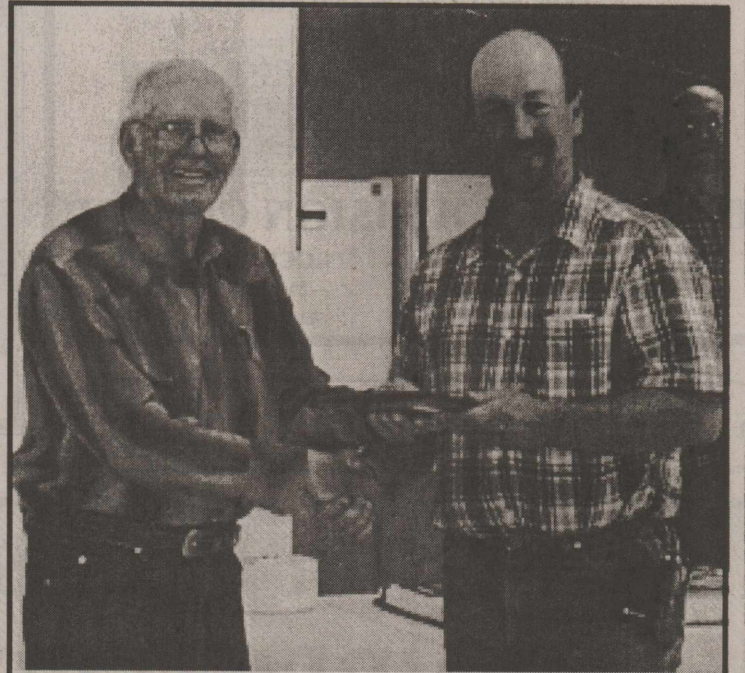




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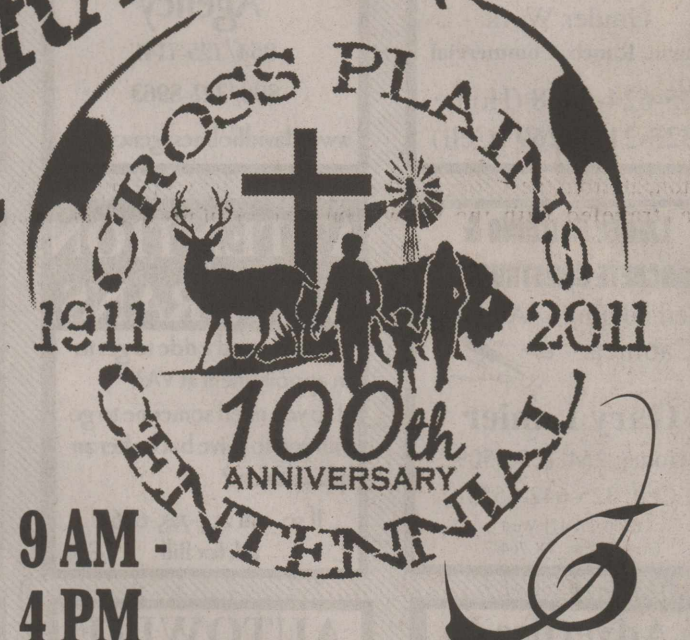
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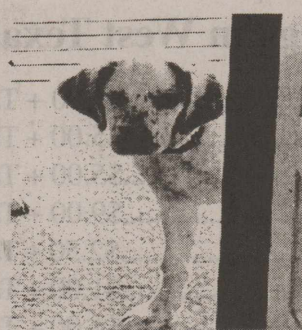
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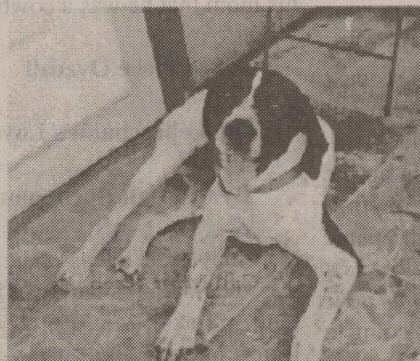
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# Lou Rodenberger's Awards for Outstanding Writing

The judges enjoyed reading and digesting the entries for this year's writing contest. We salute the teachers for their continuing efforts, and we congratulate the students for writing growth they each have achieved to this point in their education.

**KINDERGARTEN** —These writing entries, along with the accompanying artwork, were fun to read and heart-warming as well.

**1st Place - Jocelyn Smoot** - THE FAMILY OF BIRDS - This cute story has a good plot, teaches a good lesson, and encourages good manners. It is an attractive story.

**2nd Place - Shawn Stock** - COWBOY TRAIN - This good story makes us wish that adults could always be more like youngsters imagine us to be.

**3rd Place - Logan McDaniels** - THE PIRATE'S MAP - This story has a cute ending.

**FIRST GRADE** - The "Edgar the Bunny" writing prompt helped these young writers create interesting and entertaining stories.

**1st Place - Torie Forbus** - THE COWBOY - This is a good story that is packed with details. It also has a plot that pulls the reader along.

**2nd Place - Katie Goains** - EDGAR WANTED TO BE A COWBOY - This is another story that is full of good details, and it has a pleasing conclusion.

**3rd Place - Ashton Powell** - EDGAR THE ALIEN - The wild imagination that created this story must surely belong to a delightful young person.

**SECOND GRADE** - These Leprechaun stories were full of whimsy. The students obviously enjoyed the writing assignment.

**1st Place - Morgan Buchanan** - THE LEPRECHAUN'S LOVE - This story must have been fun for the writer because it flows on and on. It is entertaining and has a satisfying conclusion.

**2nd Place - Madilynn Shepard** - I LOVE LEPRECHAUNS - Packed with details, this little story is brief but interesting.

**3rd Place - Strait Oskins** - MY THREE WISHES - This humorous story was fun to read.

## THIRD GRADE -

**1st Place - Trent Tollett** - THE UNKNOWN CREATURES - This travel story has many details and a humorous conclusion.

**2nd Place - Katelynn Parker** - MY TRIP AROUND THE WORLD - This young writer flexes his/her imagination.

**3rd Place - Gavin Walters** - MONSTERS - This story needs more work.

**FOURTH GRADE** - It was encouraging to see these young writers be so aware of the pollution problems on our planet. Their fanciful inventions and solutions were all good to read.

**1st Place - Ashley Cochran** - EARTH DAY —THE WATER CLEANER 9000 - This great invention would have been very useful down in the Gulf of Mexico last year.

**2nd Place - Hannah Crockett** - EARTH DAY - G.R.E.G. - Everyone needs a G.R.E.G. More importantly, everyone needs to be an environmentally aware as this young author.

**3rd Place - Jacob Collier** - EARTH DAY - The water recycling device described by this young person is a great idea.

**FIFTH GRADE** - These stories reveal growing maturity in the writers. Some stories are still the

work of youth and innocence, but others suggest that youthful innocence does not last.

**1st Place - Kayla Stoudemier** - TROUBLED TIMES - This is a good story with a satisfying twist.

**2nd Place - Larson Walker** - THE FIFTH TASK - This adventure story is full of good details and a complex plot.

**3rd Place - Dakota Willis** - Although technically rough, this story has a distinct voice. It is an unpolished gem. This young writer shows significant promise. We hope he/she continues to write.

**SIXTH GRADE** - These stories were fun. The improved writing skills of this group are evident.

**1st Place - Hannah Cowen** - DUMB FELON - This carefully crafted story has good dialogue and a believable ending. This is a well-written story.

**2nd Place - Grace Goode** - LOST AND SAVED - This is a well-written story.

**3rd Place - Alexis Mauricio** - FASHION FRENZY - This fun story flows along, and the ending is unexpected and amusing.

**TENTH GRADE** - This set of entries contained all three types of writing—short stories, essays and poems. Several were very good.

**1st Place - Robyn Douglas** - SILENT SCREAMS AND UNANSWERED PRAYERS - This is a well-written short story. This writer shows promise.

**2nd Place - Chelsea Branch** - A GOOD IMPRESSION - This is an excellent essay. The writer has an impressive command of the English language.

**3rd Place - Victoria Creamer** - MY LIFE IS A SONG—This cute poem could become a hit song.

**ELEVENTH GRADE** - These essays and stories reflect the adult-level maturity of the writers. They make us think.

**1st Place - Rachele Allen** - FLYING WITH BROKEN WINGS - This is a thought-provoking story. IT is well-written and attractive.

**2nd Place - Tiffany McCaghren** - PERSONAL EDUCATION ON THE ORIGIN OF THE WORLD - This essay contains some good wisdom. The writer is clearly a thinking young person.

**3rd Place - Tori Robertson** - THE R-WORD - This is an interesting essay with an eye-catching visual aid.

**TWELFTH GRADE** - There were only two entries at this grade level.

**1st Place - Shawna Lewis** - PATRIOTISM: THE FIRE OF AMERICA - This essay is a good examination of our love of America.

**2nd Place - Miranda Williams** - DEAR MACBETH - This letter to an advice columnist must have been a class assignment from a clever English teacher.

## OVERALL WINNERS:

**1ST PLACE - Robyn Douglas** - SILENT SCREAMS AND UNANSWERED PRAYERS

**2ND PLACE - Torie Forbus** - THE COWBOY

**3RD PLACE - Morgan Buchanan** - THE LEPRECHAUN'S LOVE

## Overall 1st Place

### "Silent Screams and Unanswered Prayers"

By Robyn Douglas

I hear whispers in the back of my head and I slowly lift my eyelids from my deep sleep. My vision is blurry and I can barely make out the scene before me. A fuzzy shape of different colors moves in front of the living room television. It takes me a few seconds to recognize the blob as my brother. What have I done? I thought to my self, trying to figure out why he was out here.

The low mumbles sink into my brain as I realize they were not mumbles at all, they were shouts. The words swirled around my mind as I try to piece them together as a puzzle I do not want to solve. I slowly slide my body up to try and wake myself up to this unpleasant morning. The puzzle pieces finally fit together. "Can you hear me? Or are you deaf too? He said sharply. "Blake I can't hear you." I said muzzled by my sleep. "Get out of my spot," his words were drawn out, mock me.

Wasn't I already here? My mind could not wrap around any reason I should move. Why does he always have to get everything that I worked for? He could have woken up earlier and gotten here before me. "I was here first," I said halfway before it slipped into a mumble. Why did I say that? I looked down to avoid his glare. Next thing I know, he is right up in my face with this look of disbelief that pierced right through me. I shut my eyes in hopes that I would wake up from this dream, from this nightmare.

I could feel the furry resonating off of him and it struck me as the stench of cigarettes. "Did I hear you correctly? Did you just say no to me? His voice as sharp as needles running across my skin. I shut my eyes tight to get ready for the onslaught of pain that I knew my answer will bring. "Yes," my voice so frail that a feather could break it.

I heard the popping of my back before I could feel the pressure. Was he seriously standing on my back? "Blake get off me," my voice strained from him stand on me. "Are you going to move?" his voice full of anger. I tried to roll over so that he would fall off; but with every attempt, he would shift his weight onto my shoulder blades and cause me pain. "Blake, seriously, you're hurting me." My voice starting to sound like I'm pleading. "Only if you move," his reply was almost a taunt.

By then I started to get a little claustrophobic and I am starting to panic. Some force in me compelled me to stand my ground. He was noticing my stubbornness and he started nudging his foot into the side of my chest. I tried pushing his foot off my side with my hand but he kept putting more weight on the foot, making it almost impossible to move.

I started to freak out and I was screaming "get off" but he was like trying to move an elephant. He started jabbing his foot into my side with kicks and the pain was menacing. I tried to crawl off the couch with my hands but it was futile.

The kicks kept coming at me and I managed to sit up but he kicked my chest, slamming my head into the wooden armrest. All I see are his big feet making red marks on me. The pain dulled to a swollen feeling and each kick just feels like pressure on a wound. I scramble off the couch and I try and stand up but the pain was menacing and I immediately collapse back on the floor. I swallowed the scream built up in my chest.

There was no point in screaming. No one would hear me. I'm locked in this black hole

of a house that drags me down. I make it back onto my feet and I run, each step sends waves of pain to my chest and I can feel my heart tighten up. I ran to the only room in the house with locks on it, my moms. My brother recognized my route and he chases after me. He slid when he turned to me, as we meet in the door, it's battle. I'm pushing so hard against the door to close it but it's slowly opening.

I see his hand reach around to grab me and I give the door a final push and it shuts like magic. It lock it as soon as it's shut and I slowly back away from it, just looking at it. Each time he hits the door, it's like pulse and I watch the door's heart beat.

I search for a phone and when I bend down to get it, tears stream off my face and my hair flows over my face like a cocoon to comfort me. I didn't catch on till now how bad I'm shaking and crying. Just then it struck me; Blake knows how to pick the door locks.

As soon as the door handles starts rattling, I burst for the bathroom. I lock the door, even though it does no good. I run straight for the closet and I shut the door. I let the darkness consume me and I let out the waves of tears I've been secretly holding in. The tears fell like a waterfall, no end in sight. My breathing elevates images of what just happen floods through the darkness.

I hear the bathroom door open and I scream like a child. I didn't know what else to do but scream "go away." I curl up in a ball on the floor surrounded by darkness and I cover my ears with my hands and I am screaming "go away," drowning out his voice.

It is like the darkness was swallowing me whole, my screams and all. It never seemed that the cries for help even left the closet. Like the blackness absorbed it all. I'm lying on the floor all curled, crying, hyperventilating from the panic that is setting in. The pain was a dull nuisance to my body by now. My heart felt like to was going to explode.

I slid the door to freedom open and I slipped out of the nightmare of my house. I jumped the small drop off the ground and a wave of pain came over me and I fall to my knees. This is no time be weak.

The concrete is burning my shoeless feet like the fires of hell, as I'm trying to escape. I don't know were I'm running but I am. I take turns to places I've never seen. I find a place to escape and I go and hid in the slide. This is what I was reduced to. Hiding like a child, hiding and I don't want to be found. I hear a car pull up and my heart stops. Don't take me back to that house is all the words my head was filled with.

I see my mom's face on the other side of the slide. I look away, ashamed of what happened. "Don't make me go back," my words are whispers. "You have to," the words cut me just like paper and I felt empty. I felt alone. No one knows about my pain. She doesn't understand my fear. She

is going to make me go back there?

I was such a quiet child, I never believed in hurting anyone. I got home and he is sitting on the couch watching television. The worst part about that whole day is that my brother never got in trouble. We continued our lives like nothing happened. He tried to apologize to me but it was all lies. My mom's rule was that if she didn't see it, then we are not in trouble. Isn't that a wonderful rule for a family?

There is a part in my soul that is still missing from the days at my mom's and nothing could fill the void. I've learned to live with all of life's unwanted experiences. I moved on from this event, knowing it would not be the last. I've made peace with my past and I look to the future. A future without my brother in my life.

## 2nd Overall Winner

"The Cowboy"

By Torie Forbus

The little bunny wanted to be a Cowboy. He thought cowboys were brave. He knew that they rode bulls and roped cows.

One day the bunny got his stick horse, his hat, and his rope. He practiced roping his dog. His dog, Spot, was fast. Spot ran away.

The bunny was sad. He wanted to practice. He went to see Bell his pet pony. The bunny rode his pet pony. After he rode Bell she was tired. Then the bunny got her some water and an apple.

That night he dreamed that he was in a rodeo. He rode a horse. He also roped a cow. In the morning he ate breakfast. He told his mom that he was a cowboy.

## 3rd Place Overall

"The Leprechaun's Love"

By Morgan Buchanan

One day I met a leprechaun. He was very kind. He had a true love. Her name was Jenna the leprechaun. She was very beautiful. She had long blond hair. There was lots of things that he loved about Jenna that I can't name them all. The leprechaun's name was Greeny.

Greeny is in charge of the pot of gold. That's a hard job. Greeny's best friend Louis came up to Greeny and told him to go ask Jenna to go to the leprechaun dance.

So Greeny went to pick some roses. Then he went to Jenna's house. He rang the door bell twice. Jenna came outside. Greeny! said Jenna what are you doing here at this time of day.

Well I was just going to give you these roses and I wanted to ask if you wanted to go the leprechaun

Oh! Really yes, yes, I'll go with you. And Jenna hugged Greeny really tight.

So then they got to the dance. Jenna was wearing a beautiful dress. Greeny asked Jenna to dance and the both danced until 10:00.

Then they both ate a big feast. And then it was 12:00 and Greeny took Jenna home and told her good night and left.

The next day Greeny went to the jewelry store and bought a ring for Jenna. Then he went to Jenna's house and rang the door bell and

Greeny gave Jenna the ring and asked her to marry her. She said yes. That night they got married.

Then two years later had twin girls. Their names were Tria and Laila. Then three years later Jenna had a little boy.

Greeny was not happy because he had to feed all of the kids. Then Jenna's kids all went to leprechaun school. They had a good time. Jenna was proud of her kids because they always made an A.

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Cedar Creek Ranch — Pictured here is the "herd". Still waiting for the birth of Mama Llama's cria. The vet believes it will be born somewhere between August-September.

# I was told

By Harold Virgil Strahan  
February 12, 2011

To a degree, everyone on the journey of Life is flawed because of this or that. But to learn how to think, regardless of the stage of Life one happens to be in, is simply to learn how to live.

As for myself, from the mid-1950's to 1966 I became obsessed with roaming the Pecos River and its banks from Pandale, Texas to the Mexican border, a distance of approximately 70 miles, over a challenging, stony landscape. There's just something compelling about the nighttime darkness of the high, vertical canyons of limestone bluffs that significantly magnifies all noises, regardless of what they might be. Some of these noises might include: wild, carnivorous animals killing their screaming prey; trilling insects that appear to be calling to each other; the hissing, gurgling, laughing sounds of moving water; wind howling through the canyons, or rocks falling from the high bluffs and hitting the ground below. Any of these noises can create anxiety and terror to an inexperienced river traveler.

I discovered that physical exhaustion is a wonderful sedative for sleeplessness, especially after a hard day's hike among a jumble of river rocks and sheer cliffs climbed by using the last bit of my energy. Yes, it also required considerable self-discipline to keep myself focused on the reason I was exploring in an unknown land that few people had ever seen or would want to see. Why, might you ask? The answer lies in the intriguing limestone overhang shelters. In that time of my life a manly thing came pulsing through my veins to see where and how the people lived about 10,000 years ago in the Lower Pecos River Valley. Believe me, in this land, torn apart by the elements of nature, their lives were extremely difficult. Just finding enough food to survive would have been quite a challenge. Most likely none of those who lived long ago stayed in one particular overhang shelter.

Reflecting on those wonderful, adventuresome years of my life, I shall never forget several of my strange experiences along the Pecos River, some of which almost ended in a personal disaster: a river flood; an inadvertent incident of cornering thirteen collared peccaries on a broken-up plateau; an albino rattlesnake coming out of a summertime heat stupor, and a climbing accident midway up the vertical fractured face of a high cliff at Royal Hill Canyon about 10 miles from Langtry, Texas.

Without a reasonable doubt my good fortune came when I met Henry Mills, an old rancher who owned and ran the Pandale Store and post office. Even though he was crippled, his mind held a roomful of wild stories about this countryside, and he thoroughly enjoyed tell-

ing them in minute detail. He only needed someone to listen to his stories - and I did. I can say with both feet on the floor and my hand resting on The Holy Bible, Henry never bored me with his adventures and remembrances from a long way back. What a wonderful storyteller he was! I only wish that I could remember every one of the stories he told me.

When I write of the Pecos River some of the adventures belong to me while others came from Henry. For my part, this story of I Was Told is mostly fiction, but it is based on an actual Pecos River flood in June 1954 as told to me by Henry Mills, the old, kindly Pandale man:

Oh Pandale, of Texas' Edwards Plateau, I loved this secluded countryside more than I can ever tell. Stonewalled-in valleys with thorny pastures and clear-water springs thrilled my soul. Silent memories of a flowing, life-giving Pecos River still sing sweetly in my heart.

Down here on the Pecos, near the Rio Grande in Val Verde County, a few coyotes howl and yelp every night. By mid-day, Mexican eagles sometimes soar with the vultures. The savage past seems to come alive. For killing livestock, though, the trial had its say. The sentenced predators must die. Hunted now by the human race in their phantom-like helicopters, abundant mountain lions, wolves, black bears and bobcats have become a dead man's dream. For local ranchers a daily on-going war exists against voracious animals. This far-flung range, you see, is all about sheep and goats - and praying for rain.

Still, in order to fish and hunt white-tailed deer, a few strangers come from afar. Almost fifty years ago, my friends and I went yonder. But rain, rain, rain! In only forty-eight hours, twenty-seven inches of rain poured through all of Pandale's stone canyons. The people of the Navajo Indian Nation describe a rain such as this as a "He-Man's."

Nightfall, like the noon hour on a sunny day, lighted by perpetual flashes of sheet lightning made it possible to see what I didn't want to see - fear in my companions' eyes. Sonic booms of deep-voiced thunder echoed and reverberated among the high, limestone cliffs. In a well-known language, it seemed, storm clouds talked to us, muttering our names. Thus said, the static hands of fright reached out and the hair on the nape of our necks bristled, and our heartbeats became deafening thunderbolts!

Under that downpour upon the towering bluffs, billions of fragments of weathered rocks plunged into the untamed Pecos River. The wild howling, made by the whirling and clashing of rocks in mid-air, blossomed into a deafening, unearthly roar.

Upstream, a deep, sonorous rumble rose and bellowed and boomed, shaking the earth's unstable crust we stood on. Huge boulders came hammering down on the bedrock as they bounced and hummed along within the

current of this mammoth flood, hitchhiking their way toward the Gulf of Mexico. What joy! It was Noah's Day for the Lower Pecos River Valley.

In the wide passageway, not quite as fast as a racehorse, the flood overflow spread to a quarter-mile wide and twelve-feet higher than the river banks. Where the canyon of the river narrowed, the deluge rose sixty to eighty feet above the stone banks. Before long, there it came - a living horror - rushing around a huge bend of the Pecos River, voicing its mighty power. The beastlike watery creature, sent from the ocean beyond the horizon and the clouds above, was a thousand times more fearful to see than to hear. Everything combined - unnerved by the brutal

noise of the boulders, overwhelmed by a quick glimpse of the revealed monster - its energized size temporarily hypnotized us. Obviously, running lay heavy in our minds!

With deceptive, uncanny speed, the waters came as a bulldozer pushing all things aside - too late, too late to do anything but run, so without any forethought, we sprinted at a steep angle toward a talus slope - a safe haven - not more than a hundred yards away. After dashing fifty yards, the floodwaters danced at our ankles and quickly rose around our knees, waistlines and shoulders. In the vise of gravity, we had to go with the flow. Its strength was too much for us to swim head-first against the rush of the waters. Here and there, we saw a few deer impaled by the broken limbs of mesquite trees. So we floated on our backs with our feet ahead to ward off anything that might stab us. With our heads faced slightly upward, the tremendous rain itself almost drowned us.

The watercourse swept us down, down, down toward the major current of the Pecos River where the smoky whitewaters foamed like a mad dog with rabies. "Mercy, mercy!" we screamed while we were on the topside of the flood. Drawn underneath by the watery snare of death, it deprived our lungs of much-needed oxygen. When we bobbed up from our burial by the floodwaters, a mountain of trash came rushing toward us. Abruptly, with a jolting thwack, a wall of clutter and silt within the smoky whitewaters smashed us, as though we were nothing more than specks of dust. At that time - for sure we became victims of the turbulent Pecos River. It was like being trapped inside a huge washing machine, tumbling us up and down among a mixture of sand, gravel, snakes, dead animals and thorny vegetation.

My good friends died - I was told!

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Early Cottonwood Farming Family — Calvin T. and Alice (Woody) Champion.

## James Lafayette Champion Family History

James Lafayette (Jim) Champion and wife, Martha Jane (High) Champion, moved from Barbour County Alabama to Cottonwood in early 1878, along with their three children, Lee, Frank and Della. Anna and Nannie were born after moving to Texas.

Lee Champion, the oldest son of James Lafayette and Martha Jane, married Margaret Alanta Moore on February 15, 1892. They had six children, Calvin, Cecil, Jewel, Bessie, Martha and Willie.

In September 1902 Margaret Alanta bought 83 1/3 acres from W.V. and L.A. Haigler. Then in October 1902, Lee bought the remaining 83 1/3 acres of the same farm, which has been known as the "Champion Farm" since that time.

After the death of Lee and

Margaret Champion the farm passed to their six children. On August 17, 1919, Calvin, the oldest son, married Alice Woody.

After the birth of their children, Robert Lee, Viola, Glenn Dale and Claud Leo, they moved to the Champion Farm in 1940, after having lived in various places in the Cottonwood community. In 1945 Calvin bought his brother's and sister's shares of the farm.

After the death of Calvin and Alice, the farm passed to their four children. Robert Lee

married Murl Dean Barnett of Cottonwood on April 2, 1950. Viola married Roy Summers of Abilene on August 23, 1947. Glenn Dale married Ethel Burl Snyder of Roscoe on November 1958. Claud Leo married Jo Barrett of Abilene October 16,

After the death of Glenn Dale, Ethel continued living on the farm before moving to Cross Plains. She later gave her and Glenn Dale's share of the farm to her two oldest sons, Glenn Dale Jr. and Monte Champion. After Viola's husband Roy Summers died April 1978, she married David Turnbough September 6, 1984 in Denver City. In February 2006, David and Viola bought Robert Lee's share of the farm. After the death of Jo and Claud Leo, his share went to their children, Rocky Champion and Hayley Underwood.

Thus the "Champion Farm" has truly been a family farm over 100 years, dating from 1902 until the present time of this writing in 2011.

Submitted by  
Viola Turnbough

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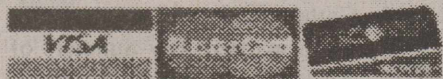
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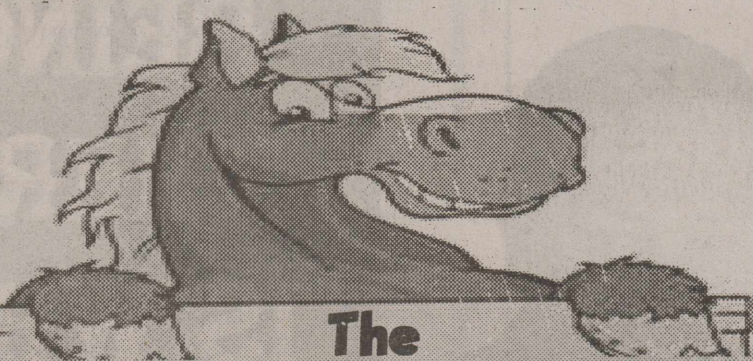
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Celebrating 100 Years — Daisy Holcomb (sitting) is with some of her grandchildren.



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John M. Lapata  
Michael Gregory  
Greg Rogers  
Debbie Markham  
Edward Pancake

JUNE 7

Harold Merrill  
Roger Williams  
Mrs. Billy Wright  
Nan Ree (Elliot) Rice  
Ricky Smith  
Sheila Teeters

Teresa (Potter) Kennedy  
Tonjia (Potter) Foster  
Theresa Cheshier  
Camile Newton Glasshoff

JUNE 8

Zula Elliott  
Bobby Johnston  
Donna (Erwin) Ames  
Carlie Bludworth  
Fred Smith  
Rolan Bryan  
Thomas Bryan  
Carl Smith

Matthew Shane Smith  
Matthew Tyler Reed  
Terrell Shane Smith

JUNE 9

Mrs. O.M. Bailey  
Daney Ratliff  
Rita McKee  
Charles Ray Green  
David Adams  
Celeste Taylor

Charity Renee Waggoner

Bill Steele  
Nancy Childers  
Addison Pearl Lee  
Jordan Bullock

JUNE 10

Charles McCord  
Beth Arnold  
Troy Seals  
Cynthia Smart  
Scotty Elliott  
Robert McMillan  
Mrs. H.L. Ford  
Brandi Adams  
Samantha Hutton  
Scott Brame

JUNE 11

Nancy Mayes  
Mrs. Vernon Phillips  
Mrs. Wilburn Weiss  
Jimmy Joy  
Samantha (Bomar) Beaty  
Marie (Havens) Anderson  
Daniel Crockett  
Joby "Scooter" Winfrey  
Robert "Bob" Stubblefield

JUNE 12

Dwayne Lee  
Brandon Kent Smith

JUNE 13

Glenda Carlisle  
Bill Anderson  
Jackie Cantrell  
Johnny Covington  
Robin (Merrill) Parbough  
Cheryl (Merrill) Daniel  
James Weiser  
Lisa Wheeler  
Bill McCowen  
Tiffany Joy  
Carrie Bowden



Having A Great Time — Gerald Holcomb (from left), Miss Daisy, Bob Pipes and Judy Livingston



Beautiful Decorations — A theme featuring birdhouses, grapes and brightly colored tulle with a huge cake bearing Daisy's photo topped off the event.

### Daisy Holcomb's 100th Birthday

Family and friends were attended. Daisy's amazing mind allowed her to recall names and events for everyone. Daisy's son, Gerald Holcomb and wife Shirley and her daughter, Judy Livingston, were there to greet everyone. It was a beautiful tribute to a wonderful lady who well deserves respect and admiration.

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