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Fate Of Rural Influence Now In State Senate Hands; House Votes To Gut 17th District

State Rep. Bob Hunter of Abilene is to be commended for voting the will of the people who voted for him, hired him and sent him to Austin.

Rep. Hunter, a Republican, voted against the Republican-led effort, which will, if passed by the State Senate, gut what little rural West Texas influence there is remaining in Washington.

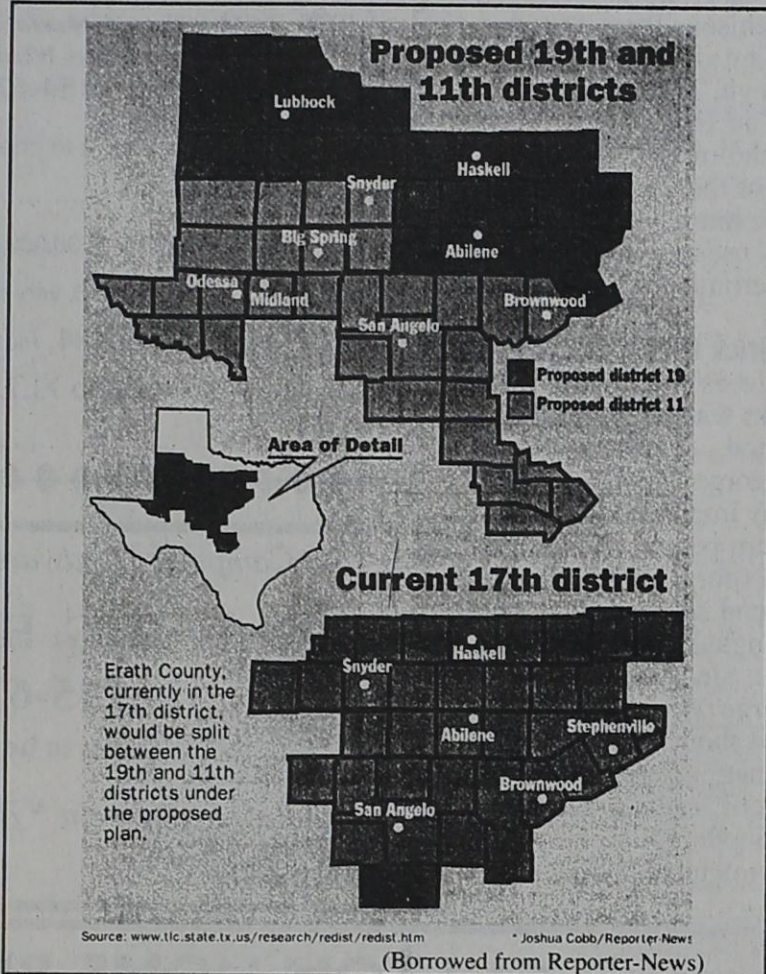
Rep. Jim Keffer, also a Republican, voted for the measure which passed the House Tuesday. He is quoted as having said that he considers U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm, D-Abilene, a friend. But he voted to pit Stenholm, the longtime 17th Congressional District incumbent, against Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, who was elected a couple of months ago in District 19.

"It was the best map for West Texas the House leadership would accept," Keffer said.

It would seem that Rep. Hunter voted for the people in his district rather than the leadership in Austin.

The "new map" splits what is essentially District 17, into District 19 (anchored by Lubbock) and District 11 (anchored by Waco).

The entire deal could be killed in the Senate where the House plan now goes, but many doubt that it will be. Senate rules require a two-thirds vote before issues can be debated in the 31-member chamber.



That means 11 of the 12 Democrats could defeat the plan by voting not to take up the issue.

Rep. Sid Miller (R-Stephenville) and Rep. Pete Laney (D-Hale Center) voted against the bill. Campbell of San Angelo, Hardcastle of Vernon and Hilderbran of Kerrville also voted for the bill.

A Senate committee completed its redistricting hearings around the state Wednesday, setting the stage for senators to begin debating the issue in Austin.

At least three senators are expected to release redistricting maps that differ from the one passed by the House early Tuesday.

Several senators — Republican and Democrat — say they cannot support the House map because it divides some communities and could eliminate key rural members of Congress.

State Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, said his goal is to preserve the existing West Texas districts as much as possible. Fraser represents Eastland and Callahan Counties among others.

"I'd like the district Abilene is in to remain a lot like it is as Abilene is the dominant city," Fraser said. "The truth is, I think Republicans are comfortable with the district it stands today. They feel strongly that they will do well in the next

election cycle."

House Republicans say their map could give the GOP as many as 21 of the state's 32 congressional seats. Democrats currently have a 17-15 edge in the delegation.

Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said the House map will not pass the Senate without changes.

Lubbock and chairman of the committee, said he has no plans to draft his own congressional map. He said he plans to work toward preserving West Texas' existing congressional districts.

"I think what we heard in San Angelo and Lubbock and from what I'm hearing from constituents is they don't want to see district lines changed..." said Duncan, who represents San Angelo, Lubbock and parts of the Big Country. "There are certainly areas of the state that don't need to redistrict, even for partisan reasons, in order to protect communities of interest."

"I don't like it," Cong. Charles Stenholm is quoted as having said of the new redistricting action.

"The current plan (the one now in use) seemed to have pleased everybody but Tom DeLay. It has support from our Texas Delegation on both sides of the aisle. It is a plan very appropriate for Texas."

He suggested that citizens should express their feelings to their representative and to Sen. Troy Fraser who covers much of the same district.

The Senate is to consider the House Bill immediately.

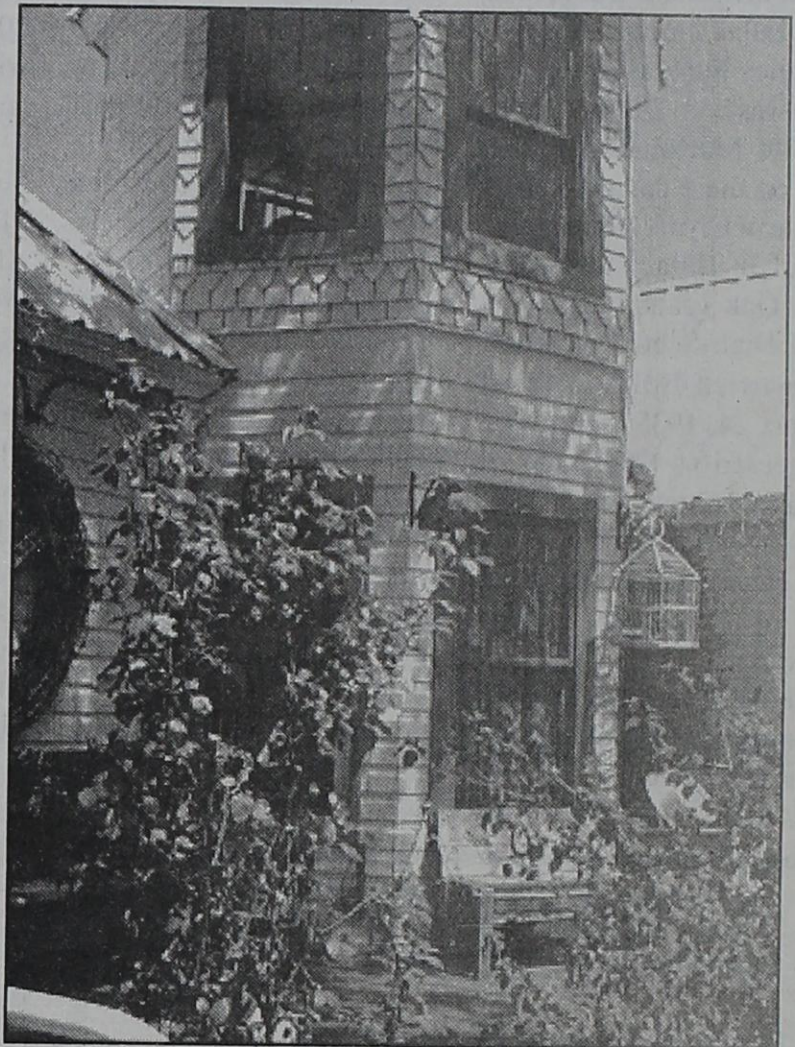
Cong. Stenholm pointed out that the \$1.7 million cost of the special session is just the tip of the iceberg for redistricting. "The cost in 2001 to get the existing plan in force was \$7 million. Texas could spend nearly that much defending the proposed plan in federal courts. And this plan will be challenged."

Baird Chamber Golf Tournament

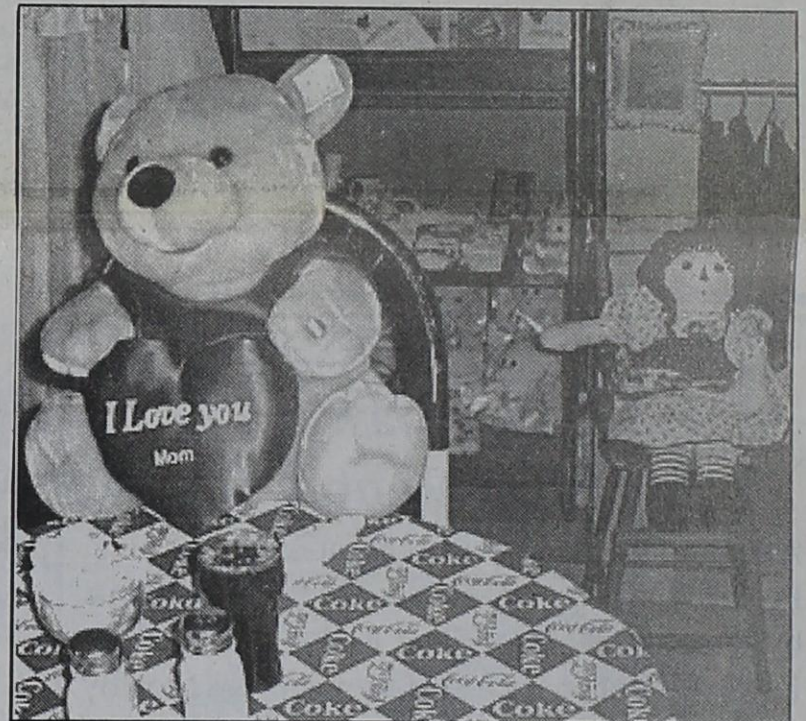
The Fifth Annual Golf Tournament sponsored by Baird Chamber of Commerce is scheduled Saturday, July 19th.

Entry fee for the two person scramble at Shady Oaks Golf Course is \$30 per person plus cart and green fee.

There will be prizes for tournament winners and hot dog/burger supper following the tournament, according to Susan McCool who is chairing the tournament.



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Wit's End Is Charming Inside And Out

By Margaret Hetrick

One of the nice things about Baird are the various eating establishments throughout the town.

I have already written

about the Whistle Stop Cafe on Market Street, which is a very popular stop for locals as well as tourist taking a stroll through the downtown area.

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Blood And Water Drive To Be July 23 At Clyde Post Office

The Clyde Post Office will host a blood drive on Wednesday, July 23. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile unit will be parked at the Post Office from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

In conjunction with the blood drive, the Clyde Post Office will also be accepting bottled water donations which will be donated to the Christ's Community Resource Center. Post Office officials will have a mail cart situated in the Post Office lobby to accept donations of bottled water for the resource center.

As many as three lives can

be saved with a single blood donation. Those in need of blood include cancer patients, trauma victims, surgical patients, premature babies and patients with chronic anemia.

According to a Meek Blood Center spokesperson, as little as three teaspoons of blood can save the life of a premature baby. A trauma victim may require as many as thirty pints of blood upon arrival to the emergency room, while a cancer patient may require as many as eight units of platelets a day while undergoing chemotherapy treatment.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Aspirin and most maintenance medications,

such as blood pressure, cholesterol, hormones and antidepressants are acceptable. There are some restrictions regarding some medications, certain medical conditions and travel outside the U. S.

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Each donor will receive a patriotic T-shirt and a complimentary cholesterol reading. Cholesterol results may be obtained two days after the blood drive by calling (325) 670-2799.

Call Margaret with all your local news and upcoming events at 854-1008 or 254-629-1701 or fax your news to 254-629-2092

OBITUARIES

Reo F. Jolly

CLYDE- Reo F. Jolly, 87, of Eula died Sunday, July 6, 2003 at his home.

Services were held Tuesday, July 8, 2003 at 2 p.m. at the Eula Methodist Church, C. Lee Smith and Rev. Bob Karlin officiated. Burial was in the Eula Cemetery directed by Bailey Funeral Home.

Reo was born December 18, 1915 to Marion and Bettie Cole on the Kennard Ranch outside of Clyde. He attended school in Eula, Clyde and Lone Oak graduating from Baird High School in 1933. He married Nellie Sith on August 24, 1935 in Abilene. He served as Callahan Co. Precinct 1 Democratic Chairman and Election Judge for over 60 years. He was a member of the Eula Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by one brother Marshall Jolly; two sisters, Maude Hannaford and Alta Jolly and one son-in-

law James Massengale.

Survivors are his wife Nellie; two daughters, Fran Massengale and Lela Rose and her husband Charles Dick all of Abilene; two brothers, Forrest Jolly of Arcadia, Ok. and Grady B. Jolly of Abilene; one sister, Pearl Edwards of Clyde; four grandchildren and their spouses, Lorri and Kyle Routh, Philip and Tanya Massengale, Liana and Steve Poole, Denise and Doug Scales; nine great-grandchildren, Leslie Nixon, Matt Routh, Justin Scales, Abby Massengale, Kari Routh, Kelli Routh, Cody Scales, Harley Poole, and Gracie Poole.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79605 or Eula Cemetery Association in care of Rose Farmer 5930 FM 603 Clyde, TX 79510.

Joe Ingram

CROSS PLAINS - Joe David Ingram, 74, died Friday, July 11, 2003 at Scott and White Hospital in Temple, Texas after a 15 year battle with cancer.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 14, 2003 at First Baptist Church with Ronnie White officiating and Burlie Taylor assisting.

Mr. Ingram was born February 5, 1929 in Cross Plains, to W. H. (Bill) and Althea Ingram. He married Wesley B. Proffitt on January 21, 1950 in Phillips, Texas.

Joe worked for Phillips Petroleum for 17 years in Phillips, Texas before returning to Cross Plains, where he was a farmer and rancher. He also served as Callahan County Commissioner for two terms and several years on the Cross Plains City Council.

He is survived by Wesley, his wife of 53 years; four daughters and sons-in-law, Patsy and John Moran of Abilene; Sherry and Brad Harris of Lexington, KY, Barbara and Donnie Dillard of Cross Plains, Edith and Rex Beggs of Cross Plains; a sister, Wanda Tyler of Eula; two brothers, Mike Ingram of Mammoth Lakes, CA and Mack Ingram of Richmond, Texas; 12 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; as well as a large extended family and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Willie Mae Ingram and Bonnie Ingram.

Honoring their grandfather as pallbearers are his grandsons, Elvan Goode, Jr., Donnie Dillard, Jr., John Moran, Jr., Tony Beggs, Joseph Dillard, Bo Harris. Honorary pallbearers include, Irwin Clark, Franzelle Odom, Arvin Brashear, and R. C. Merryman.

Memorial may be made to the Cross Plains EMS; First Baptist Church; or the American Cancer Society.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:
This is Joint Petition No. 1 for the following:

The Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States of America;

The Honorable Kay B. Hutchison, Texas Senator;

The Honorable John Cornyn, Texas Senator;

The Honorable Charles Stenholm, U.S. Representative of the 17th District;

We humbly pray that you shall use an extra amount of discernment with this Petition.

Patrick Henry said that the Bible is worth all other books which have ever been printed.

George Washington said, "It is impossible to rightly govern people without God and the Bible." He also warned against becoming entangled with foreign nations. Since we believe that George Washington knew more about what is best for this nation than some of our present leaders, especially the Supreme Court, we want enactment of the four fol-

lowing resolutions:

1. The right for unrestricted Christian prayer in our public schools.

2. "One nation under God" kept in the pledge to the flag.

3. The right to read and/or teach the Bible in our public schools.

4. Since the United Nations is controlled by terrorist, atheist, heathen, pagan, dictator, and communist countries; and also since one of the UN's main objectives is to confiscate all of our personal guns, and also that the majority of the members of the UN have no reason to tell the truth, we believe that we should withdraw from that

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Texas Historical Commission To Hold Workshop

A free, all-day Regional Workshop for community leaders, preservationists, students and interested citizens will be presented by the Texas Historical Commission (THC) on Wednesday, August 13.

The Workshop - **Celebrating Our History** - is from 8:30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. (Registration at 8 a.m.) in the Kemp Center for the Arts, 1300 Lamar, Wichita Falls, TX.

The THC invites interested persons to join the staff and guest speakers for a full day of learning and sharing information about promoting preservation in your community. The program emphasized issues specific to Central and West Central Texas.

Workshop hi-lights include a Welcome by Wichita Falls Mayor Bill Altman and the THC Executive Director Larry Oaks, a Keynote by Doug Harman, President and CEO of the Fort Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau, How to Save a Historic Building, Texas Historical Markers, Downtown Revitalization/ Better the Second Time Around, Archeology Stewards/Historic Texas Lands Plaque Program, Grant Writing 101, Optional local tour of historic downtown Wichita Falls, Optional afternoon (4 p.m.) guided tour of the nearby historic Archer County Courthouse currently undergoing restoration.

Celebrate the THC's 50th anniversary during lunch.

As your contribution to the 50th anniversary celebration, please bring photographs, news clippings and other mementos that represent the history of preservation efforts in your community or organization. During the workshop, we will pin these items to a Forts/Hill Country Region memory board. You may take home your items at the end of the workshop.

This event is free, but reservations are requested. A charge of \$8 will be made for lunch.

For more information or reservation forms, contact Jennifer Haisten at 1-800/799-6732 or 940/716-5500.

A block of rooms is reserved at the Radisson Hotel, 100 Central Freeway, Wichita Falls, 940-776-1730. Please reference the Texas Historical Commission workshop to receive the special room rate of \$70 for Tuesday, August 12, on a first come, for served basis. For other accommodations, call the Wichita Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800/799-6732.

News For Veterans

Department of Defense announces new Combat-Related Special Compensation

The Department of Defense, working together with the Department of Veterans Affairs, has announced the start of a new

compensation program for many disabled military retirees, Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC).

The new special compensation becomes effective May 31, 2003, for qualified combat-related disabled retirees. Payments for qualified retirees will accrue beginning June 1, 2003, with first payments possible on July 1, 2003.

Eligible members are those retirees who have 20 years of service for retired pay compensation and who either have disabilities because of combat injuries for which they have been awarded the Purple Heart or who are rated at least 60 percent disabled because of armed conflict, hazardous duty, training exercises, or mishaps involving military equipment.

Members must apply to their own branch of service using DD Form 2860, "Application for Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC)." The application form is available from the Defense Manpower Data Center Website at <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/crsc/>

Your Callahan County Veterans Service Office will have the application forms and other information on the new program. A call to 325-854-1520 on Mondays and Tuesdays will get copies in the mail to you. It appears to be well worth the time for those who are eligible.

Korean War

On July 5, 1950, Pvt Kenneth Shadrick of Skin Fork, West Virginia, became the first U. S. serviceman to die in the Korean War. Think of him and all the others who died in that terrible war when you observe the Armistice which came about fifty years ago on July 27, 1953.

TAPS

Each day the papers carry news of more buddies who have answered the last call. Our area is no exception and we are saddened to know the loss of Dr. Robert V. Bailey, Jr., USN born in Clyde, Frank Bartek, USA Cross Plains, William Brannon, USA Eula, DuWayne L. (D.L.) Clark, USAF, Clyde, J. R. Poindexter, USA Oplin, and Lyle Ancell, USAF Clyde, a good friend to so many. Our condolences are extended to the families of these Veterans, men who served their country well.

Starshine

Greetings from Windy Hill!

This is not usually what I am sending this time of morning, but it seems clear that it will be some time (if ever) before I send any more. columns.

So, this is a heartfelt "Thank You" for those of you who have borne patiently (as far as I know) with my nit-picking about my "stuff." And I am aware that I get pretty pickish at times. You are appreciated, whether we've ever met or not.

My email address is worthy@bigplanet.com. Feel free to use it any time. Julia Worthy 7-14-03

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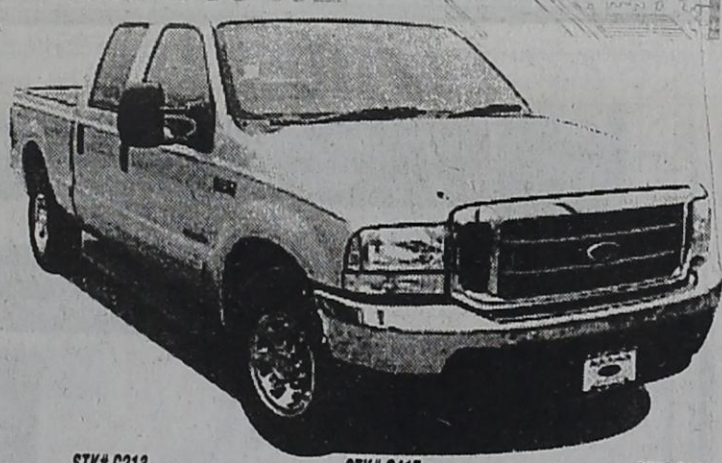
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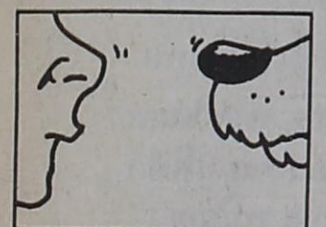
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Reich Reunion To Be July 20

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Aldolph Reich and his wife Matilda were both born in Baranvo, Germany and were married there on June 15, 1882. One son was also born there. On Nov. 4, 1884 they came to America. They were one of the first German immigrants to locate in the Cisco area where they lived and raised their thirteen children.

Children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, all descendants of Adolph and Matilda Reich will gather for a potluck dinner and fellowship at 12 noon. They will

share pictures and memories of their German heritage and the blessings and freedoms they have since their ancestors so bravely migrated to the new world.

Vicar Keith Reich, a great grandson of the late Adolph and Matilda Reich will be conducting the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School and Bible class beginning at 9:30.

Vicar Reich, son of Harold and Vernell Reich and his wife, Stacy, daughter of Baylis and Judy Pope, along with their 3 sons Reagan, Jonathon and Riley are staying in Cisco this summer until he assumes his vicarage duties in Hamilton, Tx. on July 21, 2003.

James Scott Is Spring Graduate Of Texas A&M

COLLEGE STATION - Diplomas were awarded to approximately 5,000 Texas A&M University graduates during spring commencement ceremonies. Among those recognized

were: James Caleb Scott of Baird, Bachelor Of Science Agricultural Economics

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Lakeside Country Club Guys and Dolls Results

Lakeside Country Club hosted their Guys & Dolls Tournament on July 5-6, 2003. Thirty-two teams participated in the 2-day tournament and the players were served pork chops, macaroni salad, green beans and apple cobbler on Saturday night. The Closest to the Pin was won by Dan Scott from Stephenville. The Men's Most Accurate Drive was won by Russell Walker and the Women's Most Accurate Drive was won by Karol Matlock from Fort Worth.

The Championship Flight was won by Barry and Sharon Fletcher with 125, Second was Tom Broom and Sherry Bowden with 127, Third was Bob and Donna McCoy with 137 and Fourth was Eddie and Kery Clay with 139.

The First Flight was won by Randy and Nancy Harris with 138, Second was David McCoy with Sylvia Snook with 138, Third was Eddie and Jan Clay with 139, Fourth was Sam Rodriguez and Karol Matlock with 140, Fifth was Jason Hutt and Lori Whatley with 140 and Fifth was Ronnie and Jean Hicks with 147.

The Second Flight was won by Joe and Lana Johnson with 142, Second was Judd Duncan and Christy Potts with 143, Third was Lonnie and Myra Gaylor with 144, Fourth was Joe and Marti Heyser with 145, Jerry Dudley and Delores Tankersley with 145, and Larry and Maria Duncan with 145 and Fifth was Ron and Georgia Gibson with 147.

The Third Flight was won by Harold and Helen Tilghman with 148, Second was Rick Mannke and Elaine Clark with 149, Third was Pat and Donna Hogan with 150, Third was Hank Smith and Jamie Thomas with 151, Fourth was Lanny Hand and Pat Byrd with 152 and Fifth was Rod Straw and Pam Thomas with 153.

The Fourth Flight was won by Russell Walker and Vickie Driscoll with 153, Second was Dickie Zarfes and Roxie Penn with 156, Third was Dale and Pam Wilson with 158 and Fourth was Buddy Bird and Evett Pundt with 158.

The Fifth Flight was won by Jack and Linda Straw with 156, Second was Dan and Pam Scott with 158, Third was Ronnie and Mickey Edwards with 162, Fourth was Ken and Sammie Blades with 164 and Fifth was Chance Bruno and Julie Sharp with 171.

The next tournament will be the Cliff Beck 2-Man Low-Ball on August 9-10, 2003. The entry fee will be \$120.00 per team. For more information call 254-629-2892.

TEXAS HARPERSVILLE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Summer Sounds Coming To Harpersville Music Festival

By Lindsay Meeks
The Harpersville Music Festival will kick off August 8th and will continue on through the weekend until the 10th as some of most talented songwriters of Texas and the neighboring states entertain crowds with their melodies.

The event was planned as a farewell to summer and introduction to the exciting artists and the June Leland Wildlife Foundation (the organization sponsoring the event.) All of the festivities are to raise money for the threatened Lesser Prairie Chicken while bringing families and friends together to listen to music and have a good time.

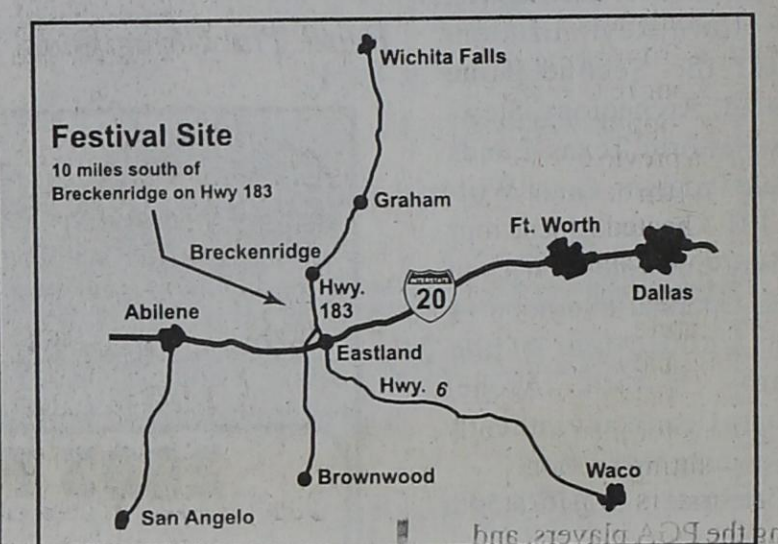
Jack Williams will set the mood of the event as the host and will be followed by award winning acts like Gary P. Nunn, Kevin Welch, Tish Hinojosa, Trout Fishing in America, Sisters Morales, Jimmy

LaFave, Lloyd Maines, and the young rising group, the South Austin Jug Band. Sunday, the show will start early (at noon) with a song service featuring the blues music and eight piece band of Kay Kay and the Rays.

Camping is encouraged on the 600-acre ranch and is free with the purchase of three-day advance tickets. The campsites are furnished with restroom and shower facilities.

Ticket prices are \$15 Friday and Saturday and \$25 on Saturday if purchased by mail or on-line ahead of time. For all three days, the price per ticket is \$49 and includes camping and children under 12 free. Tickets may be purchased at the gate during the festival for an additional \$5 per ticket or all three days for \$60. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

For more information about the festival, go on-line at www.harpersvillemusic.com or call toll free at 1-866-631-0705. Come join the fun!



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From Jacksonville take I-95 South to 9A on onto St. Johns Bluff Blvd. and when you end at A1A turn south three and a half miles to the resort. It is only about thirty five minutes from the airport.

This elegant resort offers the golfing opportunities I detailed in a previous article, as well as three outdoor pools (two heated), 24-hour exercise room, tennis with 17 courts (five lighted), jogging trails, miniature golf, horse-back riding, bicycle rentals, golf clinics, fishing, as well as programs for the children and baby-sitting services.

The spa is legendary among the PGA players, and is located in the fitness center. I had the privilege of having the masseuse that is assigned to Tiger Woods and his dad (Muriel Hattori) as my personal masseuse! Her gifted hands have brought relief to the PGA's finest players. One treatment and I understood why! And yes, if Tiger is not in, you may request her as your masseuse. Various massage types are available, as well as facials. In spring 2004, the resort has plans to open a 20,000 square foot spa with full-service hair and nail saloon, whirlpool area, juice bar with health drinks, and as fine a fitness room as the Marriott can produce!

With 508 guest rooms, villas, and suites to choose from, you will find one that meets your needs, for certain. There are 4,800 acres surrounding the hotel (which includes 350 acres of freshwater lakes and lagoons, live oaks, magnolias and palms). There are 508 rooms, villas, suites and the choice of 324 with views of water. Conventions will find ample facilities to meet their needs with ballrooms, 12,500 sq. ft. exhibit space, pavilions for weddings, and did I mention this is the largest meeting facility at a resort between Atlanta and Orlando? There are restaurants to meet every need and Champs Lounge provides an abundance of nightlife to the resort.

What makes this resort inviting, is not just the revolutionary exciting new ways to cater to family needs, beaches, tennis, and golf- but it is only minutes away from the historic St. Augustine where you find yourself walking back into time. Next time I'll walk down the cobble stone streets of St. Augustine with you.

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Read The Classifieds

CJC's Dinner Theatre To Present "Guys and Dolls" July 17-20, 24-27

Cisco Junior College's Dinner Theatre will be presenting "Guys and Dolls" as the second production of its 2003 summer season.

Directed by Le Jones, "Guys and Dolls" is a Broadway favorite and also a movie, which starred Frank Sinatra and Marlon Brando.

The story involves two gamblers who are to give up "the game" for the women they love. Nathan Detroit (Le Jones) has been engaged to Miss Adelaide (Dorothy Dowell) for 14 years and must relinquish his role as locator for the ongoing dice game to marry her. Sky Masterson (Taylor McClain) pursues Sarah Brown (Angela Kennedy) an evangelist at the Save-a-soul Mission and is to leave gambling to save his soul.

"Guys and Dolls" is filled with many recognizable tunes such as "Luck be a Lady" and "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat." Audience members find themselves humming as they leave the theatre.

Performance dates are July 17-20 and 24-27 at the Conrad Hilton Community Center. Dinner performances (\$15) are Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m.; Sunday dessert matinees (\$7.50) are at 2 p.m. For more information or to make reservations, call (254) 442-2589.

Recipe Corner

English Muffin Broccoli Pizza

2 sour dough English muffins
1/4 cup pasta sauce
1/4 cup broccoli florets, cut in fine pieces
1/4 cup light shredded mozzarella cheese
Wash hands. Split the English muffin in half and

TWC Approves Allocation For WCTWD Board

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) announced its approval of an \$11,134,555 allocation to fund workforce services provided through the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board (WCTWDB) for Fiscal Year 2004. The money allocated to WCTWDB is used to fund a variety of solutions, including services for employers to assist them in finding qualified workers. This is accomplished by screening applicant lists, scheduling inter-

views and arranging space for the interviews, if necessary. In addition, funding is provided to assist job seekers in obtaining skills required for jobs that are available in the region. Welfare and food stamp recipients are provided services to help them become self-supporting through job-search assistance and job-readiness classes, basic skills training, and support services, including childcare and transportation.

The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board serves nineteen counties, including Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton counties.

The WCTWDB is one of 28 local workforce development boards throughout the state that, in partnership with TWC, delivers workforce solutions through the state's 279 Texas Workforce Centers. The primary goal of the statewide workforcesystem is to guarantee that a skilled and qualified workforce is in place to meet the needs of Texas' employers through locally controlled, employer-driven workforce development initiatives and programs. All employers, as well as workers and job seekers, are eligible to take advantage of these services, which are primarily federally funded and generally provided at no charge to the customer.

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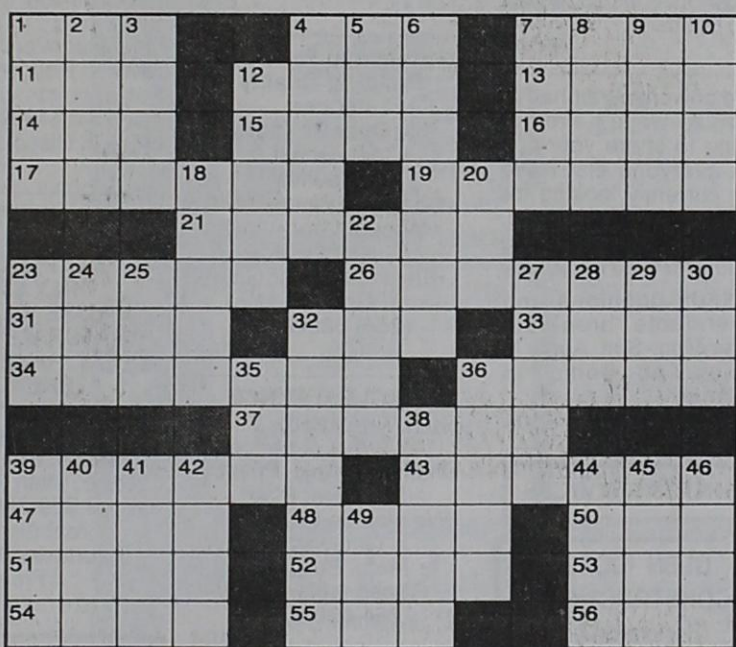


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- Sheepish reply
- Discontinue
- Town southeast of Oklahoma City
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- Open
- Mediterranean, e.g.
- "As _____ as a painted ship..." (Coleridge)
- Hotter under the collar
- Do a double take, perhaps
- Good-luck animal
- Holds tightly
- Gave the boot
- Deceit
- Hence
- Make _____ while the sun shines
- Feminine suffix
- Run easily
- Rile
- Blender setting
- Of course!
- Opposite of SSW

DOWN

- Entry on a to-do list
- Thinker's reward
- Carson's predecessor
- Generate
- Orangutan, e.g.
- What opposites do
- One-liner
- Night _____ Night (Reagan film)
- March date
- Scholarly volume
- Toys with tails
- Make changes
- Bush or Clinton
- Filaments
- Actress Benaderet
- White-tailed bird
- Finagle
- Ration one's rations
- Scene of the Judgment of Paris
- Doter's treatment: abbr.
- "_____ Do I Marvel" (Cullen)
- Monstrous
- Puck
- Say "up and at 'em!"
- Spectacular successes
- Became bigger
- Baseballer Babe
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- The _____ Man
- Realize
- Jerry Van _____
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Ag Talk

By Charlie Stenholm

BSE Update

Canada continues to get high marks for its handling of the one isolated case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), or mad cow disease.

A report by an international panel of four animal health experts has praised the "comprehensive scope, level of analysis and thoroughness of the investigation."

According to this panel, Canadian experts collected and assessed a level of information that far exceeds the investigations done in most other BSE-affected countries.

The panel noted that the BSE risk management measures that were already in place in Canada reduced the spread and development of the disease, and that the Canadians are an example of dedication and competence.

The United States is still working diligently with the Canadian Government to examine when the beef export market borders will again open between the two countries.

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program Hearing

Last week, the House Agriculture Committee held a hearing regarding the Department of Agriculture's Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program.

This Program provides grants to rural schools and health care providers so that they can invest in telecommunication facilities and equipment to bring educational and medical resources to those in rural areas who otherwise might not be able to receive it.

This is an important program because, given the current changes in rural America, health care for elderly rural residents is becoming more urgent.

And rural West Texas is hit the hardest due to the high cost of medical care and a short supply of qualified health care professionals.

Last week's hearing focused on how the program can be improved through better access and quality.

Disaster Assistance Sign-up

According to the state FSA office, the necessary tools and preparations for disaster assistance sign-up now appear to be in place.

Some folks had been experiencing delays, either because their local FSA office did not have the computer capability or the staff training to complete the sign-up.

In fairness to the FSA offices, they have had plenty to do in finishing up the sign-up for the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP), the general CRP sign-up, and processing the acreage reports that were due June 30th.

The only problem that may arise is that the Risk Management Agency (RMA) is still updating its crop insurance information, but we have been assured that county officials are going to let farmers sign up, even if they don't yet have the official production evidence from RMA.

I know the FSA personnel

will appreciate your patience and understanding as they work long hours to process all of the paperwork that these programs require.

Bankruptcy Protection for Farmers Passes House

Last week, the House passed legislation to extend special bankruptcy protections for an additional six months, therefore allowing family farmers the ability to reorganize their debt while still holding onto their assets.

We anticipate that the Senate will act quickly on this measure and, hopefully, send it directly to the President for his signature.

FY 2004 Agriculture Appropriations

Last week, the House Appropriations Committee approved an agriculture appropriations bill for fiscal year

2004.

This bill would provide \$17 billion for agriculture department and related programs; however this amount is a reduction of almost one billion dollars from spending for the current year.

One of the most controversial sections of this bill would prevent USDA from spending money to implement the country-of-origin labeling provision that was included in the 2002 Farm Bill.

At a hearing this past week, a number of us on the Agriculture

Committee continued to

express serious concerns about potential problems with the mandatory country-of-origin labeling that is scheduled to go into effect in the fall of 2004.

It is not clear how the Senate will proceed with this matter, but I understand there is talk about a legislative proposal that would allow livestock producers to self-certify their animals' country-of-origin.

USDA officials have said that the new requirements will not have a positive effect overall and that the unintended consequences on pro-

ducers and the distribution chain could be significant.

Ag Subcommittee Holds Hearing on Packer Ban

The House Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture recently held a field hearing in Grand Island, Nebraska, to review proposals to ban the ownership of livestock by packers.

There were about 80 producers present, and these producers expressed mixed feelings about the wisdom of a packer ownership ban.

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The packers themselves seemed to agree that they wanted to preserve their ability to contract for specific quality traits, which is something they believe is essential in terms of their ability to compete in the marketplace.

The 2002 Farm Bill encouraged Congress to hold hearings on this issue, and the recent field hearing in Nebraska is a first step in determining what action, if any, is needed here.

Recipe Corner

Yummy Trail Snack Mix

- 1 cup bite size shredded wheat
- 1 cup bite size pretzels
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Texas Private Landowners Receive Conservation Grants

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that seven federal grants totaling more than \$850,000 were awarded to individuals or groups for conservation projects on private lands for threatened, endangered or at-risk species. The grants were the first awarded in the state under the new Private Stewardship Grants Program.

"Private landowners are first and foremost stewards of Texas lands," Combs said. "With more than 97 percent of the state privately owned, landowners are important partners in resource and species conservation."

"The Private Stewardship Grants Program is a tremendous partnership with the federal government that will continue to conserve the beauty and diversity of Texas for years to come," Combs said.

The Private Stewardship Grants Program, administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service, provides federal grants to individuals and groups engaged in voluntary conservation efforts

on private lands that benefit endangered, threatened or at-risk species. Each grant must be matched by at least 10 percent of the total cost in either non-federal dollars or in-kind contributions.

"By working cooperatively with private landowners, we create a framework in which public and private partnerships serve to reward, not punish, landowners who restore habitat and take other steps to protect and recover endangered, threatened or at-risk species on their land," said Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior David P. Smith.

"Obviously, the key to conservation of natural resources in Texas is working in close partnership with private landowners, so the Private Stewardship Grants Program is a great tool for forming partnerships and preserving habitats," said Dale Hall, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Southwest Region.

Among the Grants awarded was \$91,875 to the Texas Prairie Rivers Region Inc. in the Northeastern Texas Panhandle. This will assist landowners who wish to re-

store 20,786 acres of habitat for at-risk species and other grassland species.

Another grant of \$36,000 went to Cook's Branch Conservancy in Montgomery County. This grant will create 12 red-cockaded woodpecker cluster recruitment sites.

A grant of \$4,345 went to Pines and Prairie Land Trust in Bastrop County. This will construct a small, shallow breeding pond for the Houston Toad.

Also in Bastrop County, \$300,000 was granted to the Coastal Prairies Coalition of the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative. The project will involve the reclamation, restoration and conservation of native coastal prairie in Texas, including grasses, native wildflowers, various birds, and the Texas Horned Lizard (Horned Frog).

A grant of \$100,000 is going to the Texas Wildlife Association Foundation in Bell, Coryell, Hamilton and Kerr Counties. This project will implement black-capped vireo habitat restoration along with the Leon River Restoration and the Guadalupe River Restoration Projects.

A grant of \$100,000 was also made to the Peregrine Fund, Northern Aplomado Falcon in Andrews, Brewster, Cochran, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Dimmitt, Duval, Ector, Edwards, El Paso,

Frio, Gaines, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and a number of other Southwestern Texas counties.

This project is the continuation of a program to reestablish wild populations of this endangered species in the Southwestern United States and Northern Mexico.

A grant of \$220,841 went to the Wild Turkey Center, Riparian Habitat Improvement in Briscoe, Donley, Hemphill and Lipscomb counties. This is a cooperative project among private landowners in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma who own land along the Canadian River and its tributaries to improve the environment. Some 6,000 acres are targeted for this effort. Native trees and grasses will be re-planted and endangered species of prairie chicken and other wildlife will be protected.

It sounds like these grants will be a real help to landowners and groups who are trying to protect the environment and save Texas vegetation and wildlife.

We note that nothing has been granted in the Eastland and Callahan County area, but this may change in the future.

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Cross Cut Reunion Is Set For Sunday

The annual Cross Cut Reunion will be held Sunday, July 20th, 2003, at the Cross Plains Community Center. All alumni, friends and family are invited to attend this event, as we enjoy a covered dish luncheon and silent auction followed by the annual business meeting of the Cross Cut

Cemetery Association.

Lunch is at noon but the doors will be open at 9:00 a.m. for those wanting to drop off their covered dishes and/or items for the silent auction. Please call Chris or Jerry Biggerstaff at (254) 725-4189 for more information or to be placed on the mailing list.

Rep. Hilderbran Named To School Finance Committee

Austin - Representative Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, was appointed to serve on the Select Committee on Public School Finance. The committee is studying the state's tax structure and its public school finance system with a goal of completely re-vamping the state's tax code and its method of funding schools.

The process will likely abolish "Robin Hood", the existing method of funding schools, which could be found unconstitutional after the Supreme Court has determined that several school districts that have sued the state over the plan may pursue their lawsuits.

Representative Hilderbran will serve on the Employee Benefits/Compensation Subcommittee. The subcommittee will examine and make

recommendations pertaining to the state's role in providing compensation to school district employees, including health insurance and salary schedules.

"I am very pleased that Speaker Craddick chose to put me on his committee. Insurance and compensation for school district employees are issues that weigh heavily on the minds of many of my constituents," Hilderbran said. "Any change to the system must be evaluated on how it affects our teachers and school district employees."

Representative Hilderbran serves District 53 in the Texas House of Representatives which includes Callahan, Coleman, Concho, Crockett, Llano, Keer, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Real, Runnels, San Saba and Sutton counties.

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Two Sioux Warriors at Memorial Dedication

Traveling With Purpose

By: Walter Williams

Americans have always been a mobile people. This is especially observable with the Okies and Arkies of the 1930's. They filled a vacuum created by mass production of the automobile and the desire of Americans to investigate beyond the horizon. For a fact, these 20th century migrants had a survival motivation in striking out for the West, but they also observed the beauty of the land and lived in harmony with it. Living in their tents and homemade trailers, they became the first vacationers with purpose. Today, due to the pressures of structured work schedules, school grades for the kids, and personal interests, the trend is to multi-task even on vacation. Travelers are not content to simply relax while on vacation, but to enjoy the beauty of America while pursuing hobbies and teaching their children through observation and touch.

Montana, especially Custer Country in the southeastern section of the state, offers a myriad of vacation and historical opportunities that fit the modern agenda. Over 20 years ago, the author had the opportunity to visit the Little Bighorn Battlefield. The white marble markers and the granite Obelisk on

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Wit's End

Another delightful place to take a break from the mid-day heat and enjoy a sandwich, soup, salad or dessert is the Wit's End located at 400 Pine Street.

Originally a shop for antiques and other collectables and gift items, now lunch is also served there from 11:00 to 2:00, Monday through Saturday. "We are adding lunch on Sundays," owner Anita Mays said. The featured meal sounded so delicious that I felt it would be worth a drive for that alone.

Inside and outside, Wit's End is a charming place to look at and browse in - not to mentioned the perfect place to enjoy a piece of freshly baked buttermilk pie!

Anita tells me that they also have children's tea parties. The girls dress up as real ladies in lacy, silky, feathery creations. It sounds like the perfect idea for girl's birthday celebrations!

Last Stand Hill were impressive. However, additional research was necessary to understand what happened on that hot June day in 1876 when General Custer and 245 seventh Cavalry soldiers lost their lives at the hands of the Sioux, Cheyenne, and Arapaho warriors camped at Greasy Grass on the banks of the Little Big Horn River. Today, with a museum and bookstore on the site, as well as auditory

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markers and maps, the events and fateful decisions of Custer and Reno are much easier to follow and understand. In addition, the GarryOwen, located at the Greasy Grass campsite offers a tremendous collection of Battle site and Plains Indian artifacts. At least one curator is on duty to answer questions

about the museum and battle site. Crow Park Rangers will join the traveler in your vehicle and take you throughout the battlefield. They will give you the Indian perspective of the battle. There is an additional charge of about \$30 per hour - money well spent for the historical buff.

In 1988 Russell Means, founder of the American Indian Movement (AIM), led a protest over the lack of an Indian memorial at the site of the battle. The result is a 2.3 million dollar monument honoring the Indian warriors and scouts at the battle. Located just below the 7th Cavalry monument, the Native American Monument is open to the four corners of the earth with the Northern view featuring three horses and riders silhouetted against the sky. A weeping wall and pool is located in the southern entrance.

While in Custer Country, visit the Culture of the Apsaalooke or Crow Nation. Chief Plenty Coups State Park near Pryor is a great spot for an afternoon grill or picnic. Cloaked by the Wolf Mountains and with the Bozeman trail nearby, the

park museum deals exclusively with the Crow nation. Chief Plenty Coup had a vision that inspired him to work with the "white eyes" instead of fighting them. This explains why the Crows were one of the very few Indian Nations not relocated to other areas. Ask for Michael Hunsaker as a guide at the park. He will explain how the Crows used native Montana plants as well as the unique History of the park. Crow belief maintains that they are born into a Garden of Eden and live there until they leave the Big Horn and Wolf Mountains. It is only when they leave their native homeland that they have problems.

The Cheyenne call the Little Big Horn battle, "where Long Hair was wiped away". General Custer smoked the peace pipe with the Cheyenne people and when leaving, he spilled part of the ashes on his boot and the ground. When he brushed the sacred ashes off of his foot and wiped them into the ground, it was seen as a bad omen. According to Cheyenne history, he was not scalped because he had smoked the peace pipe with them. His ears were pierced with hair pins so that he would remember his words better in the next life.

Chief Dull Knife College in Lane Deer displays a tremendous collection of Cheyenne Art and is open for visitors. Ask about the work of Leroy Whiteman and Chris Rowland, two local Northern Cheyenne artists. Indian art is not always easily understood, but usually has a symbolic interpretation. According to Bentley Spang, a student at Dull Knife, "if you bought the art at a gallery and paid a lot of money and don't know what it is, it is probably Indian art because you have the rest of your life to figure it out."

Custer Country offers an abundance of lakes and rivers with fishing and boating activities as well as horseback riding in the outdoors. Billings has several museums but the Western Heritage Center is the premier attraction. Across the street from the museum is an Indian Art shop that specializes in Plains Indian clothing and decorations. Pompeys Pillar is just outside of Billings and is a tremendous site where Captain William Clark carved his name in a limestone face of the pillar. It is located beside the quite Yellowstone River on I-94, Exit 23. Plan to take a picnic lunch. Even during the heat of the day, the giant cottonwoods will shelter the visitor from the sun. The view from the top of the Pillar is breathtaking and a perfect spot to phone back home and let everyone know how you're doing.

Check Out These Web Sites:

The National Women's Health Center at www.healthwomen.org.
American College of Physicians at www.doctorsforadults.com.
For more information on the health benefits of eating apples and apple recipes, log onto www.motts.com.
Crest at www.crest.com.
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Dorothy Dunn Estate Auction

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All items to be sold at absolute auction with no minimums or reserves. No Buyers premiums No Registration fees - No hidden charges Dorothy Dunn was a lifelong resident of Rising Star. We have moved the contents of this estate into our auction house and will conduct the sale here. Located in downtown Rising Star just three hours or less from anywhere that it matters - 20 minutes south of Cisco off Interstate 20.

Email us at rsac@eastland.net for a link to a photo album on this auction. A partial listing of the items in this auction includes the following: Some very nice antique and vintage American furniture including: small antique oak, ice box; antique punched tin pie safe; large 1930's burled walnut China cabinet and matching sideboard; reupholstered 1940's French provincial sofa and side chair; antique oak spindle back rocker; reupholstered tufted chairs; marble top Eastlake lamp table; oak claw & ball, foot piano stool; antique oak washstand; wicker back sofa with matching chair & rocker; set of 4 antique oak spindle back chairs; (6) oak ice cream chairs, sofa table and more. Contemporary furniture: Drexel dining table with 6 matching chairs. Thomasville including sideboard, pair of end tables, entryway cabinet with matching hall mirror; Henredon bar; pair of 6 ft. bookcases; marble top fern stands and much more. Vintage collectibles: cast iron church bell from Pioneer, TX; antique 10 gal. cylindrical glass gas pump tank; 250# anvil; cast iron 8 ft. yard light; small double sided Pennzoil "Sound Your Z" sign; (11 pcs.) Fiesta dinnerware American Fostoria water glasses, sherberts and celery bowl; Iris & Herringbone pitcher; large ruby red bowl; 1973 limited edition framed print commemorating 150th Anniversary of Texas Rangers, "One Riot - One Ranger"; pair of small font oil lamps; (3) cast iron wash pots; several originally framed prints inc. "Country Cottage" & "Nature's bounty"; Ingram kitchen clock with alarm (needs repair); 12 gal. crock jar; oakincubator; early brass cash register; stained glass panels; cast iron apple peeler; Roseville ure (minor damage); man's derby hat; Goebel bird figurine; costume jewelry; (53 pcs.) Blue willow china; (40 pcs) 8 place setting of Haviland Bavarian china and much more. Major appliances and housewares: Kenmore 80 Series heavy duty super capacity plus washer and dryer; Whirlpool large capacity heavy duty electric dryer and washer several TVs (all working, one has never been plugged in); kitchen Roods and more. Lawn and yard equipment: Craftsman 19 hp 42" cut 6 speed lawn tractor; Craftsman 14 hp 42" cut 6 speed lawn tractor; Pro brand Commercial grade, self propelled lawn mower; DR Trimmer Jacobson PowerFlo 21 self propelled lawn mower (suitable for putting greens); Echo and Craftsman 18" chainsaws; weed eaters; hedge trimming; yard blower and much more. Large selection of good quality wrought iron patio furniture: tables; chairs and occasional furniture, Shop tools: Lincoln 225 amp arc welder; custom made welder's trailer; Speedaire compressor. Wells metal band saw; Wards 18" radial arm saw; Rockwell table saw; ToolKraft belt/disk sander, 1 ton Budget electric hoist, 1 ton chain fall; appx. 1 doz. Victor torches, several Victor gauge and regulator sets; floorjacks; Ridgid pipe tools inc. vise table, wrenches to 36" and dies to 2 1/2 pneumatic impact wrench; boomers; SkilSaws, hand tools of all sort including lots of Proto and much more.

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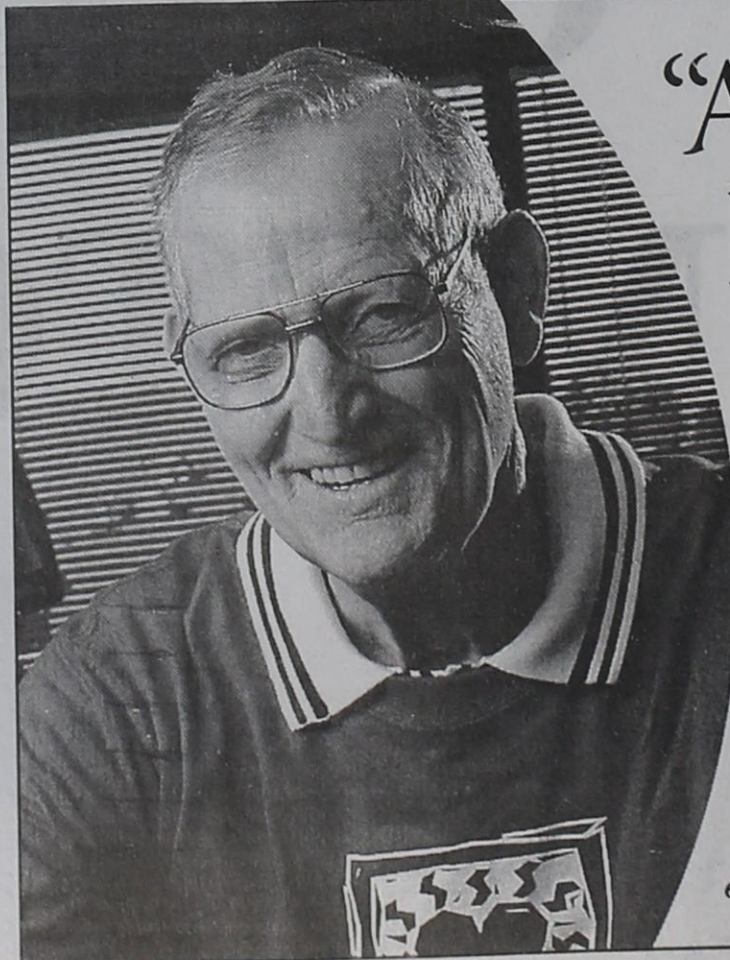
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