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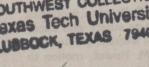
# Cross Plains Review

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**CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443** 

**NUMBER 5** 

"You've Just Got to Read

By Vanda Anderson Creech

In the past I have written some movie reviews when I was really motivated by some production, but I don't think I have ever written a book review.

However, the book "Running As Fast As I Can" written by Lois Hilton Spoon, has moved me to

Colleen Anderson of Cross Plains is the foster mother of Lois. Lois' parents were missionaries in Mexico and when she was a teenager she lived with Colleen in Texas. During these years Lois became close to Colleen and her family and formed a permanent

Colleen brought me Lois' book one day and gently prodded me to read it a couple of times. I am so glad she did. Once I started, it was difficult to put down, reading until about 1:00 a.m. Now you must understand that I am a slow reader, as I concentrate on each sentence to try and grasp the fullest meaning. It probably won't take you that long. It is a series of short stories and I loved the way it was presented.

to Lois. She was like an old friend who I just hadn't heard from in a long while.

Lois was diagnosed with terminal cancer on October 29, 1993 and was given only a few months to live. Nine years later she is still living and giving the very best of herself to others. Hers is a story of hope, faith and encouragement that will truly warm your heart.

The title of her book originated from the fact that she is a long distance runner. She ran a 10 mile race on October 29, 1994, a year after her death sentence, and hasn't given up since.

Being a writer, Lois opens her mind and heart to readers to some of her most personal tragedies and triumphs. She writes of her close relation to the Lord with great boldness. Her humor is extraordinary and I know it has kept her spirits up throughout her trials with breast cancer.

If you are currently undergoing a serious physical illness you will be able to relate to her. Lois continues to beat the odds and you can too. I know she would appreciate your prayers for her continued strength as she does God's will.

If you are not suffering from a physical illness, you will receive a blessing from her story and perhaps give strength to others.

A few books are available at the Cross Plains Review. You may also be able to obtain a copy at a Bible book store. If you are searching for hope and enlightenment, this is the book for you.

### Key Club Bake Sale Saturday

The Key Club Chapter will be sponsoring a bake sale to raise funds for the upcoming school year. It will be held Saturday, April 27th, in front of Village Market beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please come and support your local Key Club!



The members of the Cross Plains Garden Club are very pleased to have had the opportunity to welcome you Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21, to our 40th Annual Flower Show.

Top winners of the show, titled "The Greatest Little Flower Show on Earth" were in Design, Barbara Powell was awarded the Designers Choice Award and tied for the Sweepstakes Award, and Club President Robert (Bob) Powell won the Tricolor Award for his entry "In This Ring" and tied for Sweepstakes. Joyce Odom was close behind them and also a blue ribbon winner in the Design Division.

Eva Fleming was awarded the Award of Merit and the Sweepstakes Award for Horticulture. Mary Ella Weaver received the Horticultural Excellence Award for her copper plant.

Congratulations to these top winners in both Designs and Horticulture. Congratulations are also in order for the Flower Show Chairman, Eva Fleming, for a job well done and a spectacular show.

Congrats and many thanks to all participating members for their lovely entries and for all their hard work and dedication. Ribbons were awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention.

We hope you were able to attend the flower show, view all the en-It only took a few paragraphs to tries both for beauty and for exbecome emotionally connected cellence and witness the talent

Submitted by Kay Mosley

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present for the dedication.

dedication to pursuing the His-

toric Marker and preservation of

Stenholm was unable to attend

the ceremony. Former Eastland

County Judge, Scott Bailey, was

there representing State Repre-

sentative Jim Keffer. He made

some interesting remarks con-

cerning the choice of the name

"Liberty" for the community.

Commissioner Bill Underwood

Cloris Webb told a few stories

from the past and unveiled the

In the late 1870's and early

1880's many families moved into

southwestern Eastland County buying economical farm land and by 1890 the small community of

Liberty was established 3 miles

north of the Pioneer community.

Liberty Cemetery is the final rest-

ing place for many families in-

cluding Webb, Holder, Duke,

Phillips, Pinkston, Booth and

See Dedication Page 6

Charles

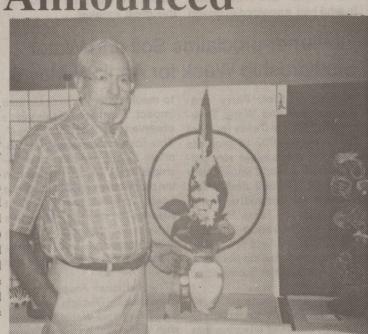
the invocation.

the cemetery.

Congressman

was also present.

marker.



In the Horticulture Category TIED FOR SWEEPSTAKES IN DESIGNS AND TRI-COLOR AWARD WINNER — Robert Powell



AWARD OF MERIT AND HORTICULTURE SWEEP-STAKES WINNER — Eva Fleming

Liberty Cemetery Forever

Remembered in Texas History

# Fish Fry This Friday at C.P. Community Center The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor their Department has a "Queen Size

**Annual Fire Department** 

OUEEN SIZE "FLOWER BASKET" QUILT — The

Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be drawing

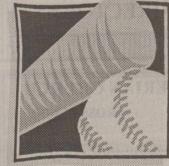
for the lucky winner of this quilt at their annual Fish Fry.

Annual Fish Fry this year on Fri-Flower Basket Quilt" that will be day, April 26th, at the Cross drawn for on the night of the Fish Plains Community Center from 5 Fry. You may view the quilt at to 8 p.m. The cost will be \$7.00 Texas Heritage Bank where you for adults and \$3.00 for children may also purchase tickets for 12 and under.

chicken strips, French fries, for sale. beans, coleslaw, tartar sauce and Remember April 26th for a all the usual condiments including iced tea and peach cobbler for thy cause.

\$1.00 each. Members of the fire The menu will consist of fish or department will also have tickets

great evening out for a truly wor-



# Little League **Baseball Opening** Parade/Ceremonies This Saturday

League, T-Ball and Soft Ball players will have a parade down Main Street beginning at 12:30

Following the parade, the teams (254) 725-7275. will meet at the Little League Park for team introductions and opening ceremonies. Little League games will start at 3:30 p.m. and T-Ball games at 5:30

The Little League Association would like to invite the entire community out for a day of fun at the ball park.



The Car Wash will take place behind the Dairy Queen on the Food Plaza parking lot from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Come by and let these kids wash Saturday, April 27, Little and hand-dry your car. All dona-

than happy to wash your dusty,

dirty car on Saturday, April 27th.

tions will be for next year's Junior-Senior Prom.

For further detail contact Jennifer Young, Class President, at



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#### The Liberty Cemetery will forever be remembered as it was honored with an Historic Marker last Saturday, April 20. A large crowd of descendants were Sylvia Lacy King welcomed everyone and present personal history of the some of the individuals buried in the Liberty Cemetery. Donald Duke offered Honorable Judge Brad Stephenson of Eastland County gave a brief speech and awarded Sylvia King with a plaque for her

UNVEILING HISTORICAL MARKER— Bill Pinkston (back, from left), Jim Webb and Judge Brad Stephenson; Clois Webb (front from left), Sylvia King and former Judge Scott Bailey were present for the special ceremony.

# NATIONAL PRAYER DAY Thursday, May 2, 2002

Meeting Around the Flag Pole at City Hall

Two Prayer Sessions 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Local and area churches invite you to join them in praying for Federal Leaders, State Leaders, Local Leaders, Communities, Families, Youth, Churches, for a Personal Renewal and Moral Awakening, and more.

Richard Townzen, driving while intoxicated (DWI). Aaron E. Savage, theft of property by check.

Ron Shy, theft of property by

Kathy Lynn Molinar, theft of property by check. Jai Joe Garrett, possession of

marijuana. Jeffrey W. Jowdry, DWI. Harry L. Cooper, making alcohol available to a minor.

Curtis S. Dugan, assault. Daniel D. Fry, evading arrest.

#### Misdemeanor Minutes

Carlton Thigpen, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Raymond Clay, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Kristopher Cole Biggs, motion to dismiss to DWI granted, insufficient evidence.

Greg Busse, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution. Nikea De Ann Clark, order extending probation granted. Audra N. Hare, plea of guilty to deadly conduct, 1 year probation, \$2500 fine, \$238 court costs. 10173 100 723 West of Cross Plains), will Michael C. Branton, motion to what the Cross Timbers

withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

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

#### Civil Filings

A.J. Ray and C.D. Ray, di-Jillian Hancock McCormack and Vernon Keith McCormack,

divorce. Judy Beth Baugh and Larry Don Baugh, divorce. Sherrie Shaffer and Brian Wil-

liam Shaffer, divorce.

#### **Civil Minutes**

Mark Joseph Baidas and Teresa Kay Baidas, divorce granted.

Rodger Gene Manuel and Barbarra Manuel, divorce granted.

Kenneth Anthony Thompson and Enola Ruth Thompson, divorce granted.

Benny Frank Brame and Lynn Ann Bramme, divorce granted. Danny Bethea and Joy Bethea, divorce granted.

# **Esther Kerr Installed for Another Term as Officer for Central Texas Opportunities**

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation providing Head Start, Early Head Start, and Energy Assistance services to residents of Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, McCulloch, and Runnels Counties, installed its Officers for FY 2002-2003 at Debbie's Restaurant, 310 W. Pecan, Coleman, Texas, on Tuesday, March 26, 2002. The Honorable Marilyn Egan, Runnels County Judge, to the three candidates that were re-elected to serve another onevear term. Officers are: Kermit

Sorrells, Chairman, Public Sector Representative for the Honorable Jimmie Hobbs of Coleman County, Alfred Rodriquez, Vice-Chairman, Public Sector Representative for the Honorable James Arthur of Comanche County, and Esther Kerr, Secretary/Treasurer, Public Sector Representative for the Honorable Roger Corn of Callahan County. A meal and a business meeting followed the Installation of Officers. We congratuadministered the Oath of Office late each candidate on their reelection and appreciate their loyal dedication and service to Central Texas Opportunities, Inc.

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For Information Call (254) 725-6800

# **COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship......11:00 A.M. Evening Service...... 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time......7:00 Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 643-3276 Church (254)725-6266

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# **ROWDEN BAPTIST CHURCH**

Hwy. 36 at Rowden - 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....11:00 A.M.

Pastor: Carl Mauldin

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### NIMROD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sponser: Pioneer Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship......11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening Worship......6:00 P.M.

**Bill Armstrong - Pastor** 

# Hear "John Wayne" as Rowden **Baptist Church Hosts Cross Timbers Baptist Association**

Rowden Baptist Church, movies with John Wayne. 7:00 p.m.

Speaker for the event is John Wayne impersonator Dr. Gene Howard who is well known both nationally and Internationally. The program for the night is entitled "OUR PATRIOTIC

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE". Dr. Howard has appeared on and many interviews. programs with General H. Jr. who had appeared in eleven this great speaker.

He's performed at several Michael C, Branton, motion to host the Cross Timbers the NRA, VFW, Lion's and the withdraw as surety and application bouthern Baptist Association American Women's Association for warrant granted Southern Baptist Association American Women's Association Also, Texas Parks and Wild Life meetings, and for National Organizations, such as Wild Life meetings, and for disabled American Veterans, at the Abilene Rehab Trail Ride and Electric Co-op Annual meetings all over the U.S.A.

Howard has made Television appearances on Swans Place, ESPN, Texas Country Reporter

This promises to be both an Norman Schwarzkof, Dr. Allan entertaining and interesting Keyes, John Wayne's widow evening. Everyone is invited to Pillar Wayne and Harry Carry attend and enjoy the wisdom of

## Governor proclaims Soil and Water Stewardship Week for April 29-May 5

claimed Soil and Water Stew- impact. The theme of this year's ardship Week in Texas for April observance is "The Gift of Trees". 29 - May 5, 2002 to promote wise and responsible stewardship of our soil and water. Perry met with the Soil and Water Stewardship Committee of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts to work for the good of all to (ATSWCD) on April 3, 2002 to utilize, conserve and properly sign the proclamation declaring manage those resources in our the Soil and Water Stewardship Week dates.

In the proclamation, Perry we are wise stewards of this great land for generations to come. The proclamation stated that the future of the Lone Star State begins today and the responsibility lies with us now to build a solid foundation for our they assume the reins of leader-

The Soil and Water Stewardship Committee of the ATSWCD sponsors the awareness campaign to educate the public about the importance of responsible soil and water stewardship.

Participation in Soil and Water Stewardship Week activities offers an opportunity to reflect on the nation's renewable resource problems and consider actions

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Governor Rick Perry pro- to resolve them or reduce their This focus is especially appropriate as our need for stewardship is vital if we are to maintain the productive capabilities of our basic natural resources. It stresses the need for all people

The National Association of Conservation Districts has sponurged all Texans to recognize sored Soil and Water Stewardthe importance of ensuring that ship Week in the United States since 1955, in cooperation with the nation's nearly 3,000 soil and water conservation districts. Information and material on the Soil and Water Stewardship Week theme is distributed each year through local conservation children and grandchildren as districts to clergymen, lay leaders, civic and educational organizations and to individuals interested in participating in the celebration.

Information and materials for the 2002 observance of Oil and Water Stewardship Week can be obtained from your local soil and water conservation district or the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board at (254)

## **Callahan County DPS** Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from April 14, 2002 through April 20, 2002 include: Cases Investigated

Warnings-80 Complaints-77 DWI-4

Possession of Marijuana-1 Possession of Drug Parapher-

Fugitive Arrest-Theft by Check-1 Vehicle Accidents

There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this

People Arrested On **Outstanding Warrants** There were two outstanding

warrant issued for a total of \$640.00 collected.

## **ROWDEN BAPTIST CHURCH** 12 MILES WEST OF CROSS PLAINS ON HWY. 36

AT ROWDEN

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES STARTING AT 7:00 P.M. STUDY TOPICS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS.

1. Is there really a God?

2. Is Genesis relevant today?

3. Did God create in 6 literal days?

4. Why is there death & suffering? 5. Do Animals Evolve?

6. Where did the "Races" come from?

7. What is the only answer to Racism?

8. Dinosaurs - in the Bible?

9. How can we raise Godly children?

10. Fossils & the flood - What's the connection. 11. How can we Evangelize?

12. A secular world - Part 1 & Part 2.

Rowden Baptist Church has a free book entitled "Refuting Evolution" for any student or teacher in the area who would like a copy. Call and we'll get one to you.

**Pastor: Carl Mauldin** 

www.Twoacres@itexas.net 915-356-5491 VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.rowdenbc.com

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# **Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association Mid-Year** Meeting Monday, April 29

Stephenville.

Meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. p.m. The evening program will begin at 7 p.m.

The Bob Wills Family of Fort will lead in music.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Paul Pressler, retired Texas Appeals Court Judge. Pressler, a leader in the conserva-

The Cross Timbers Southern tive resurgence that returned the Baptist Association Mid-Year Southern Baptist Convention to Meeting will be held Monday, its Bible-based roots will be April 29, at Rocky Point Baptist nominated for first vice president Church, FM 205 East, of the Southern Baptist Convention at the SBC annual meeting in The Association Business St. Louis. Pressler, 71, is a deacon and Sunday school teacher at and supper will be served at 6 First Baptist Church, Houston. He is the author of "A Hill On Which To Die" published by Broadman & Holman.

For further information about this meeting or the Association contact Dwaine Clower at (254) 725-7574.

# **Admiral Cemetery** Association **Annual Work** Day May 4th

The Admiral Cemetery Association will conduct its annual workday at the cemetery on Saturday, May 4th. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m., and conclude at noon. Families with loved ones buried in the cemetery are asked to come out and help remove trash, trim trees and brushes, and add fill to graves that have settled. A brief business meeting will be held to consider an amendment to the association's bylaws. A proposal to change the date for the annual membership meeting will be discussed.

All donations to the Admiral Cemetery Association's Maintenance Fund are greatly appreciated and are accepted at any branch of the First National Bank of Baird or may be mailed to 7257 CR 474, Baird, Texas

# The Living Sponsored By: Dean Brannan

Matthew 13: 10, 11 And the Disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

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**Cross Plains Masonic Lodge** No. 627

**Stated Meeting** 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m. www.cross-plains.tx-mm-org www.gltexas.org

Sec. (254) 725-7530

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

3rd & Main Cross Plains (254) 725-7629



Sunday, April 28

11:00 a.m. **Morning Worship Service** 

6:00 p.m. **Evening Worship Service** 

Ronnie White - Pastor Kevin & Kim Cassidy - Youth Frank O'Banion - Music Welcome!

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Sunday's Sermon

"In My House Are Many Rooms"

# PIONEER NEWS

the quilts mentioned last week. There was a big crowd and she We had almost all our members saw a lot of friends and relatives present. We are still missing that she hadn't seen in a long time. Laverne Hutton. We pray that she There was a real nice book made will soon be with us. We sure with lots of old pictures and lots miss her. Get well, Laverne!!!

There was a good crowd at the "game night" on Thursday. We all had a great time. The "pot luck" was outstanding. The next "game night" will be May 2nd. Come on out for some fun and

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00

There are finally some wildflowers opening. The road from Rising Star to Cross Plains is as pretty with flowers as anywhere in Texas. Everything is looking so green, thanks to the showers we have had the last months. Some of the farmers are cutting their wheat to bale. Then they will be getting ready for peanut planting. We pray we will get some more rain soon.

Chris and Cathy Lowery spent this weekend with his grandmother, Lessie Baum. They had a good time.

Glenda Phillips attended the 100th reunion of the Holder community and the Pleasant Grove

Cisco Junior College conducted

its thirty-fourth annual Awards

Ceremony on Monday, April 15.

Each spring semester, CJC recog-

nizes and honors those members

of the student body who have

proven themselves to be out-

standing students and persons.

Students were recognized in sev-

eral categories that included

scholastic and extracurricular

Eight Cross Plains students in-

Emily Crockett - Agriculture Sweetheart and Who's Who

Among Student's in American

TUESDAY - - Ham, Cabbage,

Yam Patties, Birthday Cake,

achievement.

cluded were:

Roll, Milk

**Cross Plains Students** 

Junior Colleges

Nicholas Grider- Dean's List

Marian Hix- President's List

Whitney Kirkham Odom-

President's List, Outstanding Stu-

dent in Cosmetology and Who's

Who Among Student's in Ameri-

Walker Kyle- Outstanding

Student in Psychology, Abilene

Rachel O'Dell- Phi Theta

Misty Strickland- President's

can Junior Colleges

**CITIZENS MENU** 

FRIDAY--

Robert Hartman- President's

Honored at CJC

The ladies are still working on Baptist Church in Brown County. of memories written in it. Glenda went to church there when she was growing up. They also, had lots of parties and musicals in the community. There was lots of young people in the community.

Frankie Smith traveled to Ranger to see her sister, Dorthy Rogers. They then went to Weatherford to visit Mrs. Yonnie Pidgeon. They enjoyed a pleasant day sight-seeing. They were driven everywhere around the countryside north of Weatherford by Jay, a friend.

Friday and Saturday, Frankie and Jean Fore attended the youth revival at Pioneer. They had some great music and very good sermons by a young man from Rocky Point Church of Stephenville.

Words of Wisdom: Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength. Corrie Ten Boom

BY WALLACE BENNETT

Rodenbergers Play Host to Library Board and Noted

Texas Folklorist, Ken Davis Dr. Kenneth Davis, noted Collector and recorder of West Texas folklore, provided the Friends of the Cross Plains Library Board of Directors with a winsome fore-Rodenberger at their Cottonwood a.m. residence on April 15th.

and also a good listener," said one April 30.

member of the board as all members and their guests enjoyed the evening of informal conversation and dining.

Workers Needed for Two 2-Day Cottonwood Work Days

All citizens who have cemetery plots reserved and/or relatives intaste of his ardor, knowledge and terred in the Cottonwood cempersonal humor during an infor- eteries are requested to particimal evening buffet, hosted by pate in the ANNUAL WORK-Charles and Lou DAY scheduled for April 27 at 9

The Cottonwood Historical As-Davis served as the guest sociation (formerly Cemetery speaker for the Library's "Meet Association) needs and seeks the Author" series of programs on your volunteer efforts and finan-April 16. Charles Rodenberger is cial support as they keep this President of the Library Board community's rich history and pioand both he and Lou are frequent neer roots alive and memorable contributors to West Texas peri- for the coming generations. So odicals and are active in the West please come out and help. The Texas Historical Associations. same goes for the Quilting Club "Dr. Davis is a good story-teller Workday scheduled for Tuesday,

# LIBRARY NOTES

**April 15-19** 

Park, take two steps, and open the Austin. That would make the trip door. Right there is the Cross worth a lot. Plains Public Library, and do they have gardening news for you!

Their Summer Adventures feature intergenerational programs. Remember the Elderhostel, the Explorer, and other travelers. You can't miss. If you don't want to go far, there's always the Hill Country---lovely at this time of the year. Right in the heart of it all is Lady Bird Johnson's Wild week 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Flower Center. That's something

you should see every year. Hi! Gardeners. We have more Also, you'll stumble over the De books for families, as well as Gardens and Nature Trips. Go other folk this week. And we're now. Texans must not miss this not hard to find. Just follow trip. Cross Plains folks may Conan the Barbarian to the Conan stumble onto two old friends in

> Statistics Circulation: 71 Books 34 LAP Total **Donations:** Charles Rodenberger - books Mary Patricia Cox - funds

Come see us. We're here 5 day a

# By Kay Mosley

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flowers, they are an extension of your soul.

"Be Cool"

Back and forth, back and forth and flutter, flutter, flutter. I can close my eyes and see them now, so lovely, so cool and I always admired the ones trimmed in the frilly laces and ribbons.

Back and forth, back and forth, flutter, flutter, flutter. They seemed to move and sway in synchronization and much as a pendulum does. You don't see them in use much anymore.

Come back with me; if you will, down memory lane. Do you recall how, when on Sunday mornings as the children, we sat in church on those super hard pews? We would sit as still as humanly possible for oh, so/long. Then as the sanctuary began to grow warmer from the influx of body heat from the large congregation; we children would begin to squirm and wriggle and giggle. The more we squirmed and wriggled the hotter our little bodies grew.

The motion seemed to stir up more heat. Finally the parent would frown at you. Dad would punch you on the shoulder and shake his head indication "No, no!" Then Mom would notice and holding her trigger finger up to her mouth, she'd say "Sh-h-hh-h." Then she would rummage around in her purse and come up with either graham crackers, vanilla wafers or saltine crackers. These were meant to "hold you over until lunch" so you stomach wouldn't growl in church and embarrass the ENTIRE family.

Unfortunately, what they actually did was make you thirsty and even more miserable. I'm getting

Note: Take special care of your thirsty right now just writing about it. Anyway, the later it got, the hotter you got, and the hotter you got, the more you squirmed and wriggled, as the minister's voice droned on. Finally when you just couldn't stand it anymore, Mom would let you stretch out on the pew and lay your head on her lap.

There, you had a great view of the ceiling. An-nnd can't you just still see those blades going round and round above you? Hear the droning buzz-buzz-buzz of that fly as it hovered ever nearer your head. As the fly intermittently made nose dives at your ear the tip of your nose, your eyes would zero in on those fan blades. The blades ever so slowly going 'round and 'round; slightly stirring the tepid, muggy air. Round and round the blades swirled and the back and forth, and flutter, flutter, flutter motions surrounding you soon lulled you drowsily to sleep.

What would we have done to escape the heat if we had not had those swirling ceiling fan blades, and the back and forth and back and forth, flutter, flutter, fluttering of all those fans in the hands of all those members of the congre-

I can see them still; the ladies in lavender and lace, or white linen and white pumps, and little girls in pink and pigtails, plus the smiling grandmas in dimity and eyelet embroidery. They remain forever etched into the corners of my memories....'round and 'round and back and forth, back and forth, flutter, flutter, flutter. I think I really feel cooler now, ditioner just clicked on...reckon that might have something to do with feeling cooler???

# Texas Department of **Human Services Report**

\$4,096,889 last year for major and issues the Lone Star Card welfare programs in Callahan The state and federal govern-County, according to Barbara ments share in the cost of TANF Evans, Regional Administrator to families where needy children for the Texas Department of Hu- are deprived of support because man Services.

Food stamps worth \$759,469 or both parents. were issued for the fiscal year

The state spent a total of potential clients and non-clients

of the absence or disability of one

"Nursing home costs of apwhich ended August 31, while proximately \$2,277,376 were Temporary Assistance to Needy paid for aged and disabled resi-Families (TANF) totaled dents. Community Care for Aged \$172,745. Food stamps are and Disabled spent \$672,428 for funded entirely by the federal Medicaid related services and government, while the depart- \$214,871 for non-Medicaid rement determines eligibility of lated services," Ms. Evans said.

DESIGNER'S CHOICE AWARD WINNER AND TIED FOR SWEEPSTAKES IN DESIGN—Barbara Powell



HORTICULTURE EXCELLENCE AWARD WIN-NER— Mary Ella Weaver



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## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes **Cross Plains Church of Christ** 433 N. Main At 12th (254) 725-6117

I really enjoy little "sentence sermons." Some where I preach may be asking me now to use one of them each Sunday instead of the regular length ones! But there's a time and a place for sentence sermons; I want to share a few with you at this time - and even then I'll have to be careful not to enlarge upon them!

"Many a person is hiding his light under a bushel-when a thimble would serve quite well!"

"Some only believe half of what they hear alright-but it's usually the wrong half!"

"Satan's attempt is to find, blind, bind, and grind us."

"May God hasten the day when the Bible's value is recognized, its words memorized, its truths idolized, and its principles personalized."

"I'll be good for a quarter, Mother," said a little girl, hopefully. "Oh," replied her mother, "Why can't you be good like your brother? He doesn't have to have a quarter-he's good for nothing!"

"He who cannot forgive others, breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass if he would ever reach heaven-for everyone has need to be forgiven!"

Boy! How I'd like to comment further on some of theseespecially the one about the little boy who's "good for nothing." I think I might know his name! And yes, we must all be forgiven. Come strive with us toward more Christ-likeness-so we can be more forgiving like Him. We really do care about you, too! And P.S. -I don't preach too long, either!

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship....6:00p.m. Sunday Morning Worship......10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study..7:00p.m. Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

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> June 24, 25 and 26 and July 9, 10 and 11.

# Buffalo Baseball **Update**

The last two weeks the Buffalo Baseball team has lost two close games in the late innings.

Two weeks ago they lost to Abilene Christian High School 10-8. The Buffs scored 3 in the 1st inning, with singles by Beggs, Hopkins and Dillard and a sac fly by Norris. ACHS answered with 4 in their first at bat. They had 4 hits and one error to score the 4 runs. The Buffs scored 1 in the 2nd with Wilson's single and Butler's double to drive in Wil-

ACHS scored 2 in their 2nd with 2 singles and a walk. The Buffs scored 3 in the 4th. Hopkins walked, scored on a double by Wilson and he scored on a single by Dillard. Then Dillard scored on a slow roller to the 2nd baseman. Cole Koenig came in relief of Hopkins in the 3rd and held ACHS in check till the 7th inning with the Buffs leading 8 and 6. ACHS scored the 4 runs on just 3 hits and was helped out by 3 fielding errors, making the final score 10-8 ACHS.

In the game next week, the Buffs lost to Comanche 3-2. Casey Pack and Chuck Norris combined for a 2 hitter. Comanche scored 1 in the 1st on 2 errors. The Buffs scored in the 4th and 5th. Butler doubled with 2 outs. Dusty Purvis doubled home Butler. Comanche scored in the 3rd with a single, a hit batter then another single to drive in the run, making the score 2-1 Comanche.

The Buffs scored 1 in the 5th. Beggs singled, stole 2nd then scored on Hopkins double in the bottom of the 7th. Comanche used an error, 2 stolen bases and a pass ball to score their 3rd run and win 3-2.

Submitted by Coach Mitchell

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# 4 - Cross Plains Review April 25, 2002 Ratliff Offers Plan to

Restructure Texas **Public School Finance** 

tricts to share local property tax lic schools in Texas. Texas courts.

approved constitutional amend- per \$100 valuation. ment to abolish local school Enact new school funding statewide property tax to pay for the following features: Texas' public schools Revenue Statewide Property Tax: Levy tion for public school finance. school program funding.

uted equally to all school dis- per penny of the \$1.40 levied tricts based or student atten- per weighted student to school

taxes for school districts that When transportation and other want to enrich their basic pro- adjustments are made, this gram, including a state-backed would allow the distribution of guarantee to support the efforts about \$4,275 per weighted ADA of poorer school districts to raise (\$6,085 per student) which is, extra revenue.

port for all debt service on school nance and operations than is facilities.

· A supplemental statewide school districts. property tax to finally fund the • Tier Two Local Enrichment: teachers, health insurance plan Allow school districts through a at the level available to state local option election to levy a

Joint Select Committee on Pub- School districts with tax bases lic School Finance that was cre-less than \$300,000 per weighted ated by legislative leaders last ADA will receive a state guaranyear to address the issue of teed yield of \$30 per weighted school funding. The committee, ADA per penny of tax rate. which includes public members • Tier Three Debt Service and lawmakers from both the Allotment: The state will guar-Senate and the House, has held antee a yield of \$35 per penny of public hearings across the state tax rate per ADA for all debt to gather testimony and ideas service on educational facilities, for replacing the current system up to 30 cents.

nal report in November for con- ing an additional statewide propsideration by the Legislature in erty tax on top of the \$1.40 in the next regular session in 2003. There One to finally fund a state

amendment to: Abolish the current local able to state employees.

AUSTIN-Lieutenant Governor school district authority to levy a Bill Ratliff today offered a four-property tax for the maintenance part plan to restructure the pub- and operation of public schools lic school finance system in leaving the current authority for debt service in place.

Ratliff's plan would replace the • Authorize the Legislature to current method of state fund- levy a statewide property tax for ing, which requires school dis- the sole purpose of funding pub-

revenue to meet a constitution- • Grant the Legislature the ally-mandated standard of eq- statutory authority to allow uity that has been upheld by school districts to levy a local property tax for educational en-Ratliff's plan calls for a voter- richment, not to exceed \$0.10

property taxes and establish a methodology, by statute with

raised by the new system would a statewide property tax of \$1.40 be combined with the state's per \$100 valuation to combine existing school funding re- with the general revenue approsources to form a new founda- priation to form the foundation

Ratliff's four-part plan includes: • Tier One Basic Allotment: • Basic state funding distrib- Distribute the equivalent of \$30 districts to cover their base main-• Limited local option property tenance and operations budgets. on average, about \$115 more • Limited state-funded sup- per weighted ADA for maintecurrently available to poorer

local enrichment property tax Ratliff offered the plan to the up to \$0.10 per \$100 valuation.

of funding Texas' public schools. • Teacher Health Plan: The The committee will issue a fi- Legislature should consider levy-<u>Voter-approved constitutional</u> paid teachers' health insurance plan equivalent to the plan avail-

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# SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

6123.

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on April 18, 2002, with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Donnie Dillard, Scott Childress, Jim Cook, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt.

and guest were also in attendance: Superintendent, High School Principal, Elementary Principal and guests, Annette Nickerson, Nora Odom, Susan Hartman, John Baum and Larry Thomas.

Minutes were approved as read. Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Cook that we accept resolution for exemption of Cross Plains Masonic Lodge #627 from advalorem taxation effective for the year beginning 2002, as authorized by Sec. 11.184 of the Texas Tax Code. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Wyatt that Huckabee repair the roof/wall problems at no costs to the school with 1 year warranty. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Wyatt that we accept Ponder Proposal #2, Part B for the amount of \$65,769.49 and exclusion of \$1,889.00 on installation of gym floor (Robbins Sports Surface Anchored Bio-Sleeper Floor- Modified) For 6 Against 1 Childress

Wes Grable Co. - scissor loc II floor system \$52,500 Abbott Floor Co. - sta-loc system \$68,160

Abbott Floor Co. - safe sleeper floor system \$100,466.00 Ponder Co. - air channel floor

Ponder Co. - anchored bio sleeper system \$10,574.20/ \$65,769.49

system \$10,574.20/83,366.83. Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Childress and seconded by Richards that we reject all bids Part A for removal of old gym floor. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Cook to give a letter of assurance to auxiliary personnel for the following list of The following administrators employees for the 2002-2003

Motion was made by Wyatt and

seconded by V. Dillard that we

accept transfers for 2002-2003

year as presented. For 7 Against 0

school year. Secretary/Aides/Library

Cliffadean Hargrove - 12 mos. Charlou Cowan - 207 days Lurene McNutt - 207 days 10 Mos. - 187 Days Carolyn Morgan Peggy Bailey Annette Nickerson Marilyn Tennison Chris Kitchens Natoschia Tennison Bus Drivers - 180 Days Fred St. Peter Bill Robinson Mitchell Atchley Charlie Scott **Bewel Neff Homer Parsons** Charlie Scott - Cisco Alternative Bus/Maintenance/Custodial

Billy Bell **Homer Parsons** Charlie Scott Bewel Neff 190 Day Custodial **Margaret Pointer** Annie Kitchens Gaynelle Callaway Cafeteria Supervisor - 182 Days Barbara Barnett

Cafeteria - 182 Days Inez King (substitute now) Linda Shoemaker Debbie Thomas For 7 Against 0 Motion was made by Childress

and seconded by V. Dillard that Jean McWilliams be given a letsystem \$10,574.20/68,569.62 ter of assurance for 2002-2003. For 6 Wyatt abstained Motion was made by Schaefer

and seconded by Wyatt that Ponder Co. - bio-channel # floor Patricia Cook be given a letter of assurance for 2002-2003. For 6 Cook abstained

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Cook that Bud Dillard be given a letter of assurance for 2002-2003 school year. Motion was made by Childress For 5 V. Dillard and D. Dillard

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by V. Dillard that we adjourn. For 7 Against 0

to 9 p.m. Call Dub and Beth Meador at (254) 725-7720 for more information. SCHOOL

April 29 - May 3 BREAKFAST MONDAY--Sweet Rice, Toast, Assorted

MENU

TUESDAY--Waffle, Peanut Bu tter Syrup, Assorted Juice WEDNESDAY--Breakfast Bar, Assorted Juice

THURSDAY-- Cereal, Toast, Assorted FRIDAY-- Breakfast Bread, Assorted LUNCH MONDAY -- Chili Beans, Cheese, Crack-

ers, Salad, Peaches TUESDAY- Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls,

WEDNESDAY -- Soft Tacos, Salad, Refried Beans, Pineapples THURSDAY--Fish, Blackeyed Peas, Coleslaw, Combread, Pudding FRIDAY-- Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Rice Krispie Treats

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and seconded by V. Dillard that abstained we accept 2002-2003 School Calendar as presented. For 7 Against 0

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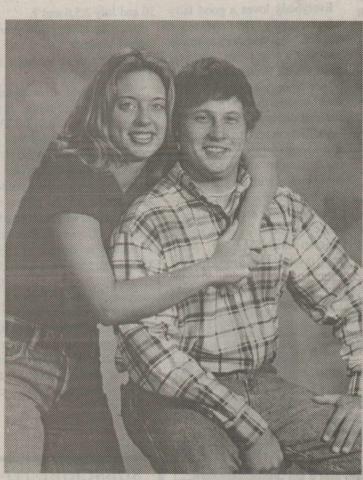
# -2001 - 2002 HIGH SCHOOL PERSONALITIES—



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
AND
MOST PREPPY
Shena Thomas and Joseph Dillard



MOST ATHLETIC
Joseph Dillard and Candice Bailey



MOST FLIRTY
AND
MOST TALKATIVE
Candice Bailey and Jake Farrow



MOST FRIENDLY Sarah Nixon and Joseph Dillard

Jenny Pancake and Jake Farrow

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Thanks, Monty Richards

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the West" show featuring Jean with corn bread, cobbler and a Prescott, nationally recognized drink for only \$5 for adults and \$3 cowgirl and vocalist, will be pre- for children. sented at the Paramount Theatre on Saturday, April 27.

of western music, humor, yodlin' and trick roping is as follows:

with Devon Dawson, known as performance. Jessie the Yodlin' Cowgirl from western humor of "Sky" Shivers reserved seating; and \$10 adults, and fall in love with Miss Kitty, \$8 senior citizens (65 up), and \$3 his Mediocre Trick Dog; and children. you'll marvel at the rope trickery and skill of Kevin Fitzpatrick. by calling the Mental Health As-Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 sociation office at (915) 673for children (through age 12).

ner by Joe Allen's Pit Bar-B-Que Theatre office, 352 Cypress will serve you a campfire stew Street, Abilene, Tx.

Third Annual "Take Me Back to from the ole chuckwagon along

6 p.m. —An evening of western performances featuring Abilene's The schedule of events for a day own cowgirl and star vocalist, Jean Prescott. Joining Jean will be western humorist "Sky" Shiv-2 p.m. — A matinee perfor- ers, guitarist Rick O'Brien and mance geared especially for chil- backup singer Tena Jeffrey. Exdren from 9 months to 90 years citing weekend get-away packold: you'll want to yodel along ages will be auctioned during the

Cost for the tickets for the "Toy Story 2"; you'll laugh at the evening performances are \$15 for

Tickets are currently available 2300 and will be available begin-4 p.m.— A chuck wagon din- ning on April 15 at the Paramount

# for third quarter of 2001

analysis for Callahan County taking taxable sales and adding has been reported for the third use tax purchases. quarter of 2001 by State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's office on Monday, April 8.

2001 at \$15,058,475 which was year. 3.8 percent higher than the ported during the third quarter of 2000. Gross sales are the total amount of all sales, leases and rentals of tangible personal property and all labor and service charges made during the

reporting period. Use tax purchases for the second quarter of 2001 for all industries in Callahan County taxable items removed from inventory for personal or business use and all purchases on which no Texas sales tax was paid or

use tax accrued. County was \$6,347,767. The 2000. amount subject to state sales

The state sales and use tax and use tax is calculated by

The number of business locations in Callahan County, with a sales and use tax permit which Rylander reported gross sales, filed a return, was 248. There for all industries in Callahan were 263 permits issued during County, for the third quarter of the same quarter the previous

The gross sales for the retail gross sales of \$14,514,137 re- trade division in Callahan County for the third quarter of 2001 was \$8,195,717 which is 8.0 percent lower than the 2000 third quarter gross sales of \$8,905,199.

The use tax purchases for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the third quarter of 2001 was \$6,573.

The amount subject to state amounted to \$62,502. Use tax sales and use tax for the third purchases are the cost of all quarter of 2001 was \$4,595,052 for the retail trade division in Callahan County.

The number of reporting outlets in the retail trade division in Callahan County totalled 126 The amount subject to state for the third quarter of 2001. sales and use tax in the first There were 142 reporting outquarter of 2001 in Callahan lets during the same quarter in 6 - Cross Plains Review April 25, 2002



RECOGNIZED FOR HER EFFORTS—Sylvia Lacy King received a plaque from Eastland County Judge Brad Stephenson at the dedication ceremony for the Liberty Cemetery Historical Marker for her work in obtaining the special designation.

# **Dyess AFB schedules Big Country Appreciation Day**

Texas—Dyess Air Force Base are also scheduled. The Air Force has scheduled its annual air show Academy's Wings of Blue Parafor May 11 with the featured act chute Team make a return apbeing the U.S. Air Force pearance, performing freefall Thunderbirds.

The Thunderbirds will make aerial acrobatic team will head- are also available. line a day full of flying acts at the

33, MiG 15, B-17, B-25 and A- on the north side of the base. 26, as well as Dyess, very own For more information, contact B-1's and C-130's. Civilian per- Dyess Public Affairs at (915) formances by the Fina Pitts and 696-2864.

DYESS AIR FORCE BASE, the Sukhoi Su-26 Acrobat teams parachute tricks,

Numerous fighter, bomber and their first appearance at Dyess cargo aircraft will be on display in three years, and their only for visitors to see throughout the appearance in the Big Country day. Ground demonstrations region. The world renowned and the Smokin' Guns Car Show

The air show at Dyess is free, and gates open to the public at Other performers include the 9 a.m. The opening ceremony is F-117 Stealth Fighter, the A-10 at 10 a.m. Visitors to the base Warthog "Tank Killer," various are asked to enter through the warbirds including the P-51, T- base's Tye Gate on Military Drive

# **Summer Theatre Schedule and Auditions** Announced at CJC

Everybody loves a good fairy 30 and July 2,5,6 and 7. tale, especially "The Princess and have the hit Broadway musical, director is Le Jones. "Once Upon a Mattress." "Matsummer dinner theatre season.

Returning for the fifth year of the Pea." Put that story to music Cisco's summer season and his and add a few twists, and you second time as its manager and

The second musical for the sumtress" is set as the first play of the mer, "Will Rogers Follies," is set for July 25-28 and Aug. 1-4. Au-Auditioners need to be ready to ditions for this musical will be sing a song of their choice and do held in June. The group also plans some simple movement and to conduct a theater camp for Kdance moves with the choreogra- 8th graders during the summer. pher for their tryout. An accom- More details on the camp and panist will not be present, so bring second musical will be released at music on tape or CD with some- a later time. Currently, Jones can thing on which to play it. "Mat- be reached in Boerne at (830) tress" is scheduled to run June 27- 537-5331 and will be in Cisco for "company" will be coming to Cisco for the summer on June 9. Mark your calendars now for the two fun Broadway hit musicals to be produced this summer, and watch for further details on the summer season in your local newspaper.

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LARGE CROWD ATTENDED DEDICATION—A host of folks was present for the unveiling of the Liberty Cemetery Historical Marker. Most had family members inauditions on May 11. He and the terred in the cemetery who they came to honor.

Lacy just to mention a few. As Liberty Cemetery can be found

Mrs. King stated, "It would be on the Internet at wonderful if the family history of http://www.eastland.net/geneaeach person buried there were logical/Libertycem.htm or call known." If you have any informa- Sylvia Lacy King, Secretary/ tion she would appreciate you Treasurer, Liberty Cemetery Charitable Trust (254) 442-2170/ More information about the kingirby@eastland.net.

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DR. DAVIS MAKES THE ROUNDS—Kiwanians heard how to collect cowboy humor from Lubbock author Dr. Kenneth W. Davis (left) at their April 16 meeting. Dr. Davis met with high school students to introduce them to collecting family folklore and spoke to the "Meet the Author" audience at the Community Center that night about writing humor books. He introduced by Kiwanian Dr. Charles Rodenberger, who is president of the Friends of the Cross Plains Library.

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# **American Quarter** Horse Show at Abilene Expo Center April 25-28

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American Quarter Horse shows test horses' abilities in dozens of different classes and feature exciting events such as jumping, reining, barrel racing, cutting, roping and pole bending. Additionally, halter classes that judge American quarter horses based on balance, muscling and breed characteristics are held.

People who exhibit at an American Quarter Horse Show earn points that turn into awards or cash at the end of the year. By competing at an AQHA Show, exhibitors and horses also can qualify for the AQHA or American Quarter Horse Youth World Association Championship Shows, the premier events in the entire equine industry.

We welcome all American Quarter Horse owners as well as anyone who has a passion for horses," said Bill Brewer, Aqha Executive Vice President. "Agha shows are fun, and anybody who has ever wanted to get involved with horses or compete at an Aqha show is encouraged to attend."

Each year, Aqha approves more than 2,700 shows and special events across the globe. For more information about the Big Country QHA Spring Show, please contact Sharon Rice, 915-743-2483.

showing, racing or recreational riding programs, contact AQHA www.aqha.com.

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# **AEPTransferred Two Texas Retail Electric Providers**

ownership of wires, generation and gas assets in Texas

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 17, 2002—American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP) has reached a definitive agreement to transfer two of its Texas retail electric providers (REPs) to Centrica, a leading provider of retail energy and other essential consumer

The two REPs - WTU Retail Energy and CPL Retail Energy sell electricity to more than 850,000 residential and small commercial customers in south and west Texas. These customers are served at the "price to beat," a statutorily defined rate for customers with a peak demand of one megawatt or less who do not switch to competitive providers. Full customer choice began in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) on Jan. 1, 2002.

As part of the transaction, Centrica assumes the obligation to serve those customers who choose the "price to beat" and gains the "West Texas Utilities," "~WTU." "Central Power and Light" and "CPL" brand names. AEP will provide Centrica with a substantial power supply contract for the two REPs and all back office services related to these customers for a two-year period following closing. AEP will continue to compete for Texas retail customers with peak loads of greater than one megawatt and will fulfill its existing provider-of-last-resort (POLR) assignments.

An independent appraiser, us-For additional information ing comparables for similar about AQHA, including transactions involving retail energy customers, will establish a fair market value for the transat (806) 376-4811 or visit action after mid-June. This ap-AQHA's web site at proach satisfies the parties' desire to have the transfer price reflect the actual fair market value on a date nearer to closing, and is consistent with the pooling of interests accounting limitations imposed on AEP until June 15, 2002, because of the company's merger with Central and South West Corp. If the appraised value is outside the range of \$133 million to \$153 million, the transaction need not

> In addition, AEP retains the right to share in earnings from the two REPs above a threshold amount for thé next five years in the event the Texas retail market develops increased earnings opportunities. AEP will also receive an up-front payment of

AEP to continue wholesale approximately \$39 million from market participation, retains Centrica associated with a back office service agreement which utilizes a state-of-the-art customer care services model developed by AEP

> Completion of the transaction is contingent upon regulatory approval from the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) and clearance under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act from the Federal Trade Commission or the U.S. Department of Justice. AEP and Centrica expect to complete the regulatory approval process and conclude the transaction by the end of the year.

This transaction does not affect AEP's ownership of its power plants in Texas and its transmission and distribution network that delivers electricity to CPL and WTU customers. AEP also will continue to meet its POLR obligations in Texas to customers of CPL and WTU with electric demand of greater than one megawatt and to certain priceto-beat customers in the service territory of TXU, another Texas electric utility

The transaction does not affect AEP's Texas customers in the Southwest Power Pool who are not part of the Texas competitive electricity market place at this time. Those customers include all of the Texas customers of AEP's Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) subsidiary and about 7,100 WTU customers. AEP intends to serve the 7,100 WTU customers through another AEP company.

The transaction also has no impact on AEP's participation in retail energy markets outside of the ERCOT service areas in

"Our decision to sell these retail electric providers allows us to concentrate our efforts in ERCOT on areas that align closely with our strategy and expertise - generation, wholesale power and gas marketing, and operating our electricity transmission and distribution network - while maintaining our ability to participate in the commercial and industrial energy marketplace," said Tom Shockley, AEP's vice chairman and chief operating officer. "We are new to retail mass marketing gas with a growing wholesale and face a steep learning curve presence in European markets. in an open access market like Texas.

"Unlike other states with com petitive electricity markets served by AEP, Texas required the transfer of all customers in ERCOT to retail electric providers when the market opened on Jan. 1, 2002," Shockley said. "This makes Texas attractive for companies like Centrica -

companies focusing on retail energy markets — since these companies see the potential to acquire REPs and immediately establish a presence in the marketplace. These types of energy companies should prosper in

Centrica is active in competitive energy markets in the United Kingdom, Canada and the U.S. In the UK, Centrica is a leader in retail electricity and natural gas markets and also provides telecommunications services, roadside automobile assistance, credit card and other financial

"The change in ownership of the retail electric providers should be transparent to customers," Shockley said. "The name of the supplier will remain the same. The price-to-beat rates and responsibilities will remain the same. AEP will still be responsible for the wires bringing electricity to customers and we will continue to be responsive to customers' needs for service connections and restoring power after outages. We also will provide generation supply and all the back office services to Centrica for the CPL and WTU retail electric providers.

"AEP remains committed to customer choice and to ensuring that the Texas Choice program is a success," Shockley said. "We will continue serving customers through our CPL and WTU retail electric providers until the transaction with Centrica is completed. We also will continue to be an aggressive participant in Texas wholesale markets. We want to be the wholesale electricity provider of choice to the many retail electric providers competing for Texas cus-

American Electric Power is a multinational energy company with a balanced portfolio of energy assets. AEP, the United States' largest electricity generator, owns and operates more than 42,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. and select international markets. AEP is a leading wholesale energy marketer, ranking among North America's top providers of wholesale power and natural In addition to electricity generation, AEP owns and operates natural gas pipeline systems, natural gas storage, coal mines, and the fourth-largest inland barge company in the U.S. AEP is also one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, with almost 5 million customers linked to AEP's wires. The company is based in Columbus,

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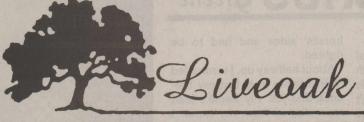
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The other day I was thinking of all the scenes I carry around with me, places on earth that sparkle in my mind, places I wouldn't have seen if I hadn't gone through the struggle to get there.

One view that sticks in my mind is Bridal Veil Falls. It would be beautiful even if we could have driven to see it, but my first glimpse of Bridal Veil Falls followed a lengthy hike in drizzly Northwest weather. We could have stayed by a warm fireplace, but then I would have missed the sight that stopped me in my tracks. We'd been climbing, climbing, climbing, and suddenly, shimmering lace drifted over the face of a broad, smooth boulder. Spray fell like chiffon and feathers, sprinkling into a deep pool below. The waterfall had been there for days and eons, but that day I was there to see.

Another day, I almost walked into a perfect polygonal web drawn between two mountain shrubs by a common brown speckled spider who sat in the center. The spider was waiting for dinner to come by, unaware of the perfection it had created. I'd seen lots of these webs, but this rare specimen glistened, taking from the gray gloom a fairy mist that clothed it in diamonds.

Because of the weather the hike was nearly canceled. Instead I carry with me a picture I could never draw. My mind holds it in perfect detail, ever since that day in my childhood.

Near the end of my teen years, hike. The trail was twisty, narrow, and vertical. We climbed ging the horses that were suppast tree roots and fallen logs and intruding underbrush. Pack loads kept slipping over the Rosegreen@aol.com

horses' sides and had to be righted.

About halfway up, I scrambled over a fallen tree, lost my balance and fell. My horse's lead rope slipped from my hand. I looked up to see him poised to jump over the log. His front legs were raised, hooves pawing the air. My screams were drowned by everyone else's, and the horse shied back. I can still "see" the horse, huge above me, tree tops and sky a vast backdrop.

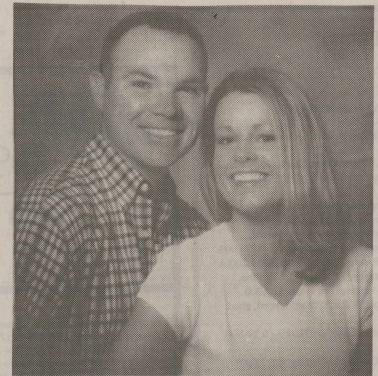
Five hours later we made it to the top. I was drained. I cried. Someone handed me a candy bar. I ate it, blubbering. All I could think of was that we would also have to get back down.

Revival came in little bits and pieces, broken by sighs. I shivered. We had climbed from cool, clear weather, to snow. I stood up and stretched, then walked a dozen yards to the peak of the mountain while the others put up the tent. Before me was a snow-capped panorama that didn't stop until I had turned a complete circle. We were at the top of the world, standing on a

This alpine view hides in my mind, cradled in mists and clouds and the haunting blue light from an overcast sky. Rusted tin cans were evidence that others had been there, too. But the scene doesn't play to everyone, only those who climb the hill.

It took a great deal of exertion to get to these places. I went there not knowing what I was going to see. Now these treasures go with me, around every bend and up over every hill in I was included in an October my life. I can't show them to anyone. I can't leave them for anyone. They are just there for the steep mountainside, drag- me to enjoy, and maybe to pick them up as threads to weave posed to follow us. We stumbled into the story of my own spin-

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# **Duke-Edwards** to **Announce Engagement** and July Wedding

Mike and Jan Duke of Ira an- Donald and Doris Duke of Cross nounce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Kaci Duke, to Bubba Edwards, son of Bubba and Linda Edwards of Jayton.

The couple will marry July 13, 2002 in the Ira High School Gymnasium in Ira.

Kaci is the granddaughter of

Plains.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Tarleton State University, is employed by Rotan Independent School District. The future bridegroom, a graduate of Texas Tech University, is employed by Ira Independent School District.

# National energy policy must be addressed

By Mike Barnett Texas Farm Bureau

We've all seen the advertisements on television aimed at our nation's youth, with the message that money spent on drugs paign is working.

every time you fill up your gas tank you're putting dollars in terrorists' pockets.

A stretch? Not at all, according conference in San Antonio.

gasoline pump we are funding terrorism because a good part of that money is going to the Middle East and those folks have age to deal with terrorists," he

point. Should we buy oil from difficult. Middle Eastern regimes that, if do not outright condone terrorism, turn a blind eye toward long way toward solving our energy problems?

holm made very well is it is time supplies could be cut off. for the United States to take its reliance on foreign energy

The U.S. House has passed a of our nation as a whole? comprehensive energy package that includes provisions that Middle Eastern oil and in fact, all would allow drilling in the Arctic oil from foreign sources? National Wildlife Refuge ergy industry, funding to promote "clean coal" technology energy conservation measures.

table as they returned from Eas- each of us can understand. ter recess

Easter, the Senate passed a row may be too late measure that would dramatically soybean-based fields. That is reau.

only one step, albeit positive for agriculture, as Middle East violence draws increasing attention to the need for a national energy policy.

The challenge for the Senate, is money supporting terrorism. and ultimately a conference There's probably a lot of truth to committee and both Houses on that and I hope that ad cam- a final vote, is to put together a comprehensive package that Here's an even scarier thought: reduces the chance that our nation and economy is held hostage by those that wish us

Drilling in the ANWR-a conto Congressman Charlie Sten- tentious Senate issue-in and of holm, who threw that nugget itself will not solve this nation's out for the audience to chew on energy problems. Boosting the at the recent Farm Credit Bank use of ethanol and sov-based fuels will not solve the problem. "Every time we fill up at the The problem won't be solved by increased fuel efficiencies for cars or expansion of tax credits to study new energy sources.

It will take a combination of all not yet found the political cour- the above and thoughtful, strategic thinking on the part of our political leaders to solve an issue Congressman Stenholm has a that will only grow increasingly

Despite the best efforts of President Bush and others, the truth is there will always be conterrorist activities especially when flict in the Middle East. Transferwe have undeveloped resources ring our dependence to other oil here at home that could go a producing countries such as Mexico and Russia is only a temporary measure at best. The The point Congressman Sten-risk is always there that those oil

Can our national leaders find those steps necessary to reduce the focus, strength and courage to develop a national energy policy that is in the best interests

Can we reduce reliance on

Can we continue to develop (ANWR), tax breaks for the en- the potential of ethanol~ and other bio-based fuels?

Funding terrorists through our and renewable fuels and other gas tanks is hardly a thought I wish to contemplate. Thanks, Now it's the Senate's turn, and Congressman Stenholm, for energy legislation was on the bringing the issue home in a way

Now is the time to act on a On a promising note, before national energy policy. Tomor-

Mike Barnett is Director of Pubincrease our use of ethanol and lications for the Texas Farm Bu-

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# **Cross Plains Resident** Named to Honor Roll at TSTC in Waco

WACO, TX- Jeffory Brown ing Technology program.

Brown is a student in the Indus-semester. trial Maintenance and Engineer-

of Cross Plains earned a place on The Dean's Honor Roll recogthe Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall nizes the scholastic achievement Semester at Texas State Techni- of students with a grade point cal College (TSTC) in Waco. average of 3.5 to 3.99 for the

# **Cross Plains Student Inducted Into Tarleton's** Delta Mu Delta

was inducted into the Delta Mu among all chapters. Delta National Honor Society for Business Administration during the spring 2002 semester.

Tarleton students added to the honor society this spring. Jodi is a junior majoring in Computer Information Systems at the Univer-

was chartered in 1993 and is one of over 195 student chapters ness Schools and Programs across the country. The Tarleton chapter is nationally recognized

STEPHENVILLE, TX-Jodi and a previous winner of the An-Payne, a Tarleton State Univer- thony J. Jablonsky Outstanding sity student from Cross Plains, Chapter award, ranking it top

Delta Mu Delta was founded in 1913 to recognize and reward superior scholastic achievements Payne was one of almost 100 for Business Administration stu-

Candidates for membership in Delta Mu Delta must have a 3.25 or better grade point average and they must be enrolled in a college Tarleton's Zeta Lambda chapter or university accredited by the Association of Collegiate Busi-(ASCBSP).

# Texas Forest Trail Region travel guide now available

AUSTIN-The much-antici- Outhouse in Henderson, the first travel guide is now available through the Texas Historical Commission (THC). The new brochure is third in a series that highlights historical and cultural treasures throughout the state. These guides are products of the Texas Heritage Trails Program, the premier heritage tourism initiative of the THC.

"The Texas Forest Trail Re-French explorers, Anglo pioneers, enslaved and freed Afriimmigrants," said Janie Headrick, program director of the Texas Heritage Trails Program; "It encompasses four national and five state forests, abundant lakes and rivers, the squares, great shopping, delicious food and some of the oldest towns in Texas," said Headrick.

Visitors to the Texas Forest feeding fish in huge aquariums at the Texas Freshwater Fisherleaf shape Draughton-Moore road State Historic Site in Rusk and the Northeast Texas Rural with a full-size replica of a Bibli- @thc.state.tx.us. cally inspired flying machine that

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pated Texas Forest Trail Region outhouse to be named a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark. This combination of history, culture and lush landscapes makes the Texas Forest Trail Region an ideal place for tourists of all kinds.

The region includes 35 counties: Anderson, Angelina, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Franklin, Gregg, Hardin, Harrison, Henderson, Houston, gion travel guide leads tourists Jasper, Jefferson, Marion, Montthrough an area that was the gomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, 'Gateway to Texas' for prehis- Newton, Orange, Panola, Polk, toric Caddo Indians, Spanish and Red River, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Trinity, Tyler, can Americans and European Upshur, Walker and Wood. These counties span from the Oklahoma border to the Gulf of

The goal of the Texas Heritage Trails Program is to heighten the awareness of historic and cul-Big Thicket, old southern plan- tural resources to Texas tourtations, historic courthouse ists. This program establishes partnerships between the preservation community and tourism industry to facilitate the development of heritage tourism programs that preserve, protect Trail Region can enjoy divers and promote historic and cultural resources.

To obtain a free Texas Forest ies Center in Athens, the clover- Trail Region travel guide, visit any Texas Department of Trans-Ace of Clubs House in portation Travel Information Texarkana, authentic steam Center; call 512/463-6255; write engines at the Texas State Rail- to the THC at P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX, 78711-2276; visit the THC web site at Museum in Pittsburg complete www.thc.state.tx.us; or email thc

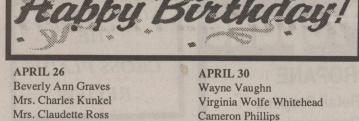
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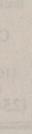


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Grandparents are Vicki Reed of San Antonio and the late Donnie Erwin, and Al Terrill of Lawton, OK and the late Kay Terrill.

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