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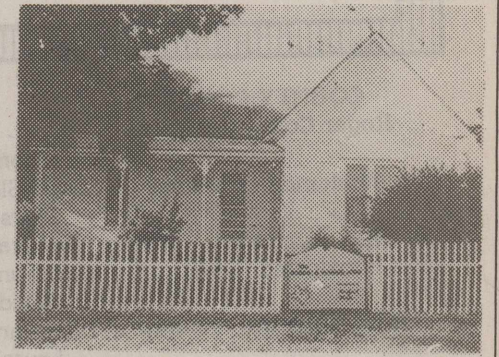
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"Stand Up for God"

By Vanda Anderson Creech
Editor

Can you believe it? An attempt to take God out of our heritage by removing the words "one nation under God" from our Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance had been sadly dismissed until the 9-11 terrorist assault, and now it is under attack. I remember reciting the beautiful words as a child in elementary school. Then patriotism was taught and encouraged, as it should have been.

The renewal of patriotism this past year has been refreshing. The increased display of American flags waving in the breeze reminded us of the various freedoms we enjoy in our wonderful country. Obviously 9-11 has caused another "Baby Boom" as everyone is being blessed with children.

Rumors that "In God We Trust" would be removed from our currency have long been indicated. It makes you wonder if this will not be next.

It is amazing to me how just "one" person can get the ball rolling on something negative and receive so much publicity; and then receive a ruling in his favor. As Christians we have been taught to be meek, but we are going to have to stand together on this issue or our Pledge of Allegiance could lose its original wording and intention. The Bible does encourage us to be bold.

In my opinion, many do not realize the ever presence of Satan and his attack on Christianity on a daily basis, and this is just another of his attempts to take God out of our way of life.

The fact that our President and U.S. Congressmen support leaving the Pledge of Allegiance untarnished is commendable.

I would like to encourage you to pray for our leaders and judges that they be moved to make the correct decisions in accordance with God's will.

Project Pride Meets July 9 at Library

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly business meeting on Tuesday, July 9, at 6 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library. The public is invited.

Senior Citizens Center Raffling Angel Quilt

The Cross Plains Senior Citizen's Center is selling chances on a queen size angel quilt. Eleven senior ladies each embroidered an angel block that was then incorporated into the quilt. Cherry Shultz, Cross Plains Librarian, graciously donated her machine quilting skills to complete the quilt.

100 percent of the proceeds from ticket sales will go to the Callahan Country Nutrition Project which provides food, supplies and transportation for meals-on-wheels to shut-ins and meal for the seniors attending the three senior centers in Callahan County.

The quilt will be on display at the Senior Center as well as other possible locations. If you would like to view our quilt or purchase tickets contact Kathy Anderson at (254) 725-6654 or Walter Thomason at (254) 725-6603, or one of our senior citizens.

Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy cause. These eleven ladies were responsible for the beautiful embroidery: Bobbie Brown, Jo Odom, Jean Moore, Mary Weaver, Azalea Womack, Mary Westbrook, Fay Jackson, Fay Simons, Julene Franke, Katie Dunn and Arlene Sanders.

Gran Ole Oplin Band Line-up Told

The Grand Ole Oplin is pleased to announce their band line-up for the month of July, and at the same time invite everyone out for a Friday evening of dancing and friends. Muddy Creek will start the month off on July 5th with all of your favorite tunes. On July 12, Roland Smith and the Roadrunners will be playing music that will make you want to get up and dance the night away. On July 19, we welcome back Cross Country with their special brand of country music, and on July 26, Muddy Creek will be back to close out the month.

The Grand Ole Oplin is held each Friday night at the Oplin Community Center located at F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Alcoholic beverages and smoking is not allowed. Our dances are held from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. and admissions is still only \$3.00 per person. Everyone is encouraged to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band break.

So gather the family and friends, put on your dancing boots and come on out and join us. We're always glad to see you.

Submitted by Pam Rurfield

Special Recognition for Tom Barclay, Retired Math Teacher

By Charles Chesshir

Tom Barclay, better known as Mr. Barclay at Cross Plains High School, came to school every day for over 25 years and simply taught math to the best of his ability. He probably helped prepare more students for college than any other teacher in the history of Cross Plains High. As of this date, Mr. Barclay has received no public recognition (and he would never seek such) for his many years of devotion to teaching.

The students, teachers and parents of Cross Plains who recognize his great contribution want to quietly express our gratitude,

and give him a memory book to treasure and share through his retirement. Please take a moment to reflect on the time you had with him and the ways in which he encouraged you to be your best in life.

If your children had a class with Tom Barclay and you want to thank him for helping prepare them for college, write him a one-page note and leave with Dannes or Roxie at Texas Heritage Bank.

Please encourage your children also, to write him a note of appreciation. Special stationary may be picked up at the bank and mailed back or dropped off to Dannes or Roxie at Texas Heritage Bank.

Services Held for Kathryn Tunnell Monday, July 1st

Services for Kathryn Roberta Bledsoe Tunnell, 76, of Cross Plains, were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 1, 2002, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Coleman with the Rev. Joan Rudolph officiating. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Kathryn died Friday, June 28, 2002, at Mesa Springs Nursing Center in Abilene.

She was born in El Paso, Texas on November 17, 1925. She married Jack W. Tunnell in Lubbock on December 3, 1945. Kathryn attended schools in El Paso, Amarillo and graduated from Lubbock High School in 1943. She attended Texas Tech for one year. She was employed at Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, Ohio, as an engineering aid during World War II. Kathryn was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Coleman.

After her husband's retirement as president of Citizens State Bank in Cross Plains, the couple traveled extensively, visiting every continent except Antarctica.

Kathryn was the granddaughter of State Senator W.H. Bledsoe, who wrote the bill that established Texas Tech.

She is survived by her husband, Jack, of Cross Plains; two daughters, Mary Carolyn Ogden and husband, Richard, of Henderson, and Julie Margaret Reynolds and husband, Doug, of Grand Prairie; a son, Jack W. Tunnell, Jr. of Carrollton; a sister, Carolyn Sumners Goebel and husband, Rodney, of Lubbock; three grandchildren, Lauren and Lacy Ogden of Henderson; and Jason



KATHRYN TUNNELL

Allen and wife, Paula, of Alvarado; two great-grandchildren, Donavin and Alexis Allen; three sisters-in-law, Mary Barton and husband, Cecil, of Cross Plains, Marjorie Bledsoe of Oakville, and Betty Schulle of Brownwood Lake; and a brother-in-law, Fred Tunnell of Missouri City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, W.S. and Roberta Bledsoe; a sister, Lois Funnell; and two brothers, W.S. "Scotty" Bledsoe, Jr. and William H. Bledsoe.

Pallbearers were Hoyt Byrd, Wayne Westerman, Cecil Barton, Rodney Goebel, Ross Jones, and Rodney McCarty.

The family requests memorials to the Cross Plains Public Library, P.O. Box 333, Cross Plains, Tx. 76443; St. Mark's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 838, Coleman, Tx. 76834; Cross Plains E.M.S., P.O. Box 597, Cross Plains, Tx. 76443; Hendrick Hospice Care, 1682 Hickory St., Abilene, Tx. 79601; or a favorite charity.



HEADING UP THE CONSTRUCTION—Doug Eudaley, representative of Volunteer Christian Builders (from left), Dan Connally, Director of Missions, Ronnie White, First Baptist Church Pastor, and Randy Foster, Deacon at First Baptist Church.



WORKERS HELP THEMSELVES TO LUNCH

Volunteer Church Builders at First Baptist Church

The Volunteer Christian Builders ("Grapevine Crew") are working in Cross Plains July 1-6. The plans for a new building at First Baptist Church were formulated several years ago. The slab has been poured, the outside walls and roof are on, and the ductwork for heating and cooling are in. This crew of volunteers is working to "frame out" classrooms, a kitchen, bathrooms, a fellowship hall and a hallway connecting the new building to the existing structure.

The original concept for Volunteer Christian Builders was families taking their vacations during the summer and going to help others by building church buildings.

In 1962 a group from a small church in Louisiana went to Yampa, Colorado to help a friend of their pastor build a church building. This group of about 25 volunteers thought this was a onetime trip. They received such a blessing that they came home looking for a place to go the next summer. As word spread about this work, other churches became involved. Most people had small children or teenage children when they first began taking these trips. As people began retiring, the opportunity to serve throughout the year began. There are several "Retiree Crews" who go out all during the year.

There are still "Summer Crews" who take a week or so of their vacations to work on church

buildings. Doug and Irene Eudaley, of Grapevine, started in 1971, working with crews from other churches. The "Grapevine Crew" began in 1982 with four families and a single man from the First Baptist Church of Grapevine. This crew now consists of about sixty-five people working a week each summer. The crew members come from several churches in Texas, Missouri, Tennessee and Louisiana.

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Food Pantry Closed July 4th Will Re-open Thursday July 11th

Horse Management Seminar Announced

A special Horse Management Seminar will be held on Monday, July 15 at the Callahan County Vet Clinic. The clinic is located on the north access road of I-20 between Baird and Clyde. The program will start at 6:30 p.m. The program is being sponsored by the Callahan County Extension Office and the Callahan County Vet Clinic.

One of the real disappointments of horse ownership is planning a number of horse

activities, then finding that your animal is physically incapable or mentally unwilling to engage in them. This Horse Management Seminar is designed to help people avoid these situations. This program will provide horse owners with information on Horse Health and Horse Nutrition to help them maximize the potential of their horses, as well as information on how to prevent horse theft.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Richard A. Swaim, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Misdemeanor Minutes

John Dean, bench warrant.
John Dean, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 30 days in jail, \$268 court costs.
Scott Robinson, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, unable to identify.

Marriage Licenses

Joshua Blake Foss of Camp Pendelton, CA. and Suzan Joann Aust of Clyde.
Zachary Cole Hayhurst of Abilene and April Kristine Smoot of Clyde.

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Civil Filings

Thomas Leon Slagle & Carol Ann Slagle, divorce.
Sears, Roebuck and Co. vs. Deborah Rounsaville, default on account.

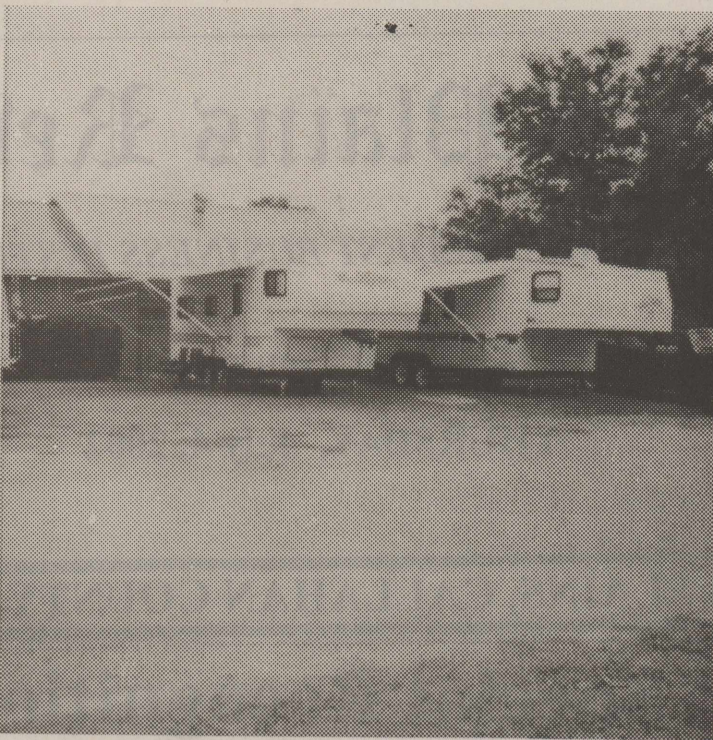
David Lynn Canada, Sr. and Ladonna Canada, divorce.
Laura Ann Savage and Stanley Crawford vs. Justin Michael Seals, damages.
Dale Franklin Taylor and Shawn Denise Taylor, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Christina Esther Cerda and Grabiela Olvera Cerda, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

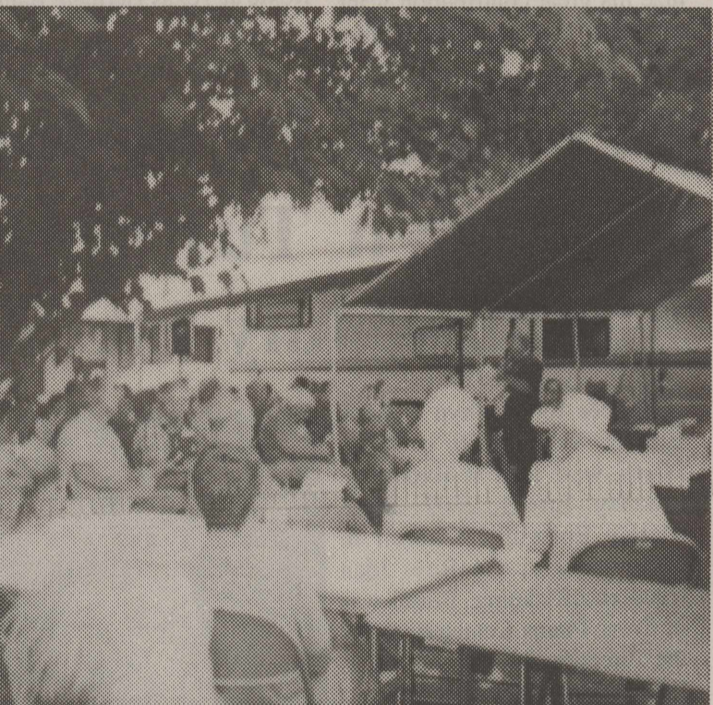
Nancy C. Kilough, plea of guilty to forgery, 1 year in prison, \$320.25 court costs.
Rowdy B. Dillard, plea of guilty to possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container, 8 year probation, \$2500 fine, \$241 court costs.



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The Woody Reunion will be held July 13th at Ethel Champion's home in Cottonwood.

The family will meet July 14th at the Cottonwood Community Center.

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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.

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BOOK REVIEW

A Service of Cross Plains Library

By Charles A. Rodenberger

When Ginny Hoskins read that I was doing book reviews, she insisted I read *From My Cold Dead Fingers*, written by Richard I. Mack, as far as I know no relation to our bank CEO, Steve Mack. Ginny is hosting Richard as our Meet the Author on July 16 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Another service of your Library.

Mack is the sheriff from Arizona who challenged the Brady Bill and got the Supreme Court to declare it unconstitutional because it required county officials to enforce a federal law to make the background checks on gun purchasers, without any federal funding for the effort. Mack uses the book to make his case against not only the Brady law but his argument against the 20,000 laws that control the ownership of guns, clearly, in his mind, against the constitutional provision of the right to bear arms.

He divides the book into two

parts; *Vigilantes and Victims*, and *Fallacies and Facts*. He establishes the argument that the media has supported gun control groups who are trying to eliminate gun ownership from our society. He shows that that was the first step Hitler took to take over Germany. He confiscated all guns. He also argues that gun control laws have had no effect at all on the crime rate. The laws against "assault" rifles are given special consideration, showing that criminals don't prefer them and they have been used in a very few cases, but when they are used, the TV gives them extra coverage.

You will want to read the book whatever side of gun control you are on, or if you care about our constitutional rights. You will want Mr. Mack to sign the book at his talk July 16. From the photo on the book, he is even more handsome than our Steve Mack. You can send me e-mail at car926@aol.com.

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And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. 15-4p

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Bill Armstrong - Pastor

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

July 2002 in Cottonwood

July 4th will be/was the 2nd annual Independence Day Celebration at 10 a.m. at the Cottonwood Community Center. By the time most of you read this column, we will have already celebrated with a serious consideration of our national heritage; with a salute to our flag; our Pledge of Allegiance; by presentations of patriotic music and literature; singing of songs, laughter, fellowship, and refreshments.

For those of you who are privileged to get and read your *Cross Plains Review* on Wednesday, I hope you will come out and celebrate with us. Let us renew, together, our spirit of Liberty, Freedom and Justice for All.

The Quilting Club is already putting needle and thread to its annual Rehab Quilt. According to Mary Weaver, it is a Pen-wheel in greens and white, and will be delivered in the fall. It will be sold at auction during the TV fund-raiser to benefit clients of the Rehabilitation Center.

Current members of the quilting club really need new members and invite all ladies of the community to join them for this worthy project. It is a great time to learn to quilt, if you don't know how. Quilting days are scheduled for July 11, 15 and 25.

Don't forget the Volunteer Fire Control meeting on July 16, at 7 p.m. at the Cottonwood Fire Hall. This organization needs new volunteers.

The Cottonwood Musical will be on Friday, July 19.

Summer Adventures
Summertime fun has already

begun for many Cottonwood youth. Emma and Dayna Bennett spent a week in California. Emma has described her adventure this way: "We went to California on June 18th to Long Beach to visit with my Grandmother Brenda Autry, Uncle Lee, Aunt Shelly Autry, and cousins, Britiana and Briana. The first thing on Wednesday, we went to Disney Land and rode lots of rides. Then we bought a lot of stuff, and then went to the Disney Land parade and fire works show. We also got autographs from the Disney characters, Pluto, Goofy and Minnie Mouse, Mickey Mouse, Eyor, Tigger and Pooh-Bear. The next day we went to Huntington Beach and went swimming in the waves. Then we saw a big, wild, live seal and he was really mean. He was growling and chasing us and the next day we went to Santa Monica Beach and rode more rides and went home. The next day I got my ears pierced and stayed home a couple of days, and the next day we rode the plane back to Texas, where our sister, Ashley, and Uncle John picked us up to take us back to Cottonwood. And that was our week in California. We had the best time of our lives, so far."

(Let's pass the good-times of summers around. All youthful citizens of the Cottonwood Community are invited to call me and share their summer experiences. Some "media personnel" seem eager to share things they don't even know about and call it news. But not!! So, please call and let's talk. Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474.

PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies had a short day on Tuesday. We did finish Olena's "Patriotic Quilt". It was very pretty. This was our last meeting until the second week in September. At that time we will be talking about our Quilt Show coming up in October. We hope everyone has a great summer and will be ready to work come September.

There was a modest crowd attending the domino party on Thursday. The next meeting will be on July 11. Plan to come join us.

Game night was in Cross Plains this week. We played at Tommie and Phyllis Harris' house. There were six there to play. We had a great time. Thanks Tommie and Phyllis.

Oddie Kivlehen from Abilene spent this last week with her sister Lessie Baum. They had a good time.

The very prestigious Marabean B. Lamar Award was presented to Anna Ezzell at the end of the spring 2002 year. Anna has taught close to 30 years in several school systems in Texas including Pawnee, Mesquite, Vernon, Big Springs and Rising Star. She is presently employed with Rising Star School District. She has taught Special Education for the past ten years. Anna attended Cisco Junior College for two years, then went to Tarleton State University, where she received her P.E. degree and her Masters. Mr. Marabean B. Lamar was the second president of the Republic of Texas and because of the importance of education to him, this award was named for him. President Lamar was called the "Father of Texas Education". Congratulations to Anna for all the

work you have done and for helping the future leaders of our country. Well done!!!!

Pauline Parsons of Baird had lunch with Anna and Olena Ezzell last week. They had a "supper" time.

James and Jean Alexander are home from a stay in Dallas. James had surgery and is doing great. Jim, Marla, Will, Jack and Ashley took real good care of them. Andrea and Starr Appleton brought them home and stayed overnight.

Glenda Phillips attended youth fellowship with the Rising Star Church of Christ group last Tuesday night. Allen and children also went. The church groups are to be at Rising Star Tuesday night. Kali and Krista had a track meet last Saturday at Anson. Logan spent the day with Glenda. Logan and Glenda had a real good time.

Roxie Nance and Shirley Harrelson came to see their mother, Frankie Smith, on Wednesday. They treated Jean Fore and Frankie to a birthday lunch at the Golden Corral in Brownwood. A good time was enjoyed by all. Thursday, Frankie attended the musical in Rising Star. Then Jean and Frankie attended the Cottonwood Musical. Monday they went to a church association meeting with Wayne and Aileen Smith. They reported the music and sermons were wonderful.

May Jones attended the "50" class reunion of the year 1952. There was a good size group present. Everyone enjoyed seeing each other. Lots of talking went on.

Words of Wisdom: In the old days a fool and his money were soon parted. Now it happens to everyone.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: July's flowers of the month are larkspur and water lilies.

"Grandmas"

My mother never met any of her grandmas nor her grandfathers, either for that matter. Grandmas are a wonderful thing to have. In my experience, grandmas are also fun, a lot of fun. Sometimes even their names are funny; because, a lot of them are not called Grandma. Some are called grandmother, grandmama, grandy, grammy, just plain gram, as well as granny, gran' and other derivatives. A few of these which come to mind maw-maw, mowm-ma, mamaw, me-maw and mama.

Other names for grandmothers which I have known are mimi, gigi, gee-Joe, nana, nanny and big mama. I had two grandmothers, My mother's mom we called Mama Meador. She was a resident of Cross Plains and fun grandmother. She would make me (a skinny, sickly, kid) my own little apple pies in a small, blue crock bowl. She was trying to entice me to eat! Oh, if she could see me now. I'm very, very unskinned. She used to tell us (Mother said), "That if we didn't behave, she'd hang our underwear up on the clothesline." Being little bitty kids, we thought she meant with us still in them. Mother said we'd be good all day when Mama Meador told us that. Sadly before I was five years old, Mama Meador passed from this life. She was a devout Christian and a member of the Cross Plains First Baptist Church. Her father was a circuit riding Baptist preacher, his last name was Forbes. His wife, Mrs. Forbes passed away when Mama Meador was still an infant. I understand that he carried her with him and when he would preach, he sat her up on the pulpit., until she was too big to do so.

My father's mother was a very diminutive lady and was called Teence (as in teency, weency) by her sisters and so all of us called her Mama Teence. She was a lot

of fun, also. She used to let us grandkids jump and down on her beds, wouldn't tell on us. One time, she even cut up her garters so some of us could use them, making Indian headdresses. Not too long before we became teenagers, however, one of the cousins started called her Granny Teence. Not long after, as children will, we dropped the Teence and called Granny Dennis. As we grew older, we opted for the shorter term, Granny, when talking to her and added the Dennis when referring to her in a conversation. She lived in Baird. I was 30-something and the mother of four children when she passed away.

My mother was called Boma (Bom'a) by all seven of her grandchildren. My oldest son, Mark was her first grandchild and was prompted to call her Grandmommy, but he, in his trying to pronounce in his toddler voice called her Bom-Boma. Soon he shortened it to Boma, and all the other seven followed suit, as did her six great-grandchildren.

My husband's mother, Marie Sykes, has lived in Cross Plains since March 2001. When my children were small, first lived in Spain. Then she moved to Fort Worth, Las Vegas, back to Fort Worth, and now to Cross Plains. My son Mark was the first grandchild on that side the family, also. When he was small he couldn't say Grandmother and since I called her Marie, he chose in his toddler language to what came out Ba-dee!

Soon, however, he got to where he could say grandmother--and all the rest followed suit. When the great-grandchildren started to come along, my grandson, Zachary, was the first great-grandchild so he called her Grandmother, as do my other two grandchildren. However, her other greats live in California, Minnesota and Colorado and they all call her G.G. for great-grandmother.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

July 8 - July 12

MONDAY-- Pork Chops w/ gravy, Au gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Pears, Bread, Milk
TUESDAY-- Lima Beans & Ham, Turnip Greens, Hominy, Cheesecake, Cornbread, Milk
WEDNESDAY-- Lasagna, Carrots, Green Beans, Bread Pudding, Garlic Toast, Milk

THURSDAY-- Sloppy Joes, Pickles/Onions, Baked Beans, Gelatin w/fruit, Milk
FRIDAY-- Chicken & Dumplings, Tossed Salad, Peas & Carrots, Peanut Butter Chews, Bread, Milk

BARBARIAN FESTIVAL NEWS

By Jerry Biggerstaff

On June 25, 2002, the Cross Plains Festival Committee met at Jean's Feed Barn. President Keeka Byrd presided.

In my last column, I asked the residents of Cross Plains and the surrounding community to tell me what they thought about the name of the festival: Should it be Cross Plains Festival or should it be Barbarian Festival? While the number of responses was small, ALL voted for Barbarian Festival. So Barbarian Festival it will be. Thanks to those who responded by email, telephone and in person.

This year's festival will feature a Kiddy Parade in which kids of all ages are invited to decorate their bicycles, wagons or goat carts and put on their best Barbarian costume. Ribbons will be awarded to best costume, best decorated bicycle, wagon or goat cart. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded. We have invited a group of Barbarian fans from Austin to lead and judge the parade. Parents: we will keep the young'uns off the street for this parade. More on this to follow.

Vendors are wanted! If you would like a booth at the festival, please contact Charlie Richardson at Coyote Flat. She has all the necessary applications and information. We will have electricity for food vendors along the north wall of the Senior Citizen's Center, so your cookers, Fry Daddys and such can be used. Remember: Food vendors are on a first come, first serve basis. We have only one vendor for any given food item. Soft drink, iced tea and BBQ concessions are already taken. Anyone want to do sausage wraps: How about nachos or hamburgers: Ice cream: Know anyone who plays a musical instrument? Anyone who sings? How about a stand up comic? Tell them to contact Bobby Hinkle at the Cross Plains Public Library, if they would like to display their talents

to the public. Don't miss this opportunity to show what you can do!

Like to play dominoes? Well, we would like to have a domino tournament during the Barbarian Festival. This is still in the planning stage but we foresee a multiple elimination tournament where the winners split the entry

fee with the Festival. Entry will be \$5.00 per person. If we have 10 teams, the winning team would receive a \$50.00 prize. Unless the majority of entries would rather play some other version, 42 will be the game. Watch this space for more information.

For the younger generation, we are going to have a coloring contest this year. It will be slightly different from prior years in that we also want to have a "Name the Buffalo" contest at the same time. You ask, "Name the buffalo?" Just watch the new city park for the appearance of a new citizen of Cross Plains. More information on this will be available shortly. Be prepared!

If anyone has found a little spare time on their hands, we need volunteers to join the Barbarian Festival committee or, if you don't want to join, we need helpers during the Festival. We will need help with everything from food servers to assistance in ensuring our town is not littered during and after the Festival. Contact either Jerry Biggerstaff or Keeka Byrd if you are interested. We can promise you a good time and a "Thanks a lot!" for your efforts.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be July 23rd at 6 p.m. The meetings are usually held at either Cross Plains Dairy Queen or Jean's Feed Barn.

For more information about meetings, or anything else regarding the Festival, please contact Keeka Byrd at (254) 725-6839 or Jerry Biggerstaff (254) 725-4189 (email: jerrychr@netzero.net).

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I'm mad! Well, maybe "I'm upset" would be more "kosher" to say, "especially for a preacher." But I'm upset that some person who does not believe in God can gain a ruling by some judge/court in this nation - a nation that was established upon the principle of a firm belief in the God of heaven - that to include "under God" in our nation's pledge of allegiance is "unconstitutional"! How ridiculous!! That person may not have had a choice of being born in the United States of America or not, but if he doesn't like the fact that we believe in God, at least to the point that we include Him in our pledge of allegiance and on our coins ("In God We Trust"), then he can move to some country that doesn't believe in the one true God, He who authored the Bible that reveals Himself to us - rather than trying to change our nation to his atheistic thinking!

It's difficult to realize that it has been 26 years since this nation celebrated its 200th birthday. A lot of things have changed in those 26 years, haven't they? Are we closer or farther from God as a nation? How about as individuals? How about you? Me? Perhaps this person's objection to "under God" being in our pledge is a indictment against some of us who believe in Him - for not making it known in more ways than just in our pledge and on our coins/currency.

For instance - it is incongruent with a serious belief in God, that when asked to respond to "whether sex education should be taught in the public schools," the majority in the Big Country viewing audience said "Yes," reason being, "they're going to do it anyhow so they need to be taught 'safe sex.'" And then say, "one nation under God" as they say the pledge? Come on, that allowance doesn't align with the abstinence that He commands!

Let those of who seriously believe in God - and I don't know of any other sensible way to have faith in Him than to do it seriously! - let us be "under God" in every "arena" of our lives...

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RISING STAR NURSING CENTER

By MACK WATSON-BUSH

Here, we pay tribute to Linda Merritt. On July 9, 2002 Linda will be a 25 year employee of the Colonial Oaks Nursing Center, that has now amalgamated with the Rising Star Nursing Center.

Linda began as a nurses' aide, then worked as a medication aide, and later became the Activity Director of the facility in Cross Plains. She has also spent some time working in the kitchen and as an administrative assistant. Her current position here at the center is Activity Director/Administrative Assistant.

Linda is married to Jerry Merritt, has one daughter, Brandy, and three grandchildren, Journey, Tristan and Trinity. She resides in Merkel and believe it or not, drives that distance each and every day.

When one judges an employee, the traits usually examined are such things as dependability, ability to carry our job assignments, and the ability to work with others to get the job at hand completed, etc. Linda not only passes muster in these areas and

any standards that might be applied to find an employee exemplary; she far surpasses them. Despite the situation, how stressful or trying, Linda has a smile to give. Not only to some, but to everyone.

She is a special individual, blessed with the ability to lift the spirits of those around her, not only by her actions but her incandescent demeanor. This writer has described her as effervescent, and versatile, of which both she is; not only is she that but caring, kind, gentle, sweet, efficiently, polite, and worthy. Linda is a person that one is proud to know, lucky to work alongside, and deserving of tremendous praise.

Here is to your Linda. Congratulations on your achievements and thanks for the hard work, the effort, and being the kind of person that one strives to emulate. Always we wish you the very best.

The current and past staff members of the Rising Star Center and everyone who you have touched over the years salute you.



C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



GRANDMOTHER HAD FOUR C.P.H.S. GRADUATES—Kevin Wilson, Sarah Nixon, Marie Dillard, Jenny Pancake and Joseph Dillard.

Dillard Family Graduates

One Cross Plains lady had good reason to attend the graduation held at Cross Plains for the Class of 2002. She had not one, but four great-grandchildren graduating. The lady is Marie Dillard and her great-grandchildren are Kevin Wilson, son of Debbie and Nikkie Wilson and grandson of

Dwayne and Jean Wilson; Sarah Nixon, daughter of Terry Nixon and the late Leon Nixon, and granddaughter of N.L. and Martha Dillard; Jenny Pancake, daughter of Randy and Phyllis Pancake and granddaughter of Jackie and Nelda Pancake; Jo-

seph Dillard son of Donnie and Barbara Dillard and grandson of N.L. and Martha Dillard.

Our family is very proud of our Seniors, and we are proud of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Marie will be 89 on July 6th.

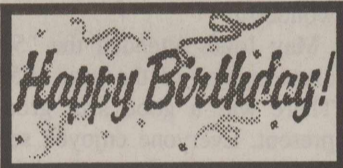
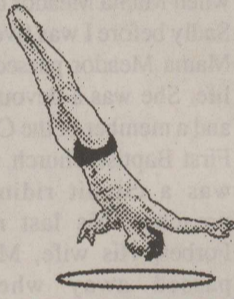
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Linda Merritt
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Nathan Joy

JULY 11
Edna Burkett
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Dixie Ingram
Don Roberts
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Justin Deion Whiteley

Track Club Warms Up for Regional Competition

The Buffalo Track Club went to Abilene Saturday, June 29 to compete in the Abilene Invitational Track Meet. The weather was hot. The track club got warmed up for regional. Thirty-three members went to the competition; some older members were away at camps. A special thanks goes to Emma Bennett for helping the Midget girls by moving up a division for last week. Lots of participants brought home three or four ribbons, although this track meet only awarded ribbons through 4th place. Competing at the ACU track field (Elmer Gray) was great. It prepared the tracksters for The Hart-Patterson track at Waco on the Baylor campus.

The track club is busy getting ready to travel to Wichita Falls for the Region 8 meet this Saturday, July 6. The members that place 1st or 2nd will advance to the state meet in Waco, July 26-28. Please give your support to these hard working youngsters by giving them a pat on the back when you see them.

RESULTS:
PEEWEE DIVISION:
Samantha Dickson- 400 meter dash-2nd, 800 meter run- 1st, long jump- 7th; Maci Whitson-high jump-2nd, 100 meter dash-6th, 50 meter participant; Jurnee Thomas- high jump- 3rd, long jump and 50 meter participant; Layton Turner-high jump-2nd, long jump- 7th, 50 meter participant; Carter Turner- 50 meter dash, high jump, and long jump participant; Colton McWilliams high jump, long jump, and 50 meter participant

BANTAM DIVISION: Cierra Odom- shot put- 2nd; Chad Switzer- high jump- 2nd, 100 meter- 7th, 200 meter 6th; Logan Turner- long jump- 8th, 200 meter- 7th, and high jump participant; Ben Shaefer- shot put- 6th, and 100 meter participant; Cody Ford- shot put- 3rd, 400 meter- 4th, and high jump participant

MIDGET DIVISION: Emily Harris- 80 meter hurdles- 5th, high jump- 2nd, 4 X 400 relay- 2nd; Krista Phillips- high jump- 3rd, 400 meter dash- 5th, 4 X 400 relay- 2nd; Emma Bennett-high jump- 3rd, 200 meter dash- 8th, 4 X 400 relay- 2nd; Brittany Melton- shot put- 2nd; Shelby Randolph- 1600 meter run- 1st, 800 meter run- 3rd, 4 X 400 relay- 2nd; Cody Baker- high jump- 1st, 400 meter dash- 1st, 200 meter dash- 2nd; Joe Dalton

Wyatt- high jump- 2nd, 800 meter run- 6th, and long jump participant

JUNIOR DIVISION: MyKea Douglass- shot put- 3rd, Discus- 5th, 4 X 400 relay- 2nd; Brittany Stout- 400 meter- 2nd, long jump- 4th, 4 X 400 relay- 2nd, 100 meter dash- 9th; Tracey Randolph- 800 meter dash- 2nd, shot put- 4th, Discus 5th, 4 X 400 relay- 2nd; Starla Schaefer- 100 meter dash- 7th, 200 meter dash- 8th, long jump- 5th, 4 X 400 relay- 2nd; Jacob Melton- 100 meter dash- 8th, Discus- 4th, shot put- 3rd; Clay Koenig- shot put- 6th, Discus- 6th; Russell Thomas- 200 meter dash- 2nd, 400 meter dash- 3rd, long jump- 4th;

J.J. Callaway- 100 meter dash- 9th, 80 meter run- 5th, long jump participant; Chris McBride- 400 meter dash- 4th, 3200 meter run- 5th

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION: Christin Hyles- 100 meter dash- 4th, 200 meter dash- 4th, 400 meter dash- 2nd; Shana Hyles- 800 meter run- 2nd, 1600 meter run- 1st, long jump participant; Dusty Dickson- high jump- 1st; Andy Bennet- 1600 meter run- 3rd, 3200 meter run- 1st; Brandon Horton- 100 meter dash- 3rd, 200 meter dash- 3rd

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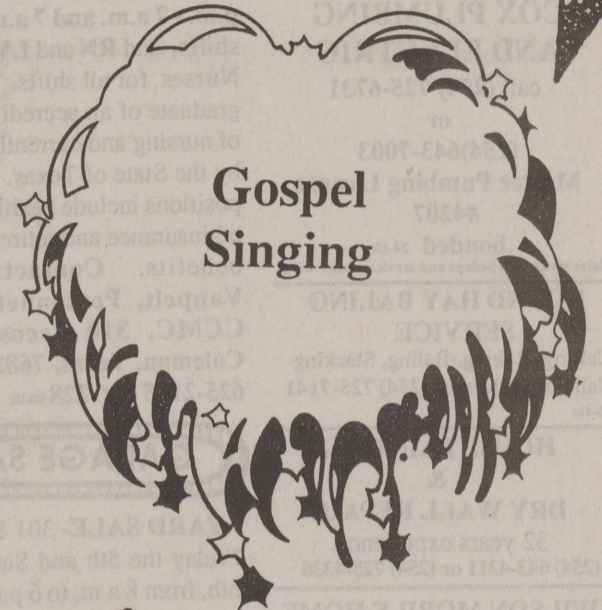
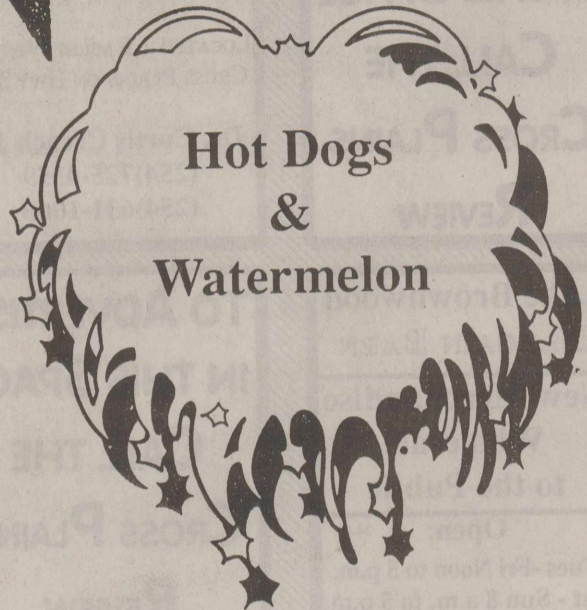
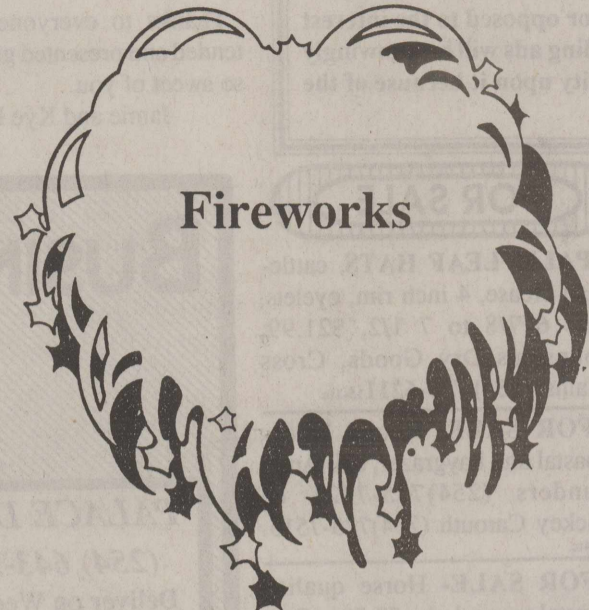
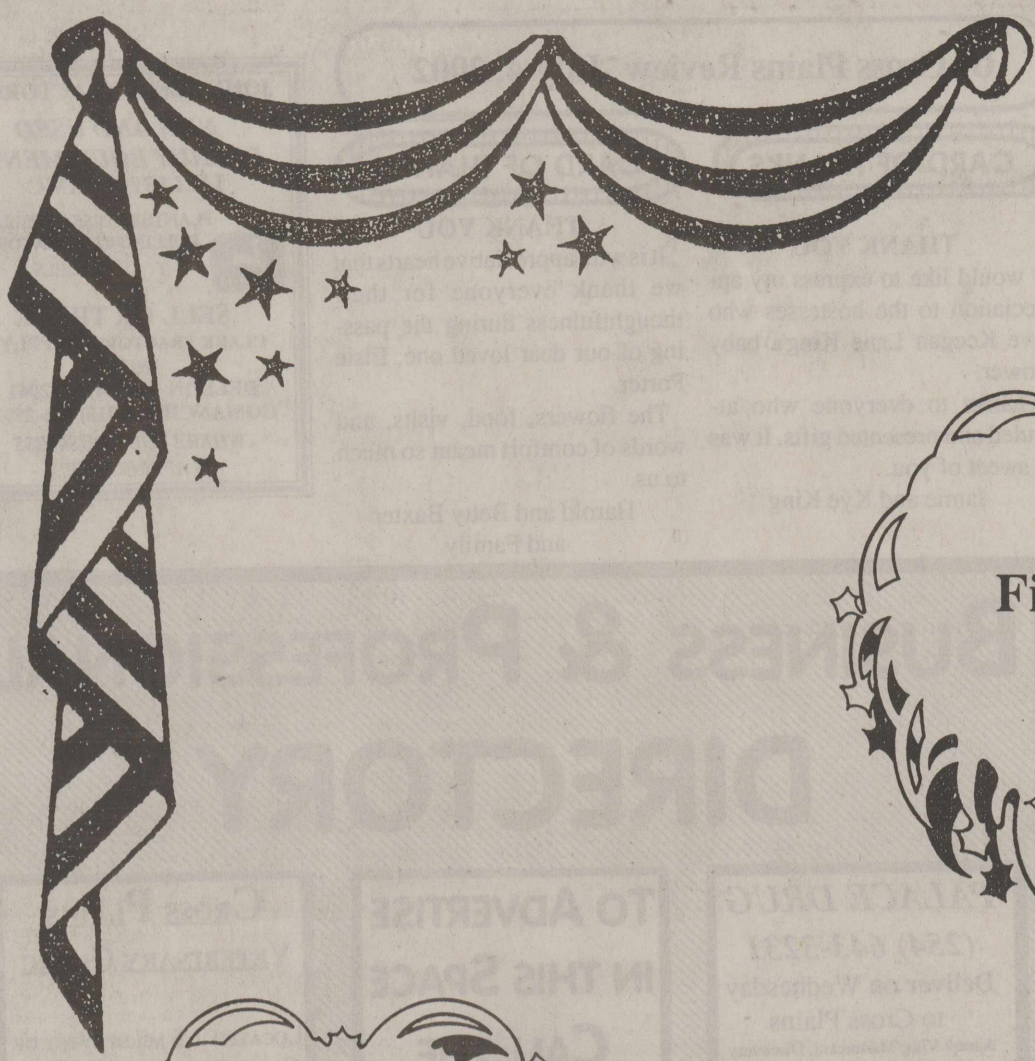
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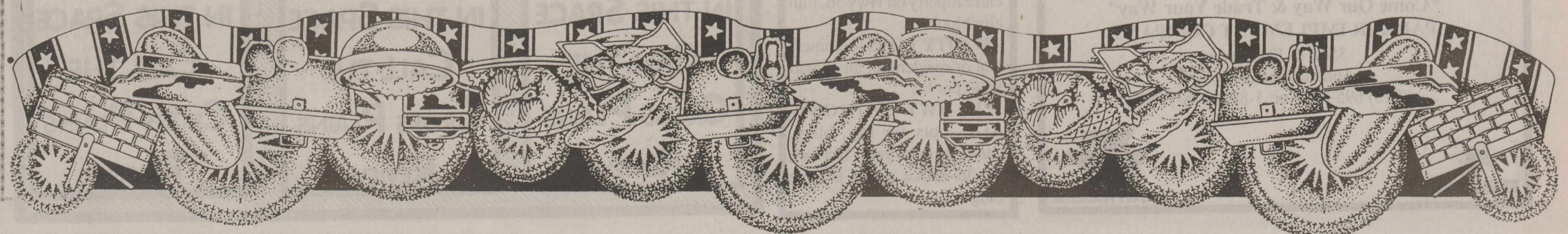
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Thank you for all the cards, calls, flowers, monetary assistance, food, expressions of sympathy, prayers, thoughts, and consolation.

A special thank you to the ladies of the First Baptist Church for the lovely, delicious noonday meal they prepared and served us, before the services.

A special recognition and expression of thanks to Rev. John Swift for conducting the funeral services, and expressions of prayer and consolation.

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Thanks also to the Church of Christ for the family dinner.

We lost our Grandmother Elsie Porter on June 20, 2002. She was a very special lady in our lives.

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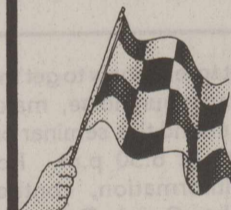
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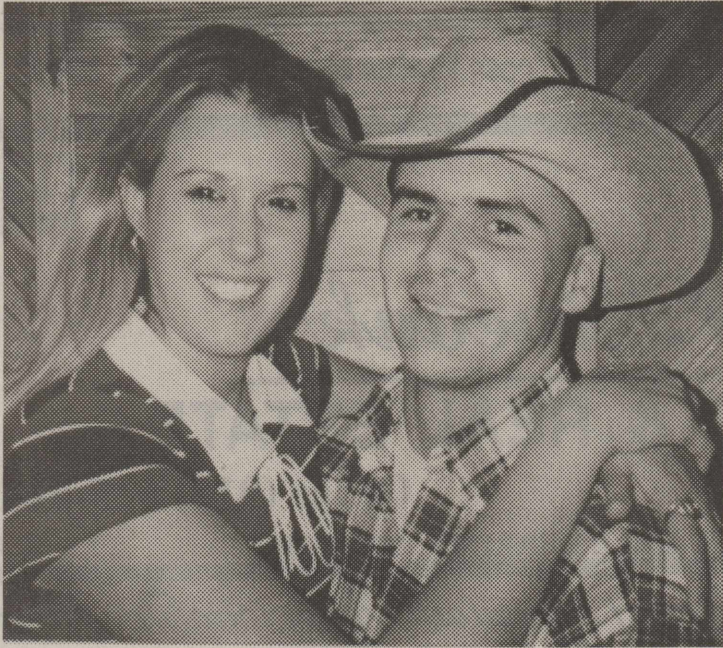
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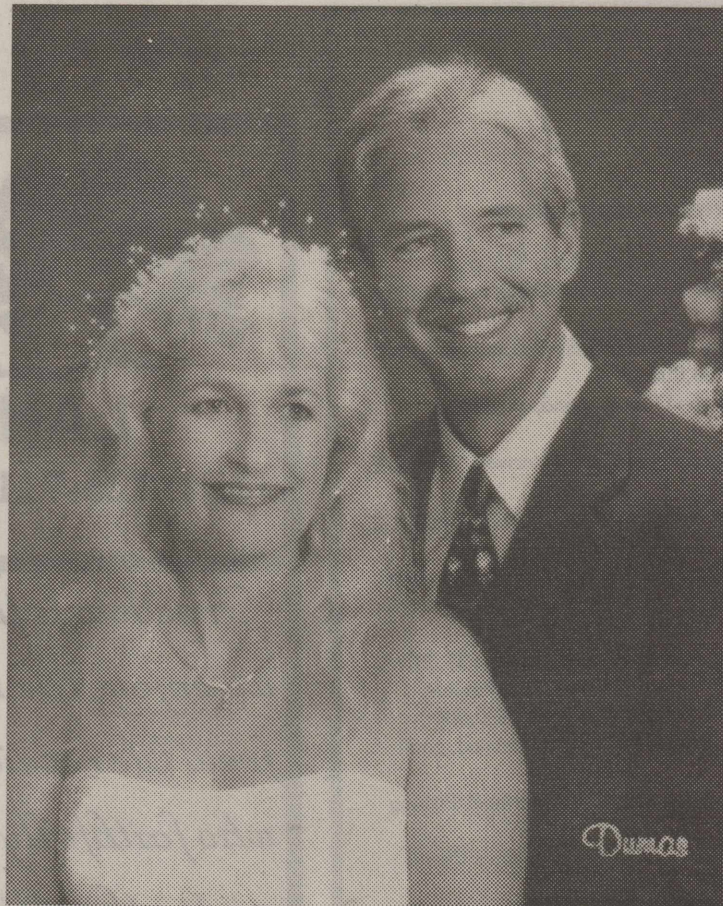


TABITHA FRANKE AND P.J. PERKINS

Franke-Perkins to Wed Saturday, July 13th

Tabitha Michelle Franke and James Allen (P.J.) Perkins, Jr. will exchange marriage vows Saturday, July 13, 2002, at 3 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 1719

Ninth Street, Brownwood. The couple would like to invite their friends and relatives to attend the ceremony. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.



MR. AND MRS. CURTIS RAY STAHNKE

Hail-Stahnke Wed June 29 in Cross Plains

Dianne Johnson Hail and Curtis Ray Stahnke exchanged wedding vows on June 29, 2002 at 6:30 in the evening. The ceremony was officiated by Bro. Burlie Taylor, at the bride's home in Cross Plains.

The bride is the daughter of Noah and Bobbie Johnson of Cross Plains; and she is the mother of Brice, Alisa and Lori Hail. She is the granddaughter of the late Everett and Lorena Wright and the late Flem and Hester Johnson, all of Cross Plains.

The bridegroom is the son of Clyde and Linda Stahnke of Stephenville. He is the grandson of the late George and Mattie Stahnke of Priddy and the late Hugh and Lounette Singleton of Comanche.

The bride graduated from Cross

Plains High School. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from Southwest Texas State University and taught Vocational Home Economics for six years at Cross Plains I.S.D. The bride also has a Master's Degree from Abilene Christian University in Secondary Education, and is a certified Educational Diagnostician. She is employed in the Region 14 area by the Comanche Special Services Co-op, which offices in De Leon.

The bridegroom graduated from Stephenville High School and Tarleton State University and has taught science at Comanche Intermediate School for the past 5 years. He is currently employed as an Assistant Principal with Comanche I.S.D.

The couple is making their home in Cross Plains.



JEANETTE SUE LANFORD ...weds Kristopher Chad Barron June 29, 2002 in Merkel

Kristopher Chad Barron weds Jeanette Sue Lanford June 29

Jeanette Sue Lanford and Kristopher Chad Barron were married June 29, 2002 at the First United Methodist Church in Merkel, Texas with Reverend David Floyd-Harp officiating.

The bride is the daughter of John S. Lanford and Jayne Lanford of Merkel. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David "Butch" Barron of Baird.

The maid of honor was Julie Lanford of Dallas. The bridesmaids were Becky Galvin of Merkel, Leslie Jacobs of Merkel, Krissi Fortune of Baird, Allison Arthur of Pacifica, CA, and Jana Lanford of Merkel. Kylie Fortune of Baird was the flower girl.

The best man was Dusty Barron of Baird. The groomsmen were Mike Parker of Baird, Garry Jennings of Baird, Jody Fortune of Baird, Shane Devenport of Brady, and Garrett Jennings of Baird. Zachary Galvin of Merkel was the ring bearer.

Ushers were Ricky Vaughn of

Lubbock, Paul Galdean of Dalhart, Kelby Cauthen of Baird, Jason Gerngross of Baird, Derek Galvin of Merkel, Levi Galvin of Merkel. Candle lighters were Justin Quesada and Zach Peterson of San Angelo. Attendants were Emily Quesada and Lauren Peterson of San Angelo, Angela Arthur of Abilene, Robin Morton of Abilene, Karli Jennings of Baird, Mandy Cauthen of Baird, and Shayla Boone of Merkel.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and Texas Tech University with a degree in Management Information Systems.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Baird High School and Texas Tech University with a degree in Exercise Sports Science and a minor in English with a focus in Secondary Education. He is employed by Mineral Wells ISD.

The couple plans to honeymoon in Jamaica and will reside in Weatherford, TX.



Love to laugh...

I keep snickering. All week long I've been breaking out in sudden laughter-ever since that morning Smiley Riley came out of his bedroom looking more comic than a comic book character.

It happened while I was vacationing in Kentucky with my girls and my grandkids.

Riley is five now, about to graduate kindergarten. He's outgrown Blue's Clues, but still loves Barney. He's an avid Spiderman and Star Wars fan, and is old enough to appreciate Harry Potter. He doesn't always understand social behavior, even his own.

We were all sitting around the living room, soaking up the charm of Precious's Old Louisville apartment. Sisters Precious and Puddin' were catching up after four years' separation. Sweet Pea and Peanut were watching a movie. We looked up when we heard Riley's footsteps padding through the doorway.

Over his pants and shirt was a make-shift costume, a sort of caricature of a caped Superman. Precious laughed and

picked him up. His face wrinkled and he bubbled up to cry.

"Oh, are you hurt?" Precious searched him for blood or bruises. She couldn't translate his mutterings, but it appeared his fretfulness might be tangled up with something that happened at school. He and his buddies have been tussling lately.

Her questions pulled out no clear answer, but she did have an enlightening conversation with her young son.

"You look like you're having fun, Riley, but you're sad. So tell me again why you are dressed like this?"

"Because it looks silly." His face contorted, and the words scraped over the ragged edge of a whimper.

"Did you want to look silly?" "Y-e-s-s-s," he whined. Why? "I thought it would be funny." He struggled to say more, but his voice was tight, so Precious waited.

"I thought it would make people laugh..." he said, squeezing out strangled words, "...and I so love to laugh-h-h-h."

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Abilene Writer's Guild Contest Winners for 2002 Announced

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ginny Greene, who writes "County Roads" for the *Cross Plains Review*, *Clyde Journal* and *Baird Banner*, was recognized.

Rhymed Poetry— 1st Debra Evans, 2nd Yvonne Nunn, 3rd Vivian Allison; Honorable Mention: Barbara Rollins, Cheryl Vorhauer, Becky Haigler, Dovie Jacoby

Unrhymed Poetry—1st Henry Stobbe, 2nd JoAnne Horn, 3rd Neva Brown; Honorable Mention: Barbara Darnall, Lorene Wooten, Cindy Dean

Children's Stories (ages 3-10)— 1st Rosanna Houser, 2nd Judith Christy, 3rd Maurice Mallow; Honorable Mention: Barbara Jennison, Christopher Fuentes, Stewart Caffey, Tanya Walters, Pat Walters

Humor Category—1st Patricia Miller, 2nd Laura Thaxton, 3rd Lynn Davidson; Honorable Mention Ginny Greene, Ann Crawford, Ross Wise

Articles of General Interest— 1st Ruth Sellers, 2nd Doug Sellers, 3rd Barbara Barton; Honorable mention: Elaine Coleman, Laura Thaxton, Diane Lyell, Gwen Choate

Articles of Inspiration or Nostalgia— 1st Mary Craig, 2nd Debra Vasquez, Rita Rasco, Sally Jadow, Marla Cooper

Memoirs/Compositions of Nostalgia—1st Amanda Tengowski, 2nd Sue Turner, 3rd Augustine Tennant; Honorable Mention: Charlotte Lancaster, Carolyn Dycus, Becky Haigler, Betty Thomason

Adults Fiction—1st Jan Carrington, 2nd Charles Felix, 3rd Mary Craig; Honorable Mention: Debra Evans, William and Diane Lyell, Charles Felix, Jo Cox

Flash Fiction—1st Barbara Rollins, 2nd Karen Eckhardt, 3rd Sue Turner; Honorable Mention Sue Turner, Judith Christy, Liz Green

Novels—1st James Pound, 2nd Regina Garson, 3rd JoAnne Horn; Honorable mention: Mary Craig, Marvin Wanner, JoAnne Horn, Karen Schendel

Best of Show—Sue Turner

HORSE

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