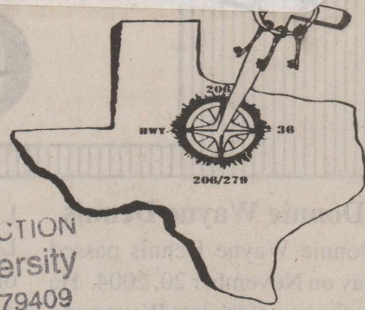


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EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is a cute story that makes a definite point through the openness of a child.

It reminded me of when they first opened a Baskin-Robbins 31 Flavors in Abilene many years ago. My daughter Blandye was about 2 or 3 and she was getting acquainted with everyone in the room, as usual. The newscaster from an Abilene television channel happened to be in the shop and he asked her what her name was and how old she was. Blandye answered and then immediately questioned him, "What is your name and how old are you?" Well, he wasn't ready for that, and he never did tell her how old he was, but he laughed and said something like, "Well, I guess I've met my match."

You will enjoy this story and you may have to get you some ice cream, too! **Vanda Anderson**

"Thank God for Children Saying Grace"

Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good. God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and Justice for all. Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong?" "Is God mad at me?"

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

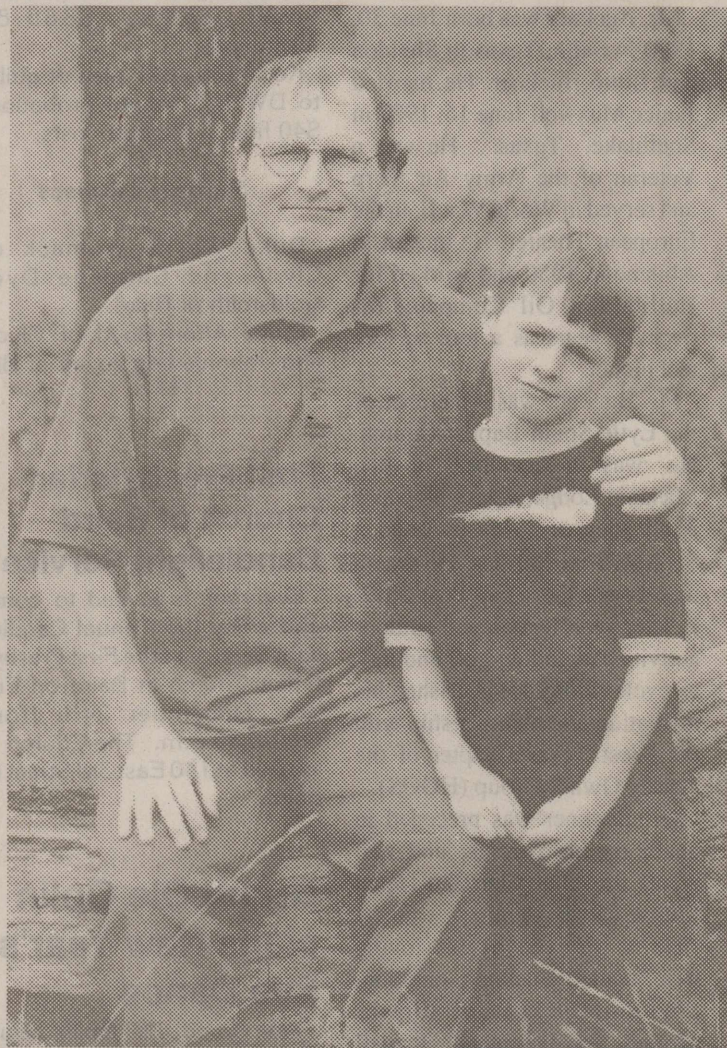
"Really?" my son asked. "Cross my heart," the man replied. Then in a theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life.

He picked up his sundae and without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the women. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes; and my soul is good already."

Author Unknown

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Articles Noon on Monday



RANDAL RAY "RANDY" WALKER and son, Austin Ray Walker

Services were held for Randy Walker on Tuesday, December 14

Randal Ray Walker, age 36, of Cross Plains, passed away December 11, 2004, at the Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 14, 2004, at First Baptist Church with Ronnie White officiating, assisted by Max Evans.

Randy was born to Glenard "Skeet" and Wanda Faye (McNabb) Walker on March 15, 1968 in Coleman, Texas. He attended Cross Plains Elementary School and graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1986. He loved to go fishing with his son, Austin, every chance he could.

He was employed as a truck driver.

Survivors include his parents, Skeet and Wanda Walker of Cross Plains; a son, Austin Ray Walker of Cross Plains; brother, Mike Walker and wife, Tonja, of Cross Plains; a nephew, Heath Walker, and niece, Tiffany Walker, both of Cross Plains; as well as cousins, aunts and uncles. Pallbearers were Heath Walker, Brandon Horton, Jeremy Torres, Brenton McNutt, Jason Goains, Al Taylor, Conda Odom and Regin Stover.

Honorary pallbearers were Jimmy McNutt, Paul Spalding, Mac Harris and Keith Kelly.

Open House Planned at Texas Heritage Bank Wednesday, Dec. 22nd

Texas Heritage Bank invites their customers and friends to join them for Open House on Wednesday, December 22, from

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served as everyone fellowships prior to the Christmas holidays.

National Republican Congressional Committee Awards 2004 Ronald Reagan Republican Gold Medal to Cross Plains Businessman

Washington, D.C.—House majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-TX), NRCC Chairman Tom Reynolds (R-NY), and the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) announced today that Mr. Rolan Jones has been chosen as a 2004 Ronald Reagan Republican Gold Medal Award winner. Mr. Jones was selected based

on unyielding support of the Republican Party, outstanding leadership in business and for displaying a commitment to President Ronald Reagan's vision for an entrepreneurial America. Only an elite group of business and professional people were nominated to receive the award before the awards selection committee reached a final

First United Methodist Church Cantata Announced

Come join the First United Methodist Church as we present our annual Christmas cantata, December 19, during the morning worship service which begins at 10:45 a.m.

This year's performance, titled "Celebrate the Season" is by Joel Raney. Its style ranges from traditional classical to jazz, incorporating enough of the familiar carols to warm our hearts with some originality thrown in to keep you on your listening toes. The compositions and narrations of this musical will tell the story of the birth of Christ in a fresh and exciting way that will hopefully lift all our spirits for this holiday season.

There will be several soloists featured this year, including (in order of performance) Sandy Redd, Matthew Sowell, Amanda Sowell and Rhonda Swift. The complete choir member list is as follows: Jane Besselaar, Marie Besselaar, B.J. Fulcher and Rhonda Swift as sopranos; Carol Bennett, Patsy Harelik, Amanda Sowell and Connie Swift as altos; Sandy Reed and John Swift as tenors; and Mike Redd and Matthew Sowell as basses.

As a special surprise, the choir will also have the unveiling of the long-anticipated new choir robes!

So, come one, come all to help us "Celebrate the Season"!

Submitted by Rhonda Swift

Sassy Lady Open House Thursday, December 16

Everyone is invited to attend the Sassy Lady Open House at the home of Wanda Merryman in Cross Plains on Thursday, December 16th, from 2 to 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

This is a great opportunity to find gifts for those special ones on your Christmas list.

Cross Plains man charged with deadly conduct

A 55-year-old Cross Plains man has been released on bond after being charged with the shooting death of Randal Ray Walker, 36, of Cross Plains on Friday night, December 10.

Charles McKenzie, 55, of Cross Plains was charged with deadly conduct involving the shooting death of Walker outside a residence located at 401 Northwest 4th Street inside the city limits of Cross Plains.

Texas Ranger Sergeant Calvin Cox said Walker was transported to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene where he was pronounced dead on early Saturday morning, December 11. Cox said the body was taken to

Tarrant County Forensic Laboratories for an autopsy. Cox said Walker's body appeared to have one wound in the lower left chest area.

According to Cox the shooting involved a case of family violence. Cox said the residence where he was shot was not Walker's residence.

The Texas Ranger reported the Cross Plains Police Department did recover a firearm at the scene. Cox said Cross Plains Police Chief Don Gosnell charged McKenzie at the scene with deadly conduct. He was booked into Callahan County Jail in Baird and was later released on bond.

Commissioners approve order prohibiting fireworks in County

Callahan County Commissioners voted Monday, December 13 to approve an order prohibiting the use of fireworks in unincorporated areas of Callahan County for the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holiday season.

On a motion by Commissioner Tommy Holland and second by Commissioner Doris Grider, commissioners voted 5-0 to approve the motion. The order follows:

Callahan County Order Prohibiting Fireworks in Unincorporated Areas of Callahan County

A. The order states a person commits an offense if he or she intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly detonates, ignites, or in any way uses fireworks on a county road or in the right-of-way of a county road.

B. If the landowner's permission is obtained prior thereto, persons may detonate, ignite, or use fireworks on private property in unincorporated areas of the county, as long as:

1. The person using the fireworks is not intoxicated as defined in Vernon's Act. Civil Statutes Article 62011-1 (a) (2).

2. Reasonable precautions are taken concerning proximity to structures and flammable vegetation.

3. Children are adequately supervised by adults.

4. Water is readily available for extinguishing fires.

C. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by fine up to \$500.00.

The order was approved the 13th day of December, 2004, by the Callahan County Commissioners Court.

- (s) Roger Corn County Judge
- (s) Harold Hicks Commissioner Precinct #1
- (s) Bryan Farmer Commissioner Precinct #2
- (s) Tommy Holland Commissioner Precinct #3
- (s) Doris Grider Commissioner, Precinct #4
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OBITUARIES

Donnie Wayne Dennis
Donnie Wayne Dennis passed away on November 20, 2004. He was the son of the late Wayne and Wilda Dennis of Cross Plains, and would have been 56 years old on November 29, 2004.

Mr. Dennis was a resident of Laredo, Texas, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Donnie was president of Border Title Group in Laredo for ten years. He was an avid outdoors man, who loved hunting and fishing with his friends and family. He will be sorely missed, not only by his family, but also by a host of friends and business associates. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

He is survived by his wife, Juanita B. Dennis; two sons,

Lawrence (Lynn) Dennis of Laredo, Robbie (Chrissy) Dennis of San Antonio; and a daughter, Amy Dennis of San Antonio; four granddaughters, Veronica, Crystal Aspen and Patsy Dennis; one grandson, Donnie Corbin Dennis; two sisters, Glenda Davis and Vickie Stevens, both of Balch Springs, Texas; nephews, Dave and Mark Briles and Jimmy Stevens; three sisters-in-laws, Jualita Hokit, Cindy Hass, and Lisa Bailey; brother-in-law, Danny Bailey; and many nieces, nephews and cousins, including Kay Dennis Mosley of Cross Plains and Ann Dennis Bounds of Canyon Lake; an aunt, Ila Jo Huff of Hurst.

A prayer service was recited Monday, November 22, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at Joe Jackson Heights Springfield Chapel in Laredo. Interment will be held at a later date.

Edra (Roach) Butler

Edra (Roach) Butler, 84, of Rising Star, Texas died Thursday, December 9, 2004, in the Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 12, 2004, at First Baptist Church with Matt McGowen officiating and Dick Williams assisting. Burial was in the Rising Star Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Rising Star in charge of arrangements.

Edra Lucille Roach was born on December 9, 1920 at Rising Star, Texas to John and Rose (Nunnally) Roach. She married Robert R. Butler on January 11, 1941 in Rising Star. He passed away January 7, 1993. Edra graduated from Rising Star High School in 1939 and was a lifelong resident of Rising Star. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rising Star, She was a member of the Saturday Club and the Eastern Star. Edra was a homemaker and was also employed by the Rising Star newspaper for several years.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Ray "Butch" Butler of Lake Brownwood and Kenny Butler and his wife, Judy, of Victoria; one daughter, Sara McGowen and her husband, David, of Rising Star; a brother, Merle Roach of Midland; six grandchildren, Jody Butler and wife, Amy, of Tucson, Arizona, Jo Jo Dodd and husband, Hal, of Arlington, Jamie Keith and husband, Neal, of Georgetown, Leslie McGowen of Arlington, Allison McGowen of New Braunfels and Matt McGowen and wife, Sonda, of Cross Plains; five great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Butler; daughter-in-law, Mary Jo Butler; great-grandchild; twin sister, Fredra Montgomery; and three brothers, Lawrence, Eldon and Jack Roach.

Thomas E. Buckner

Thomas E. Buckner, 84, of Abilene, passed away December 5, 2004 at an Abilene hospital.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 9, 2004, at the Lytle South Baptist Church with Pastor Rodney Watson officiating. Burial was at Elmwood Memorial Park under the direction of North's Funeral Home.

Mr. Buckner was born June 30, 1920 in Satin, Texas to Sheldon and Lillie Buckner. He married Janice Maxwell June 16, 1987 in Southlake, Texas. He was a Veteran of the Army Air Corp and served in World War II, in the European Theater. He moved to Abilene in 1950 and worked for Halliburton Oil Company for over 25 years as a tool service technician.

Mr. Buckner was a member of the Lytle South Baptist Church. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, where he was a 32nd degree Mason and a Scottish-Rite Shriner. He was a member of the VFW Post 2012. In later year, he enjoyed outdoor activities including golf and motorcycle riding. He cherished his affiliation and membership with the West Texas Chapter of the Harley Owner Group (HOGS).

Mr. Buckner was preceded in death by his parents; and two wives, Lavelle Allen and Helen Louise Birmingham.

He is survived by his loving wife, Janice Buckner; one son, Sheldon Buckner of Flower Mound; two daughters, Juanel Potter of Midland and Nova Jean Jacobson of Balch Springs; one stepson, Phillip Squyres of Los Angeles, California; one brother, Robert Dale Buckner of Irving; thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Reuben R. Rozelle, motion to dismiss to driving while license invalid (DWLI) granted, case dismissed for plea on another case.

Sherry Floyd, plea of guilty to theft by check, 1 year probation, \$100 fine, \$263 court costs, \$865.82 restitution.

Kevin Kryseski, plea of guilty to DWLI, 6 month probation, \$40 fine, \$47 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Duke Wayne Womack of Clyde and Cathlene Dyer Goldsmith of Baird.

Bruce Alton Boyd of Clyde and Johnnie Lou Avery of Big

Spring.
Leslie Karl Pope of Lubbock and Janna Lea Pope of Clyde.

42ND DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Jason Charles Weir and Brandie Jill Weir, divorce.

Kelli Renee Metheny and Anthony Vonzell Metheny, divorce.

William Ford, III and Monica A. Romo, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Carla McIntire and Larry McIntire, order for nonsuit granted.

Kevin Dale Castleberry and Shelly Renee Castleberry, divorce granted.

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Christmas Party Full of Laughter and Song

The Cottonwood Christmas Party was a good old-fashioned time for mirth and good cheer. Sorry you missed it, if you did.

Mary Weaver presented a delightful reading of "The Littlest Angel". And we sang all the good old songs of Christmas time, thanks to Jacque Childress singing and Gail Ransdell at the keyboard. The refreshments were delightful and a good time was had by all.

Uva Jones was present and notified us that Jack Jones was in the hospital. I never see Jack but what I think of the time he and I met on the island of Bora Bora in the Society Islands during WW II. Then I think of the many pleasant faces from Cottonwood and Cross Plains that I have met all over the world, and who gave me a pleasant moment of

happiness.

Jack in Bora Bora, and in San Diego was a whole slew of people: Bill White Harold Browning, Neil Wolf and Chuck Woody; the Sunday afternoon gathering place for everyone who went to San Diego for basic training.

I also met D.C. Hargrove on the streets of Broadway in New York City; Garland Holly in a railway station in New Jersey; Ruth Ramey who I met on a bus going from the Pentagon to the city of Washington D.C.; and there was Frenchy Bennett who came to Okinawa on TDY and flying bombing missions to Korea. I also met Frenchy while stationed in Germany and he flew to Spain on an investigation, with the Air Force. He borrowed a jet fighter plane and flew to Ramstien Air Base to spend the day with Carol and me.

There may be others who I met and have forgotten. One thing I will never forget are those who gave the last ounce of their devotion to the United States in WWII. Those from Cottonwood were Everette Neal Strahan, Bobby Jo Purvis, Lindy Bowen and others from Cross Plains.

I often ask God why did they get to die and why did I get to live? I thank God that I was privileged to know them and am very sorry they did not get to finish out their lives in peace and in Cottonwood, Texas. I remember General Douglas MacArthur's statement before the Congress upon finishing his career, "Old soldiers never die. They just fade away." (Please contact Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474 for news or personal items for this column. E-mail csb5@airmail.net. Snail mail 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.)

LIBRARY NOTES

Check It Out!

Behind the Books

My all time very favorite story for this time of the year just has to be "The Night Before Christmas" by Clement Moore. It is so neat to visualize that story as it unfolds on the screen of your mind. Even when somebody else reads the story, my little mind can play it out in living color.

When was the last time you young folks sat in somebody's lap and listened to them read that story in rhyme? When was the last time you older folks shared it with a warm little squirmy body in your lap? When was the last time you tried to recite the poem? How far did you get before you goofed?

Why not get a cup of hot chocolate, dig the story out and enjoy the time with a loved one? **SHARE THE JOY OF READING TODAY—it's a free gift and it lasts forever.**

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BURKETT NEWS

Dawn Hill and children, Cheyenne and Garrett of Farwell, spent the weekend with Bob and Beth Kleiber. Matt and Emma McKinney, Alice, Kevin and Jessica of Goldsboro and Steve and Amber Kleiber, Brenna and Kenzie of Cross Plains visited on Saturday.

Thanksgiving weekend visitors in Lovera Strickland's home were Jackie and Julie Strickland, Jared and Deonna, Dwight Moses, Jacob Strickland and Jerry Cooper of Somerville, Mark and Marsha Turney and Matt of Whon, Eddie Strickland, Bill and Shirley Strickland and Jan and Ken Baker.

Lanette Burns and Richard and Linda Burns were in Lubbock last weekend visiting relatives.

Jake and Kathy Golson of Bloomfield, New Mexico recently visited Liz Golson. Liz Golson spent Thanksgiving Day with Michelle Wilkovich and her family in Coleman.

Matt and Emma McKinney, Alice, Kevin and Jessica of Goldsboro met with Steven and Amber Kleiber, Brenna and Kenzie of Cross Plains for Thanksgiving dinner with Bob and Beth Kleiber.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY SANDY SHARP

Former Cross Plains Resident Produces First Musical CD

By Vickie Kihlberg

The holidays have been made a little merrier this year for long-time residents, Richard and Pauline Smith of Cottonwood. Their daughter, Sandy Sharp, has produced her first musical CD. This album is made up of the heartwarming sounds of traditional Christmases of long ago and is a violin instrumental. The most amazing thing about

this CD is the fact that Sandy produced the whole album. She not only did the arrangements for the songs, ran all the equipment for recording, and performed all the individual melodies and harmony parts of the violin and keyboard.

Sandy Sharp has long been known in this area for her singing and music. She was a longtime resident of Cottonwood and

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RISING STAR NURSING CENTER

By LINDA MERRITT

The Saturday Club ladies gave the residents a great Christmas party last week. They had a pretty decorated table with Christmas ornaments and candles. Refreshments of punch and cookies of all kinds were served. They sang Christmas carols and all joined in. Three of the ladies setting up the table were Janna Hardwick, Irene Sullivan and Dorothy Whiteside. The Nursing Center was presented a Christmas C.D. Thank you ladies so much for a wonderful time. We appreciate Ray Dodd for being a good Santa Claus.

The residents birthday party is Thursday at 2:00 p.m. Those with birthdays this month are: Fay Starkey, Pauline Regian, Volley

Joe Williams and Kay Mosley. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

Employees with a birthday are: Dorthy Harrell, Brenda Hargrove, Ava Dodd, Norma Ivie, Danielle Eppard and Brandie Lamb.

The employee Christmas party is Friday at 6:00 p.m. Sandwiches, chips and dips will be provided. Staff is to bring desserts.

Appreciation to Tim's Floral and our "special" friend for the beautiful little decorated Christmas trees; to Best Med for the candy and nuts; to Hardwick's for the poinsettias; to Solaris for the cookies; to Volley Joe Williams for sharing his birthday cake with us; and to the Rising Star

Quilting Club for all the pretty lap covers. God's Blessings to you all.

The resident Christmas party is December 23rd at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Family and friends are welcome to come.

On Christmas Day family members are welcome to have lunch with your loved one. Please call and let Angie Williams know that you plan to be here.

We would like to express our sincere sympathies to the families of Edra Butler and Clyde Parnell. May the joys you knew, and the love you shared bring warm memories to your heart.

Christmas is a time to believe in things you can't see.

C.P. GARDEN CLUB NEWS

By JOYCE ODOM

The Cross Plains Garden Club met December 10, at 1:00 p.m. at the Staghorn Cafe for their Christmas meeting. Topic was "There Is A Time to Celebrate".

Barbara Powell, first vice-president, presided in the absence of Eva Fleming, president.

A delicious meal was enjoyed by members: Sandy Lusk, Lena Gage, Mary Ella Weaver, Barbara Powell, Julene Franke and Joyce Odom. The table was centered by an arrangement of trimmed umbrella stems shaped like a Christmas tree, which was made by Joyce. Julene brought a beautiful potted Poinsettia and it was won by Lena.

The following was voted on

during the business meeting. Sandra Lusk is to head the nominating committee for the slate of officers for the upcoming club year 2005. It was voted to plant a Mimosa tree in February 2005 on the grounds of the American Legion Hall. Eva is donating this tree.

Barbara announced she had sent material regarding "Bird Habitat" to the National Council of Garden Clubs.

Joyce conducted the door prize which was won by Sandy, who will be responsible for the next drawing. All members brought non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry.

The meeting adjourned to reconvene in January 2005 at 1 p.m. in the home of Mary Ella Weaver.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

December 20 - 24

MONDAY - Sloppy Joe on Bun, Potato Wedges, Pickle Spears, Mixed Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk

TUESDAY - Chicken Salad, Potato Soup, Peaches, Yellow Cake, Crackers, Milk

WEDNESDAY - Sausage, Sauerkraut, Blackeyed Peas, Brownie, Bread, Milk

THURSDAY - CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

FRIDAY - CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
2nd & 4th Tuesdays
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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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Two men were discussing the influence their fathers had had on them. One recalled that every time he tried to do something and it went wrong, his father would say, "Well, remember the turtle on the post," then his father would walk away. Finally when he was in college and a bit more mature — and he began to really listen to his father! — he heard his dad make that statement again. As his father turned to walk away, the son stopped him and asked, "Well, Dad, what about the turtle on the post? You always say that and walk away. What do you mean? The father looked at his son and said, "Do you know how the turtle got up on the post?" "No," the son answered. "No?" replied the father? "Well, he had help!"

Where would we be without help? Family members. Friends. Spiritual family. God. Christ. "In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others" (Romans 12:5). "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). "Two are better than one...for if they fall, one will lift up his companion..." (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 — please read it all!)

I/we encourage you to share with us in all the times of Bible study and worship as we meet together, as we hear and learn from God through His word — and are encouraged! We really do care about you — and one another...

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~ Matthew 1:21

We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas.

We invite you to join us for our Open House on Wednesday, December 22, 2004 from 11:00 - 2:00.

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

JV Boys Basketball Scores Reported

11/18/04					11/30/04				
CP	1Q	2Q	3Q	Final	CP	1Q	2Q	3Q	Final
Hawley	4	11	20	33	Zephyr	9	15	23	28

Leading Scorers: J.J. Callaway 16, Justin Dickson 10, Fili Vasquez 7.

Leading Scorers: J.J. Callaway 12, Justin Dickson 7, Mitchell Gibbs 6, Fili Vasquez 4, Markus Maxwell 1.

11/20/04					12/2/04				
CP	1Q	2Q	3Q	Final	CP	1Q	2Q	3Q	Final
Hamlin	6	12	14	26	Early	4	10	17	22
	17	23	32	40		16	26	28	42

Leading Scorers: Thomas Estes 7, J.J. Callaway 4, Mitchell Gibbs 4, Markus Maxwell 3, Justin Dickson 2, Cody Baker 2, Fili Vasquez 2.

Leading Scorers: J.J. Callaway 12, Fili Vasquez 5, Mitchell Gibbs 3, Cody Baker 2.

11/20/04					12/3/04				
CP	1Q	2Q	3Q	Final	CP	1Q	2Q	3Q	Final
Winters	9	26	29	39	Dublin	13	25	35	46
	13	18	24	34		17	25	40	49

Leading Scorers: Justin Dickson 15, J.J. Callaway 7, Mitchell Gibbs 7, Thomas Estes 7, Fili Vasquez 3.

Leading Scorers: Mitchell Gibbs 17, J.J. Callaway 10, Justin Dickson 9, Fili Vasquez 6, Cody Baker 4.

11/22/04					12/4/04				
CP	1Q	2Q	3Q	Final	CP	1Q	2Q	3Q	Final
May	6	13	24	32	Zephyr	2	10	21	36
	10	20	30	42		5	11	19	27

Leading Scorers: Mitchell Gibbs 12, Justin Dickson 10, J.J. Callaway 4, Fili Vasquez 4, Markus Maxwell 2.

Leading Scorers: Mitchell Gibbs 20, Justin Dickson 10, J.J. Callaway 2, Fili Vasquez 2, Markus Maxwell 2.

11/23/04					12/7/04				
CP	1Q	2Q	3Q	Final	CP	1Q	2Q	3Q	Final
Lometa	2	11	20	36	San Saba	0	10	17	21
	15	22	28	40		12	25	37	48

Leading Scorers: Fili Vasquez 14, J.J. Callaway 7, Justin Dickson 5, Cody Baker 4, Mitchell Gibbs 2, Markus Maxwell 2.

Leading Scorers: Mitchell Gibbs 13, Justin Dickson 2, Cody Baker 2, J.J. Callaway 2, Fili Vasquez 2.

The JV boys record as of 12/7/04 was 3-7.

Varsity Boys Basketball

11/16/04					11/30/04				
CP	1Q	2Q	3Q	Final	CP	1Q	2Q	3Q	Final
Winters	9	12	24	35	Zephyr	6	16	26	35
	7	23	41	62		11	11	22	29

Leading Scorers: Clay Koenig 9, Thomas Estes 8, Chance Watkins 7, Travis Golson 6, Russell Thomas 4, Aaron Phillips 1.

Leading Scorers: Chance Watkins 9, Russell Thomas 8, Travis Golson 7, Jason Goains 6, River Dillard 15, Clay Koenig 2.

11/22/04					12/2/04				
CP	1Q	2Q	3Q	Final	CP	1Q	2Q	3Q	Final
May	12	26	36	55	RS	3	11	16	29
	12	26	45	68		13	32	49	64

Leading Scorers: Travis Golson 19, Russell Thomas 8, Clay Koenig 7, River Dillard 7, Aaron Phillips 6, Thomas Estes 5, Chance Watkins 3.

Leading Scorers: Chance Watkins 9, Travis Golson 7, Jason Goains 6, Clay Koenig 4, Thomas Estes 2, Aaron Phillips 1.

11/23/04					12/3/04				
CP	1Q	2Q	3Q	Final	CP	1Q	2Q	3Q	Final
Lometa	4	13	24	37	Ranger	9	19	29	38
	13	31	41	55		12	27	36	53

Leading Scorers: Jason Goains 12, River Dillard 8, Russell Thomas 4, Travis Golson 3, Chance Watkins 3, Dusty Cooper 3, Aaron Phillips 2, Clay Koenig 2.

Leading Scorers: Travis Golson 10, River Dillard 6, Russell Thomas 5, Jason Goains 4, Chance Watkins 4, Thomas Estes 4, Aaron Phillips 3, Clay Koenig 2.

Girl Scout Heart of Texas Council Sponsoring Conference

Young women in Brown and surrounding counties have an opportunity to "chart their path" after high school. Girl Scouts—Heart of Texas Council is sponsoring a conference on Saturday, January 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Howard Payne University entitled *Chart Your Path*. This workshop is for young women in grades 10, 11 and 12; they do not have to be Girl Scouts. For a fee of \$10, young women will receive a lot of useful information, lunch and a goody bag.

Jan Cate, CEO of the Heart of Texas Council says that "There will be sessions to help you build a resume and complete college applications, chart your career path, and recognize and deal with stress. During lunch, there will be a panel discussion featuring women with careers who are a little outside the 'norm'. I am excited about this opportunity and hope that the young women in this area will take this opportunity to consider their future."

Mrs. Cate explained that "this workshop is being partially funded by grants from the Wolslager Foundation in San Angelo, the Harriett Gully Beadell Foundation and from allocations from the United Way. There is money available for scholarships if the fee is a problem."

Any one interested in attending this conference must register no later than Monday, January 10. They may pick up registration forms from their high school counselors or at the Girl Scout service center at 1200 Avenue D.

Girl Scouts is the world's pre-eminent organization for girls, with a membership of more than 3.6 million girls and adults. For almost 93 years, Girl Scouting continues to help cultivate values, social consciousness and self-esteem in girls, while also teaching them critical life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults. The Girls Scouts—Heart of Texas Council serves almost 3,000 members in 19 counties.

If anyone is interested in joining the Girl Scouts or volunteering as an adult, they may contact the Girl Scout service center at 325-646-1516 or 800-346-3215.

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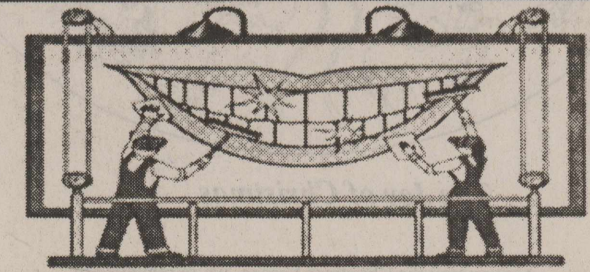
- Open Meeting
1. Prayer
2. Open Forum
3. Read and Accept Minutes

4. 2003-04 Cross Plains I.S.D. Audit Report
5. Facilities Use for Mass Care Health Shelter
6. Executive Session (if necessary)
7. Review Financial Report/Pay Bills
8. Adjourn.

Notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on December 9, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. by Jackie Tension for the Board of Trustees.

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SPECIAL DAY CELEBRATED—Volley Joe Williams (front, seated) is pictured with his family Golda Hoffman with Levi Hoffman (standing, from left), Toni Johnson and Sid Williams with Isaac Hoffman.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD!

By Sid Williams

Family and many wonderful friends gathered at the Senior Citizens' Center to help Volley Joe Williams celebrate his 90th birthday on Friday, December 10th. Wow! That's great!!! I hope you have many more.

My sister always said, "You know Sidney, Daddy will probably outlive us all." And you know what? She may be right!

Family members who attended were his daughter, Toni Johnson, of Dallas; son, Sidney Williams, of Fort Worth; granddaughter, Golda Hoffman, of Little Elm and two adorable great-grandchildren, Isaac and Levi, who will turn one year old this January. Another granddaughter, Laura Bezona, of New York, N.Y., was unable to make it, but sends her love to her grandfather whom she loves very much. Another son, Joe Williams, of Selkirk, N.Y., was unable to make it. Which was probably okay because Joe is the eloquent one of the family and with a party that lasted only two hours, he would barely have gotten warmed up, I tell you what.

Love ya' man! Wish you could have been here.

Volley Joe was born in Cross Plains, Texas December 19, 1914. He had one brother, W.A. Williams. His parents, William Alfred Williams and Nora Bruton (maiden name) lived in the Panhandle of Texas before moving to Cross Plains. His father was a harness maker and had his own hardware store for many years before going to work for Higginbothams Hardware.

Volley Joe played sports all through high school, played clarinet in the band and participated in the schools theatrical productions. All while working part-time behind the soda fountain at the drug store. Later on he married Annie Edwina Anderson of Rising Star and they resided in Cross Plains while Volley went to work for Weakley-Watson Hardware in Brownwood before serving in the U.S. Navy during WWII, stationed in San Diego, California. After the war the family moved back to Brownwood where Volley continued working as a salesman

for Weakley-Watson Hardware. In 1954, he transferred to West Texas and parts of New Mexico representing Weakley-Watson as a hardware salesman for that district. He had a "soft sell" technique that no one could refuse and was very successful. He made monthly sales meeting trips to Brownwood and the family usually went along. Many happy memories were made during those years.

Volley Joe enjoys bird hunting, fishing, playing golf, and let's not forget dominos and forty-two. We got to enjoy a lot of these activities with him. Volley Joe retired in 1974 and he and Edwina enjoyed some leisurely retirement years together. While Volley was fishing, Edwina would be painting pictures of the landscape.

In 1987, Volley Joe came back to Cross Plains. I have always been impressed with the keen sense of community, neighborly love and genuine concern for one another that is evident in this little town with a big heart. Now I know why Dad moved back.



BEAUTIFUL LADY TURNS 94—Gladys Barnes, of Cross Plains, had her 94th birthday, Sunday, December 12th. She and Mary Bates celebrated her big day by going out to eat. Here's wishing you many more!!!



CELEBRATED 95TH BIRTHDAY — Vi Harlow of Cross Plains was honored on her special day with cake, balloons, etc. all in her favorite color—purple. The party was held at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center on her actual birthday, November 22. She is the sister of Jean Fore of Pioneer.

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Musical CD—

was a member, singer and organist for the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

She started her career as a seven-year-old child taking accordion lessons in Sweetwater from the Broughton family. Her family later moved to Abilene, where she grew up and took music lessons from Caldwell Music.

Over the years her musical talents have grown by leaps and bounds to include the accordion, piano, organ, four string and five string violin, auto harp, guitar and singing.

Many people enjoy hearing her sing and play the "country fiddle" where she plays with two different Country and Western bands. These two bands play for Abilene seniors and surrounding folks. They get plenty of dancing and exercise at the Rose Park Senior Citizens dances on the 1st and 4th Thursdays of the month starting at 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The bands also play the Oplin dance twice a month on the 2nd and 5th Fridays of the month. The Oplin Dance has become popular with the younger set since it has been approved by a local college as a wholesome, non-drinking, non-smoking environment.

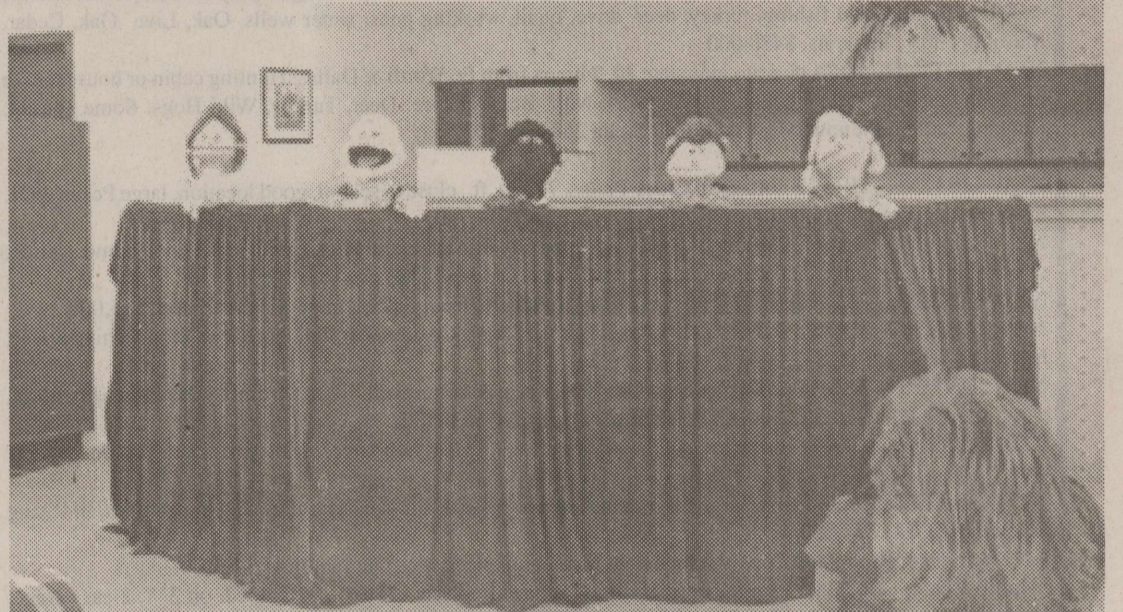
Sandy's new CD of violin Christmas music will be available at the Rose Park Senior Citizens gift shop, at the Oplin dances, and Tim's Floral and Gifts locally.

There is already plans for her next CD featuring her specialty of country and gospel music. Sandy said, "I plan to do songs with multiple harmony and instruments. When I am planning out the songs I can just hear all the different harmonies in my head." Sandy Sharp now lives in Abilene, attends Ridgmont Baptist Church on Buffalo Gap Road where she plays her violin along with congregational hymns.

Holiday Season Activities Abound in Cross Plains



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Cases Investigated
 Warnings—89
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 Minor in Possession of Alcohol—1
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Vehicle Accidents
 There were five vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

Vaccine helps protect children

As the weather turns colder and children are together indoors more, the chances of youngsters getting the flu increase.

The local Department of State Health Services (DSHS) clinic has vaccine available for children covered under the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) program who are considered "high risk." The high-risk groups include children who are:

- Ages 6 months through 23 months.
- Ages 2 through 18 years with chronic medical conditions;
- Ages 6 months through 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy;
- Ages 6 months through 18 years who live in a home with a child age 6 months or younger.

Children who are uninsured or underinsured, covered by the Children's Insurance Health Program (CHIP), who are of Native American or Native Alaskan heritage, as well as those on Medicaid are eligible to receive vaccine through the TVFC program. This program guarantees that flu and other childhood vaccines are available to health care providers at no cost for children meeting the criteria.

"All children need plenty of sleep, physical activity, nutritional food, lots of water to drink and encouragement to wash their hands frequently," said Dr. James Zoretic, medical director of DSHS Health Services Region 2/3 in Arlington.

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