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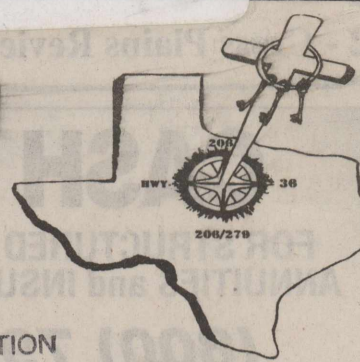
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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here are some cute answers from children about some practical questions. As always, their logic is wonderfully funny and completely honest. You learn pretty quick not to ask a child a question, unless you can TAKE the real truth.

Last week I was correcting Keegan (my 2 year-old grandson) at the breakfast table and he looked at me and said, "Mimyo go back to church." I guess he thought he wouldn't be in trouble, if I wasn't at home. I've been trying to teach them some respect by having them say, "Yes Mam and Yes Sir." The 3 year-old, Kyler says, "Yes man." Maybe that is how he hears it?

You will get some chuckles out of these tidbits, and we all need a good laugh—don't we????
Vanda Anderson

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the Scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic, plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mom just the same like He made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's mom's like me.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his back-

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A Significant Time Period (40 Days of Purpose Begins)

The *New York Times* Best-seller "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren, has helped millions answer the question, "What on earth am I here for?"

The Bible is clear that God considers 40 days to be a spiritually significant period. Whenever God wanted to change someone's perspective and prepare them for His purposes, He often took 40 days.

*Noah's life was transformed by 40 days of rain.

*Moses' life was transformed by 40 days on Mount Sinai.

*The spies were transformed by 40 days of viewing the Promised land.

*David's life was transformed by Goliath's 40 days of challenging Israel.

*Elijah was transformed when his strength lasted 40 days on a supernatural meal God provided.

*The entire city of Nineveh was transformed when God gave them 40 days to change.

*Jesus was empowered for His public ministry of miracles by a 40 day experience in the wilderness.

*The disciples were transformed when Jesus spent 40 days with them after His resurrection.

Beginning Sunday evening, January 9, at 6:30 p.m. each Sunday evening for the next 40 days a video will be viewed as a group and then will break into small group sessions.

Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call First Baptist Church (254) 725-7629.



TAKING OFFICE—Five Callahan County officials received their respective oaths of office during a ceremony held Friday afternoon, December 31 in the County Courtroom at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird before a large number of family and friends. Callahan County Judge Roger Corn administered the oaths of office to the five

individuals who were elected during the November 2 General Election. Those receiving their oaths of office include from left to right: County Attorney Shane Deel, Callahan County Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, County Tax Assessor/Collector Tammy Walker, Callahan County Commissioner Precinct

#3 Tommy Holland, and Callahan County Sheriff Eddie Curtis. A reception followed the oaths of office. Deel is serving his first term as County Attorney. Commissioner Hicks was first elected as commissioner in 1993 and will begin his fourth four-year term. Walker was first elected to the office of tax assessor/collec-

tor in July 2000 and will serve her second term in office. Commissioner Holland was first elected commissioner in 1989 and will begin his fifth four-year term. Sheriff Curtis, who previously held the position of constable in Baird in 1989, became sheriff here in 1993 and will serve a fourth four-year term.

Commissioners accept bids for two motor graders

Callahan County Commissioners voted to accept two bids for the purchase of two motor graders for Clyde Commissioner Precinct #1 and Baird Commissioner Precinct #3 during a regular commissioners' court meeting held Friday, December 31 in Baird at the Callahan County Courthouse.

During the meeting, Commissioner Precinct #1 representative Harold Hicks and Commissioner Precinct #3 official Tommy Holland opened two bids each from New Holland and Warren CAT.

Warren CAT sales representative Chris Vestal was in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions, while New Holland had no representative at the meeting. New Holland's bid for a new motor grader did not include any trade-in value for the precincts' used motor graders, while Warren CAT's bid did include the trade-in value for the county equipment.

On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Commissioner Doris Grider, commissioners voted 5-0 to accept the bid from Warren CAT for a new motor grader after trade-in at a cost of \$53,950. The bid includes a warranty for five years or 5,000 hours of use.

On a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Bryan Farmer, commissioners voted 5-0 to accept the bid from Warren CAT for the purchase of a new motor grader including trade-in in the amount of \$41,950. The bid also in-

cluded a five year or 5,000 hour warranty.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The commissioners' court meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by County Judge Roger Corn, with Commissioners Hicks, Holland, Grider and Farmer present. Also attending the meeting were County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon and County Treasurer Dianne Alexander.

—Judge Corn signed the commissioners' court minutes from the previous meeting.

—During time set aside for public comments, no one spoke to the commissioners' court.

—On a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Farmer, commissioners voted 5-0 to approve bonds for the newly elected county officials. They included: County Attorney Shane Deel, County Commissioner Tommy Holland, County Tax Assessor/Collector Tammy Walker, County Commissioner Harold Hicks and County Sheriff Eddie Curtis. Judge Corn said County Constable Bill Young's bond would be renewed when it comes due later in the new year.

—On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Commissioner Grider, commissioners voted 5-0 to approve the payment of all approved bills.

—On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and second by Commissioner Holland, commissioners voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

GRADE	NUMBER OF ITEMS CONTRIBUTED
6	90
5	140
4	214
3	98
2	270
1	107
K	115
Pre-K	46

Elementary School Canned Food Drive is very Successful

Cross Plains Elementary School students collected 1070 pounds of food for the Cross Plains Food Pantry during the month of December. All students from Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade contributed items of food in conjunction with the Character Counts program's focus on responsibility.

The school goal of 1050 food items was surpassed with all the students bringing 1089 items of dry goods for the holiday needs of the Food Pantry. The items were counted and tallied by the Fourth grade math classes every afternoon. These 4th graders counted the food items and then graphed the daily totals on a wall size bar graph

as part of their math grade. Thank You to all the parents who helped the elementary children learn an important lesson of caring and responsibility by helping the Food Pantry and our community.

Submitted by
Mrs. Lawrence



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Meet The Author!

Bob Green
of Breckenridge, Texas,
author of *Okinawa Odyssey*.

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Tuesday, January 18
7:00 p.m.

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Rehab Telethon Auction website taking bids now

The bidding is underway—NOW!

Though the 35th annual telethon benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center won't be aired until January 15, 2005, the telethon auction website is now open for bids on more than 350 retail items and dozens of handcrafted quilts and afghans. Log on at www.rehabauction.org

If you're looking for something with four wheels, take your choice of a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado with extended cab, a 2005 Ford Mustang, a 2005 Pontiac G6 or a Polaris Ranger.

...or how about a Tige boat, a Texas Motor Speedway experience, or a six-person spa?

With 17 categories of retail merchandise plus all the quilts and afghans, the Rehab telethon auction has something for everyone...thanks to generous donations from retail businesses in The Friendly Frontier and Concho Valley.

Auction bidding will continue on-line until midnight on January 15. The toll free number to call and bid between 6 p.m. and midnight that evening is 1-866-219-7013.

While keeping tabs on bids for an item of particular interest, a great way to spend January 15 from 7:00 p.m. to midnight is to watch Rehab 2005, a five-hour television special featuring fast-paced entertainment. Country-western singer Joe Nichols will be the show's headliner. Recipient of several Country Music Association awards, Nichols has a string of recording hits including *The Impossible* and *Brokenheartsville*.

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

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OBITUARIES

Freddie Cooper
 Freddie Cooper, 82, of Rising Star, passed away Saturday, January 1, 2005, at the Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 4, 2005, at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial was in the Long Branch Cemetery in Eastland County, Texas with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Rising Star in charge arrangements.

Freddie was born on June 17, 1922 in Eastland County, Texas to Willie Edward and Ora Ordella

(Hill) Cooper. He married Lucille McGowen on February 12, 1977 in Carbon, Texas. He lived in the Rising Star area all his life. He served in the Army during World War II. He was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille Cooper, of Rising Star; two sisters, Redar Head and husband, Troy, of Fort Worth and Lattie Anderson and husband, Guy, of Athens; and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one niece.

Pallbearers were Bud Linney, George Leonard, Ted King, Charles Wright, Steve White and Ronnie Bulin.

Grace Green
 Grace Green, 85, of Lamesa and former Burkett resident, died Wednesday, December 29, 2004, in Lamesa. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 1, 2005, at Burkett Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home in Coleman.

Grace was born June 19, 1915, in Burkett, a daughter of Frank Golson and Emma Tabor Golson. She was married to Lenton

Brown in Santa Anna. He preceded here in death in 1942. She was later married to Bill Green in 1947 in San Angelo. He also preceded her in death.

Survivors include three children, Lenton Ross Brown of Grapevine, Virginia Armistead of Lamesa and Frank Green of Goodyear, Arizona; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four sisters and five brothers.

Team Delta Force in Brownwood Jan. 26-30

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The programs will be January 26-30th in Brownwood. Programs Wednesday, January 26th,

through Friday, January 28th, will be conducted at Abundant Life Church located on West Commerce at the corner of Belle Plain.

The Saturday and Sunday programs will be conducted at the Brownwood Coliseum. The Saturday evening program will be held in conjunction with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' "Night of Champions".

All programs begin at 7:30 p.m. and are approximately 90 minutes total in length. There is no admission charge for these events to see some the nation's leading athletes perform amazing feats. For information please call (325) 643-4738.

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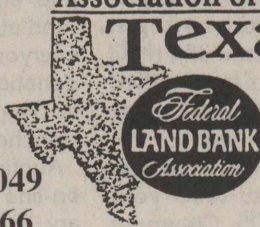
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COURTHOUSE NEWS

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Marriage Licenses

Randall Ellis Yawn and Tasha Marie Sturgil, both of Clyde.
 Bradley Lee Cobb and Christy Jill Richardson, both of Clyde.

In Re: order for foreclosure concerning April Johnson and 640 West 6th, Baird, Tx. 79504, and Citifinancial Mortgage Co., Inc., application for foreclosure.
 Callahan County Land Co. vs Donald Orr, damages.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

Civil Minutes

The State of Texas vs. 1994 Freightliner truck/tractor, VIN # 1FUY3MCB8RP653574, 1984 Kentucky trailer, VIN # 1KKVE48221EL069261, Sunbeam electronic scales, serial #0231YW. \$2737.00 in US currency, nunc pro tunc agreed judgement and order of foreclosure granted.
 Kristi Lynn Davee and Toby Jack Davee, divorce granted.
 Linda Sue Lynch and Ryan Pat Lynch, divorce granted.

Civil Filings

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. vs. Garry C. Smoot, default on account.
 American State Bank vs. Gerald Holcomb, Steve Holcomb, Alan Holcomb, Shirley Holcomb, and Triple H. Deli, Inc., default on account.
 Rhonda J. Frazier and William P. Frazier, divorce.
 Shelly Tomlinson and Marshall Tomlinson, divorce.

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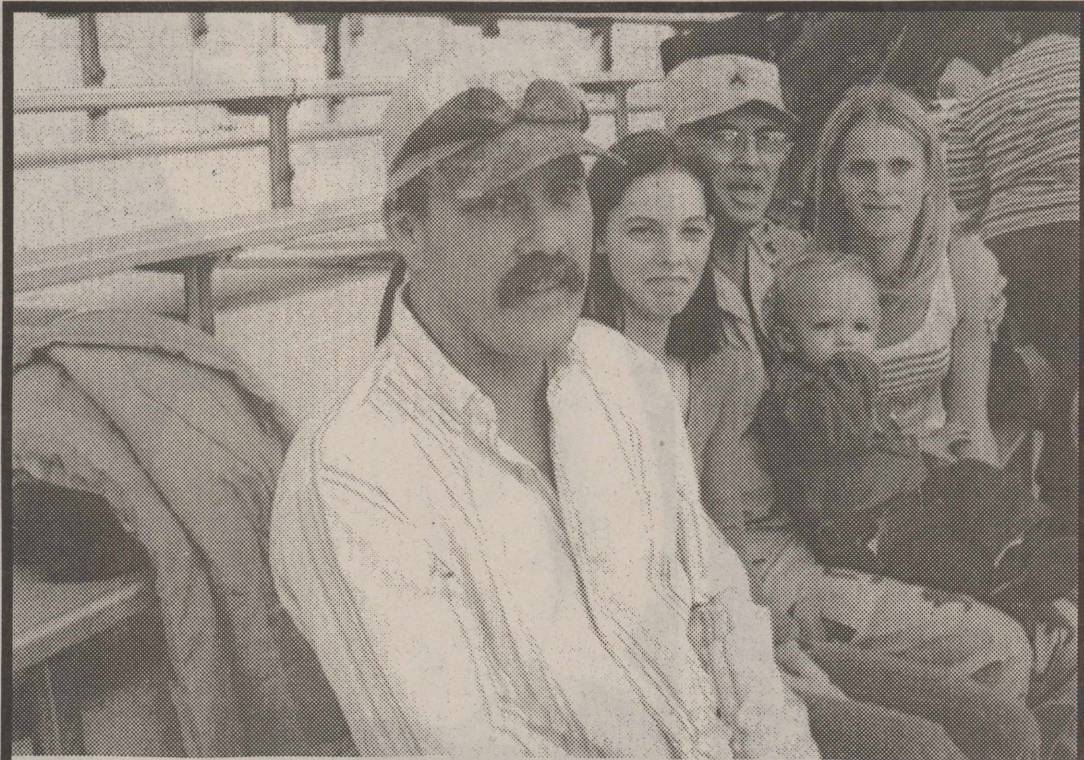
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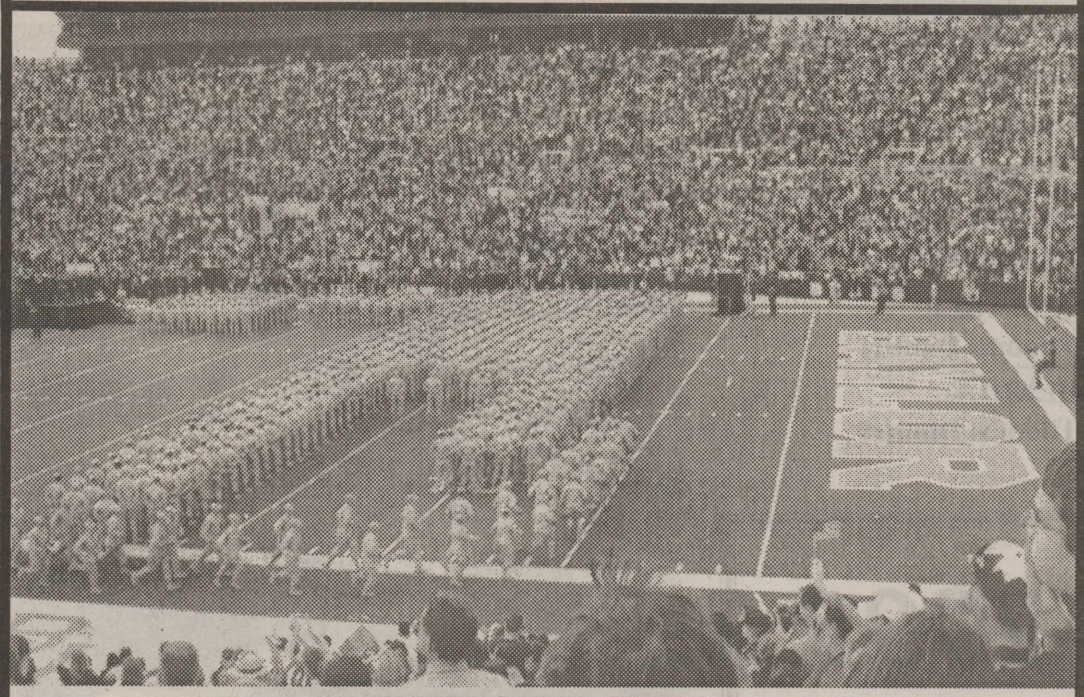
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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT



FAMILY MEMBERS VISIT BEFORE CPL. ROBERT PHILLIP DEPLOYS TO IRAQ
Pictured are, Phillip Bennett (from left), Minnie Hamilton, Robert Bennett, Jonathan, and Amanda Meyer.



ELATED CROWD CHEERS
As the 56th BCT, Texas National Guard run into place before a reviewing stand.

Under the watchful and anxious eyes of 26,000 invited guests, last Saturday, January 1, 2005, the 56th BCT, Texas National Guard filed onto the playing field of Baylor Stadium, in Waco. The crowd cheered with applause and shouts of "go get 'em" as the 3,000 officers and enlisted men/women of the brigade took their place before a reviewing stand of visiting dignitaries.

After five months rigorous training in Fort Hood, the brigade sized unit was being assembled to say their last good-byes to family and friends before deployment to Iraq.

Among the 3,000 soldiers was Cpl. Robert Bennett (see inset photo), a life-long resident of Cottonwood and Cross Plains. He has been a member of the 11th Engineer Battalion, Texas National Guardsman for many years and this is his second call-up to active Federal service. He spent eight months in Bosnia on the first call-up. Robert's nephew, Michael Bennett, is already serving with the Marines in Iraq.

The celebration was staged in Baylor Stadium with Baylor President Robert Sloan welcoming the crowd. He announced that the college and citizens of Waco had collected over \$125,000 to purchase phone

cards for these Texas soldiers to use to call home. The crowd cheered and applauded.

That spirit electrified the crowd as Texans from all over the state yelled and cheered, and sent the Texas Brigade off for its stint of duty.

So it was an excited and cheering crowd that welcomed the troops as unit by unit and city by city, elements of the brigade were called out over the loud speaker, each with the name of the commanding officer and the command Sergeant Major to bring their entry into the stadium to take their place, rank and file, before the reviewing stand, all 3,000 of them. This is one of the largest contingent of men/women called from Texas through the National Guard since World War II.

Waiting on the reviewing stand was Texas Governor Rick Perry; Robert Sloan, President of Baylor University; U.S. Senator John Cornyn, Representative Chet Edwards and a goodly array of Army Generals and other interested officials.

Each made a speech recalling the tradition, fighting spirit and exploits of the 36th Infantry Division, of which the 56th BCT is one brigade, and urged the unit to take care and concern for each other, and to return home safely.

Special music by the 36th Infantry Band, a gospel choir from Crawford, Texas, and a solo by a young "Star Search" contender, prayers, and flag ceremonies added to the magnificence of the occasion.

At the end, the troops were dismissed and the crowd of visitors filed through the gates to spend a last farewell before the troops were deployed overseas.

Visitors from Cross Plains and Cottonwood attending and visiting with Cpl. Robert Bennett for a few minutes were John F. Bennett, Phillip Bennett, Gary Bennett, Wallace and Carol Bennett. Other family attending were Robert's daughter, Amanda Meyer, from Weatherford, and Robert's step-daughter, Minnie Hamilton, and her son, Jonathan, of Lampasas.

(Please contact Wallace Bennett at (254) 725-7474 for news or personal items for this column. E-mail is csb5@airmail.net. Snail mail is 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.)

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LIBRARY NOTES

Behind the Books

What fun I've had exploring all the new books which are on display straight in from the front door. I've found that some writers must have really off-the-wall brain cells that enable them to pen titles designed to grab our attention so instantly.

For example, I found titles like: "Donuthead", "Last Dog on Earth", "Well-Schooled in Murder", "A Fist in the Hornet's Nest", "I'm With Stupid", "Power Aging", "Hearse of a Different Color" AND "Al Capone Does My Shirts".

With titles like these, ya' gotta' wonder what the books are like. Why not come by and check 'em out?

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December 20 - 30

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GARDEN TIPS

By James Nichols

It is time to till your garden and get ready to plant onions.

Clean the ground, till as deep as possible, scatter compost or a good fertilizer, till as deep as possible, and lay off your rows.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: Apple Orchard Annie sez: I keep painting these apples plaid, now I don't quite know what to do with them. I ate a few, but, I like the green ones better with salt and no one brought me any. I think when I get them all painted, I'll just hang them back where I got them. Then if any of you guys are in the mood for a plaid apple, you'll know where to find them.

"I Resolve, You Resolve, We All Resolve"

I'm pretty well convinced that most of the "Review" readers are very aware that January is the month to make your New Year's resolutions. As a matter of fact, you should have them all ready on New Year's Eve to be on the safe side.

If I were a child, I might resolve to try and get better grades in reading and 'rithmetic—or resolve not to hit my little brother many more

times and resolve to eat all the desserts my mother cooks for me. Oh yeah, I will carry out the trash like Dad asked me to.

Have you given any thought as to the resolutions you plan to work on during the year 2005. As I understand it, quite often resolutions go astray or wind up on the cutting room floor, so to speak.

This year, I have some definite resolutions in mind. Let's see how many I can achieve!

1. I resolve to work harder on my physical therapy and rehabilitation.
2. I resolve to try and help those who are needy.
3. I resolve to try and help those, as I would like to be helped.
4. I resolve to try and be a better Christian.

I now reside at the Rising Star Nursing Home. I've been here about three months or so. Before that I was in the hospital a whole lot.

RISING STAR NURSING NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT

HAPPY 2005!!! The years are sure passing by way too fast. We hope that this year brings you Peace and Happiness. May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions.

On New Year's Eve we celebrated with black-eyed peas and cornbread, along with white grape juice in champagne glasses, horns blowing, balloons and hats. But, the highlight of the party was the band who honored us with their presence. Let me tell you, there was a lot of toe tapping going on. Band members were Lewis Fortune, who played guitar and harmonica, Dad 'Bludworth' on the fiddle, Danny Johnson on guitar and Jenny Newcom

(soloist) on guitar. We appreciate them so much for coming.

A warm welcome to our new resident, Alma Mitchell.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Freddie Cooper.

Last week we doubled our pleasure at our Wednesday singing. Red and Sara Chamberlain come every week and play hymns and Vernon and Sharon Simpson of Giddings, Texas were also with us. We experienced a lot of talent and enjoyment that afternoon.

Love for Today,
Hope for Tomorrow,
Peace to Share Forever.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JANUARY 10 - 14

MONDAY - Soft Taco, Yam Patty, Peanut Butter Tossed Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Mexican Corn, Rosie Applesauce, Milk
TUESDAY - Smothered Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Orange Gelatin, Bread, Milk
WEDNESDAY - Pinto Beans w/Ham, Okra & Tomatoes, Yam Patty, Peanut Butter Chews, Cornbread, Milk
THURSDAY - Teriyaki Chicken, Stir Fry Vegetables, Rice, Apricots, Bread, Milk
FRIDAY - Spagetti w/ Meatsauce, Tossed Salad, Italian Blend Vegies, 1/2 Banana, Garlic Toast, Milk

2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84)
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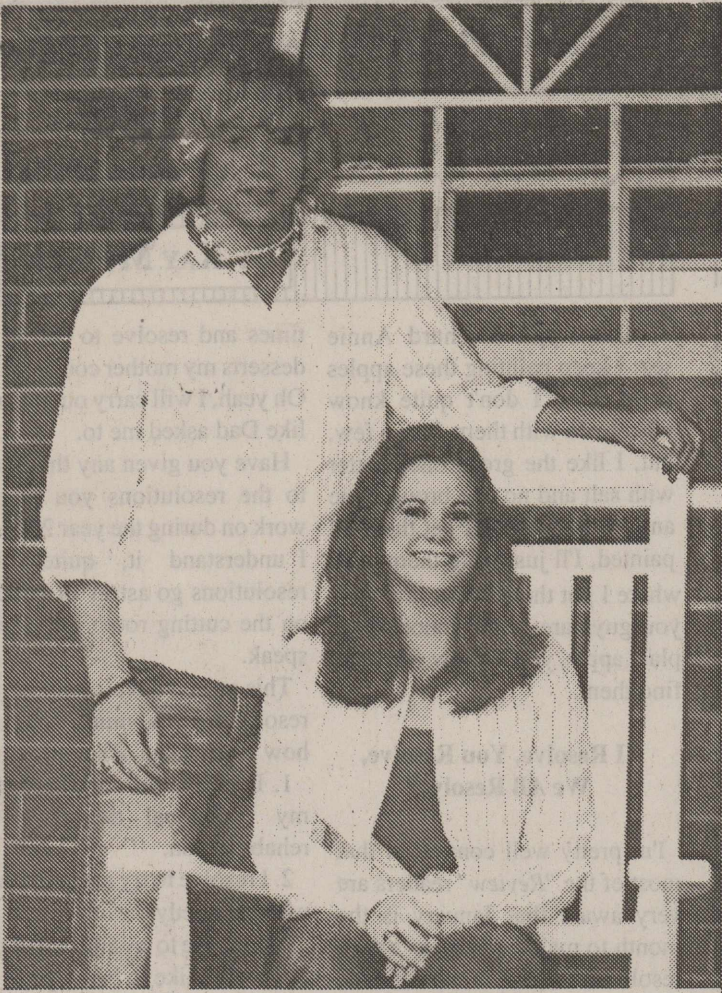


Have you ever felt misunderstood? Do you ever feel that no one understands? Young people, especially, often say, "Well, you just don't understand." And many times, it's the case, whether it's a young person or an older person — others don't seem to understand.

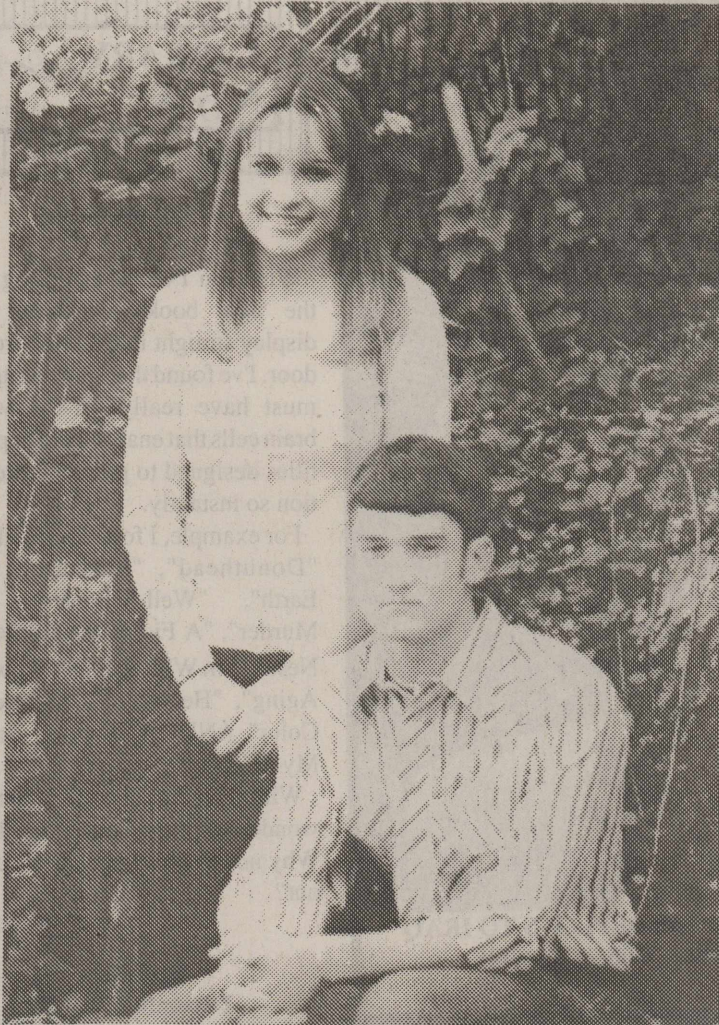
We need to understand — and we need to be understood. It is encouraging to know that there is One who always does. Peter says that we can cast all our burdens upon Him, "for He cares for you," I Peter 5:7. God, through Jesus His Son, experienced life on the same level that you and I face it each day. "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin," Hebrews 4:15. God understands. Jesus understands. They have been there.

We must be as godlike as possible in being understanding of others — and caring. We must also always remember, there is One who understands, and cares, even when it seems no one does. Come strive with us in growing to be more and more caring and understanding toward others and one another.

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.
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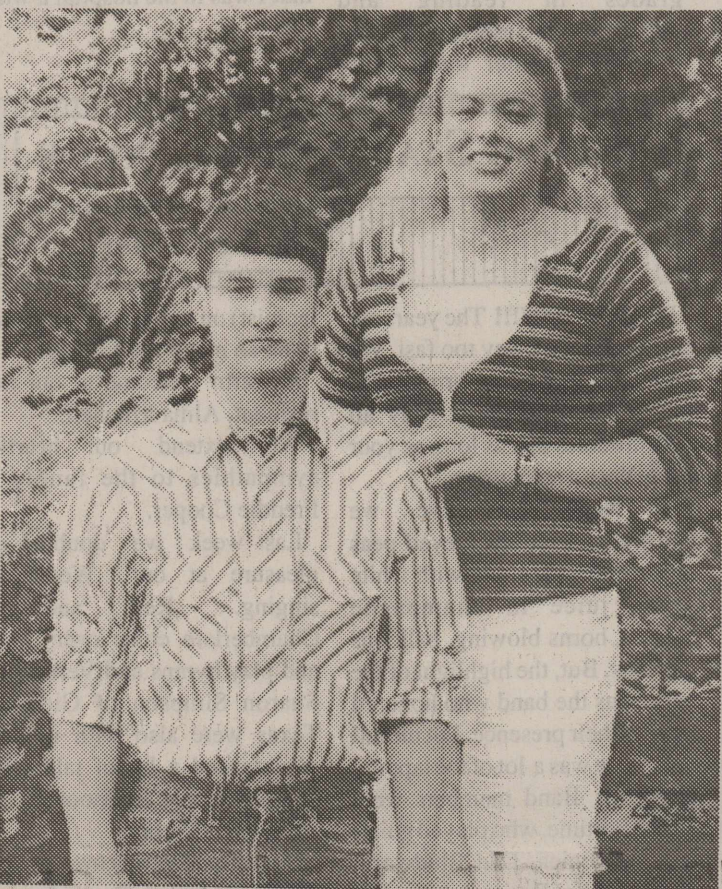
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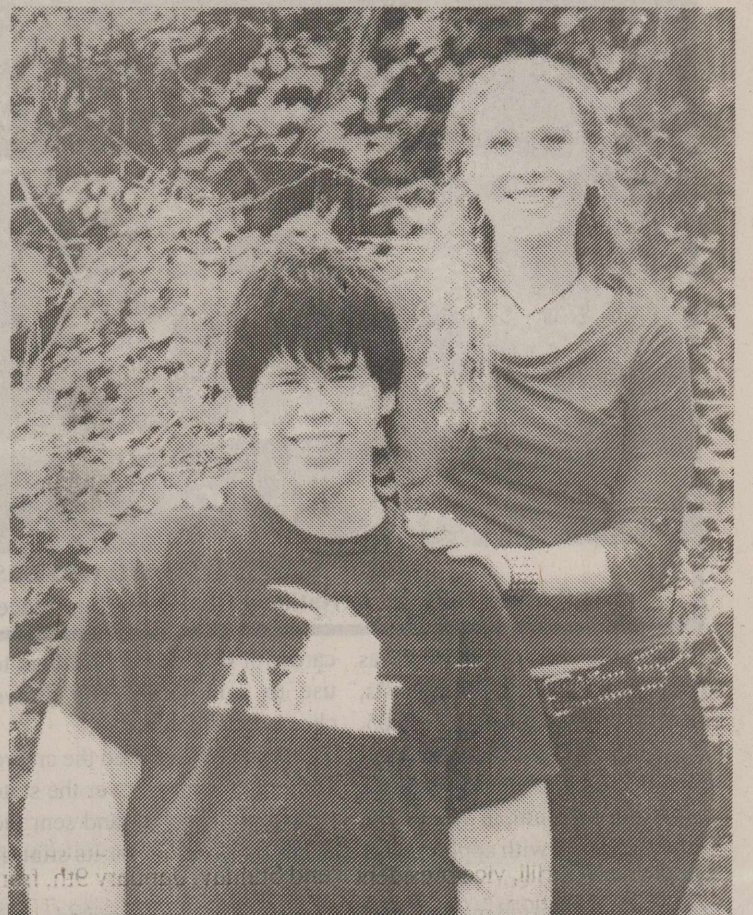


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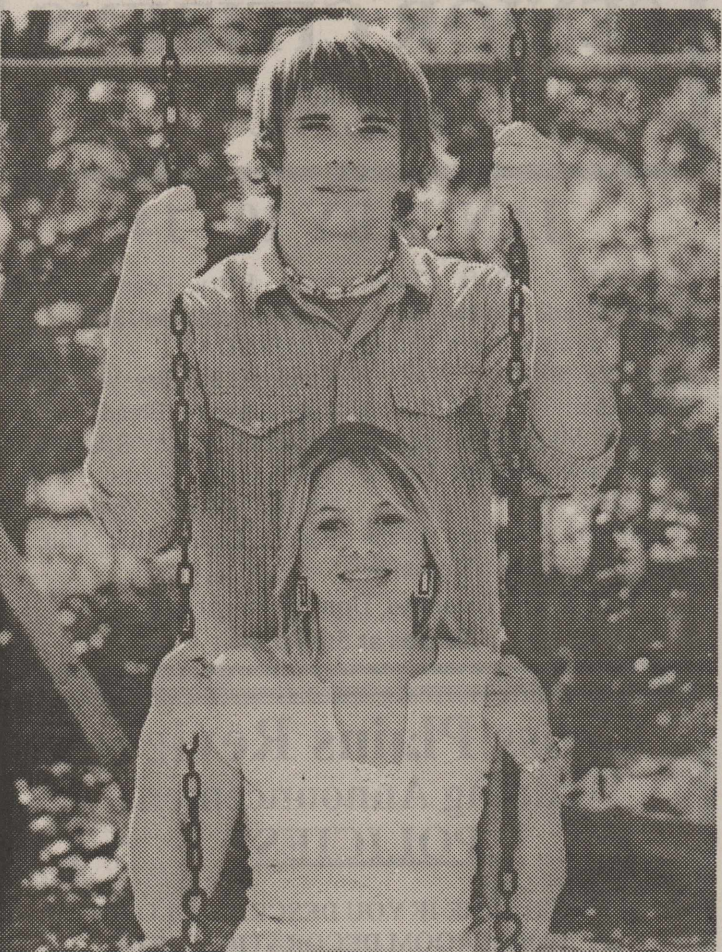


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SCHOOL MENU

JANUARY 10 - 14

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice	MONDAY - Pizza, Salad, Corn, Rosy-Applesauce
TUESDAY - Pancakes, Sausage, Assorted Juice	TUESDAY - Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Honey
WEDNESDAY - Poptart, Yogurt, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY - Meat-Cheese Nachos, Salad, Pinto Beans, Apple Crisp
THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	THURSDAY - Beef-Vegy Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Celery Stick, Pears
FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice	FRIDAY - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Rice Krispie Treat

Have A Great Week!

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

A called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2005, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the high school administrative board room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

1. Open Meeting
2. Prayer
3. Consideration and approval of a order by the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. authorizing the issuance of "Cross Plains Independent School District unlimited tax refunding bonds, series 2005", levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax for

the payment of the bonds; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale and delivery of the bonds; authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement, a purchase and investment letter, and an escrow and trust agreement; complying with the letter of representation with the depository trust company; and providing an effective date.

4. Adjourn.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on January 3, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. by Jackie Tennon for the Board of Trustees.

JANUARY 2005
PTO CALENDER
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20TH:
 3rd Graders Go To Safety City In Abilene
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20TH:
 Early Out At 1:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21ST: No School
THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY
JANUARY 20TH, 21ST & 22ND:
 Callahan County Junior Livestock Show

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2005
EARLY OUT AT 1:00 P.M.
BUSES WILL RUN AT 1:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2005
SCHOOL IS OUT FOR THE CALLAHAN COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW
CLASSES WILL RESUME ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 24TH
AT REGULAR TIME

Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show dates announced

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 20th - Saturday, January 22nd. Starting time will be Thursday, January 20, at 5:30 p.m., at The County Show Barn in Cross Plains, with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Frankie Hyles, President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association, said that entries are expected to number about 450 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County.

Other officers of the association are Steven Mitchell as Vice President, Johnny Adkins as Treasurer and Karen Johnston as Secretary.

Superintendents for this years show are:

Beef Cattle—Eddie Riley and Johnny Lee
Market & Breeding Swine—Jackie Tennison

Poultry & Rabbits—Doug Johnston and Larry McIntire
Sheep & Goats—Steven Mitchell, Lesa Harris and Angela Tibbetts

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 20th with Scott Anderson of Brownwood Extension office doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m., on the 20th.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 21st, with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Don Edgar, AST from Early, will be judging the Swine Show.

At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 21st, Kyle Eckert, Extension Sheep & Goat Assistant from San Angela will start judging the Market Lambs followed by the Meat Goats and Boer Goat Show.

On the Afternoon of the 21st from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. John Senter, Martin County CEA, will get judging of the Beef Cattle underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 22nd with the heifer show. Mr. Senter will also judge the steer show starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Premium Sale will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction.

Announcers for the three day show will be Dick Vestal, Greg Gerngross, John Belcher and Doug Johnston.

Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and support the young folks of Callahan County.

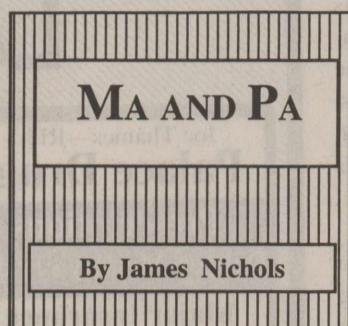
Roping Club to meet January 10th

A new year has begun and it's time to elect new officers. The meeting will be held on January 10th at 7 p.m. at the Cross Plains Roping Club Arena.

Those interested in joining the Roping Club and also standing members should pay their dues at this time.

All members are encouraged to attend this meeting. We will be discussing many things including upcoming events. If you have any questions contact Dru Eppard at 254-725-6329.

Submitted by, Dru Eppard



By James Nichols

Six different flags have flown over Texas during eight changes of sovereignty. The accepted sequence follows:

- Spanish 1519-1685
- French 1685-1690
- Spanish 1690-1821
- Mexico 1821-1836
- Republic of Texas 1836-1845
- United States 1845 to present.

Salvation Army Connects Locals With Loved Ones in South Asia

Relatives or friends of those affected by the tsunami in South Asia may have a chance to locate their loved ones. The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN), which has been operational since the beginning of the South Asia disaster, is providing assistance in locating missing persons through their website at www.satern.org. SATERN can help concerned individuals attempt to locate their loved ones by clicking the Health and Welfare link and entering the appropriate information.

Monetary donations to help serve the people during these traumatic times can be made with your credit card by calling 1-800-SAL-ARMY (1-800-725-2769) or going on-line at www.1800SALARMY.org. Donations can also be made to your local Salvation Army. Please be sure to earmark all checks with "South Asia Disaster Fund."

Grand Ole Oplin Band Schedule for the month of January Told

The Grand Ole Oplin will like to invite everyone out each Friday night for an evening of dancing (or just listening and visiting with friends) to some of your favorite local bands. Starting the month off on January 7th Muddy Creek will be here playing all of your favorite old western tunes, on January 14th Roland Smith and the Roadrunners will be here to entertain us all, on January 21st Texas Touch will join us playing the kind of music that will make you want to get up and dance, and closing out the month on January 28th Muddy Creek will be back to play some more of your favorite dancing tunes.

So gather the family and all your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin. Admission is still only \$4.00 per person and everyone is invited to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break.

The Grand Ole Oplin is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926 and is hosted each Friday night by the Oplin Community Center. All functions held at the Community Center are alcohol and smoke free. Our dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. For more information regarding our dances or our Community Center please call Pam Rumfield at 529-4522 or David D'Nunzio at 529-4646.

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

As we enter 2005, we have an opportunity to "start again in some area of our life." New Year's resolutions, plans, determinations and prayers-I imagine we all have made them. We have failed in some and succeeded in some. Of course we need to remember that with out God, we have nothing, will be nothing and can do nothing.

David Rickland

Ten suggestions For Self Improvement
By David Rickland

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR LIFE.

Dr. Phil:" Life Law: You create your own experience. Acknowledge and accept responsibility for your life."

Dennis Waitley: "There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them."

TAKE ACTION

Dale Carnegie: "The man who goes farthest is generally the one who is willing to do and to dare."

HAVE DESIRE

Muhammad Ali: "Champions are not made in gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them—a desire, a dream, a vision."

SET GOALS

Maxwell Maltz: "People who say life is not worthwhile are really saying that they themselves have no personal goals which are worthwhile. Get yourself a goal worth working for. Better still, get yourself a project. Always have something ahead of you to 'look forward to—to work for and hope for'."

CREATE A PLAN

Unknown: "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail".

Napoleon Hill: "When defeat comes, accept it as a signal that your plans are not sound. Rebuild those plans and set sail once more toward your coveted goal".

PAY THE PRICE

Vince Lombardi: The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at

hand.

HAVE PERSISTENCE
Calvin Coolidge: "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; it is common to see unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts."

BELIEVE

Dennis Waitley: If you believe you can, you probably can. If you believe you won't, you most assuredly won't. Belief is the ignition switch that gets you off the launching pad.

David J Swartz: "The size of your success is determined by the size of your belief. Think little goals and expect little achievements."

LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES

Winston Churchill: "All men make mistakes but only wise men learn from their mistakes."
Oprah Winfrey: Failures are lessons to be learned.

CREATE A CLEAR PICTURE OF YOUR FUTURE AND VISUALIZE IT

Earl Nightingale: "Picture yourself in your minds eye as having already achieved your goal."

JESUS IS LORD: He controls all endeavors.

Taylor Electric Cooperative hosts contest for trip to Washington

Taylor Electric would like to invite all area high school students to enter our annual Youth Tour contest. The contest is an oratorical contest and the contestants will be required to give a 5 to 7 minute speech on the topic "The Cooperative Difference". You will explain before a panel of local Judges, the differences between Investor Owned Utility groups (IOU's) and member

Owned Electric Cooperatives such as Taylor Electric, and make a choice on which you would select and why.

The contest date is January 20th at 7:00 p.m. at The Ambassador Suites in Abilene. Two winners will go on an eight day, all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June 2005 along with several hundred other winning students from across the Southwest.

Enter now - and challenge yourself to participate in our contest; the entry deadline is January 15th. Entry packets are available in your High school counselor's office. You may also request information by calling Taylor Electric at 1-800-992-0086 and we will drop one in the mail to you or email connections@taylorelectric.com and request one.

USDA issues final procedures and sets date for lamb referendum

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, 2004 The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service today announced the final procedures for a continuance referendum under the Lamb Promotion, Research and Information order, more commonly known as the Lamb Checkoff Program, and also announced that the referendum will be conducted Jan. 31, 2005, through Feb. 28, 2005.

The referendum will be conducted at USDA's County Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. To be eligible to participate, persons must certify and provide documentation, such as a sales receipt or remittance form, that shows they have been engaged in the production, feeding or slaughtering of lambs during the period of Jan. 1, 2004, through Dec. 31, 2004.

Beginning Jan. 31, 2005, and continuing through Feb. 28, 2005, persons may obtain form LS-86 to vote in the referendum from county FSA offices either in person, by mail or facsimile. Forms may also be obtained via the Internet at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/mpb/>

rp-lamb.htm.

Persons will vote in the referendum at the county FSA office where their administrative farm records are maintained. For the person not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to vote will be provided at the county FSA office where the person owns or rents land. Form LS-86 and supporting documentation may be returned in person, by mail or facsimile to the appropriate county FSA office. Form LS-86, and accompanying documentation returned in person or by facsimile, must be received in the appropriate county office prior to the close of business of Feb. 28, 2005. Form LS-86 and accompanying documentation returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight of Feb. 28, 2005, and received in the county FSA office by March 7, 2005.

For the program to continue, it must be approved by a majority of voters who also represent a majority of the volume represented in the referendum.

The Lamb Checkoff Program is authorized by the Commodity Promotion, Research and Infor-

mation Act of 1996. This program provides for assessments on the sale of lamb and lamb products and for an industry board to carry out promotion, research and information programs designed to increase the demand for lamb and lamb products.

The referendum is mandated by the act and requires that the secretary of agriculture conduct a referendum either prior to its going into effect or within three years after assessments first begin under an order. The order provides that the referendum be held within three years after assessments first begin. Assessments began July 1, 2002. AMS oversees the activities of the program.

The procedures and notice for the referendum will be published in the Dec. 27, 2004, *Federal Register*. For more information contact Kenneth R. Payne, Chief, Marketing Programs Branch, AMS Livestock and Seed Program, USDA Stop 0251, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-0251 or telephone number (202) 720-1115.



- JANUARY 8**
Austin Chastain
Joe McWilliams
Claude Boyd
Johnny Nunn
Bill Forbes
Jimmy Hargrove
Jean Johnson
Mrs. L.M. Barrow
Allen Bland
Jay Staggs
Mrs. Eugene Strickland

- W. A. Watson
Benjamin Worley
Mrs. Charley Havens
Jeff Brown

- JANUARY 9**
Carol Parsons
Charles Williams
Alvie Hutchins
Karen (Dunn) Dooley
Clint Ivie
Ronny Nunn
Patrick Sadler
Cathy Meroney
Teri Brown
Kim Koenig

- JANUARY 12**
Fred Flippin
Particia (Driskill) Musick
Mike Walters
Keri Michelle Bowman
Angie Sanders

- JANUARY 10**
Russell Barnes
Karan Wise
Ricky Wayne Waddell
Ellen Brown
Lila Payne
Eddie Edington
J.T. Isbell

- JANUARY 13**
Barbara (Clark) Robinson
Sylvia Graham
Cindy Sue Payne
Kenneth E. Dobbins
Edith Adkins
Mrs. Albert Lee
Randy Dillard
Cecilia Smoot
John Terrell Gardner

- JANUARY 11**
Staci LeAnn (Weiss) May
Mrs. B.F. Hutchins
Terry Dewbre
Barbara Johnson

- JANUARY 14**
Lorissa Gressett
Mrs. Exal D. McMillian
Charles Pippins
Johnny Illingworth
Le'Ann Jordan
John Roberts
Linda Chandler
Crystal Nelson
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Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 26, 2004 through January 1, 2005 include:

- Cases Investigated
- Warnings—91
- Complaints—172
- DWI—1
- Driving While License Invalid—1
- Suspended License—1
- Carrying A Prohibited Weapon—1
- Possession of Marijuana—1
- Vehicle Accidents

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ACREAGE WITH HOME:

- * Approx. 1.5/A, Beautifully landscaped, 2,400 sq. ft. 3bd/3bth, 2 story home, 2 car garage, sun room, deck, central H/A, gas fire place, detached office building and storage/garage, many large trees. City water and water well. Out of City limits, Cross Plains. \$179,000.
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- * 93.85/A with 2,624 sq. ft. Brick home, Central H/A, fireplace, wood stove, glassed in sun porch, large trees, on pavement, guest house, 3 barns, creek, new fences, pond, some Coastal, good hunting. Western Eastland Co. \$280,000.
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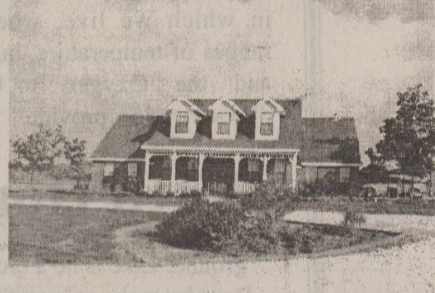
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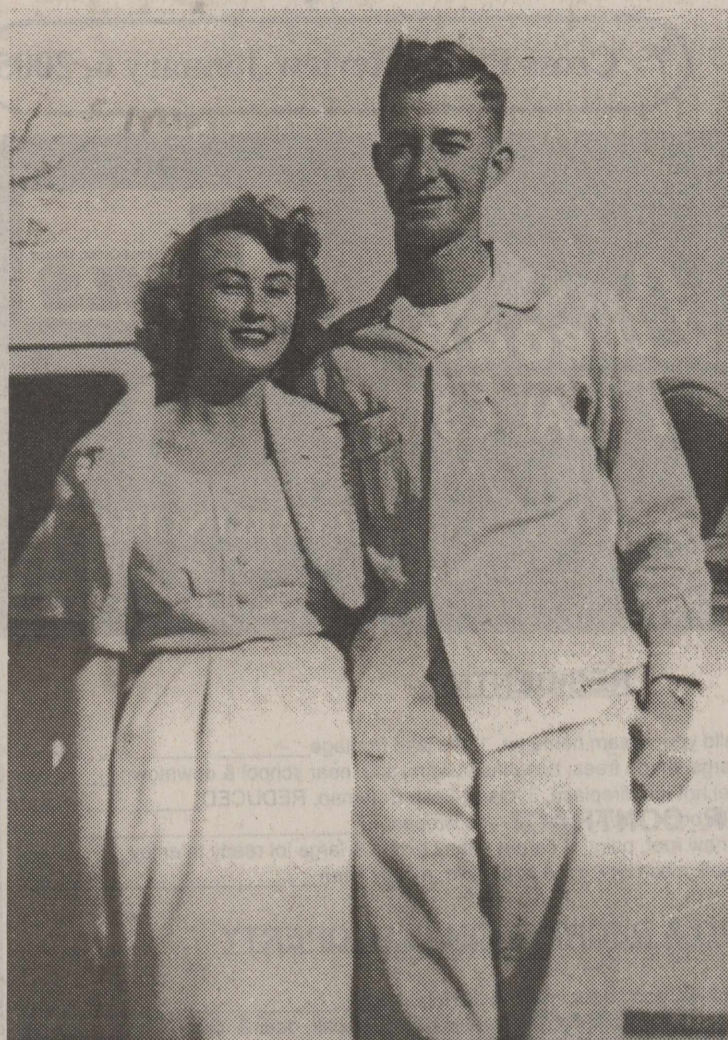
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In honor of their 50th anniversary the children and grandchildren hosted a family luncheon on December 18, 2004. Sixty-five family members attended the meal at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Cross Plains. Audrey and Jewel were married on December 23, 1954 at the

home of Bro. Falkner. Children and grandchildren hosting the event were Ricky, Delynn and Dusty Purvis of Olden; Bobby, Cindy, Jodi and Ryan Payne of Cross Plains; Ronnie, Dena, Andrea, Josh and Kara of Abilene; and Tobin and Ashley Anderson of Abilene.

Locally Known Soldier Deploying to Iraq

Pvt. First Class Anthony L. Castleberry was among the hundreds of Army National Guardsmen who left Fort Hood this week for service in Iraq.

Anthony received his basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He then spent several more weeks there receiving special training before returning to Fort Hood for further training there and at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Castleberry is a 2001 graduate of Cross Plains High School and was attending Austin

Community College at the time of his enlistment.

He is the son of Jeff and Charlotte Castleberry of Martindale, Texas and Bridget and Albert Henry of Hawley. He is the grandson of Sandra Kelley and the great-grandson of Margaret McGough, both of Cross Plains.

Anthony's family ask that you pray for his safety and all our service personnel, who are protecting our country.



"STATE OF THE COUNTY" UPDATE—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn (left) was the guest of Ray Womack (right) and other Kiwanians at the Tuesday, December 28th Kiwanis meeting. Guest speaker Judge Corn, a Kiwanian himself, shared information about the state of affairs of the county — "some things old and some things new." It is always a pleasure to have him as a guest and as a speaker to share some information about county affairs with some of us from Cross Plains and the surrounding communities within Callahan County. Everyone is always welcome to the weekly Kiwanis Club noon meetings on Tuesdays in the east room at Jean's Feed Barn. There is good fellowship, good food and a good program of interest and information each week. For information regarding membership in Kiwanis, see President Ronnie White or any of the other members.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

While admiring the recent snow, I checked the limbs of some of the oaks that grow in our yard. A very few old dried brown leaves still hung on, but in addition, I found several tips had very small rounded structures, faintly separating into lobes. I plan to check on them every few days as they grown larger and burst into young leaves.

As a medical student, I sometimes saw people who had a condition which would ultimately prove fatal. I would point out that we are all going to die, and there was no guarantee that they would cross the street alive. Instead of worrying about the future, pick a tree and watch as buds turned into leaves. Enjoy the beauty of the Garden of Eden in which we live, where the ranges of temperature, humidity and the Oxygen to Carbon dioxide ratio provide for the

sympiotic relationship of plants and animals.

This February I will experience my 75th birthday, and I recognize that, like those patients, I have a condition that will ultimately prove fatal. That condition is called "Life". Each year I renew my pledge to myself to watch as plants rejuvenate and again I experience the saying, that, "If Winter come, can Spring be far behind?" When I was a student in Austin, I heard of a man who divided the year, and worshiped by percentages of those who were Christian, Muslim, Hindu, etc. His total being was concentrated on an after-world and he missed the present world altogether. I wonder why we would be placed in a "Garden of Eden" if we were not to appreciate it and do our best to preserve it every day of lives.

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Down Home

ground. Like is he a crook? Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores.

Why did your mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goofball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

1. Mom works at work and works at home, and dad just works at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to

teachers without scaring them.

3. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?


1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.

Rehab

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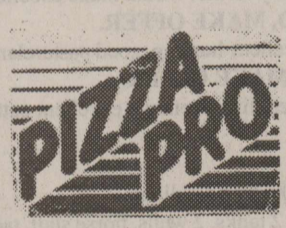
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