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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Can you believe another year has flown by? It wasn't that long ago when it was so strange to write the year 2000 and now we are in the 6th year.

If you are actually thinking about New Year Resolutions, please read this suggestion before you make any major decisions. If we would follow this simple recipe, our life would be more fulfilled. See if you agree.

Have a Happy and Blessed New Year!!!! Vanda Anderson

"The Mayonnaise Jar and 2 Cups of Coffee"

When things in your lives seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agree that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar.

He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open area between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty spaces between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things—GOD, your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions—and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter, like your job, your house and your car.

The sand is everything else—the small stuff. "If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

"Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness, praying and asking God to help. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first—the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee

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Cross Plains ablaze



WATER TRANSFERRING—A Big Country volunteer fire truck receives a load of water Tuesday afternoon, December 27 while battling a large brush fire on State Highway 36 west of Cross Plains. The fire is believed to have started about noon in

the vicinity of the Hyatt Cattle Ranch. The fire raged throughout the afternoon with fire departments from as far away at Stephenville coming to help fight the blaze.

Republican candidate filing concludes January 2

A third candidate for the Cross Plains Justice of the Peace Precinct #4 filed for a place on the ballot, according to Callahan County Republican Chair Pat Chrane. Chrane has announced a total seven candidates have filed for places on the March 7, 2006 Republican Primary ballot.

Chrane reported the position of Justice of the Peace Precinct #4 and the County Commissioner Precinct #4 will have contested races in the March primary, while the incumbent Clyde Justice of the Peace for Precinct #1 filed for re-election.

Three candidates, Rodger Hart, Robert Hill, and Burlie Taylor have announced for the Cross Plains Justice of the Peace Precinct #4 office, while three candidates have announced for the Cross Plains Commissioner Precinct #4 place.

The most recent filing for the Cross Plains Precinct #4 Justice of the Peace office is Robert Hill, Hill, 70, resides at 17275 County

Democratic Primary filing will end on January 2

Callahan County Democratic Party Chairman Jon E. Hardwick announced candidate filing for the March 7, 2006 Democratic Primary Election ballot will end on Monday, January 2, 2006.

So far, seven candidates have filed for places on the Democratic Primary Election ballot.

Those filing include incumbent County Judge Roger Corn, incumbent Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, incumbent District Clerk Sharon Owens, incumbent County Treasurer Dianne Alexander and incumbent Precinct # Justice of the Peace Steve Odom.

Also announcing their candidacy were Donna Bell for County Clerk and Elvan Goode for Precinct #4 Commissioner.

Callahan County Democratic

Road 429 in Cross Plains. He lists an occupation as Municipal Court Judge. Hill has resided in the state 49 years and in Callahan County 24 years.

Those other two Republican candidates for the Justice of the Peace office in Cross Plains include Rodger Hart and Burlie Taylor.

Republican candidate filing for the Cross Plains Commissioner in Precinct #4 include Larry Tennon, Reggie Pillans and Cliff Kirkham.

Incumbent Clyde Precinct #1 Justice of the Peace Roy Lee Chapman has also filed for re-election.

Interested persons may obtain information or applications by contacting Pat Chrane at 325-529-3428, or Betty Johnston at 325-529-3396. Applications will be accepted through January 2, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

The filing fee for Justice of the Peace is \$375.00 and for all other county offices is \$750.

Party Chairman Hardwick announced that applications for candidates to file for a place on the March 7, 2006 Democratic Primary Election ballot is being accepted now until January 2, 2006.

Interested persons may obtain information and applications by calling Jon Hardwick at (325) 854-1256. Applications will be available at his home office located at 613 Cherry Street in Baird.

Applications will be accepted through January 2, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. The filing fee for Justice of the Peace is \$375.00 and all other county offices is \$750.00.

Applications for county or precinct chairs are available now, and no fee is required.



RUNNING FOR COVER—This herd of cattle try to escape the smoke and flames from a large brush fire along north State Highway 36 three miles west of Cross Plains Tuesday, December

27. Officials report several homes were destroyed by fire in north Cross Plains Tuesday evening. High winds and little precipitation this winter in the community have helped to fan the flames.

Methodist Church, many homes feared destroyed by Tuesday fire

Fanned by high winds, hot temperatures and dry conditions, a brush fire west of Cross Plains quickly spread north of the downtown community, destroying up to eight homes, including the First United Methodist Church building Tuesday afternoon, December 27.

The brush fire began around noon Tuesday three miles west of Cross Plains on State Highway 36 at the Hyatt cattle ranch. The high winds caused the blaze to quickly spread and jump FM 880 and State Highway 206 north of Cross

Plains. The blaze reached the northern outskirts of Cross Plains, destroying numerous homes in its path.

The First United Methodist Church, located at 1217 North Main Street (State Highway 206), was completely destroyed by flames. The church moved from downtown Cross Plains to North Main Street a number of years ago.

Fire crews from as far away as Stephenville helped Cross Plains volunteer firemen battle the blaze late into Tuesday night.

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Roger Corn, Presiding

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Jasen Crites, plea of guilty to false report to a peace officer, 1 year probation, \$250 fine, \$243 court costs, \$150 restitution.
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42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictments

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Richard Ward, forgery.

John B. Chesser of Clyde and Amanda R. Chapin of Breckenridge.

Civil Filings

Andrew C. Masters of Raceland, LA and Melanie S. Cheshir of Cross Plains.

Mary Lynn Melton & Richard Paul Adams, divorce.

OBITUARIES

Claudie Mae "Sue" Gardner

Claudie Mae "Sue" Gardner, 89, of Rising Star, died Tuesday, December 13, 2005 in Comanche County.

Sue was born on May 8, 1916, in Rising Star, to Claude Preston and Addie Maddox-Shook Preston. She married William "Bill" Gardner on March 3, 1934 in Rising Star. They enjoyed 66 wonderful years together before Bill passed away on July 3, 2001. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Rising Star. She was a 60-year member of the Eastern Star. She lived in the community for 27 years. Before moving to Rising Star, she lived in Odessa.

Sue is survived by one brother, Wilbur Ray Shook of California; four nephews, Rex Long and Tony Long, both of Rising Star, Don Long of Springtown, and Max Long of Fullerton, California; three nieces, Dorothy Whiteside of Sipe Springs; Charlene Rider of Cisco and Patsy Nixon of Angleton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; one brother, Billy Ted Shook; and two sister, Cleo White and Lorene Long.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, December 16, 2005 at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Lynn Starnes officiating. Burial was in the Wayside Cemetery in Eastland County with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Rising Star in charge of arrangements.

Christene Cockrell

Christene Cockrell, 75, died Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at Fisher County Hospital. Services will be Friday, December 23, 2005 at Trinity Church in Tahoka, Texas with Rev. Kerry Gandy and Rev. Mike Scott officiating. Burial was in Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home of Rotan.

Born July 3, 1930 in Honey Grove, Texas, Christene was the daughter of the late Tab and Edith (Glover) Houston. She moved to the Wells community when she was a child and attended O'Donnell schools. Christene later moved to Tahoka where she lived most of her life. She later moved to Abilene where she took great pride in being a foster grand parent for the Abilene State School for five years. Christene married Dr. Frank Cockrell on June 29, 1997 in Abilene. They lived in Rotan and she became activities director for Fisher County Hospital. Christene enjoyed square dancing and was a member of the Wagon Wheel Square Dancing Club. She also liked to crochet, loved "pretty things" and was an avid reader. Christene especially loved her dog, Jazz.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, J.R. and Jerry Don Houston, and two great-grandchildren, Kade Crum and Amanda Cloud.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Frank Cockrell of Rotan; one son and daughter-in-law, Kerry and Janet Gandy of Mamaumelle, Arkansas; two daughters and sons-in-law, Theda (Jo) Gandy and Benny Medlock of Rising Star and Nita and Mike Scott of Tahoka; one step-son and step-daughter-in-law, Dennis and Vickie Cockrell of Moscow, Idaho; one step-daughter, Janice White of Waco; three brothers, Jack Houston of Bonham, Owen Houston of Lubbock and H.G. Houston of Stratford; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the office filings in the Republican Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

For Callahan County Commissioner Precinct #4
Larry Tennison

Political advertisement paid by Larry Tennison for Commissioner Precinct #4, Betsy Tennison, Treasurer, 4266 CR 243, Clyde, Texas 79510.

Reggie Pillans

Political advertisement paid by Suzi Pillans, Treasurer, 8567 CR 419, Cisco, Texas 76437.

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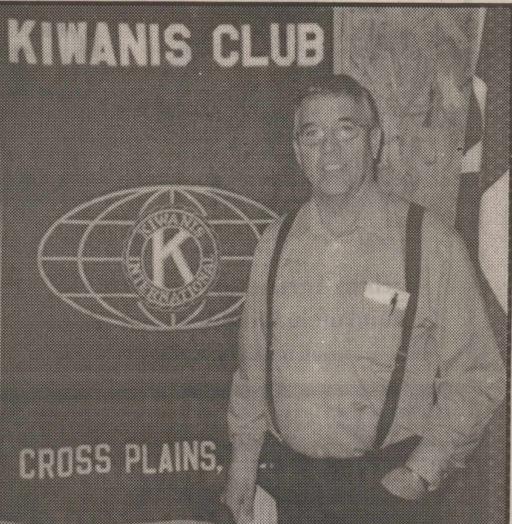
For Callahan County Judge
Roger Corn

Political advertisement paid by Roger Corn, 532 Poplar, Baird, Texas 79504.

For Callahan County Clerk
Donna Bell

Political advertisement paid by Donna Bell, PR 2484 Lot 420, Baird, Texas 79504.

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KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—The Rev. Jim Senkel, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains, was the speaker at the Kiwanis Club regular meeting on Tuesday, December 20th. W.G. McCoy (not pictured) was the program chairman. Rev. Senkel gave a devotional on the meaning of Christmas and how every Christian should respond to God's love. H.D. Weaver shared two Christmas poems with the club also. The Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 12:00 noon at Jean's Feed Barn. Everyone is invited to attend and or join the club. The Kiwanis Club is very active in community events and in support of children's programs in the community and around the world.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

To A World Without Answers

In a world whose values seem to have slipped away. And saying "Merry Christmas" to all will, no longer apply.

Suicide bombers, Tsunamis, and Hurricanes. Out of control, and no one to blame.

No obvious answers to questions we ask. Putting it together is a cumbersome task.

Politicians lie and hold honesty cheap. Wrong is called right and a nation sleeps.

People refuse to believe what is perfectly clear. Not considered politically correct, but nonetheless here.

The Son of God can make everything fall into place. When He is acknowledged by the human race.

Evils will be righted, and complexities cleared. When he King of The Universe comes to live

here. Have a Blessed New Year. Not merely "Seasons Greetings."

BHW

I would like to think that in the new year we might possibly change some of the attitudes expressed in this poem. At least we can make some changes in our own lives. We can wake up personally to the things around us that need changing. We can reach out to those around us with honesty and love. We can work toward a blessed new year by embracing decency and holding to values that acknowledge God.

I would like to hear from you, my readers some of the things that would make this a better world in 2006. Just call me and tell me or leave notes for me at the Clyde Journal. Lets think of ways to make a better place for us all.

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Texas Almanac Sesquicentennial Edition. First published in 1854, the Texas Almanac 2006-2007 is the book's Sesquicentennial Edition. New color maps of the state and the 254 counties have been created especially for this edition. The latest population estimates since the U.S. Census of 2000 are provided for Texas towns and counties. Also new in this edition is updated information on recreation, the environment, culture, business, health, politics, and education, as well as the astronomical calendar, holidays, and county profiles.

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Cottonwood Connections
Sandra Kelly, daughter of Margaret McGough reports that her daughter-in-law, Dana Castleberry, age 42, was buried in Abilene last Monday. Her body was donated to science and it has been determined that over 70 people benefitted.

Texas From Abbott To ZOROSTRISM (from A to Z)
Yep! It is the first day of Christmas and I am looking at a new book I received as a present yesterday (Christmas Day). It is the new Texas Almanac published annually since 1857. It is published by the Dallas Morning News and distributed by the Texas A&M University Press Consortium (I always like to mention Texas A&M, when I get the chance). Its pages are already dog-eared and paper-clipped in places I want to remember.

In the Preface, the current editor, Elizabeth Cruce Alvarez, bemoans the fact that there is not enough space to put in this book everything she wanted to get in it, as did the first editor, William

Robertson, 150 years ago. She says it is a "factually dense" publication. And it is. She brags about it being the sesquicentennial issue and that it is full of information. It is printed in full color for the first time, even her picture in the preface is in color.

The first article listed in the index of this new Texas Almanac, 2006-2007, is an obituary about a person named Darnell "Dimebag" Abbott, "one of heavy-metals top guitarists" who was shot to death this past year, along with 4 others, on December 8, 2004, while performing in Columbus, Ohio. I guess they don't like heavy-metal music in Ohio.

The last entry in the index is entitled, "Zoroastrian". Three congregations are reported to exist in Texas. But, no membership figures are available. I guess the members of those congregations are not very forthcoming with information about Zoroastrianism.

The first article published in this

issue of the Texas Almanac is a lengthy one entitled simply, "Texas". Everything you ever wanted to know about Texas but were afraid to ask is included between page 1 and page 688.

The absolute last article in the book (before the Advertisers List) is another obituary about a man named, "Zale, Stanley, an executive in the jewelry business and a philanthropist of Dallas.

The book lists six towns (villages, communities) named "Cottonwood" in Texas. They are in, Kaufman, Brazos, Madison, Erath, Somervell and Callahan Counties. The average date for the last freeze is listed as March 24th for Callahan County and the average first freeze is stated as November 13th. Average rainfall is 26.1 inches and no rain is in sight.

Happy New Year to one and all!
(Please contact Wallace Bennett 254-725-7474 for news or personal items for this column. E-mail is csb5airmail.net. Snail mail address is 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas, 76443.)

Commissioners hire Sweetwater law firm

Renewable Energy Systems of America will construct a wind farm generation project which is expected to add \$90 million to the taxable value of Callahan County.

Callahan County Commissioners voted to retain the Sweetwater law firm of Steakley, Wetsel & Carmichael, LLP to negotiate the terms of a possible tax abatement agreement with RES-America during the commissioners' court meeting held Wednesday, December 21 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Before voting to authorize the tax abatement, county commissioners met with H. Alan Carmichael, attorney for Steakley, Wetsel & Carmichael, LLP on the various steps of the tax abatement process.

RES-America will now construct a wind farm in northwest Callahan County, which is expected to add \$90 million in taxable value to the county.

RES-America Inc., a Texas-based subsidiary of Renewable Energy Systems of Great Britain, is the leading international wind farm developer in the world.

The company had originally planned to construct approximately 200 wind generators in southwest Shackelford County, however the company has informed Clyde Consolidated Independent School District, they will now construct 400 wind generating units in Shackelford and Callahan counties. Approximately 60 of the wind generators will be located in Callahan County, while the remaining 340 will sit in Shackelford County.

The total project is expected to add \$570 million in taxable value to both Shackelford and Callahan counties. Clyde CISD will also see its taxable value jump from \$151 million to over \$720 million. The huge wind turbines, which normally have a 1.5 megawatt capacity, are typically valued somewhere around \$1.5 million each.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer, and second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, county commissioners voted 5-0 to retain H. Alan Carmichael to negotiate the terms of a possible tax abatement agreement with RES-America Development, Inc. The attorney will be Callahan County at the rate of \$250 per hour, with support staff, including legal assistant functions, at rates from \$25 to \$75 per hour, plus machine time, systems use, electronic research, and fax charges.

In the event travel is necessary, mileage is billed at the rate of 40 1/2 cents per mile; photocopies are billed at the rate of 25 cents per copy; and telecopier charges are billed at the rate of \$2.00 per page. All long distance telephone calls will be charged to the client at a flat rate of \$7.00 per call.

Steakley, Wetsel & Carmichael LLP has been retained by Shackelford County officials to negotiate a tax abatement agreement with RES-America for Shackelford County. The law firm was hired several years ago by Nolan County officials to negotiate its tax abatement agreement for a wind farm generation project north of Tye.

The Wednesday, December 21 commissioners' court meeting was called to order by Judge Roger Corn at 9:02 a.m. Present were Commissioners Harold

Hicks, Bryan Farmer, Tommy Holland and Doris Grider. Also present were County Treasurer Dianne Alexander and County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to establish guidelines and criteria for the adoption of a tax abatement agreement pursuant to the Texas Tax Code. This is for a term of two years. Commissioner Grider seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

—No action was taken on establishing a reinvestment zone within Callahan County.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay all approved bills. Commissioner Grider seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

—The commissioners' court meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. on a motion by Judge Corn and second by Commissioner Farmer with a 5-0 vote.

Volunteers Needed to Open their Hearts and Homes

Terra Lingua (non-profit organization) is seeking Volunteers to host English speaking Foreign Exchange Students from France, ages 15-18, who want to experience American Culture and come for the upcoming 5 month semester program.

Students have their own spending money and health insurance. Anyone is invited to host including singles, single parents, married couples, empty-nesters

LIBRARY NOTES

Behind the Books

Don't know about ya'll, but this is one of my favorite times of the year. New gift books to read and a comparatively quiet time to do so. And a time to think about all the new books I want to read; books that are just out and all the books other readers recommend. Think I'll just wriggle over to the shelf of new books and books on loan from the Big Country System and see what I can find. Now if I could just decide whether to go sit on the sunny porch or cuddle under a warm blanket—I'd have it made.

Library Activity Report December 19-23, 2005

Statistics	
Books:	57
Internet Users:	23
Memorials:	
In Memory of	
Zora Mae Bryant	
From: Lois Garrett	
Dick and Sharon Koenig	
Donations:	
Billye Sinclair	
Sandy Doss	
Benjamin R. and Helen Wagner	
Thomas and Donna Ames	
Patrons:	56
Programs:	7
Copies:	0
Reference:	1
Books Checked In/Out:	16
Calls In:	8
Internet Users:	23

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

- JANUARY 2 - 6**
MONDAY - CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS DAY HOLIDAY
TUESDAY - Sausage, Sauerkraut, Blackeyed Peas, Brownie, Bread
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Salad, Potato Soup, Apricots, Cookie, Crackers
THURSDAY - Sliced Ham, Green Beans & Tomatoes, Hominy Casserole, Fruit, Bread
FRIDAY - Beef Stew, Pineapple & Cottage Cheese, Tossed Salad, Cookie, Bread
 2nd & 4th Tue., Domino Night (42/84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

Note: Wonder if Apple Orchard Annie has spotted any unusual or interesting birds lately? Perhaps an especially beautiful bird or flock? It may be that all the turkey are in hiding, but other species of birds are winging it.

"Turkey Baked and Revisited"

It seems to happen every year, without fail; we've cooked up too much food again. Absolutely loads of turkey and all the trimmings. Oh, oh! What to do with it? What to do!

When I live in New Mexico in the 60's I was just 35 miles from the border of Old Mexico. That is how I came to have this absolutely stunning recipe. You can use it either with baked chicken or turkey.

Ingredients:
 Chopped and diced bake poultry
 Corn tortillas (cut or torn into 3 or 4 inch pieces) substitutes can be Doritos or wide Fritos
 1 can Old El Paso Enchiladas sauce
 1 can of Cream of Chicken or another cream soup (mush room, asparagus etc.)
 Shredded Cheddar Cheese or Colby, Monterey Jack, etc.

Pour into a saucepan the enchilada sauce, one can of cream soup. Stir together over low heat until just blended, remove from heat and taste test, if you think it is too spicy add another can of cream soup.

Preheat oven to 360 degrees, choose a Pyrex or other over safe casserole dish. With a large spoon add just enough sauce mix to cover the bottom of the pan (prevents sticking), place a layer of chopped poultry, pour about one third of the sauce mixture overall, then layer with tortillas, then cover with the grated cheese, repeat with a second layer of poultry, sauce, tortillas and cheese, repeat with a third layer. Place in the preheated oven for 30 to 40 minutes, until bubbling hot and cheese is melted.

Serve with your favorite vegetable salad. Simple, fast and so delicious.

Do you recall that old poem that went something like this: Four and twenty Blackbirds baked in a pie. When the pie was opened the bird began to sing, "Wasn't that a dainty dish to sit before the king?" Do you have lots of sweet potatoes cooked up? Well, one of our favorite pies has always been sweet potato pie.

Here is something you and your family is sure to like. Mash your

pre-cooked sweet potatoes until they are of a smooth consistency, add a container of EGG-O's or Scramblers. If you prefer, you may substitute 3 or 4 whole eggs, add 1/2 cup flour (a little at a time), beating it into the sweet potato mixture until about the consistency of vanilla pudding. Add 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract and 1 tsp cinnamon or allspice. On your cutting board or other flat surface, place a large double sheet of wax paper sheet with either Post Toasties cereal or Total or my favorite Grape Nuts Flakes. Fold the other 1/2 of the wax paper, roughly crunching up a slight portion of the cereal. Next turn your over to 350 degrees so it can preheat.

Get out two cookie sheets, either grease them with butter or spray with a non-stick substance. Take a hand full of the potatoes mixture, after putting on your cooking gloves, flatten just slightly the mixture with your other hand. Place a large marshmallow in the center and using both hands mold the sweet potato mix into a ball with the marshmallow in the center. Roll the ball in the crushed cereal and place on the cookie sheet.

Continue making and rolling sweet potatoes balls until you have used one-half of your sweet potato mixture. When you have filled one cookie sheet, place it in the oven to bake. Now begin to fill the second sheet.

Take your remaining sweet potato mixture and divide into the separate containers. In one container add 1/4 cup coconut. Make your balls. When you put the marshmallow in the center add 2 or 3 chocolate chips or 3 M&M's, roll into a ball, roll the ball into crushed cereal and place on baking sheet.

Into your last container of the sweet potato mixture (instead of the marshmallow) place 2-3 bite size squares of cheese (Colby, Monterey Jack, Mozzarella or Cheddar). Add two tsp orange marmalade or apricot preserves. Roll into balls, in crushed cereal, place on cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees until firm and lightly browned.

These are just great and very versatile. They go equally well with hamburgers and anything in between.

If you wish to serve them for a sit down dinner, I suggest that just prior to serving them, you place a dollop of cream cheese atop, with a sprig of mint for garnish. Bon Appetite and Adieu.

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Do you have your 2006 calendar yet? If not, you had better hurry and get one because the new year is almost here! Perhaps even more important is, have you done all the things you intended to do in 2005? If not, you had better hurry because the old year is almost gone!

We probably get a little tired of hearing about New Year's resolutions — and even more tired of making them and not following through as we intended. Don't let that deter you from trying again. Many times resolutions are a form of repentance — a change of mind that should lead to a change of lifestyle, habits and actions. If there is not the change, the repentance was not true or real. If the change is evident, then there was true repentance.

Just as with salvation and the spiritual side of life, so it is regarding many things of physical life: "Unless you repent, you will likewise perish" (Luke 13:3,5). Applied, that means that unless we make some resolutions (and follow through), another year will be gone without needed changes made and/or projects accomplished.

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City Council Minutes

4-Cross Plains Review December 29, 2005

November 1, 2005

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. Members of the council present were Mayor Ray Purvis, Jerry Cassle, Edwin Weiss, Gene Dillard, Terry Lichty and Audrey Purvis. Employees present were Debbie Gosnell, Don Gosnell and Bob Hill. Members of the public meeting with the council were Era Lee Hanke, Brian, Lori and Joseph.

Mayor Purvis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

By general consent the council approved the minutes as presented.

Don Gosnell, Chief of Police, gave the monthly police report. He reported 89 calls for service, 2 family disturbances, 4 thefts, 1 accident, 2 disorderly conducts, 5 criminal mischiefs, 2 assaults, 4 trespassing, 2 prowlers, 2 warrants served, 1 telephone harassment, 4 truancies at school, 3 terroristic threats, with 65 warnings and 77 citations. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Brian, with TXOL, met with the council to discuss the possibility of putting equipment on the tower at the Fire Department to provide high speed internet access to the community. It was discussed that WesTex Connect already has high speed equipment on the water tower and they provide service to the City of Cross Plains and the Library at no charge. Brian stated that his company is in partnership with Rural Access and that at this point they would like the opportunity to see if this would be a possibility. He also stated that they could not guarantee that they will be able to provide service to Cross Plains. The council agreed that they would like for them to look into the matter to see if it would be feasible in placing equipment on the tower at the fire

department and get back to the council before any final decisions are made.

Debbie informed the council that she spoke with Ken Martin, City Engineer, and he informed her that the plans for the new ground storage tank are almost complete, and he would like to have a called meeting on November 29, 2005 for the purpose of opening bids. If a good bid is received at that time, the council can award the bid on the regular meeting on December 6, 2005.

Jerry Cassle moved to pay the bills. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Debbie Gosnell and Era Lee Hanke, representative for the EDC Board, presented the council with a proposal from Inga Williams for a day care facility. Ms. Hanke informed the council that Ms. Williams is asking for a matching grant of \$2,500.00 for supplies, toys, equipment and other items necessary to operate the facility. Gene Dillard moved to approve the proposal as presented. Audrey Purvis seconded and motion carried.

Edwin Weiss moved to purchase a storage building for no more than \$2,000.00. Terry Lichty seconded and motion carried.

Era Lee Hanke, Project Pride representative, met with the council to ask permission to place a "Season's Greetings" lighted sign in the park next to the City Hall during the Christmas season. By general consent the council granted her permission to do so.

The annual Callahan County Nutrition Project Agreement was presented to the council for signing. Jerry Cassle moved to approve the agreement. Gene Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Debbie Gosnell informed the council that the *Cross Plains Review* has contacted her and the

EDC Board about the possibility of offering the old Review building for the purpose of having museum in Cross Plains. Debbie asked the council for permission to look into the possibility of having a museum and to talk to other organizations in town to see if there is enough interest in a local museum. By general consent the council agreed for Debbie to look into the matter and also to look into the condition of the building.

Gene Dillard moved to go into executive session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of looking over the second policeman's applications. Audrey Purvis seconded and motion carried.

Edwin Weiss moved to return to open meeting at 8:00 p.m. Jerry Cassle seconded and motion carried.

By general consent the council agreed to extend the application deadline (for second policeman) to December 6, 2005.

Jerry Cassle moved to adjourn. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor
ATTEST:
Debbie Gosnell Secretary

December 6, 2005 Minutes

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. Members of the council present were Mayor Ray Purvis, Jerry Cassle, Edwin Weiss, Gene Dillard, Terry Lichty and Audrey Purvis. Employees present were Debbie Gosnell, Don Gosnell, Bob Hill and Mark Norris. Members of the public meeting with the council were Peggy Terrell and Ken Martin.

Mayor Purvis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

By general consent the council approved the minutes as presented.

Ken Martin, City Engineer, met

Make Plans for the Cross Timbers Seminary

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Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 18, 2005 through December 24, 2005 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—143
Complaints—143
DWI—2
Possession of Marijuana—1
Driving While License Invalid—2
Failure to Report Accident-Property Damage—1
Fugitive Arrest—2
Vehicle Accidents

There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

with the council and went over the bids submitted on the construction of the 100,000 gallon ground storage tank. He reported that the city received two bids on the project. One from Tank Builders of Euless, Texas in the amount of \$109,800.00 and the other bid from Fisher Tank Company of Cropwell, AL, in the amount of \$141,000.00. Mr. Martin recommended the council approve the bid from Tank Builders in the amount of \$109,000.00.

Dillard moved to amend the budget in the amount of \$135,000.00 to cover the cost of the tank, engineering fees, welding and coating, and contingencies. Lichty seconded and motion carried.

Cassle moved to award the bid to Tank Builders. Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Don Gosnell, Chief of Police, gave the monthly police report. He reported 99 calls for service, 3 family disturbances, 1 auto theft, 2 gas thefts, 4 accidents, 2 disorderly conducts, 4 criminal mischiefs, 2 telephone harassments, 2 fight calls, 5 assaults, 1 sexual harassment, 1 sexual assault, 3 alarm responses, 1 public intoxication, 5 warrants with 43 warnings and 60 citations. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Bob Hill, Municipal Judge, gave the judge's report. He reported 60 citations for November with 18 remaining outstanding, 9 remain outstanding for October and 6 remain outstanding for September. He reported 4 reminder letters and 12 "failure to appear" letters being sent out on outstanding citations. He reported 30 being entered on Omni. Collections for November were \$7,776.00. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Cassle moved to pay the bills. Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning citizen complaints pertaining to the use of engine brakes by the 18-wheelers coming through Cross Plains. Lichty moved to pass Resolution 2005-01 regulating the use of engine brakes within the City Limits of Cross Plains. Weiss seconded and motion carried. Debbie is to check with the state on the installation of the signs.

By general consent the council agreed to purchase up to 100 hours of comp time from any of the employees who wish to sell their hours.

Weiss moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the possibility of hiring a second police officer. Lichty seconded and motion carried.

Purvis moved to return to open meeting. Cassle seconded and motion carried.

Weiss moved to adjourn. Lichty seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis Mayor
ATTEST:
Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

JANUARY 2 - 6

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - WORK DAY
TUESDAY - Waffle, Sausage, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Breakfast Bread, Assorted Juice

LUNCH
MONDAY - WORK DAY
TUESDAY - Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Fajita, Refried Beans, Corn, Pineapple Cake
THURSDAY - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Cheese Stick, Broccoli, Texas Toast, Mixed Fruit
FRIDAY - Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce-Tomato-Pickles, Fries, Cookie

Omicron Delta Kappa Inductees

ABILENE, Texas — On November 30, 2005, new members were inducted into the McMurry University Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. New members inducted were as follows: Constantin Britcov of Abilene, Joseph Dylan Everett of Cactus, Johnny Lee Hodge of Aspermont, Meredith Hayles Jacobsen of McAllen, Audrey Leigh LaBeff of Inez, Sarah Kathryn Nixon of Cross Plains, Terry Gail Dillard Nixon of Cross Plains, Scott Aaron Richardson of Abilene, Jenifer Marie Ross of The Colony, Trisha Teig of Stratford, Pamela Sue Walker of Colleyville, and Ryan Daniel Wellhoefer of Helotes, TX. The Circle President, Jessica Gladman of El Paso and advisor, Dr. Clark W. Beasley, presided over the induction.

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Johnny Combs
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Mrs. Norman Farr
Danielle Webster
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Vickie (Hickman) Walker
Billy Spoon

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Henry Wellmaker
Joyce Williams

JANUARY 2

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Lessa Higginbottom
Jimmy Harris
Patsy Letney
Cherilyn Fleming
Linda Reed
Cameron Cobb

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* 240/A in Callahan County, 2 ponds, 40/A cultivation, Oak, Mesquite, Liveoak, on county road, deer, turkey, dove, hogs, good home sites, some minerals \$1,300/A.

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JOHN MARK MILLER

Local Couple's Grandson Graduates from Dallas Baptist University

On Friday, December 16, 2005, Neil and Nona Belote, of Cross Plains, were proud to celebrate with their grandson, John Mark Miller, while attending his college graduation.

After four and a half years of hard work, John Mark graduated summa cum laude, receiving his Bachelors of Music degree from Dallas Baptist University.

It was a truly special moment, and John Mark was thrilled to be able to share it with his grandparents, who have supported his efforts and have prayed for him every step of the way.

He also had the opportunity to share God's word in China two

summers, and traveled with the choir to Scotland and England where they performed.

Now this college graduate is looking forward to a promising future in which he hopes to serve the Lord in the field of music education.

It was a day that this family will always cherish, reminding them all that with the help of family, friends and the Lord's blessings, dreams still do come true.

CJC Spring Semester Registration Information

Down Home

represented. The professor smiled, "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

Cisco Junior College will soon begin regular registration for the spring semester. Registration at the Abilene Educational Center will be Tuesday and Wednesday, January 10 and 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on a walk-in, first come, first served basis. Sophomore and night student registration at the Cisco campus is scheduled for Thursday, January 12 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and open registration for freshman and all others will be held Friday, January 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Whitney Windham was crowned "National All-American Miss" queens title in a pageant held over the Thanksgiving holidays in Anaheim, California.

In addition to winning the title, crown and roses she also received over \$5,000.00 in cash and prizes.

Whitney, daughter of Frank and Debbie Windham is a gradu-

ate of Clyde High School and presently is a cheerleader at Hardin-Simmons University.

During her reign Whitney will be involved in many different activities throughout the United States and will receive an all expense paid trip back to Anaheim next year to crown her successor.

Congratulations Whitney!

Wireless telecommunications revenues up 14% \$126 billion

Revenues from cellular and other wireless telecommunications firms reached approximately \$126 billion in 2004, up 14 percent, from 2003, according to a report released today by the U.S. Census Bureau. Cable and other program distribution revenues increased 13 percent, to \$73 billion.

Basic cable programming, which accounts for more than half of cable distribution revenues, increased by 14 percent, to \$44 billion. Up 28 percent, cable Internet access services posted the largest year-to-year percentage increase of cable distribution revenues, increasing to \$9 billion.

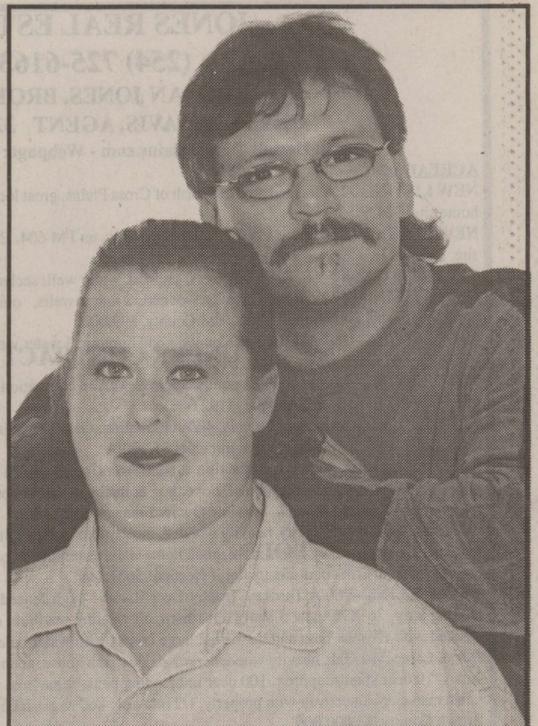
Revenues for wired telecommunications carriers were down 5 percent to \$211 billion, with fixed long-distance revenues falling 17 percent, to \$37 billion.

The report, 2004 Service Annual Survey: Information Sector Services, shows a 5 percent increase in revenues for the nation's information firms from \$908 billion in 2003 to \$955 billion in 2004. The report also highlights revenues from the publishing, motion picture and sound-recording industries, and information services and data-processing services.

Estimates in this report are based on data for employer firms only from the 2004 Service An-

nual Survey. They contain sampling and nonsampling errors.

To keep the identity of an individual firm confidential, some estimates may be suppressed. Users making their own estimates, based on the survey estimates, should cite the U.S. Census Bureau as the source of the original estimates only. See <http://www.census.gov/econ/www/servmenu.html> for measures of sampling variability and other survey information.



SAMANTHA WADSWORTH AND ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Wadsworth-Armstrong Engagement and Approaching Wedding Plans Told

Robert Lee Armstrong and Samantha Ann Wadsworth would like to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Samantha is the daughter of Charles and Brenda Spraggins of Cross Plains and the granddaughter of the late R.C. (Bob) and Elizabeth Ann Stearns. She is employed by Danhil

Containers. Robert is the son of Betty Armstrong of Lancaster, Pa. He is also employed by Danhil Containers.

The wedding is planned for January 14th at 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. A reception will follow at the Cross Plains Community Center.

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