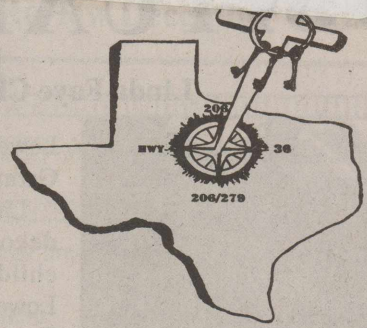


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THURSDAY, December 14, 2006



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## DOWN HOME

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Linda Slaymaker faxed another good story that we can all learn from. Haven't you ever wondered why we often wait until the last resort before calling on God?

I have learned the hard way to ask Him for assistance right away or even in advance. Once you really trust, you will see that He is in control and on your side.

I even ask for His assistance in finding things I've lost, and the lost item becomes visible. When my children were young, we prayed that this old car I had would start when we got ready to go somewhere. It never failed us.

My little grandsons are grasping the need to pray very quickly. Every night they asked to be tucked in, hugged and kissed and then they say, "Mimy don't got for (they mean forget) to say the prayer." Kyler asks that all his boo boos be healed and for God to give him more brains, as he puts it. Don't you know God loves their faith and innocence??

As many answered prayers as I have witnessed, it always amazes me how He has everything planned out.

Vanda Anderson

### "Do You Have Rocks in Your Sandbox?"

A little boy was spending his Saturday morning playing in his sandbox. He had with him his box of cars and trucks, his plastic pail, and a shiny, red plastic shovel. In the process of creating roads and tunnels in the soft sand, he discovered a large rock in the middle of the sandbox.

The boy dug around the rock, managing to dislodge it from the dirt. With a little bit of struggle, he pushed and nudged the rock across the sandbox by using his feet. (He was a very small boy, and the rock was very large.) When the boy got the rock to the edge of the sandbox however, he found that he couldn't roll it up and over the little wall.

Determined, the little boy shoved, pushed, and pried, but every time he thought he had made some progress, the rock tipped and then fell back into the sandbox. The little boy grunted, struggled, pushed and shoved; but his only reward was to have the rock roll back, smashing his chubby fingers.

Finally, he burst into tears of frustration. All this time the boy's father watched from his living room window as the drama unfolded. At the moment the tears fell, a large shadow fell across the boy and the sandbox. It was the boy's father. Gently but firmly, he said, "Son, why didn't you use all the strength that you had available?"

Defeated, the boy sobbed back, "But I did, Daddy, I did! I used all the strength that I had."

"No, son," corrected the father kindly. "You used all the strength you had, but you did not use all the strength available to you. You didn't ask me."

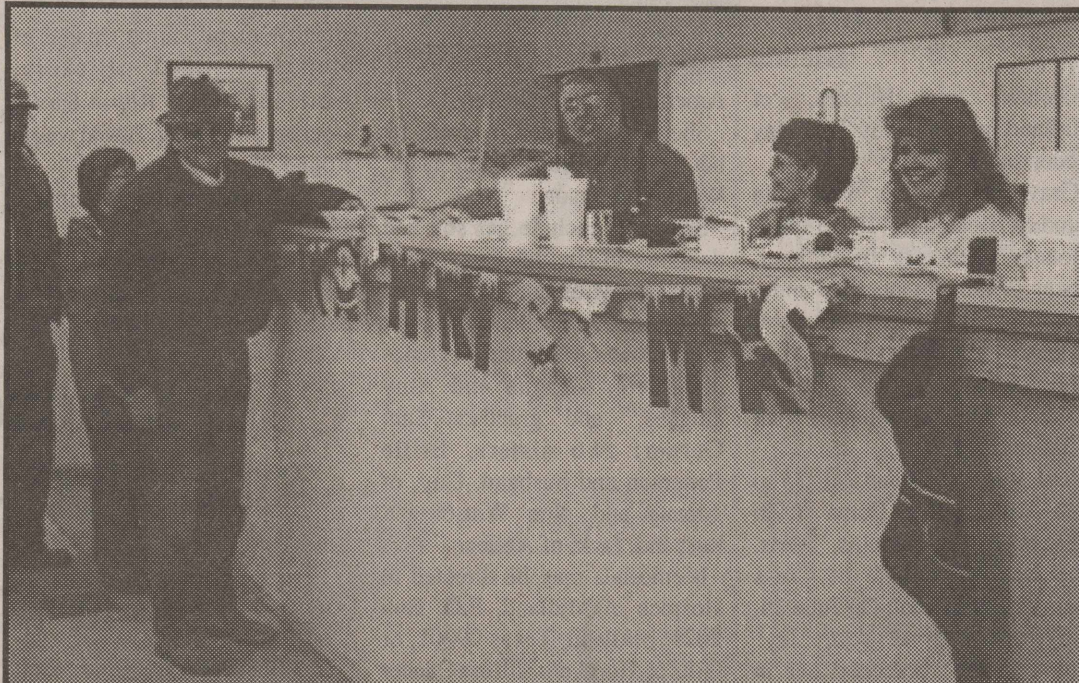
With that, the father reached down, picked up the rock and removed it from the sandbox.

Do you have "rocks" in your life that need to be removed? Are you discovering that you don't have what it takes to lift them?

There is ONE who is always available to us and willing to give us the strength we need.

Isn't it funny how we try so hard to do things ourselves?

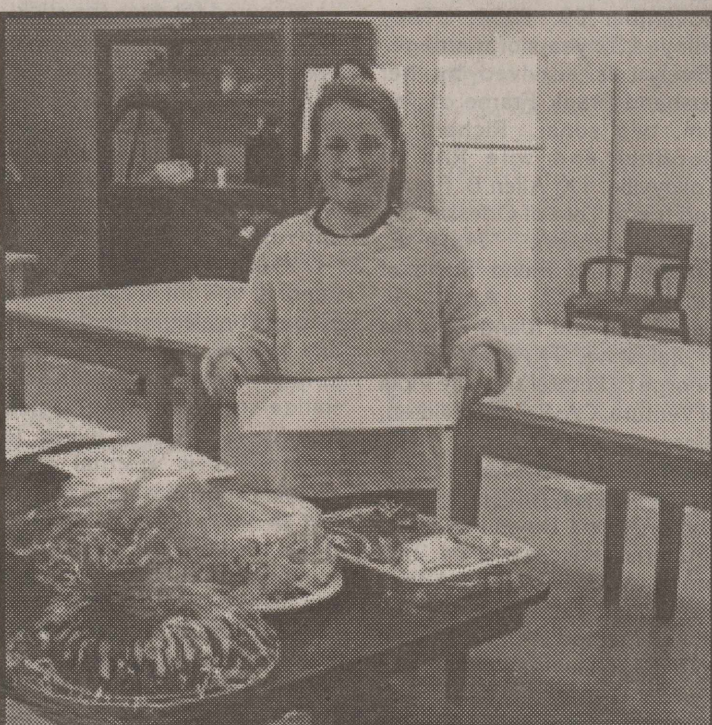
Author Unknown



SERVING LINE AT KIWANIS STEW SUPPER—Tom Stephenson is waiting in line (left). Servers are Jim and Janice Senkel and Lajeana Hayes-Long.



CHILDREN VISITED WITH SANTA—Sarah Aitchison, daughter of Vanica Aitchison, told Santa what she wanted for Christmas.



WINNER AT SENIOR CITIZENS CAKE WALK—Jae Lynn Stout landed on a lucky number. Alanah Stuart won four cakes that night. The event was a great success.

## SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTER Christmas Dinner Set

The Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner will be held Thursday, December 21, at noon.

Baked ham, hot cranberry sauce, dressing with gravy, green beans, fruit salad, bread and tea will be served for the holiday meal.

Kathy Anderson, Center Director, invites everyone to join them for this special occasion. The food and fellowship will be outstanding!!!!

## Santa at the Bank Deadline is this Friday

Come enjoy the season of giving with "Santa at the Bank" this Christmas. There will be a Christmas tree in the bank with ornaments telling the gender and ages of the children throughout the Cross Plains area. You may stop by the bank and choose an ornament with a child's information. Please return your gifts to the bank by Friday, December 15, 2006.

Gifts will be wrapped and delivered by the Key Club the next week. A reasonable price to spend on the gift is \$20-\$25. If you wish to give money, we will buy the gift for you.

Some gift ideas include: cosmetics, hair accessories, perfume, sweaters, hats, gloves and purses for older girls, video games, sports related items, sweaters, and hats for older boys.

## Accident Near Burkett Claimed the Lives of Two Men December 5th

Coleman emergency workers, including the Coleman Fire Department, EMS, Sheriff's Department and Highway Patrol were responded to a call at 8:24 p.m. Tuesday, December 5, 2006, after a one-vehicle accident was reported near Burkett.

Upon arrival, emergency workers found a 2000 4-door Mercury Marquis with the two deceased men inside. One of the victims was John Coleman Wooten of Cross Plains and the other Wesley Luster of Tye. Luster is a former resident of

Cross Plains.

The wreck occurred approximately three miles north of Burkett on State Highway 206 on the east side of the road.

The actual time of the accident is not known, and the cause is currently under investigation.

Dustin White, a volunteer fireman from Cross Plains, found the wreck and called for help.

Coleman firefighters used the Jaws of Life to remove the men from the vehicle and Justice of the Peace Nance Campbell was on the scene to pronounce the victims as deceased.

## First Baptist Church to Present Christmas Cantata This Sunday, December 17

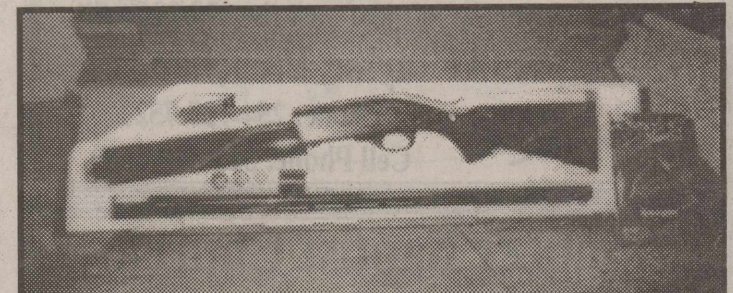
The First Baptist Church of Cross Plains would like to invite you to attend their Christmas cantata "A Christmas Prayer". The musical drama is arranged and orchestrated by J. Daniel Smith. It will be presented by the Sanctuary Choir of First Baptist Church, Sunday evening, December 17, at 6:00 p.m.

We celebrate this promise—the answered prayer. And the prayers to this Savior have echoed through the halls of history. Answered prayers happen all around us all of the time. We want you to take a look at prayer in action—the prayers of a father, asking for a second chance at being a real dad to his eldest son. They are also the prayers of a

sister and a brother, who simply want their brother to come back home for the holidays...home to the family that loves him...home to a God who loves him even more.

Come, be a part of the musical. You won't have to sing a solo or recite a line. You are the audience, listening to the choir and watching the drama, as well as the seasonal story of the true Christmas story unfold—witnessing the brief, but adventurous, journey of a sort of prodigal son and the grace that brought him home.

"For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given."  
Isaiah 9:6, KJV.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO OWN ME?—The drawing for the Remington Semi-automatic 12 Gauge Shotgun will take place Friday, December 15th at Texas Heritage Bank, at 3:00 p.m.

The shotgun has three (3) chokes and has a \$675.00 value. Tickets are \$5.00 or six for \$25.00. You will be able to purchase tickets before the drawing on that Friday, or you may call Audrey Purvis at 254-725-6486 before that time.

All proceeds go to the American Legion Post 423 of Cross Plains.

## Cross Plains Quilters Create a Quilt for West Texas Rehab

Quilting is not a lost art. In recent years the art of quilting has had a revival. Rare are the days when quilts were made from the scraps left over from the dresses Mama made for us. There are scrap quilts still being pieced. And, it is fun to see a block that brings back memories of a dress you made for a daughter and the sparkle in her eyes when she first tried it on. Some of us select our own favorite patterns and coordinate colors, patterns and styles. Creativity is not a lost art.

This past Tuesday a quilt we named, "Stars Over West Texas" was completed. This quilt top was donated to the club by Wilma Lawrence. It is a beautiful quilt top, pieced with love by the late Dorothy Mitchell, quilted with

love by the Cross Plains Quilters and will be a welcome addition to anyone's collection. This quilt will be given to the Abilene Rehabilitation Center for the quilt auction. The Cross Plains Quilters meet at 9:00 a.m. each Tuesday at the American Legion Building.

Stealing a line from the Marines, who say, "We are looking for a few good men." Well, we're looking for a few good quilters. But, I'm going to confess, none of us were born knowing how to quilt. There are classes on quilting, books on 'how to', but, the most fun way of learning is 'hands on' with a group of friends. So, ya'll come and join us.

Submitted by  
Barbara Powell



"We're Proud of Our Local Heritage"

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# COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

## Roof Repairs On Old Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Gets Two Back-To-Back Fund Raisers

Roof repairs and other work on the old Methodist Church in Cottonwood will be getting two fund raisers. The first is an appeal for cash donations to replace as much of the money spent on the repairs as possible.

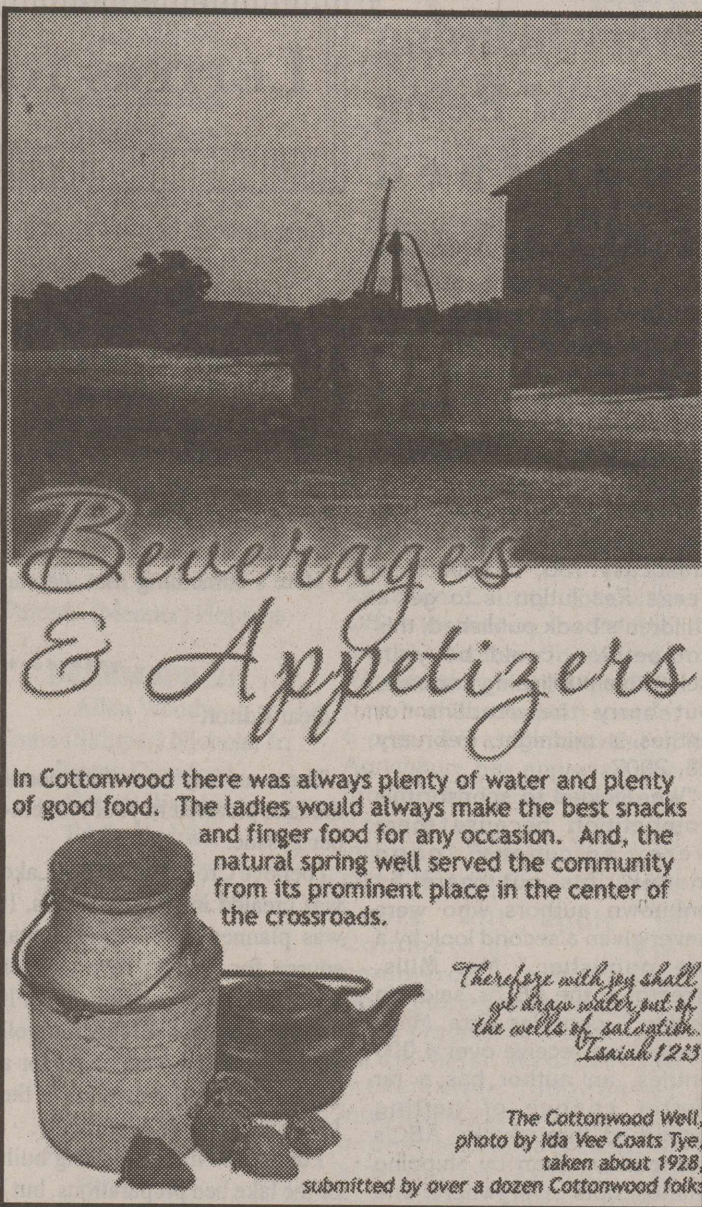
Repairs being made on the old church will include not only a new roof, but repairing the window frames, shoring-up the foundation, painting and other repairs.

The appeal went out this week to everyone on the Association's mailing list. And you can be a good ambassador for the association if you advertise this project to your friends.

Families that make a contribution of as much as \$100.00 will have their names placed on a memorial plaque to be placed inside the old Methodist Church.

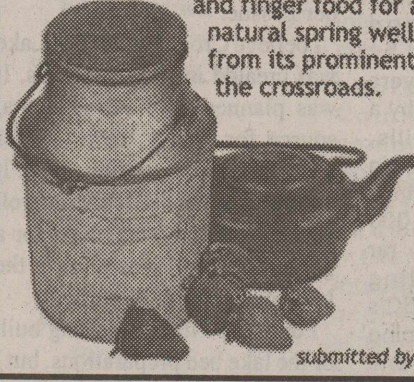
The second way the Historical Association is raising funds is by publishing a Historical Cookbook. Recipes were collected for many months this past year, along with "snippets" and stories about old family histories. These items, "as we speak," are being sorted out and arranged for publication. The publication date is expected to be sometime in the spring.

The selected photo of the old well is only one of several historically significant photos used on the divider pages in the cookbook. It should whet your appetite for the book which will be a bargain at \$19.95 each.



*Beverages & Appetizers*

In Cottonwood there was always plenty of water and plenty of good food. The ladies would always make the best snacks and finger food for any occasion. And, the natural spring well served the community from its prominent place in the center of the crossroads.



*Therefore with joy shall we draw water out of the wells of salvation. Isaiah 12:3*

The Cottonwood Well, photo by Ida Vee Coats Tye, taken about 1928, submitted by over a dozen Cottonwood folks

If everyone buys a few books, then throws a party, making all their refreshments from the recipes in the Cottonwood Cookbook they will have a captive audience and can sell all the books they have on hand.

Not only will you establish yourself as a delightful host, but you can help the Historical

Association sell books. And we need the money.

(To place news and items of information about Cottonwood events and people, please call Wallace Bennett at 254-725-7474 or e-mail at [csb5@airmail.net](mailto:csb5@airmail.net). Send snail mail to 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas, 76443.)

## LIBRARY NOTES

Statistics  
December 4-8, 2006

**Donations:** Betty Browning, Cecil and Mary Barton, and Vencent and Betty Meiron

**Donations-Books:** Janet Swanson and Hayden and Kersey Wyatt

**Library Activity Report**  
December 4-8, 2006

<b>Patron</b>	102
Lap	6
Lapsit	3
Other	93
<b>Programs</b>	49
<b>Copies</b>	11
<b>Reference</b>	2
<b>Books Checked Out</b>	81
Lap	24
Lapsit	12
Other	45
<b>Calls In</b>	5
<b>Internet Users</b>	20

## Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 3, 2006 through December 9, 2006 include:

**Cases Investigated**  
Warnings—127  
Complaints—75  
Possession of Marijuana—1  
Vehicle Accidents

There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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### QUIPS, CLIPS AND COMMENTS By KAY MOSLEY

Comments: Two things are evident:

1. Both recipes are excellent.
2. Second times the best.

#### "Second Time Around"

It seems everyone is always looking for new recipes to make that left over turkey not taste turkey again. I'm just putting in a few for Christmas.

#### "Gringo Enchilada" Casserole

You will need approximately 1 to 1 1/2 cups of cooked turkey, chicken, roasted pork or roast beef

Add 1 can of enchilada sauce, 1 can of cream soup either turkey, chicken, mushroom, celery or your favorite cream soup

2 cups grated cheddar or colby cheese

3 green onions chopped, blades and all, or 1 thin slice onion finely chopped

Either 1 large package of wide Fritos or cut into squares of 12 corn tortillas

(If you use tortillas, toast lightly in hot oil and drain on paper towels. You want them sort of limp.)

Mix your enchilada sauce and your cream soup and heat on the stove just until well blended. Using a tablespoon, apply this sauce mixture to the bottom of the pan (just enough to keep it from

sticking). Then cover the bottom the pan with Fritos and next add turkey slices. Pour the other half of the enchilada/cream soup mixture over all and sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until the cheese is melted and browned on the top. Serve with a green salad or lettuce and tomato.

#### Apple Roll-Overs

Take your leftover mashed potatoes, stir them around, add 2 or 3 eggs and about 1 or 2 tbsp of flour.

Cut apples into 1 or 2 inches. Add 1 tsp baking powder, 1/4 cup buttermilk and 1/3 tsp baking soda to the mix.

Spray with baking pan with olive oil and bake at 350 degrees until hot and golden brown. Place on a cooling rack, then drizzle with glaze or roll in powdered sugar. Recipe for glaze is 1/2 cup warm water, beat several table spoons of powder sugar until is the right consistency for glaze. Place the apple roll-overs on a serving platter covered by a linen tea towel. It makes several servings.

I hope these recipes will tantalize your taste buds, rejuvenate your spirit of fun and adventure and enjoy delicious and beautifully prepared meals which are quick and easy to produce.

## C.P. GARDEN CLUB NEWS

BY JOYCE ODOM

The Cross Plains Garden Club met in the beautiful new home of Mary Jones for the December 8 meeting, at 1 p.m. for their regular monthly meeting.

They enjoyed a "Pot Luck" lunch which was delicious. Joyce Odom voiced the blessing. Afterward Eva Fleming called the meeting to order. She reported on trees that had been planted in the yards that had suffered the fires last December. She also got trees to be ordered and placed in other yards. This has been made possible through the Garden Clubs of Texas sending contributions for that specific purpose. All persons are eligible who suffered the loss of trees from the fires, just contact Eva Fleming or Julene Franke.

The flower show discussion

was brought up again and it is to be discussed at the next meeting to be held at Betty Beggs home on January 12, 2007 at 2 p.m. This will be an Arbor Day program.

Dates for the Plant Sale, are May 12, 2007 and the May 11 meeting will be at 11 a.m. at Mary Ella Weaver's home. This will be a salad luncheon and the installation of officers will take place at this time.

The door prize was conducted by Mary Ella and was won by Joyce, which was two bird feeders and a bag of bird feed.

The meeting adjourned and each one expressed thanks to Mary for the warm hospitality she showed us.

Members present were: Eva Fleming, Mary Ella Weaver, Betty Beggs, Mary Jones, and Joyce Odom.

## RISEING STAR NURSING NEWS

The residents Christmas Party is December the 21st at 6:00.

The Cross Plains First United Methodist Church will be here singing carols. Refreshments of sandwiches, chips and dips will be provided. Santa will be making his appearance and gifts will be given out. All family and friends are encouraged to attend to help make this a joyful Christmas for our residents and your loved ones.

Families who wish to have Christmas lunch here at the Center need to let Angie Fortune, the food service supervisor know

so preparations can be made. Call 643-2681. Thank you.

Employees party is Friday the 15th at 6:00 at the old Higginbotham building.

We will be having chips and cheese dip Friday at 2:00.

Several residents helped fill Santa baskets with goodies that will be given out to our wonderful volunteers. This is in appreciation for all they do for us in the sharing of their time and talents to make our days special.

**May The Melodies Of The Season Echo Through Your Home And Heart.**

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

DECEMBER 18 - 22

**MONDAY** - Beef Vegetable Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Pears, Chocolate Cookie, Crackers

**TUESDAY** - BBQ Brisket, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Gelatin w/Fruit, Bread

**WEDNESDAY** - Lima Beans, Beets w/Onions, Tomatoes &

**FRIDAY** - CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

**THURSDAY-CHRISTMAS DINNER**-Baked Ham w/Hot Cranberry Sauce, Dressing w/Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Bread

2nd & 4th Tue., Domino Night (42/84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

Okra, Hominy Casserole, Tapioca Pudding

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**Taylor Electric Cooperative**  
Would like to wish you a  
**Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year**

## BREAKTHRU

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



It seems that we forget the things we should remember, and remember the things we should forget. "Author Unknown" listed things we should forget, and things we should remember:

**Forget** each kindness that you do as soon as you have done it.

**Forget** the praise that falls on you the moment you have won it.

**Forget** the slander that you hear before you can repeat it.

**Forget** each slight, each spite, each sneer wherever you may meet it.

**Remember** every kindness done to you, what'er its measure.

**Remember** praise by others won, and pass it on with pleasure.

**Remember** each promise made and keep it to the letter.

**Remember** those who lend you aid, and be a grateful debtor.

I really believe I know the "Unknown Author." Jesus shared these things with us, at least in principle, in His teachings...

Come share in periods of life-changing Bible study and worship with us. We really do care about you, too!

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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### The Joy of Christmas

As we enjoy the Christmas Season, we're reminded of the miraculous birth of Christ, in Bethlehem 2,000 year ago.  
*And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.*  
~ Matthew 1:21

We invite you to join us for our

**Open House at**  
**Texas Heritage Bank**

Thursday, December 21, 2006 from 9am - 3pm

Cookies and Punch will be served.  
Member FDIC



**3rd PLACE TOURNAMENT WINNERS**—The Cross Plains Buffaloes won 3rd Place at the Cross Plains Tournament held last week. Clay Koenig and Russell Thomas were awarded All Tournament honors.

## CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held Thursday, December 14, 2006, beginning at 6 p.m. in the high school library.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

### OPEN MEETING

1. Prayer
2. Open Forum
3. Read and accept minutes
4. 2005-06 C.P.I.S.D. audit report

5. Discuss and take action on contract for legal services
6. Discuss and take action on contract with City of Cross Plains for lease on athletic facilities
7. Discuss and take action on use of school facilities by Cross Plains Area Housing Authority
8. Discuss and take action on amending the 2006-07 Budget
9. Board's role in improving

student achievement— discussion and action

10. Executive Session
11. Action on Executive Session items
12. Review Financial Report and Pay Bills
13. Adjourn.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on December 8, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. by Jackie Tension for the Board of Trustees.

**Come On Out And Support All Of Your Cross Plains Buffalo Basketball Teams**

## SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

Monday, December 18th	Tuesday, December 19th	Wednesday, December 20th
Period 1st 8:00-10:08	Period 2nd 8:00-10:08	Period 7th 8:00-10:08
Period 3rd 10:12-12:20	Period 4th 10:12-12:20	Period 8th 10:12-12:20
Lunch 12:20-12:58	Lunch 12:20-12:58	Lunch 12:20-1:00
Period 5th 12:58-2:45	Period 6th 12:58-2:45	Buses will run at 1:00 p.m.
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- \* **All students will remain in the exam for its entire time.** The same schedule will be followed for exams given at the end of the year.
- \* If a student is exempted from an exam, he/she does not have attend school for that exam period only. Exams will not be given early, unless cleared through the principal first.
- \* If a student does not attend his/her exam a ZERO will be given.

## Christmas Holiday Schedule

**Monday, December 18th** School will dismiss at 2:45 p.m. Buses will run at 2:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 19th** School will dismiss at 2:45 p.m. Buses will run at 2:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 20th** School will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. Buses will run at 1:00 p.m.

### Christmas Holidays

**December 21, 2006 through January 1, 2007**

**Tuesday, January 2, 2007** Staff Work Day - No Students

**Wednesday, January 3, 2007** Students return to school at regular time

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

**DECEMBER 18-22 BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY** - Breakfast On A Stick (Sausage Wrapped In Pancake), Assorted Juice

**TUESDAY** - Cheese Toast, Assorted Juice

**WEDNESDAY** - Muffin, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

**THURSDAY** - HOLIDAY

**FRIDAY** - HOLIDAY

**LUNCH**

**MONDAY**- Corn Dog, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Fruit

**TUESDAY** - Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Peaches

**WEDNESDAY**-Chicken Salad, Crackers, Tossed Salad, Pears

**THURSDAY**- HOLIDAY

**FRIDAY**- HOLIDAY

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Articles Noon on Monday

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**Is Your New Year's Resolution to Write for Children?**

## Do Not Let Overwhelming Odds of Being Published Hold You Back

Houston, TX—Only one in 4,000 is overwhelming odds that a children's book manuscript will ever get into book form, yet those writers who must *publish or perish* struggle on. The ABC's Children's Picture Book Competition, now in its third year, intends to cut those odds drastically. So, if your New Year's Resolution is to get a children's book published, this competition could be your ticket to a publishing contract, but hurry the deadline for entries is midnight, February 28, 2007.

"We decided to sponsor this competition because there were so many good manuscripts out there by unknown authors who were never given a second look by a big publisher," Ms. Mills, director of the ABC's, said. "In reality," confides Rita Mills, "unless we receive over 4,000 entries, an author has a far better chance of getting published through the ABC's competition than by shipping manuscripts everywhere and waiting for rejection letters. And, they will have a lot more fun with this competition," she added.

"Any of the ten finalists will be a worthy publishing project, but we want the winner to be selected by the parents and children who actually read the books not an editor sitting behind a desk," added Ms. Mills. "And, with the competition's first winning manuscript, *Don't Eat the Bluebonnets*, barely in print two months, it has already been nominated for two prestigious book awards, so the future looks much better for newbie children's writers."

Judges pick the ten best stories with marketability a prime factor. Then an illustrator is chosen to produce a piece of spec art to complement each story. The finalists will be posted on the internet for a two-week period of voting in September 2007, and the winner of the vote will get a *publishing contract*. "Word is spreading fast in the schools about the competition and many teachers are making the vote a class project, so we anticipate exceeding last year's competition total of 20,000 votes by 100,000 or more this year," said Sandy Lawrence who heads up the marketing of the competition. The competition is open to any published or unpublished writer, over the age of 21 who lives in the US. Competition rules and submission guidelines can be found on the website. Finalists in the first two competitions are also there so you can get a feel for what the competition is all about.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Just thought that your red-blooded true American readers might like this bit of proactive information. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is of course, at it again this time of year, in its attempt to 'ban' Christmas in every way it can.

Here's something that we can

do in response. Send them a Christmas Card! Their address is: **ACLU, 125 Broad Street, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10004.** If possible put it in a business size envelope. They will open all of their mail...just in case it's a donation...Just donate a card for Christmas to them this year!

Merry Christmas!  
Mrs. Deborah Lowitzer  
Cross Plains, TX

Dear Editor,

These are my memories about the lake pictured in your November 2 issue.

I believe Cross Plains City Lake was created in the late 1920s. It was planned as a supplemental source for the town's water needs and for recreational use. It appears that the dam site was well chosen as to its watershed, for a good rain storm would leave the lake overflowing its spillway.

I didn't see the dam being built or the lake bed preparations, but I remember my father taking me to see it after the rains had filled it. The large body of water with the outlet tower standing out some distance from the face of the dam was an impressive sight.

I have no idea what the surface acreage was, but to a six or seven year old, it was big. City officials took pride in the outcome of the venture they had promoted, and the townspeople were happy about it, as well.

However, that didn't last long, for the lake promptly drained itself. Subsequent rains and

filling brought the same result. It just wouldn't hold water. It was theorized that the lake's bottom was on the upper surface of an immense permeable strata of sand and gravel and the impounded water quickly made it's way to the underlying aquifer, (possible the one that the city's wells northeast of town drew from.

There was talk of lining the bottom with clay and that might have been attempted, but nothing was accomplished. Plastic membranes were many years in the future. I think the filling and emptying cycle was still occurring when I left Cross Plains in the summer of 1941, but the lake had never been a reliable reservoir for the municipal water supply or a great place for fishing.

I have looked in subsequent issues of the *Review* to see if someone more knowledgeable than I might have commented, but to date, no one has. Still, corrections will be accepted without offense. After all.....75 years.

Joe Kendrick  
jusjoken@cox.net

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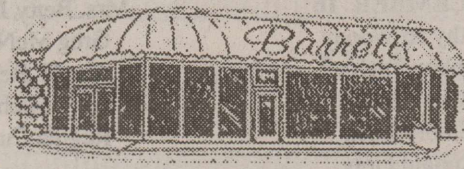
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Jacob Pancake

## DECEMBER 17

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## DECEMBER 20

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Carsyn Walker  
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Riley Allen  
Peggy Brock

## DECEMBER 22

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Cody Ford  
Cody Joe Sliger  
James Illingworth  
Peter Perry  
Mrs. B. Crow  
Gary D. Gilland  
Jerry Walker  
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Lindsey Meiron

## Callahan County to host 3 hour CEU "Night Course" December 20th

Many producers that have a pesticide license have a hard time attending daytime educational programs that offer CEU's (Continuing Education Unit) for re-certification of their license. Therefore, a special three (3) Hour pesticide re-certification night course for Texas Department of Agriculture applicator license holders is set for December 19th in the Callahan County Extension Office located on the 2nd floor of the County Courthouse. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the program starts at 6 p.m. Texas Department of Agriculture has approved the program for 1 Hour in Laws and Regulation, 1 Hour in Integrated Pest Management, and 1 Hour of General. These hours will apply to Commercial, Non-commercial, and Private Applicators' license holders.

The program will begin with Laws and Regulations presentation followed by Integrated Pest Management presentation discussing alternative approaches available when using pesticides. The night course will conclude after a 1 hour general presentation at 9:00 p.m. CEU certificates will be awarded at the conclusion of the program. Cost for the training is \$5.00. To register or for more information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

Submitted by: Robert Pritz  
County Extension Agent

## LEGAL NOTICE

### COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

December 14, 2006  
Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs  
221 E. 11th Street  
Austin, TX 78701  
512-305-8854

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about January 3, 2007 the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Home Investment Partnerships Program funds under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as Cross Plains Senior Village, HOME program Contract # 1000649, for the purpose of constructing 28 qualified elderly rental units in Cross Plains, Callahan County, Texas 76443. The total HOME contract award is \$826,236.00. This project received an award of 2006 Housing Tax Credits in an annual amount of \$214,749.00. The total cost of the project is \$1,932,739.00. All 28 units in the project will be set aside for income eligible individuals and families and considered HOME assisted units as follows: 27 Units set-aside for families whose annual income does not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the area median family income, and rent does not exceed the Low HOME rent level as determined by HUD

on an annual basis; 1 Unit set-aside for families whose income does not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the area median family income, and rent does not exceed the Low HOME rent level as determined by HUD on an annual basis.

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The TDHCA has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at 221 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the TDHCA, 221 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701. All comments received by January 2, 2007 will be considered by the TDHCA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenter should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The TDHCA certifies to HUD that Kelly Crawford in her capacity as Director of Portfolio Management and Compliance consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the

environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. TDHCA approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Cross Plains-Charger Properties LP to use Program funds.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the TDHCA certification received by January 17, 2007 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the TDHCA approved by HUD; (b) the TDHCA has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to Jack Pipin, Field Officer, HUD at P.O. Box 2905, Fort Worth, TX 76113-2905/801 Cherry St., Fort Worth, TX 76102. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kelly Crawford  
Director of Portfolio Management and Compliance

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## Big Country Christmas Ball in Abilene Saturday

The third annual Big Country Christmas Ball benefiting the West Texas Rehabilitation Center and sponsored by the Scurry, Fisher and Kent County Round-Up for Rehab Chairmen will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2006 at the Scurry County Coliseum. Charles Church, D.V.M. says this year's featured entertainer will be Jake Hooker and The Outsiders.

The second annual Big Country Christmas Ball raised over \$14,000 to benefit WTRC. This year's price of admission will be a minimum \$10 donation per person.

Jake was born listening to the sounds of traditional country music through his father's west Texas country band. Born in 1976, Jake began playing the

bass at the age of seven and practiced diligently until he mastered the honky-tonk sound. Jake formed his own band at the age of 14 and began performing. By the age of 18, Jake was playing bass and singing full time. He spent some time at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas studying music and theory. Jake moved to the Fort Worth area in 1998 where he quickly became the local favorite. Jake's popularity continues to grow. His love and passion for traditional country music never ceases. He feels it is necessary to relay that love to the fans who are so dedicated to it as well. There is no doubt that Jake is strongly influenced by the sounds of Ray Price, Johnny Bush, Farron Young, Curtis Pot-

ter, Leon Rausch and Darrell McCall. He spends much of his spare time studying these artists music in depth. Jake is consumed by his dedication to the music and his hobbies include playing the drums and learning the steel guitar. Jake's graceful and professional image on the bandstand, along with his voice and talented band, make his show unbeatable.

Tommy Riley says the doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the show will start at 8:00 p.m. Come and join us for an evening of good entertainment and dancing that will help raise needed funds for the Rehab which has treated over 200 patients from our area.

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# BARB'S CUES

BY BARBARA HOLMES WORCESTER

I hope today's message ministers to your heart to enjoy life as best as you can and trust that God is with you and will meet all of your needs.

Wayne Savaya

## RUN THROUGH THE RAIN

A little girl had been shopping with her Mom in Target. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful red haired, freckle faced image of innocence. It was pouring outside. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth it has no time to flow down the spout. We all stood there under the awning and just inside the door of the Target.

We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature

messed up their hurried day. I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day.

The little voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in, "Mom, let's run through the rain," she said.

"What?" Mom asked.

"Let's run through the rain!" She repeated.

"No, honey. We'll wait until it slows down a bit," Mom replied.

This young child waited about another minute and repeated, "Mom, let's run through the rain."

"We'll get soaked if we do,"

Mom said.

"No, we won't, Mom. That's not what you said this morning," the young girl said as she tugged at her Mom's arm.

"This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?"

"Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, 'If God can get us through this, he can get us through anything!'"

The entire crowd stopped dead silent. I swear you couldn't hear anything but the rain. We all stood silently. No one came or left in the next few minutes. Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say. Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life. A time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith.

"Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If God let's us get wet, well maybe we just needed washing," Mom said.

Then off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They held their shopping bags over their heads just in case. They got soaked. But they were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars.

And yes, I did. I ran. I got wet. I needed washing.

Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories...So, don't forget to make time and take opportunities to make memories everyday. To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.

I hope you still take time to run through the rain!

Author Unknown



KIWANIS STEW SUPPER WAS GREAT—Lois Vaughn (from left), Ed Williams, Daisy Holcomb and Mary Bates enjoyed the food and fellowship.



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## IT'S A BOY!

Kayden and Strait and half sister, Cheyenne Bomar, welcome home their new brother

### Nathan Beaux Lee.

Nathan was born Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 7:40 p.m. at Brownwood Regional Medical Center. He weighed 9 pounds and was 20 1/2 inches long.

The proud parents are Robert and Heather Lee.

Grandparents are Betty Bricker of Orange, Tx and Larry and Ella Lee of Pioneer.

His great-grandma is Hazel Lee of Cross Plains.

## IT'S A BOY!

Jared and Shaela would like to announce the birth of their new baby brother,

### Dylan Scott Fulcher.

Dylan was born November 21, 2006. He weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Proud parents Gary and B.J. (Reed) Fulcher of Cross Plains. Maternal grandparents are Linda Reed of Cross Plains and Bill L. Reed, Jr. of Canton, IL. Paternal grandparents are Jimmy Fulcher of Brownwood and Nita Meyer of Las Vegas, Nevada. Great-grandparents are Rev. Bill and Sharon Reed of Cross Plains and Raymond and Delia Blankenship of Blanket.