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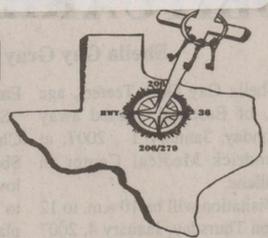
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EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is Captain Bob Johnson's Flight Department Hotline Letter for Monday, December 18. Reggie Pillans submitted this story and you will be touched. **Vanda Anderson**

Hotline Letter

In lieu of our normal weekly recap, I want to share with you a letter we received from FO Gary Blied, written after completing his duties on American Airlines flight #1904, ORD to MIA, on December 3. This is Gary's letter.

"We were informed at the gate that the remains of MSgt. Shawn Richardson would shortly be loaded on our flight for the trip to Miami. He was a 17 year veteran of the United States Air Force and had been killed in the service of our country. I went down onto the ramp and found the long box appropriately stationed off the side in a luggage cart. The curtains on the cart were pulled.

I spent a few moments in prayer with him. "The Captain and I finished our preflight duties and then went down onto the ramp, checked in with the crew chiefs to observe the loading of MSgt. Richardson.

We departed almost an hour late due to our late arrival into Chicago. "We called for push and it was immediately granted. Normally, there's a wait. We called ground for taxi and again—immediately granted. Normally, there's a wait. We were cleared onto the runway for an immediate take off.

Passing through about twenty-five thousand feet, we were further cleared direct OMN (Ormand Beach) which is the first fix on the arrival into Miami. That's basically a thousand mile straight line and the most direct clearance I've ever received to Miami. Not a word was ever said—but people were watching for us.

"The flight to and landing in Miami were uneventful, until we went to turn off the runway. The tower asked us to proceed a little further down where an escort was waiting for us. We did as instructed and a Miami Dade Police cruiser met us on the taxiway. He escorted our American Airlines Boeing 757 to the D terminal. The entire north ramp had been cleared of all aircraft.

As we approached the ramp we noticed the lights. There were at least a half dozen fire trucks, no less than 15 police cars and countless other vehicles. They were all parked in rows with their light flashing. As we taxied our aircraft to the gate, the fire trucks saluted our arrival with crossed streams of water shooting over the aircraft."

We parked the aircraft and shut down. After our checklists, Captain Jeff Wallace and I went down to the ramp level and observed the unpacking of the casket, then the dressing with a flag. It was accepted by the honor guard, which was comprised of members of the Miami Dade Police Department and Air Force Honor Guard."

After the "present arms" order (when all military and former military render salutes and civilians put their hands over their hearts) and the "order arms" order, when the salutes were

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A FINE FAREWELL—Margaret McNeel enjoyed cake, punch, and a bundle of gifts. Mrs. McNeel retired from Texas Heritage Insurance Agency, Friday, December 29, 2006, after helping to take care of our insurance needs for over 40 years.



CITY EMPLOYEES AND FAMILY ATTEND THE HAMBURGER SUPPER—Teresa Kennedy (from left), Rachelle, Ian and Mark Norris.

Wall Street Journal Features Cross Plains

What a pleasant surprise to find Cross Plains, Robert E. Howard and our Howard Museum featured in an article in the literary section of the December 13 issue of the *Wall Street Journal*.

The article by John J. Miller, was extolling the virtues of Howard's extensive writings and the impact they have had on several generations of readers. Howard's Conan has become one

of the best-known characters that American literature has produced and it all started in the little white house on the west side of Cross Plains.

"Enthusiasts have celebrated Howard's centenary all year long with pilgrimages to the tiny town of Cross Plains, where a family home has been turned into a shrine-like museum." Miller wrote in his article.

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RETIRING OFFICIALS—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn, center, presented plaques of appreciation to retiring County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon, left, and Cross Plains Justice of the Peace

Rolan Jones during a retirement reception held Thursday, December 28th at the County Courthouse in Baird. Bohannon is retiring after 28 years of ser-

vice in the County Clerk's office, include the past eight years as the County Clerk. Jones is retiring after 20 years as the Cross Plains Justice of the Peace.

County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon, Cross Plains JP Rolan Jones retiring

County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon and Cross Plains Justice of the Peace Rolan Jones were honored during a retirement reception recognizing their combined 48 years of service to Callahan County.

The retirement reception was held Thursday, December 28th in the District Courtroom at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Bohannon has been employed by Callahan County some 28 years, including the final eight years as the County Clerk. Bohannon did not seek re-election to her office.

Jones has served as the Cross Plains Justice of the Peace for the past 20 years. He also did not seek re-election to his office in November.

During the reception, County Judge Roger Corn presented the two with plaques recognizing their years of service to the county.

Jeanie and her husband, Glen, have two children and four grandchildren. Glen is retired from the Texas Department of

Transportation. Jeanie was elected as County Clerk after Darlene Walker's retirement eight years ago. Jeanie was hired in 1978 by former County Clerk Beatrice Deal. Jeanie was on the job just six months, when Walker was elected County Clerk.

Their son, Alan Bohannon and his wife, Paige, have two children, Teal, age seven and Tatum, age five. Their daughter, Angela, is married to Bob Burkham and they have two children, Clay, age eight, and Abby, age four.

Jeanie said the couple plan to do some traveling during their retirement. "We'll do a little more of what we like to do," Jeanie said. Jeanie said she'll enjoy having no pressure during retirement. "I told Glen, I'm taking over the kitchen," Jeanie said. She said she looks forward to retirement with anticipation.

Cross Plains Justice of the Peace Rolan, and his wife, Sandra, have two living children and five grandchildren. Sandra

is the Assistant Vice President and Loan Officer at Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains. Rolan said his wife will continue to work. Their daughter Kim and her husband, Jim, live in Sweetwater. They have two children, Ryan, age eight and Conner, age 10. Their daughter Jaime, and her husband, Ross Burud, live in Garland. They have two children, Cameron, age eight, and Carter, age four.

They have another grandson, Gage Preston, who lives in St. Louis with his parents, Ray and Lisa Preston.

Rolan said he'll stay busy with his real estate business, raising cattle and organic farming. Rolan said they have about 25 acres north of Cross Plains.

Rolan is also involved in the raising of exotic wildlife, including Fallow and Sika species of deer. Rolan also has an endangered camel which is used to guard sheep. He said since he purchased the camel, he's lost just one sheep to coyotes.

Victory Celebration Brings Closure to 2006 Wildfire

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Approximately 150 gathered at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center on Wednesday, December 27, 2006, the anniversary of the wildfire. Three serving lines were formed as everyone prepared their hamburger or hot dog at the Victory Celebration sponsored by the City of Cross Plains.

Ronnie White, pastor of First Baptist Church, led the

invocation. Slides of the actual fire and aftermath were shown on a big screen during the meal. Aerial shots were also included. The newly constructed homes and modular homes were also viewed at this time.

City Secretary Debbie Gosnell was introduced and she spoke briefly. "2006 was a hard year, full of changes for all of us," she began. She talked about closing the chapter on the events from the firestorm and following the plans God had for each one's life.

Debbie passionately stated how food, donations, clothing, etc. came from within the state and nation through God's people during the trying times. She noted that all was counted as a blessing and not a tragedy.

Gosnell reported that the City of Cross Plains will provide a panel and plaque in memory of Mattie Faye Wilson at the Cross Plains

Memorial Cemetery and a bench and plaque will be placed in the Union Cemetery in memory of Maudie Shepherd.

Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department Chief Bob Harrell expressed his appreciation to the community for working together. He reported \$100,000 in donations to the local volunteer fire department. FEMA allocated \$19,000 to the C.P.V.F.D. while the Coleman Fire Department donated \$278 and Eastland Fire Department \$1,409. C.P.V.F.D. assisted both cities with fires. "We purchased a new fire truck with the funds," Harrell stated. The new truck was on display at the Victory Celebration.

Tumbleweed Smith, well known for his syndicated radio program "Sound of Texas and professor at Permian Basin, planned to speak at the event

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Services Held Tuesday, January 2 for Glen Payne

Glen W. Payne, a Cross Plains rancher passed away December 20, 2006. Services were held Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel, with Pastors Ronnie White and Burlie Taylor officiating. Burial will follow in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Mr. Payne was born in Cross Plains on September 14, 1922 to Pomp W. and Willie Long Payne. He graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1940 and joined his father in a ranching and farming operation west of Cross Plains. This was a partnership that had been formed years earlier.

On May 16, 1942 he married Lucille Montgomery, his high school sweetheart, and they made their home five miles west of Cross Plains.

During World War II he served in the Pacific with the Headquarters Co. 5223 Combat Engineers on Okinawa. After the war the couple began a farming and ranching operation for a second time. Over the years they purchased property and formed the Payne Rafter G Ranch. He had been a member of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association for over fifty years.

Although a rancher, he was very interested in agriculture and had served on agriculture committees at Baird for over 33 years. He had also been a member of the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains for over fifty years, serving in several positions, and was the

chairman of the building committee which completed the addition of two Sunday School wings.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille; one son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Cindy Payne; one granddaughter, Jodi; one grandson, Ryan Glenn; and one brother, Hadden Payne.

Mr. Payne requested that in lieu of flowers memorials be sent to West Texas Rehab, 4601 Hartford Street, Abilene, Texas 79605 or to the donor's favorite charity.

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OBITUARIES

Sheila Gay Gray Teeters

Sheila Gay Gray Teeters, age 67, of Eastland, passed away Monday, January 1, 2007, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 12 noon Thursday, January 4, 2007 at the Cross Plains Funeral Home.

Graveside service and interment will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 4, 2007, at the Burkett Cemetery, Burkett, Texas.

Sheila was born June 7, 1940 at the home of her parents in Burkett, Texas, the daughter of Oscar William and Opal Marie (Harris) Gray. She was a graduate of Cross Plains High School.

United in marriage with Fred Jeri Teeters April 9, 1958, in Oklahoma, they made their home in Abilene for several years, moving to Clyde and then to

Eastland. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Ranger. Sheila was an outdoors woman, loving to hunt and fish, and travel to Colorado and various scenic places with Jeri, the love of her life.

Survivors include her husband, Jeri of Eastland; daughter Dana Kay Teeters Kingery and son-in-law Jack Kingery; grandsons, Kasey Kari Kingery and Kurtis Kile Kingery all of Brownwood; a brother, Ronald William Gray and sister-in-law, Lynda Gray, of San Antonio; a host of other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be sent to the Abilene Rehabilitation Center or a charity of your choice.



ELLEN SIMPSON

Ellen Simpson age 92, of Cottonwood, passed away Friday, December 29, 2006 at a care facility in Abilene, Texas. Funeral services will be at 10:00 A.M. at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel Tuesday, January 2, 2007 with Reverends T.C. Melton and Matt McGowen officiating; burial will follow in the Cottonwood Cemetery.

Ellen was born in Cottonwood on June 12, 1914 to Manuel Parrish and Cora Belle (Thompson) Wilcoxon. She married Turner Simpson on October 15, 1933. She was an avid quilter and pieced many tops over the years for her children as well as grandchildren. Ellen was a member of the Cottonwood Quilting Club for many years and passed on her knowledge of quilting to many young women

in Callahan County. She was also known for her Victory Garden and folks came from all around to see her garden. According to her family she made the best chocolate pies in the world. She was a member of the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

She is survived by her three sons, Vernon Simpson and wife Sharon of Giddings, TX; Marion Simpson and wife Glenda of Abilene; and Paul Simpson and wife Adele of Claremore, OK; she is also survived by grandsons, Mike Simpson of Giddings; Curtis Simpson of San Angelo and Stephen Simpson and wife Theresa of Owasso, OK; granddaughters Brenda Grant and husband Robert of Crowley; Carol Kaercher and husband Joe of Buffalo Gap; Christy Ferguson and husband Chris of Merkel; 14 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband Turner in April 24, 1999. She will be missed by all who knew her.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to The Gideons International, Post Office Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800; Cottonwood Baptist Church, FM 1079, Cross Plains, TX 79603, Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79605.

Charlie Junior Baugh

Charlie Junior Baugh of Cross Plains, age 81, passed away Wednesday, December 27, 2006 in Abilene, Texas. Funeral services were held at the Higginbotham Chapel at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 30, 2006 with Bob Pipes officiating; burial followed in the Cross Plains Memorial Park.

He was born in Stamford, Texas to Charlie Augustus and Ethel Elmer (Grissom) Baugh on February 4, 1925. Junior served in the U.S. Army. He

was a retired mechanic/bus driver and a member of the Cross Plains Church of Christ.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Dorothy June; and son, Sammy Charles.

Junior is survived by a son James Ray Baugh of Cross Plains; three daughters, Lanitta June Sturgill of Clyde, Ethel Marie Baugh of Merkel, and Charlesea Jean Nelson of Glendale, AZ; ten grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren



Homer James Campbell ("Junior")

Homer James Campbell ("Junior"), 80, of Eula, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Thursday, December 28, 2006, at an Abilene hospital. Funeral services were 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 30, 2006 at the Eula Baptist Church in Eula, Texas. Rev. Larry Adams officiated. Interment was in the Eula Cemetery.

Junior was born October 20, 1926, to Ruth and Homer Campbell in the Mount Pleasant Community of Taylor County, Texas. He entered the U.S. Army in 1944, and served two years. From the Army, he worked in the oilfields at Penwell, Texas. He then married the love of his life, Jimmie Ann Crowder in 1951, and they farmed in Wilson, Texas. He

later farmed in San Simon, Arizona, Andrews, Denver City, Cross Plains, and the Higginbotham Community near Denver City, Texas. He retired in Eula, Texas in 1989. He was a Master Mason, and was a member of the Tahoka Lodge 1041. He was a member of the Eula Baptist Church.

Junior loved fishing, hunting, and playing dominoes. He derived much pleasure in watching his grandsons play football and baseball. He was a devoted husband and loving father.

Junior was preceded in death by his parents, Ruth and Homer Campbell, a brother, Billy Joe Campbell, and a sister, Mona Ruth Garrett. Junior leaves to cherish his memories, his wife, Jimmie Campbell of Eula; two daughters, Vivian and husband Danny Willey of Odessa, and Klynn and husband Richard Sowell of Eula; a son, Morgan L. and wife Gwen Campbell of Hawley; and a sister, Shirley and husband Jim Young of Goliad; four beloved grandsons, Kory and Kyle Willey of Odessa, and Wesley Campbell and Stetson Gartman of Hawley; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Donations may be made to the First Baptist Church in Eula and Eula Cemetery Association, 5930 F.M. 603 in Clyde, Texas, 79510.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Carl Trusler, and caregivers of Abilene Regional Medical Center for their special care and kindness in our time of need.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Matthew Eugene Hall, burglary of a vehicle.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Angela Shelton, motion to dismiss to resisting arrest granted for plea to other case.

Randall Green, plea of guilty to Ct. II - possession of marijuana, 2 year probation, \$1200 fine, \$256 court costs.

Angela Shelton, plea of guilty to resisting arrest, 1 year probation, \$200 fine, \$256 court costs.

Keith Beardsley, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 15 month probation, \$700 fine, \$256 court costs.

Gene Hector, motion to dismiss to theft granted, paid restitution.

Joshua Raney, plea of guilty to theft by check, 18 month probation, \$100 fine, \$306 court costs, \$158.23 restitution.

Jake Frieman, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 18 month probation, \$400 fine, \$356 court costs.

Cristie Immel, plea of guilty to theft by check, 20 days in jail, \$356 court costs.

Cristie Immel, waiver of counsel and application to proceed pro se granted.

Bryce Wilde, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$100 fine, \$306 court costs, \$79.69 restitution.

David Flores II, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 2 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$393 court costs.

Ricky Holloway, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Dallas Co. granted.

Keith Beardsley, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Lubbock Co. granted.

Anna Zamora, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Lubbock Co. granted.

Joshua Raney, transfer

request from Callahan Co. to Jones Co. granted.

Kyle Kelly, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Denton Co. granted.

Tierra L. Ragan, motion to dismiss to hindering apprehension granted in the interest of justice.

Alonda Gaines, waiver of counsel and application to proceed pro se granted.

Kimberly S. Woods, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted for plea to other case.

Kimberly S. Woods, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 2 year probation, \$200 fine, \$306 court costs.

Scott Haines, order amending conditions of probation granted.

William Cory Crouch, affidavit for release of surety granted.

John W. Anderson, order amending conditions of probation granted.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

In re: order for foreclosure concerning Tammy W. Neal and Telitha J. Neal and 561 Stella, Baird, TX 79504.

Paula Fleming Windham and James Kennard Windham, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Gary Pickett vs. Alea London, LTD and Albuquerque Brake and Alignment, Inc., order on defendant's Albuquerque Brake and Alignment, Inc. special appearance challenging personal jurisdiction is sustained and case is dismissed.

Criminal Minutes

Bobby D. Chittum, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 1 year in prison, \$269 court costs.

Mark Almeida, plea of guilty to possession of prohibited weapon, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$254 court costs.

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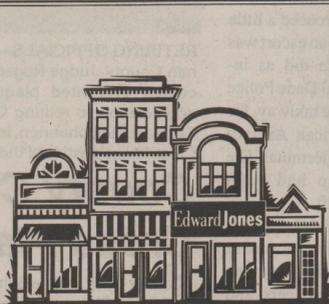
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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

New Years Eve Brings Back Memories of Being Snowed in at Lampasas, Texas

On New Years Eve of 1946, I was snowed in at Cottonwood and needed to catch a bus in Cross Plains, to return to Texas A&M campus to complete an assignment which was due in a couple of days.

My father could not get a car started, so I started walking with my suitcase. It was heavy, so, I had to lift it over the snow drifts. By the time I waked to the Clifton Hill, I was very tired. I finally did catch a ride with my next door neighbor and boarded the bus in Cross Plains. It was still snowing, heavily. There were only two other passengers, a married couple from up north headed for the Texas valley.

By the time we got to Brownwood, it was getting so bad we could hardly make headway. But we did pick up another passenger and headed for Lampasas, still snowing. By the time we got to Lampasas, 9:00 p.m., the driver announced he would go no further.

This was bad news for me and the other passengers. We spent the night of December 31, 1946 in the Bus Station playing 42 and remarking, "What a strange New Year's Eve celebration." (Not so "strange" anymore in Denver and Chicago, with snow canceling hundreds of flights, but now this setting is in airport terminals instead of bus terminals.)

The next day, New Year's, the

couple from "up north" wanted to eat at a place that served black-eyed peas.

"What for?" I asked.
"It is a tradition to eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day where we come from. It brings good luck." Stupid me! But I didn't ask any further questions, fearing I would really show my ignorance.

Yes, I learned of this mostly southern tradition from North-erners, since then, I have always eaten them silently wondering when and where this tradition was started, and also, when does the "good luck" kick in.

Today, my son, Gary, asked me if I knew where the tradition got started? No, I told him.

He said that his Internet connection, "Google" informed him that it started during the Civil War at the battle of Vicksburg, when the defending army ran out of food and had to eat "cow peas" which they used to only feed cattle, horses and pigs. But they began to cook and eat them. It has been good luck ever since. Carol says the "good luck" is in the eating, because we are "lucky" to have discovered how wonderfully tasting the cows' and pigs' food is!

So, just in case, that some of you have been quietly eating your black-eyed peas in ignorant bliss, I pass his story along. (I may hear from some of you who know other "stories" of origin of this tradition. Gary says the "good luck" traditions and even eating legumes, go back to

Roman days.)

Ellen Simpson Laid to Rest at Cottonwood Cemetery

Ellen (Wilcoxon) Simpson, a longtime resident of Cottonwood, passed away December 29, 2006 from a nursing center in Abilene. You can read her detailed obituary in another section of this paper. It seems befitting to note her passing and burial in this column.

I have known Ellen all my life. She was the daughter of a legendary pioneer family of this community, Manuel Parrish Wilcoxon and his wife Cora Bell (Thompson) Wilcoxon.

She is survived by many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. I knew her as the aunt of Eugene Wilcoxon, who married Nelda Woody. Viola Wilcoxon was at one time married to my Uncle Leonard Coats.

Ellen was well known for her Victory Garden, which she raised during WWII and was a longtime member of the Cottonwood Quilting Club. She was a member of the Baptist Church and will be missed by all who knew her. Rev. Matt McGowen will hold her funeral service and lunch for the family will be served at the Cottonwood Community Center.

Please contact Wallace Bennett with your news or personal items at (254) 725-7474, or mail to 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, TX 76443. If I don't know it, I can't write about it.

Wall Street Journal Article

Local Project Pride members who operate the museum have counted 341 visitors for the year. This number includes the 237 who visited during the annual Robert E. Howard Days in June, as well as about 20 who were part of a pre-convention tour in November. The remaining visitors were folks who just showed up at the museum and contacted Project Pride members for a tour.

"Our museum records also show that these visitors represented 6 foreign countries, Washington D.C. and 27 states beyond Texas," reports Era Lee Hanke, president of Project Pride. "That many people making a special trip to Cross Plains never ceases

to amaze us," she continued.

The pre-convention bus tour was connected to the World Fantasy Convention in Austin last month. One of the highlights of the convention was the announcement that the Robert E. Howard Foundation had been established. This entity hopes to arrange for the publication of everything its namesakes ever wrote—an estimated 3.5 million words of prose and poetry.

Many local folks know Leo Grin and Rusty Burke, whose thoughts were included about the Foundation. "Blood & Thunder", a new biography of Howard by Mark Finn, was prominently mentioned as one of the major

publications released during the yearlong celebration.

Finn is a frequent visitor to this area and will be returning on February 13 for the Public Library's Meet the Author evening. He will be discussing Howard as a Texas author and how "all things Texas" had influenced him. And knowing Mark's love of boxing, he will undoubtedly share some of Howard's boxing tales.

The media world is a fascinating one—you just never know who will pick up on Cross Plains, Texas.

Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson

Down Home

finished, I noticed our jet. As I looked up from the ramp level, I saw a face in every window. Not one of our passengers had moved until our fallen soldier had departed the aircraft.

When the procession left the airport, there were two cruisers in front of the hearse and I have no idea how many behind. It was worthy of a presidential motorcade and a fitting and probably all too uncommon show of love and respect for one of our fallen.

And in case I haven't mentioned this previously—it was 1:30 a.m. on a Saturday morning and I

would bet that most of the people on our ramp were not on the clock.

Every now and then you see it: the silent majority that makes this country the best in the world. I was so proud that night. Proud that my fellow citizens on every level worked to get MSgt. Richardson to his final repose. Proud of all the people who showed up on the ramp early that Saturday morning to show their respect. Proud of our passengers that they recognized a greater purpose than getting off the jet. And proud that my company, American Airlines

knows how to handle this situation with humility and honor.

As you go through your day, remember that there are thousands of men and women overseas in the service of our country, far from home in danger's way. Please remember that they have families back here who live every day in fear of the phone call or visit with the news that their worst nightmare has come true.

Be thankful for their efforts and if you know someone who is in the service—get their address from their family and write them and thank them.

It's the least you can do.

RIISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT

HAPPY 2007

May it be happy, healthy, and a prosperous one!

A warm welcome to our new residents, Martha Justice and Hadden Payne.

Thought and prayer a for Betty Baxter and Modelle Amaon who

are in the hospital.

Special appreciations to these fine folks, Jim Walker for entertaining us at the residents birthday party, to the Rising Star Church of Christ for the residents' Christmas gifts, to Cross Plains First United Methodist Church for the Kleenex, to the GA's for the

cookies, and the Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains for the new calendars. May God Bless each and everyone who had a part in making this Holiday Season a success for our residents.

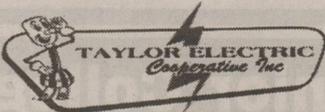
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I decided to make a denim top. I bought navy blue and a red print with yellow anchors. I cut out 5" squares and alternated the red and blue. I used a nautical print lining of some sort.

I remember taking my portable sewing machine to a mountain cabin in Lake Arrowhead, California. Here I am on vacation with at least four my six kids and all had friends who tagged along. I was so excited about the quilt that nothing was standing in my way.

Now, this quilt was approximately queen size. This was in the 1960's. Believe it or not, I finished the quilt and gave it to my son, Ty, on his 16th birthday. Ty is now 45 years old.

About 15 years ago, Bob and I were visiting in California. Ty's quilt lining was worn out. The top was fine. We purchased some fabric and relined the quilt. I was in California last year and Ty is still using the quilt. He and everyone else used it covering up on the couch while watching TV. He used it for cover when he had to sleep on the floor when all the beds were in use.

I'll be in California in a couple of weeks and I'll bet he will still be dragging that quilt around. Everyone loves that old quilt. Last year my grandson was visiting there and he made the statement, "It is the best quilt you have very made." I would hope not, but it's probably the most loved.

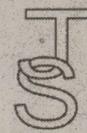
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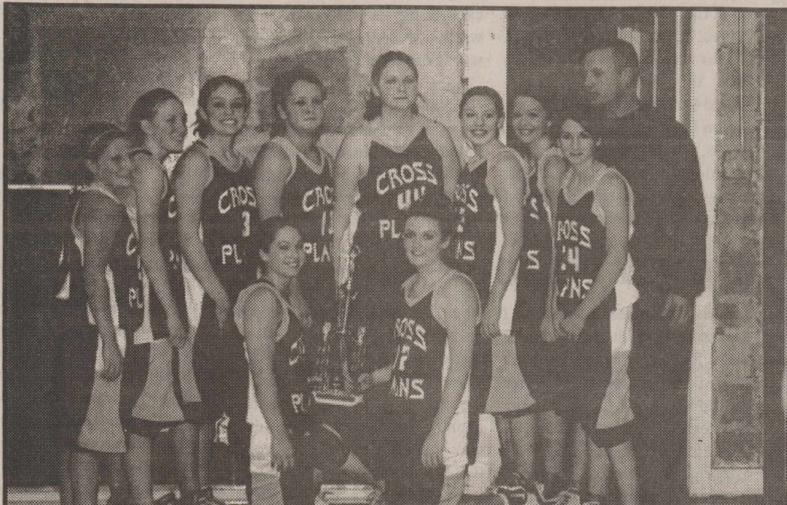
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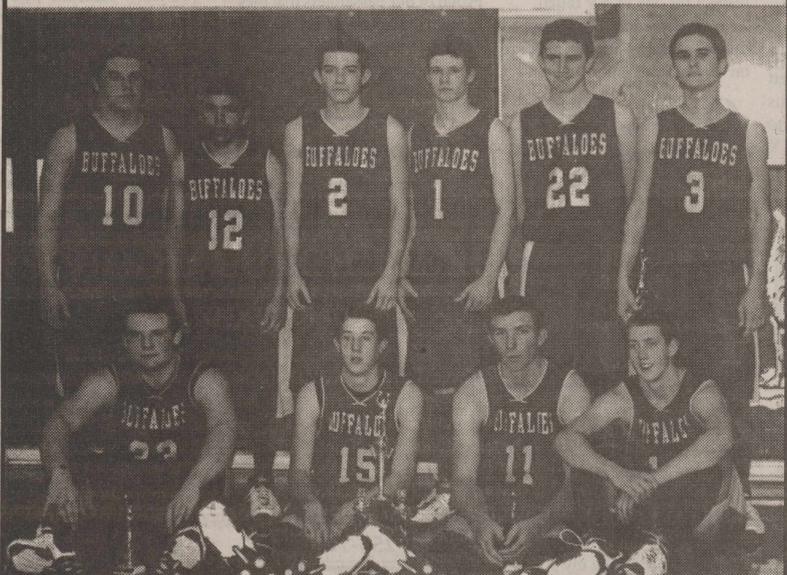
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VARSITY GIRLS WIN 1st PLACE IN RICHLAND SPRINGS TOURNAMENT—Those playing were Terrah Augustine (back, from left), Emily Harris, Emma Bennett, Kaelen Martinez, Emily Harrelson, Macayla Cook, Krista Phillips, Shera Gary, and Coach Bullock; Karen Scott (front, from left) and Mykea Douglass.

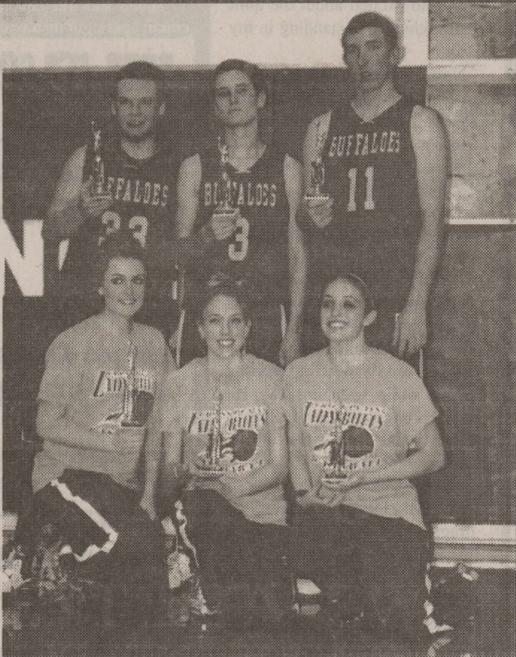


VARSITY BOYS WIN 1st PLACE IN RICHLAND SPRINGS TOURNAMENT—Those playing were Russell Thomas (back, from left), Fili Vasquez, Chris McBride, JJ Callaway, Joe Dalton Wyatt, and Justin Dickson; Mitchell Gibbs (front, from left), Brock Cooper, Clay Koenig, and Thomas Estes.

RICHLAND SPRINGS ALL TOURNAMENT PICKS

Mitchell Gibbs (back, from left), Justin Dickson, and Clay Koenig; Mykea Douglass (front, from left), Emily Harris, and Emma Bennett.

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Babysitting Class Offered by Red Cross January 13th

The American Red Cross, Big Country Region, will be conducting a Babysitting class on Saturday, January 13, 2006. Class will be held at 1610 North 2nd Street, Abilene, TX and will begin at 8:30 a.m. The cost for the class is \$35.00 and includes a First Aid Kit and all Class materials.

The American Red Cross Babysitting Class is designed to provide individuals, ages 11-15,

with the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of parents or adult guardians. This training will help participants develop skills in leadership and professionalism; basic care; safety and safe play; and first aid.

Class size is limited and prepayment is required to register a participant. You may register by coming by their office at 1610

North 2nd or by calling 325-677-2622. For more information, please call their office at 325-677-2622, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Participation in the Red Cross health and safety programs enables the Local American Red Cross to provide disaster services within the community. The Red Cross truly values your support!

Red Cross Conducting Several Classes in January

The American Red Cross, Big Country, Region will be conducting the following classes in January, 2007:

Adult, Child and Infant CPR/AED/First Aid: January 6th and January 20, 2006. Class will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the cost is \$45.00.

Adult, Child and Infant CPR/AED Recertification: January 18, 2006 Class will begin at 6:00 p.m. The cost for this class is \$25.00.

CPR for the Professional Rescuer: January 27, 2006. Class

will begin at 8:30 a.m. The cost of this class is \$66.91 and includes an American Red Cross pocket mask.

CPR for the Professional Rescuer Recertification: January 4, 2006. Class starts at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$35.00.

Babysitter's Training: January 13, 2006. This class is designed for 11-15 year olds and teaches basic babysitting skills. The Class starts at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$35.00 and includes a first aid kit for each participant.

All classes will be held at the

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CPR for Professional Rescuer Recertification Class Offered

The American Red Cross, Big Country Region, will be conducting a CPR for Professional Rescuer Recertification Class for those who already hold a CPR for Professional Rescuer certification on January 4, 2006. A CPR mask is required for the class and can be purchased at the Red Cross Office for \$11.91. Class will be held at 1610 North 2nd Street, Abilene, TX and will begin at 6:00 p.m. The cost for the class is \$35.00.

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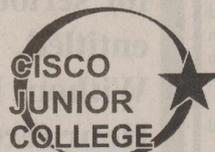
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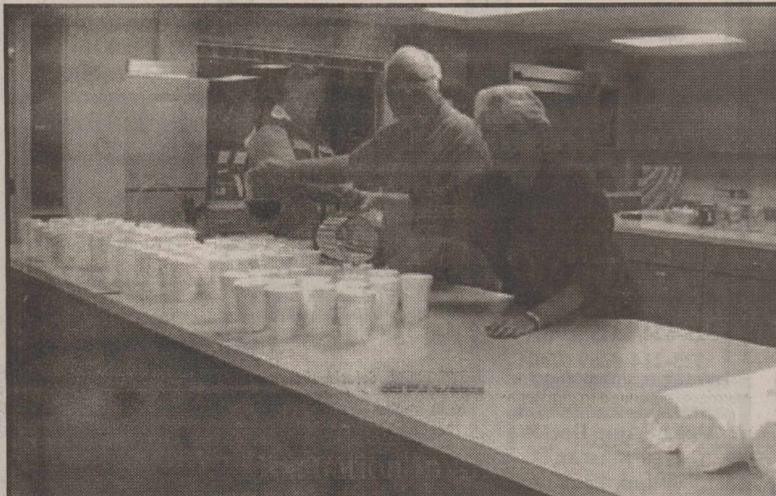
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VICTORY CELEBRATION ENJOYED BY MANY—Ann Beeler (from left), Mayor Ray Purvis and wife, Kathy, Kenneth Beeler, Sloane (the Taylor's granddaughter), Jerri and Burlie Taylor.



PREPARING THEIR GRILLED HAMBURGERS—Vondean and Alvin Hutchins (from left), Margaret and Susan McNeel, Mazi Higgins (Nora Odom's granddaughter), and Recie Tatam.



FILLING TEA AND WATER GLASSES—Gene Dillard (from left), Frank O'Banion and Nora Odom.



FAMILY GATHERED FOR THE CELEBRATION—Lindsey Ames (from left), Don Gosnell, Virgie Prickett, Bonnie Switzer, Jayten Ames, and Linda Slaymaker.



TWO PEOPLE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE TOWN'S RECOVERY—City Secretary Debbie Gosnell and Mayor Ray Purvis discuss the Victory Celebration.

VICTORY Celebration—

but was unable to attend. Arlene Stephenson reported that Tumbleweed's students had chosen the wildfire at Cross Plains for their oral research project hands down.

The students compiled the 25 minute CD entitled "Ring of Fire from interviews with local citizens following the disaster. The CD has been presented to the Cross Plains Public Library as an oral history of the event.

Stephenson remarked that the students were affected by their interactions with Cross Plains residents. They were touched by the human spirit in terms of emotions, determination, courageous attitude, etc. Tumbleweed Smith commented that it was some of the best work ever done and how "special" it was. He also remarked that the faith and positive attitudes touched more lives than we realized.

Cliff Kirkham expressed his appreciation for the hearts of those who extended assistance to those in need. He expounded on the fact that Cross Plains is a unique community. "A good place to live!" Kirkham exclaimed.

Seth Morgan asked that the Fire Chief Bob Harrell and Assistant Fire Chief Rickey Carouth be given special recognition for their services during the wildfire.

Burlie Taylor praised Debbie Gosnell and the city employees for their dedication throughout the cleanup and recovery. Bro. Ronnie remarked that the list could go on and on.

The Victory Celebration concluded a difficult year of extraordinary accomplishments in our community.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 17, 2006 through December 23, 2006 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—128
Complaints—95
Possession of Marijuana—1
DWI—1
Public Intoxication—1
Vehicle Accidents

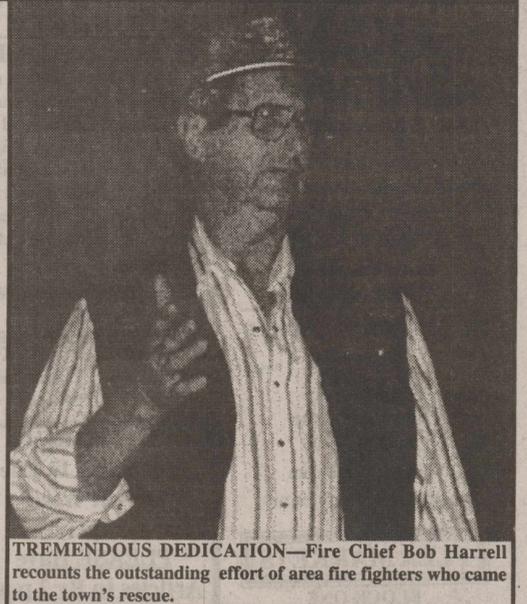
There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 24, 2006 through December 30, 2006 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—104
Complaints—51
DWI—2
Public Intoxication—1
Possession of Marijuana—1
Tampering with Physical Evidence—1
Vehicle Accidents

There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.



TREMENDOUS DEDICATION—Fire Chief Bob Harrell recounts the outstanding effort of area fire fighters who came to the town's rescue.

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I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From whence does my help
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Lord . . . Psalms 121: 1-2.

"Love ever gives,
Forgives,
Outlives.
And while it lives
It gives.
For this is love's prerogative,
To give, and give, and give."

Henry P. Crowell was a powerful industrialist on the eastern seaboard of our nation quite a few years ago. At the age of fifty he was diagnosed with tuberculosis. In those days there was no treatment available. The doctors told him he was facing a long and lingering death.

He had read about the West—the plains and mountains. He decided he would gather up all he had and take a slow train westward. If he was to die he would die out there on the western prairie surrounded by the mountains.

But he never made it all the way to the mountains. As they were passing through one small town the train stopped to take on provisions. Getting out to stretch his legs, he found a town in despair. There was only one industry, a large mill. It had been mismanaged and was going out of business.

The whole town was going to be wiped out. There was no other work to be had. The people had nowhere to go. Henry P.

Crowell, the wealthy and successful industrialist, looked around and said to himself, "Well, I'm going to die somewhere. Might as well die here. Maybe before I die I can help these people."

He sent back east for his money, bought the mill and took over its management. He started hiring people, then more people and the business boomed. The town became a city. Under his dedicated leadership, out of his love for them and his love for God, a spirit of community cooperation was born; the city was transformed.

Henry P. Crowell did die—at the age of 96! He wrote to his kids back east, "I'm fine; I just got too busy to die." The business he started he named Quaker Oats.

Like Henry P. Crowell, no matter what your circumstances, you still have the capacity to love and serve. And as you give yourself in love and service, God's energy will begin to flow through you creating a new future, not just for you but also for all those whom you love and serve.

It was Sir Wilfred Grenfell, the great missionary to Labrador, who said, "The service we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on this earth. It is obvious that man is himself a traveler, that the purpose of this world is not 'To Have and to Hold' but, 'To Give and to Serve.'"

In love serve one another! Let's try to see how many people we can help in the coming new year.



OATH CEREMONY—Callahan County elected officials were sworn-in during a ceremony held Monday morning, January 1st at the County Courthouse in Baird. County officials receiving their oaths of office included from left to right: County Judge Roger Corn, Cross Plains Justice of the Peace Bob Hill, County Clerk Donna Bell, Cross Plains Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, Clyde Justice of the Peace Roy Chapman, 42nd District Clerk Sharon Owens, and Baird Justice of the Peace Steve Odom. Also receiving their oaths of office on Thursday, Decem-

ber 28th but unable to attend the swearing-in ceremony Monday included Eula Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer and County Treasurer Diane Alexander. Judge Corn also receiving his oath of office on Thursday by retiring County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon. County officials wish to extend a special thank you to Judge Corn's wife, Barbara, for the decorations and refreshments and to Connie Kirkham for her help with the refreshments after the oath of office ceremony.

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Scranton Musical set for January 6th

The monthly Scranton Musical will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at the Scranton Community Center. The kitchen begins serving at 5:30 p.m. We are told that we have the best food of any musical so come on out to eat with us and enjoy the music. Donations of

homemade pies and sandwiches are appreciated. The music begins at 6:00. Mark Ray, emcee, encourages all musicians to call to sign up for a time for your group. The number is 325-692-2057. All musicians are welcome to play. See you Saturday!

Grand Ole Oplin Thank You

We would like to thank the folks who came out and spent their New Year's Eve with us, and hope everyone has a great 2007. The Grand Ole Oplin is proud to announce their band line up for the month of January. Starting off the month on January 5th, Muddy Creek will be here to play all your favorite dancing tunes. On January 12th, Country Classics will be here to entertain us all. On January 19th, Texas Touch will be joining us playing their special kind of country music, and on January 26th, Muddy

Creek will be back playing some more of your favorite tunes. The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center, and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Smoking and alcohol are not allowed at any of our functions. Admission to our dance is still only \$4 per person, and everyone is invited to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break. So gather all of the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin. We'll be waiting at the door for you!

Burn ban reinstated by Co. Judge January 2nd

Callahan County, Texas Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 240.906 of the Local Government Code, the Callahan County Commissioners' Court had found that dry conditions in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and, whereas, such a finding authorizes the issuance of an order which prohibits or restricts outdoor burning.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the following emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Callahan County, Texas,

- (1) Action prohibited.
 - A. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others.
 - B. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly or intentionally engages in any activity outdoors which could allow flames or sparks that could result in a fire, or orders such activities by others.
- (2) Enforcement.
 - A. A violation of this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.
 - B. This order may be enforced by any duly commissioned peace officer in Callahan County.
- (3) This order is effective and enforceable for 90 days after the date of adoption which is indicated below.
 - (*) (4) Welding will be permitted if the proper precautions are being taken. These restrictions were put in place for the protection of the citizens and their property in Callahan County. It was not intended to take away a person's livelihood. **WELDING WILL BE PER-**

- MITTED IF THE PROPER PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN**
1. The individual welding must have a spotter.
 2. Two wet fire extinguishers must be available.
 3. Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.
 4. Must have water sprayer available for use.
 5. Must wet down sufficient area (and re-wet as often as necessary.)
- These safety precautions must be taken and also, please use common sense and good judgment if the conditions are windy. If the job is not an emergency, put it off until another date.
- We are in a severe drought situation, violators will be charged with a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00. An individual, or individuals, could be liable for damages, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face possible felony charges.
- (4) This order does not apply to outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission for firefighter training, public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations, or, harvesting of agriculture crops.
- (5) Further, a person is not in violation if prior to the setting of any outdoor fire, he or she first obtains the permission of the appropriate volunteer Fire Chief. In this instance, the Fire Chief will have the authority to set the conditions, restrictions, and/or precautions which must be observed.
- ORDERED** by the Callahan County Judge on the 2nd day of January, 2007, and executed on the same date.
- (s) Roger Corn
Callahan County Judge
- (*) Notes new provision to order



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