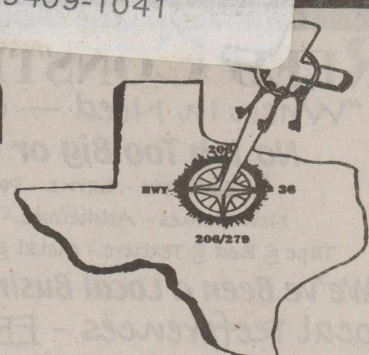


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## DOWN HOME

**Editor's Note:** Lou Grider, one of my favorite people, brought this cute poem by the *Review* office recently. She commented that she had been saving it for just the right time—when she felt the way it described. I think you will get a kick out of this.  
**Vanda Anderson**

### "My Get Up and Go Has Got Up and Went"

How do you know that your youth is all spent?  
Well, my Get Up and Go has Got Up and Went.  
But in spite of it all, I'm able to grin,  
When I think where my Get Up Has Been.

Old age is Golden, so I've heard said.  
Sometimes I wonder when I get out of bed.  
With my ears in a drawer and my teeth in a cup,  
my eyes on the table, until I wake up.

Ere sleep dim my eyes, I say to myself.  
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?  
But I'm happy to say as I close my door,  
My friends are the same, perhaps even more.

When I was young my slippers were red,  
I could kick up my heels right over my head.  
When I grew older my slippers were blue,  
But I could dance the whole night through.

Now I'm older my slippers are black.  
I walk to the store and huff my way back.

The reason I know my youth is all spent.  
My Get Up and Go has Got Up and Went.  
But I don't really mind when I think with a grin of all the grand places my get up has been.

Since I have retired from life's competitions, I busy myself with complete repetition.

I get up each morning and dust off my wits, pick up the paper and read the obits.  
If my name is missing, I know I'm not dead.  
So I eat a good breakfast and go back to bed.

## \$400 Netted from Chili Lunch Academy Gift Certificate Winners Announced

By Vanda Anderson  
Editor

Last Wednesday at the Senior Citizens' Center was a fun-filled morning, while earning \$400 for the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Renovation Fund Raiser Account.

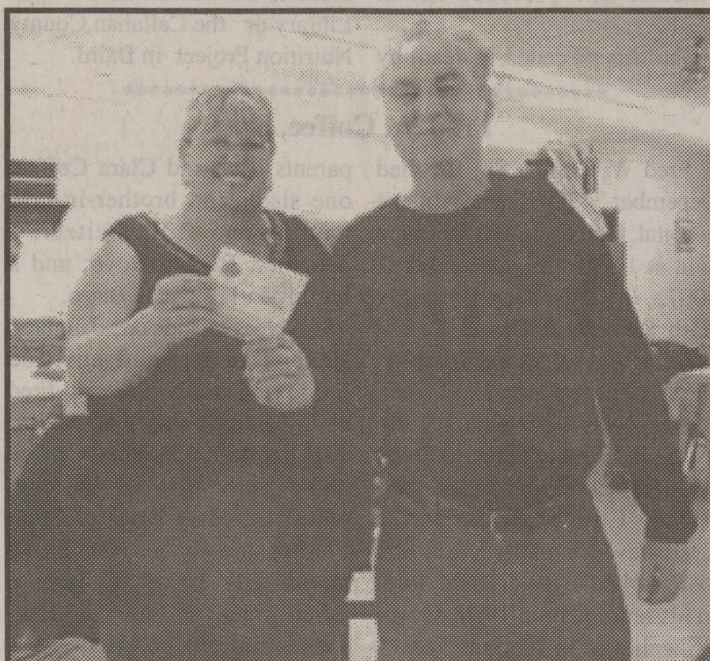
The Chili Lunch began at 11:00 a.m. and a large crowd enjoyed the homemade chili prepared by Dana Hall of Dana's Famous Brisket and Ribs of Cross Plains. Cross Plains Frozen Food provided the meat at a discounted price and individuals donated the cornbread, cheese, chips, crackers, etc. The chili was delicious and the fellowship terrific.

Frances Thornton was busy taking photographs of the successful event.

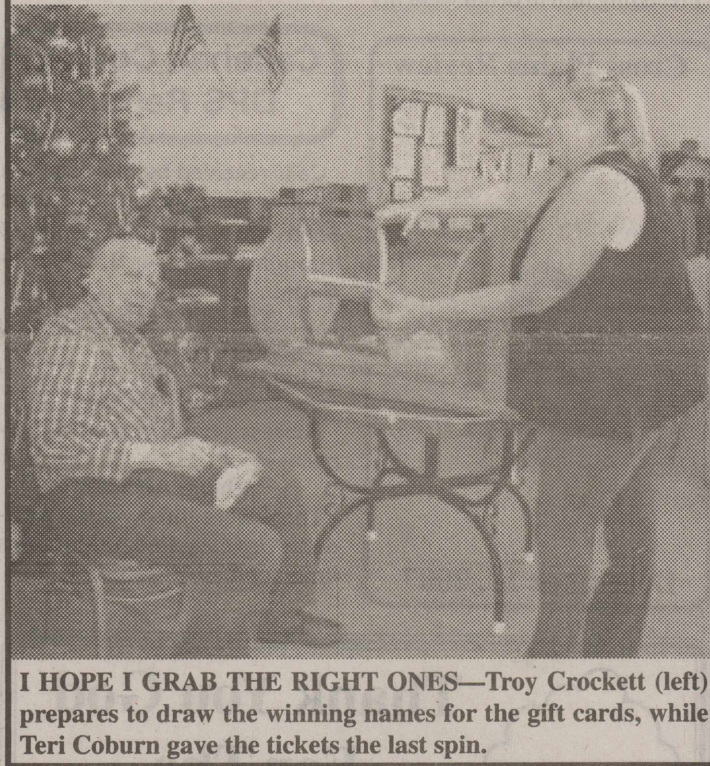
The drawing for the three (3) Academy Gift Certificates valued at \$500 each was the highlight of the event. Teri Coburn had the tickets in a huge cage that could be turned to mix them up.

Troy Crockett drew the three winning tickets. George Webb, of Fomey (formerly of Cross Plains) was the first ticket drawn. A local winner Tom Melton's name was drawn next and Andy Esparza of Abilene won the third gift certificate.

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center Renovation Fund Raiser Committee was appreciative of everyone who attended the lunch, purchased tickets, donated food, sold tickets, or participated in any aspect. The Committee was well pleased with the outcome of the fund-raiser.



**HOME TOWN MAN WINS GIFT CARD—Teri Coburn (left) presents Tom Melton, one of the \$500 gift cards from Academy. (More photos on Page 5)**



**I HOPE I GRAB THE RIGHT ONES—Troy Crockett (left) prepares to draw the winning names for the gift cards, while Teri Coburn gave the tickets the last spin.**

## Local Man Celebrates 85th Birthday with Family, Remembering his time at War

The Goode family had a special event on Veterans Day weekend. Friday, November 9th was D.V. Goode's 85th birthday. Ronnie, Zandy and wife Carol, Gregg and wife Cathy took D.V. and Etna to Fredericksburg. Ronnie's wife was unable to attend, but was with us in spirit.

We went through the Nimitz Museum or now known as the South Pacific WWII Museum on Friday afternoon. We stayed at the Fredericksburg Inn Friday night.

Saturday morning we went back to the museum for an interview. D.V. Goode had an interview that lasted nearly two (2) hours. The interview was taped and will be held in the museum records. The museum has about 10,000 items out of 40,000 that are on display.

D.V. was in the Americal Division in the Philippines. Later in the Japanese Occupation Force D.V. was a member of the Escort Guard. He was stationed at Sugamo Prison where he was one of the guards for Tojo. Tokoya Rose and Saipan Susan were also at Sugamo Prison.



**D.V. GOODE WITH A PICTURE OF TOJO. (See Photos Pg. 8)**

Saturday afternoon we attended a South Pacific Reenactment. They showed the various weapons used in this war and also how the American GI and the Japanese Soldiers were outfitted.

The trip was enjoyed by all and extremely informative as to what our Dad and Mother endured through that period of time. We

are so thankful that he returned safely after the war. The weekend was a time to take somber thought about what it was all about, a time to remember, and a time to honor those that did not return.

We are grateful for our parents that lived through this time.

Submitted by  
Gregg and Cathy Goode

## Cross Plains Teen Leadership Play to be Performed Dec. 14th

You're invited! Come to the Cross Plains Teen Leadership play titled

**"The Least of These..."**  
Friday, December 14th  
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Show Times  
Pre-K- 4th Grade - 1:30 p.m.  
5th-8th Grade - 2:15 p.m.

**Admission:**  
Bring \$1 or a new unwrapped toy for our toy drive.

The story is about 3 characters who are on their way to a Christmas pageant. On the way, they bump into a few people and animals that need help. They missed their parts in the play, but learned a few lessons along the way.

## Drawing for Deer Rifle December 14th

The American Legion Post 423 has been selling tickets for a 270 Ruger deer rifle as a fund-raiser. The drawing for the lucky winner will be held Friday, December 14th, at 4:00 p.m. at Texas Heritage Bank in Cross

Plains. You do not have to be present to win.

Tickets may still be purchased at \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00. Contact Audrey Purvis or Bob Kirkham, American Legion Commander.

## First Baptist Church of Cross Plains to Present Cantata December 15th

During the Christmas season, highways and airports are bustling with people as they make their way to be with friends and family for the holidays. So also, does the community of faith gather to worship during this blessed time celebrating the birth of Jesus. First Baptist Church is presenting for the community, a Christmas program titled *Together for Christmas*, which will examine this time of year from a spiritual perspective.

*Together for Christmas* explores and emphasizes the importance of this seasonal gathering of the family of God, both emotionally and spiritually, though the family is of diverse ages, musical preferences, and worship traditions. Using the simplest of musical means, all will be drawn into this welcoming seasonal presentation. A refreshing blend of imaginative new music, beloved carols and traditional melodies, and simple

yet profound narration and deeply felt texts serves to nurture the congregation and to promote the predominate themes of the season: hope, peace, joy and love.

*Together for Christmas* is not meant to be a flashy production, but a worship experience that welcomes all to experience the "Lord of Christmas." Though Christmas is a joyous season, it can also be a stressful and emotional time for many. It is our sincere desire that this presentation will minister to the people of Cross Plains through the hope, the peace, the joy and the love of Christ. First Baptist Church of Cross Plains and its staff welcomes all to this presentation Saturday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary and wishes all of the Lord's richest blessings upon everyone this Christmas season.

Submitted by  
Kerry Mann, Pastor of Worship

## Huge Disaster at Food Plaza Averted by Quick Action

By Vanda Anderson  
Editor

On Thursday, December 6th the Food Plaza located in Cross Plains on Highway 36 became the center of attention. Fred Smoot, a resident of Cross Plains, filled his truck with gasoline and when he started the engine it backfired engulfing the vehicle in flames. The truck presented a double threat, having both a propane and oxygen tank aboard.

Attendants at Food Plaza quickly hit the emergency stop that turns off the flow of gasoline and diesel to the pumps. Food Plaza employees utilized fire extinguishers and a customer used his personal extinguisher to try and contain the fire. The

Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department and the Callahan County Sheriff's Department were called to the scene and the flames were extinguished.

Smoot's truck received damage but Food Plaza was not harmed. No one was injured. Food Plaza was evacuated during the emergency.

Coincidentally, just a few days earlier on Sunday, December 2nd, a truck carrying one of the large wind turbine cylinders pulled into the diesel pump area and hit a diesel pump knocking it over. The attendants were alerted to the imminent danger and cautiously hit the emergency shut-off valve for the diesel flow. There was no diesel spill during this incident and no one was injured.

## SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, December 19th**  
3rd Period 8:00-9:50  
Break 9:50-10:00  
5th Period 10:00-11:50  
Lunch 11:55-12:30  
7th Period 12:35-2:25  
Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.

**Thursday, December 20th**  
2nd Period 8:00-9:50  
Break 9:50-10:00  
4th Period 10:00-11:50  
Lunch 11:55-12:30  
6th Period 12:35-2:25  
Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.

**Friday, December 21st**  
1st Period 8:00-9:45  
8th Period 9:50-11:35  
Lunch 11:35-12:00  
Buses will run at 12:00 p.m.



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 254-725-7574  
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 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 am  
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
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**Pastor Max Evans**  
 For Information Call (254) 725-7418

**Rowden Baptist Church**  
 Interim Pastor: Wayne Lenz  
 Bible Study...10:00 am  
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am  
 2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

## OBITUARIES

### Lisa Doreen (Petty) Shields

Lisa Doreen (Petty) Shields, age 47, passed away Thursday, December 6, 2007, in Hendrick Hospice. A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 8, 2007, at the Pioneer Revival Center located one mile east of Cross Plains with Mike Kelley and Rev. Joe Coppinger officiating. Her remains will be buried by her husband at a later date in the Whon Cemetery in Coleman County. Arrangements were under the direction of Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

Doreen was born August 6, 1960 in Baird, Texas, to Dorothy Coppinger Petty and the late Eddie Petty. On October 24, 1981 she married William Randy Shields, who preceded her in death.

She was preceded in death by

### Fred W. Coffee, Sr.

Fred W. Coffee, Sr., 92, died December 3, 2007, in an Abilene hospital. Graveside services were held at 11:30 a.m., December 6, 2007, in Cedar Gap Cemetery with Reverend David Cason officiating, directed by Fry-Bartlett Funeral Home.

Fred was born January 13, 1915, in Leadey, Texas, to Oscar Alonzo "Lon" and Clara May Richey Coffee. He farmed at Bradshaw for many years and also worked in the oil field. Prior to his retirement in 1980, he was a mechanic in Abilene for 20 years. He was a member of the Home Ministry of Broadview Baptist Church in Abilene.

Preceding him in death were his

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

### COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

#### Misdemeanor Filings

Ernest W. Vincent, attempted burglary of coin operated machine.  
 Jason L. Gray, attempted burglary of coin operated machine.  
 George D. Perry, theft.  
 Patricia Campbell, theft.  
 Christopher L. Marr, criminal mischief.  
 Christina Hunter, assault.  
 April Barrett, assault.  
 Nathan S. Brashear, assault, family violence.  
 Norma J. Nichols, terroristic threat.  
 Garrett G. Chrane, possession of marijuana.  
 Ernest W. Vincent, failure to identify.  
 Harold C. Brown, driving while license invalid (DWLI).  
 Jody J. Fortune, theft of service.  
 Lisa D. McCarty, driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
 Debra L. Reutter, DWI.  
 Damien A. Hall, possession of marijuana.  
 Lazarus L. Tutt, possession of marijuana.  
 Dallas W. Vaughn, possession of marijuana.

#### Misdemeanor Minutes

Anthony Fiorentini, transfer request from Taylor Co. to Williamson Co. granted.  
 Raymond Teague, order amending conditions of probation granted.  
 Timothy Worley, order amending conditions of probation granted.  
 Kyle Kelly, motion to revoke probation granted.  
 Amy Fish, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.  
 Billy Ray Floyd, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.  
 Billy J. Moore, motion to dismiss to failure to stop and give required information granted for plea to other case.  
 Ronnie Dale Walker, motion to reinstate bond granted.

### Kayle K. Menking, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Cameron D. Bara, order amending conditions of probation granted.  
 Amy Shree Cox, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.  
 Jason Carvajal, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.  
 End of term order discharging defendants under misdemeanor probation: Ronald John Crane, Theodore Kowalzek; Christopher Lee Wilson; Christine Anne McKibben.  
 End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Aaron Kalra; Laci D. Smoot; Justin Lee Nichols; Melinda Vaca; Douglas Tailon.

#### Marriage Licenses

Cody A. Lenz and Sarah L. Burleson, both of Baird.

#### 42ND DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

#### Criminal Minutes

Billy Joe Moore, judgment revoking probation granted.  
 David M. Gonzales, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 8 years in prison, \$264 court costs.

#### Civil Filings

Melanie Jean Moore vs. Robert Allen Moore, divorce.  
 Terrie Rena Livingston vs. David Wayne Livingston, divorce.  
 Dewey Garner and Betty Gamer vs. Juan Maldonado d/b/a Maldonado Concrete Construction, damages.  
 Minnie Lea Scott vs. Allied Interstate, Inc., damages.

#### Civil Minutes

Mary Molina and John Molina, divorce granted.  
 Kathy McLauray and William McLauray, divorce granted.

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### Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 2, 2007 through December 8, 2007 include:

Cases Investigated  
 Warnings—115  
 Complaints—56  
 Possession of Marijuana—1  
 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—1  
 Vehicle Accidents

There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.



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## Children's Night at Christmas

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### Wednesday

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**Happy Holidays!**

## COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

### Christmas Party A Great Success

The Christmas party last Saturday night at the Cottonwood Community Center was a great success. Billy Woody and Estelle Ingram from Fort Worth were in attendance and everyone had a great time. It's beginning to feel like Christmas in Cottonwood.

### Yes, It's Beginning To Feel Too Much Like Christmas In Cottonwood, Texas

What was your first clue? I woke up early this morning, and the lights were out, not even a flicker of light. I rolled over, picked up the TV remote and turned the power on. No action!

I threw off the covers and got a cold shock. Brr-r-r! No heat. I felt for my house shoes. Got my right foot into the left shoe, stood up and ouch! Stepped on a cold floor with my shoeless left foot!

Felt around for my cane, finally found it. Stumbled around, found the doorway into the living room and looked around; dark as pitch! Not even an ember in the fire place to light my way.

Made my way over in that direction, ouch again! I had stumbled over a box of Christmas ornaments. It's beginning to feel

a lot more like Christmas. Continued my stumbling around; caught a glimpse of something shiny over toward the area where the fireplace should be. Ouch again! Stumbled into the Christmas tree, stuck a fir branch in my eye. It's beginning to feel more like Christmas in Cottonwood every second.

Felt around the fire place, found the firewood basket; no firewood, no kindling, no flashlight, not even a lighter with which to light a candle. Brr-r-r!

What was your second clue? There I was, standing in front of the fire place; could not see a thing; no electricity (need to call Taylor Utilities); one shoe, on the wrong foot; the other bare.

It's beginning to feel like a Cottonwood Christmas when I was young.

Was I having a flashback? Did I hear my father call, "Wallace, Wallace, get up and light a fire in the living room (wood) stove. And while you are up, light a fire in the cook stove."

What did you conclude?

Brr-r-r, Let Christmas come. I give up! I stumbled back over the obstacles, back to the warmest spot I knew, back to a light that

glows somehow through the darkness, my bed.

### Basketball Memories From Olden Days

Did I mention that Emma Bennett of Cottonwood is turning into an important basketball player for Cross Plains. (Whose proud parents are Bryan and Debi Bennett and grandparents are Wallace and Carol Bennett). Along with the other Lady Buffs the team has in the past two weekends won the Rising Star tournaments, and just barely (by one point) lost the Cross Plains tournament. Very exciting games played with passion and determination.

Basketball has always been a passion for Cottonwood students, and I do remember the exciting days of old when Cottonwood had a gymnasium and many famous basketball greats. Maybe you can help me recall them all. Write me or call me.

(For news or personal items about Cottonwood, contact, Wallace Bennett, at 254-725-7474, e-mail at csb5@airmail.net, or snail mail at 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas, 76443.)

## The Wonder of Christmas An Evening to Remember

The First United Methodist Church will present their Christmas cantata, December 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church located at 200 North Avenue D.

This year's performance is "The Wonder of Christmas" arranged and orchestrated by David Hamilton.

The evening will also include the traditional Christmas Eve communion and candle lighting.

Mark your calendar now to attend this beautiful worship experience.

Submitted by Rhonda Swift

## LIBRARY NOTES

Library Stats  
December 3 - 7, 2007

Patrons	84
Programs	44
LAP	7
LAPsit	7
ASAP	10
Books Checked Out	116
LAP	18
LAPsit	20
Copies	154
Reference	2
Internet Users	8
Interlibrary Loans	1

**Book Donations:** Donna Irby, Jody Finn, Sue Bennett and Walker Girls

**Donations:** Vincent and Betty Meiron, Joyce and Kevin Hedges, Daisy King, Don Harris, J.H. and Vida Balkum, Louise Brooks, Chad and Kim Cunningham, Faye Nordyke Kennedy, Harold and Mary White, Hogan Lofland, M. Alexandra Doss, and Bilye Sinclair

**Honorariums:** Jane Cutbirth Bonner in Honor of Arlene Stephenson and Charles Rodenberger

**Volunteers:** Azalee Womack, Ginny Hoskins, Arlene Stephenson, Sue Bennett, Beverly Ross, Catherine Bass, Wilma Lawrence, Bobbie Hinkle, and Helen Parson.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

On Thursday, December 6th, Cross Plains ISD hosted 5 area schools in the Junior High UIL District Academic Meet. There were 26 different events for all of these students to enter and compete.

Hosting an event of this magnitude takes many people from directors, assistants, judges, timers and monitors for each event. We would like to send out a sincere "THANK YOU" to our wonderful community volunteers

who gave of their time. We would also like to thank those Elementary faculty and staff members who assisted in different areas.

Without ALL of you, we would have not been able to pull this off. We appreciate your dedication to academic excellence for our students at Cross Plains ISD.

In Education,  
S.D. Loyless

Principal, Cross Plains ISD

## Community Blood Drive Set for Tuesday, Dec. 18th

A community blood drive will take place on Tuesday, December 18. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

"We are asking donors to give one more gift this holiday season, which is the gift of life," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "While most of us are at home enjoying time with our families, there are patients in the hospital who are receiving blood transfusions to save and sustain their lives. These patients are

totally dependent on volunteer donors who are willing to take forty-five minutes of their time to give blood."

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds. Those who have eligibility questions may call 325-670-2798 or log on to [www.meekbloodcenter.org](http://www.meekbloodcenter.org).

Each donor will receive a holiday T-shirt and a complimentary total cholesterol test. Cholesterol results are available three days after the blood drive.

## RISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

By NIKKI PEREZ

Welcome back everyone. November is gone and December is here, hope all of you are ready for some reindeer. Christmas is just around the corner.

Christmas is the season for cards and candy and cakes. I would like to thank the students from Ranger Junior College, future LVN's, for the cakes and goodies they made for us. Thank you to Mr. L.W. Mitchell for the boxes of candy he gave to us. I would also like to thank Mr. Reggie Barr for the donuts he brought. The Cross Plains Ladies brought Christmas cards and little sleighs for all the residents. Thank you so much. The little sleighs were so cute. Also, thank you to the First Baptist Church of Rising Star for the Christmas cards for the residents. That is very thoughtful to each of you for sending a little Christmas cheer to our residents. It puts a big smile on their face.

Thank you. Bless all of you.

December is full of arts and crafts and cooking. The residents will be making Christmas boxes, making reindeer favors, making pecan pies, and also making cookies.

On Thursday, December 19th, we will be making Christmas cookies. The 20th at 6p.m. will be our Employee Christmas Party at the Higginbotham building. The afternoon of the 21st, we will have popcorn and Coke. Also, if anyone plans to eat Christmas Day dinner with their family, please call the Center and let us know how many will be attending. We need to know by Friday, December 21st. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sunday, December 23rd will be our Resident Christmas Party at 2:30. Refreshments will be served. Santa Claus will also be here and carols will be performed by the First United Methodist

Church of Cross Plains. On the 24th, the residents will be making pecan pies for Christmas Day. Our resident birthday party will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 27th. Last but not least, we will have our New Years Eve party at 2 p.m. on Monday, the 31st.

At this time I would like to send some get well wishes to Lucky Taylor, and Myrtle Hoggett who are in the hospital. Get well soon.

We also have some new faces with us. We have a new employee, a Dietary manager, Patricia Jones. We are happy to have you here. We have two new residents: Ramona Dudas, and Vergie Prickett. We are glad to have you.

Well I hope everyone has a safe shopping season. We will see you back next time. Take care and God Bless. And don't forget: Jesus is the Reason for the Season!



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TUESDAY - Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy, Cauliflower, Green Beans, Vanilla Pudding w/Cookie, Bread  
WEDNESDAY - Pork Chops w/ Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Carrots, Bread Pudding, Roll  
THURSDAY - BBQ Brisket, Baked Beans, Coleslaw w/ Pineapple, Sugar Cookie, Bread  
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Last Sunday's *Parade Magazine's* front cover had a picture of Jack Nicholson and a quote from him: "I make my own rules." I glanced through the article which seemed to focus upon his many films and love affairs, noting another quote from him: "You have to know what's truly good for you." It all sounds too much like the Israelites, some years after the death of Joshua, the godly leader who said, "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15). Judges 2:7 relates that "the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua and the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD which He had done for Israel." But in verse 10b, "Another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done in Israel." Then by the time of Judges 17:6, "In those days when there was no king in Israel, everyone did what was right in his own eyes."

We are told in 1 Corinthians 10:11, in regard to the record of the sins of the Israelites, that "these things...were written for our admonition." So whether it's from the "free life-style" of the Israelites, or from the "free life-style" of Jack Nicholson — and his "Hollywood likes" — let us learn to do what's right in the eyes of God, by knowing Him and His works, rather than "making our own rules," "doing what we think is best for us." Remember, we have a king — King Jesus...

I encourage you to share in times of Bible study and worship as we learn how to better "sign our lives with the excellence of God."

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.  
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

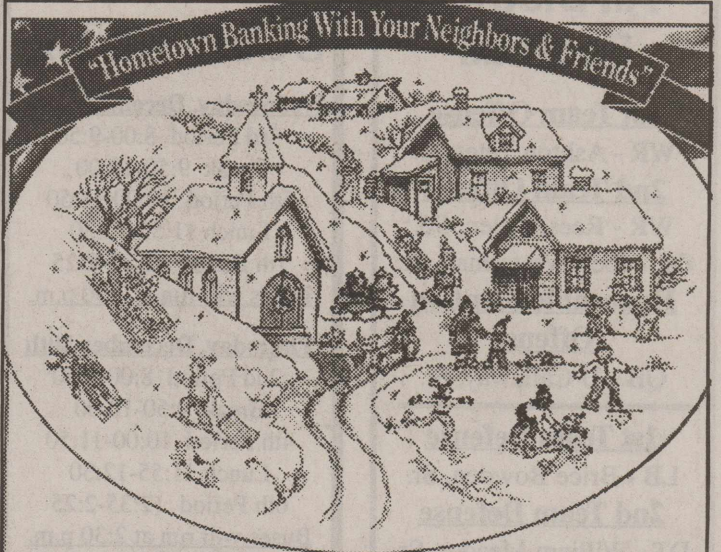
Please join us for a reception honoring

## Ike Neal's 85th Birthday

Sunday, December 16th  
2 to 4 pm

In the Family Life Center at the First Baptist Church

No gifts except your presence, please



### 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

Wednesday, December 19, 2007 from 9am - 3pm

Cookies and Punch will be served.



Member FDIC

## Christmas Carols, Bands, Auction, Oh How Fun

Are you ready for a night of Christmas Carols and shopping right here in Cross Plains? On Thursday, December 20th at 6:00 p.m. the annual Christmas concert will begin with the Pre-K through 3rd grade students serenading us in the auditorium. The 4th graders and their recorders will be followed by performances by the 5th grade band, 6th grade band and the "Pride of Cross Plains" High School Band.

Following the band, the 8th grade Skills for Living class will

be modeling the garments they constructed in class this six weeks.

The Art class at CPHS will be holding a silent auction of their projects in the foyer of the auditorium. Some of the pieces up for auction include clocks, rings, vases, place settings, jewelry and a couple of life size sculptures among other treasures.

Come and join us for this family fun-filled night and you might even be able to mark some names off of your holiday shopping list.

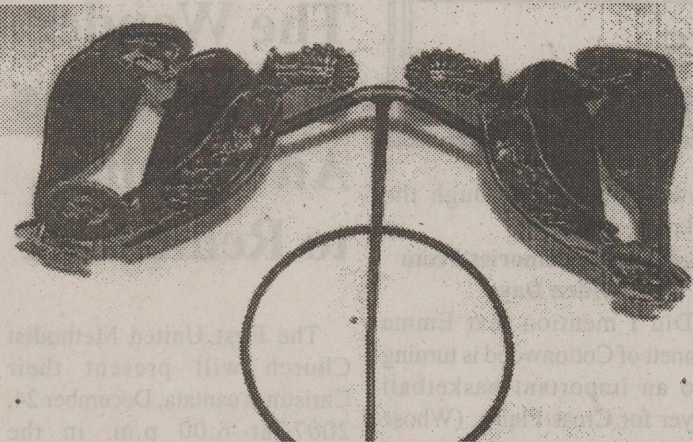
## Drawing for Cash, Gift Cards

Could you use a little extra cash or gift cards this holiday season? The sophomore class will make that happen for two lucky winners on December 21st.

The class is hosting the drawing to raise money for next year's Fall Festival and prom. A registration table will be set up in the gym foyer during home varsity basketball games for anyone who would like to purchase a chance to win. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.

Two prizes will be given away during the last home games before Christmas on December 21st. One name will be drawn for the gift cards at halftime of the girls' game, and another name for the \$100.00 cash prize during halftime of the boys' game. Winners do not have to be present to claim their prizes. Come out and support our basketball teams and the sophomore class. The lucky winner could be YOU!!

Submitted by Rhonda Hinten, Class Sponsor



## Would You Like Some Homemade Spurs?

Please support the Ag Youth of the Cross Plains FFA and Junior FFA through your purchase of a chance on these genuine Handmade Spurs.

Tickets are one (1) for \$1.00 or six (6) for \$5.00. You may purchase a ticket(s) from any member of the FFA, or FFA

Boosters. You may also contact Mr. Richey or Mr. Morgan for more information.

The drawing for the spurs will be held in conjunction with the Callahan County Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale on Saturday, January 19, 2008.

## Immunization Schedules for Callahan County Clinics

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold Immunization Clinics in Callahan County as follows:

**Monday, December 10th**  
Baird Cafeterium  
400 West 7th  
10 a.m. - 12 noon

### Cross Plains Housing Authority

233 North Main  
10 a.m. - 12 noon  
and  
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Please bring your child's immunization records.

For more information call 325-754-4945.

## Cross Plains Junior High Girls Basketball Team Hosts Eula

The Junior High girls played host to the Eula Pirates Monday night.

In the first game the Purple Team lost a close game. At the end of the first quarter it was CP 10, Eula 6. At half the score was tied at 12 all. In the third quarter Eula had a one point lead 20 to 19. In the fourth quarter Eula outscored Cross Plains 7 to 4. **Final Score Eula 27, C 23.** The girls played hard and were 3 of 6 on their free throws. I was proud of them as 23 was their season high so far.

In the fourth quarter, they got out of position on defense that allowed Eula score easy baskets.

Playing and scoring were: Maci Whitson 4pts; Katharine Goode 6pts; Sammie Tollett 4pts; Hunter Moreno 4pts; Chelsea Branch 2pts; Shahala Trammell 3pts; Renee Robertson, Victoria Creamer, Dania Gonzalez, and Megan Brown.

The Gold Team won by 13 points, but didn't secure the game

till the second half. In the first quarter Cross Plains held Eula scoreless to take a 9 to 0 lead. But in the world of Junior High basketball, the shooting arms can go cold sometimes, as Eula scored 11 to Cross Plains 3. Half time score was CP 12, Eula 11. In the third and fourth quarters Cross Plains found their shooting arms and scored 10 and 13 points, while defensively holding Eula to 5 and 6 points. **Final Score CP 35, Eula 22.**

Playing and scoring were: Samantha Dickson 2pts; Lana Gary 2pts; Rosa Salazar 1pt; Cheyenne Cowan 3pts; Lauren Goode 22pts; Zoie Walker 3pts; Charleen Avants 2pts; Shelby Ames, and Rachelle Allen.

This was the girls last action till after the Christmas Break. They play in the Lingleville tournament the 10th and 12th and travel to Baird the 14th of January.

Submitted by Coach Atchley

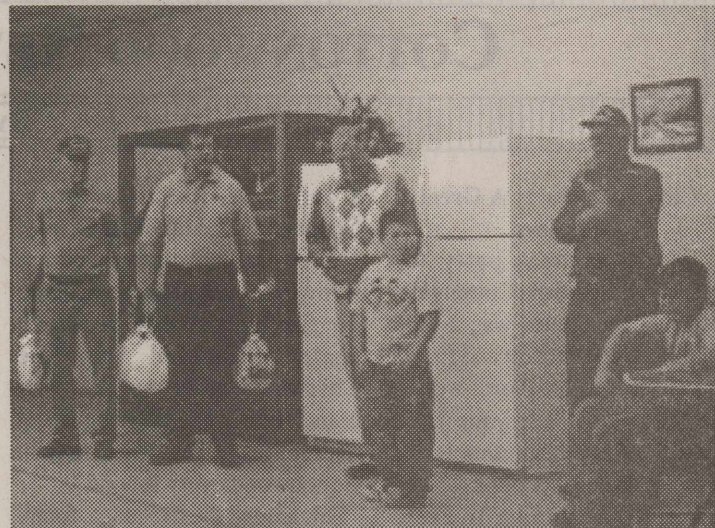
## Texans Urged to Act Fast in Nominating an Outstanding Educator

The nomination deadline for the 2008 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards is rapidly approaching. Texans are urged to get their nominations in now to recognize an outstanding educator in their community who has or is making a difference in their lives. Just one nomination could place an educator or a school district on the path toward winning a cash prize ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Nominations forms are available at all neighborhood H-E-B stores across the state or at [www.heb.com](http://www.heb.com). Individual educators and school districts are strongly encouraged to self-nominate themselves. **Nominations Must Be Post-marked by December 19, 2007.**

All nominees will be mailed an application form for the awards program. This form requests additional information for judging purposes, including traching philosophies and educational goals. Following the preliminary judging, 40 finalists representing 5 Texas regions will be selected and invited to compete for larger cash prizes.

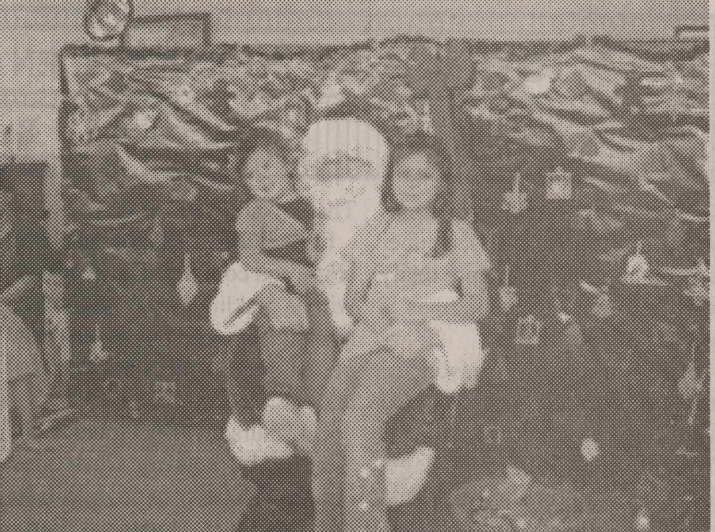
Following the judging of all applicants received, H-E-B will select 40 finalists and surprise them at their schools in March, 2008. At that time, teacher finalists will each receive a \$1,000 cash prize and a \$1,000 grant for their school. Principal finalists will receive a \$1,000 cash prize and a \$2,500 grant for their school.



I'LL DRAW THE WINNING TICKETS— Aaron Willis prepares to draw the winners of the turkeys provided by the Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains.



YUM, YUM— Sally Davis (left) anxiously awaits her bowl of homemade stew at the Kiwanis Club Christmas Program last Friday night.



WE HAVE BEEN VERY GOOD THIS YEAR— Hailey (left) and Alexis Mauricio (right) waited patiently in line and finally got to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas.



ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS— George Mack Taff V (Mackey), takes his picture with Santa.



WHICH ONE WOULD I LIKE— There was a wide variety of wonderful desserts on hand at the Senior Citizens' dessert table. Pictured are Noah (from left), Gary and Asher Moses, Margaret Clark and Kathy Anderson.

## CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!

ONE DAY ONLY

Do you need someone to keep the kids while Christmas shopping?

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**Saturday, December 15th, 2007**  
from 8:30am to 5:30pm

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Ask for Stephanie

I am a register child care home.

### Christmas Holiday Schedule

Wednesday, December 19th	School will dismiss at 2:25 p.m. Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 20th	School will dismiss at 2:25 p.m. Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.
Friday, December 21st	School will dismiss at 12:00 p.m. Buses will run at 12:00 p.m.

**Christmas Holidays**  
**December 24, 2007 through January 4, 2008**

Thursday, January 3, 2008	Staff Work Day - No Students
Friday, January 4, 2008	Staff Work Day - No Students

Students will report back to school on **Monday, January 7, 2008 at regular time.**

### SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

**DECEMBER 17 - 21**

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
<b>MONDAY</b> - Breakfast On A Stick, Assorted Juice	<b>MONDAY</b> - Pizza, Salad, Corn, Rosy-Applesauce
<b>TUESDAY</b> - Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Assorted Juice	<b>TUESDAY</b> - Chicken Nuggets w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Cheese Toast, Assorted Juice	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Chicken Fajita, Corn, Salad, Mixed Fruit
<b>THURSDAY</b> - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	<b>THURSDAY</b> -Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Cheese Stick, Broccoli, Garlic Stick, Fresh Fruit
<b>FRIDAY</b> - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice	<b>FRIDAY</b> -Sandwich, Salad, Chips, Fruit

*Have A Nice Week!!*

### 2007 District 12-A All District Football

**1st Team Offense**  
WR - Ashton Yates, Jr.  
**2nd Team Offense**  
WR - Reese Allen, So.  
OL - Joey Westerman, Sr.  
**Honorable Mention Offense**  
QB - JJ Callaway, Sr.

**1st Team Defense**  
LB - Brice Bowden, Sr.  
**2nd Team Defense**  
DT - William Meador, Sr.  
**Honorable Mention Defense**  
DE - Anthony Hutton, Jr.  
All Purpose Defense - Josh Harrison, So.

### SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, December 19th**  
3rd Period 8:00-9:50  
Break 9:50-10:00  
5th Period 10:00-11:50  
Lunch 11:55-12:30  
7th Period 12:35-2:25  
Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.

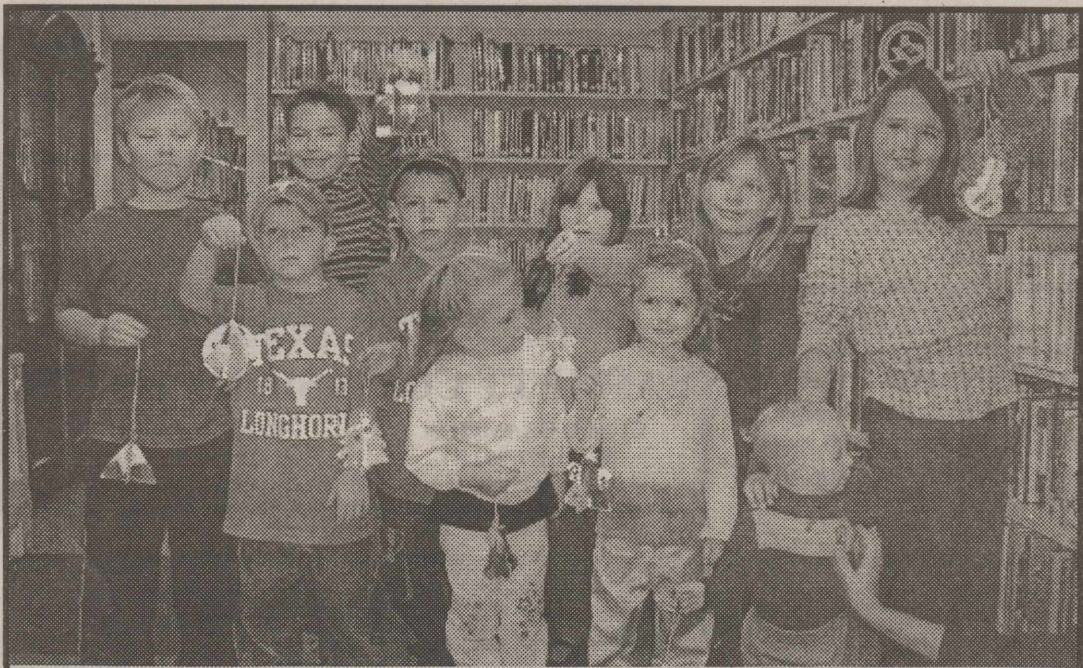
**Thursday, December 20th**  
2nd Period 8:00-9:50  
Break 9:50-10:00  
4th Period 10:00-11:50  
Lunch 11:55-12:30  
6th Period 12:35-2:25  
Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.

**Friday, December 21st**  
1st Period 8:00-9:45  
8th Period 9:50-11:35  
Lunch 11:35-12:00  
Buses will run at 12:00 p.m.

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**ENJOYING MUSIC AND DECORATIONS**—Come by the Cross Plains Public Library and see the Christmas tree decorated by the ten (10) children who attended the After School Adventure Program, or ASAP, last Wednesday afternoon and the seven (7) LAP students who made their ornaments Wednesday morning in the Learning About...Program. Sue Bennett informed the children about the traditions of ornaments and how people originally started adorning the trees with fruits and nuts, and in later years paper decorations and food. While listening to Christmas music the children decorated the ornaments with the many choices of colorful materials and special effects. Each child made two ornaments, one for the library tree and one to take home and place on their family tree. There will be NO After School Adventure program in January, but we look forward to seeing you the first Wednesday in February! (Submitted by Linda Burns, Librarian)



**CROSS PLAINS SENIOR CITIZENS' RENOVATION FUND-RAISER COMMITTEE**—Liz Melton (from left), Helen Parson, Tom Melton, Sharon Pope, Roylene Wilson, Frances Thornton, Troy Crockett, Teri Coburn, Kim Crockett, and Garnett McKoy.

## Local Author Writes New Novel

"Aloha, Texas!" is the latest novel written by Carol Walt of the Pioneer Community. This is a romantic story that takes place in the ranch country of Texas and on the island paradise of Kauai, Hawaii. Carol says that this is a good "beach book" and a fun read for anyone who has been to Hawaii or who would just like to go there someday.

young widow of a wealthy Texas rancher, tries to deal with her grief. She is persuaded to go back to work at her old job as a travel writer for a magazine. Her first assignment takes her to the island of Kauai, Hawaii. There she meets two attractive men: Armand Buteaud, an international jet-setter, and Gil Dobson, a talented architect with a dark family secret. Tessa struggles to

decide whether she can trust either of them and whether she can trust her own judgment as she attempts to find her way to happiness once more.

Carol researched the book while on the island of Kauai, so all of the places and scenes are very real. She promises the book has a happy ending that readers will enjoy.

Copies of "Aloha, Texas!" are on sale at the Cross Plains Library for \$16.00 each. The Library will receive the profits from the sale of each book. You can get books at the library Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. Carol is also taking orders for special autographed copies, and you can get these by calling her at 254-643-4612.

In addition to "Aloha, Texas!" and "Dreaming in Italian" by Walt, the Library has several books for sale that would make ideal Christmas gifts. Come on by and check out our supply of books by Dr. Lou Rodenberger, James Nichols, Mike Blakely and the Cottonwood Cookbook.

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**WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP**—Helen Parson (from left), Dell Pope, Sharon Pope, and Ann Beeler wait for the drawing for the gift certificates to Academy to begin.

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**ENJOYING THE GREAT CHILI**—Tommy and Donna Ames

5:35 p.m. Thursday



### Lighting up the holidays.

As you begin using decorative lighting in and around your home this holiday season, AEP Texas reminds you to keep safety in mind. Check light strings for frayed cords, and use only UL-approved lights and extension cords. Remember not to overload circuits, and remind children not to touch lights or outlets. And on behalf of all of us here at AEP Texas, please enjoy a safe, bright holiday season with your family and friends. AEP Texas is there, always working for you.

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**NEW LISTING--2BD/1B frame home, on 3 lots in Cross Plains, large yard, great garden area, large trees, 1,104 sq.ft., metal roof, only \$35,000.**

**NEW LISTING--2BD/1B frame home, carpeted, well landscaped, good location, CH/A, large trees, in Cross Plains. \$40,000.**

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**\* Commercial Building, 1,800 sq.ft. UNDER CONTRACT in Cross Plains, great location! \$32,000**

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**1107 WOODLAND DR. - CLYDE - \$129,900**

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1.94 Ac. - Great for horse or ag projects with small field, outbuildings, creek, nice 2/2 MH	63,900
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47.85 Ac.-Nice home sites, large trees, excellent soil, great location, edge of town	129,195
55 Ac.-Excellent surface water & good cover make this a good deer hunting property	126,500
80.6 Ac.-Beautiful well built home with many amenities, stocked pond, 20x30 metal shop	450,000
97 Ac.-3 tanks, haygrazer, beadal, oak groves, 3 birms, recreation or cattle, secluded	291,420
98.5 Ac.- Nice small ranch, great home sites, 2 excellent water wells, oaks, electricity, pecan trees	216,207
123 Ac.-Beautiful views, huge oak trees, beautiful stocked tank, waiting for a new home	270,600
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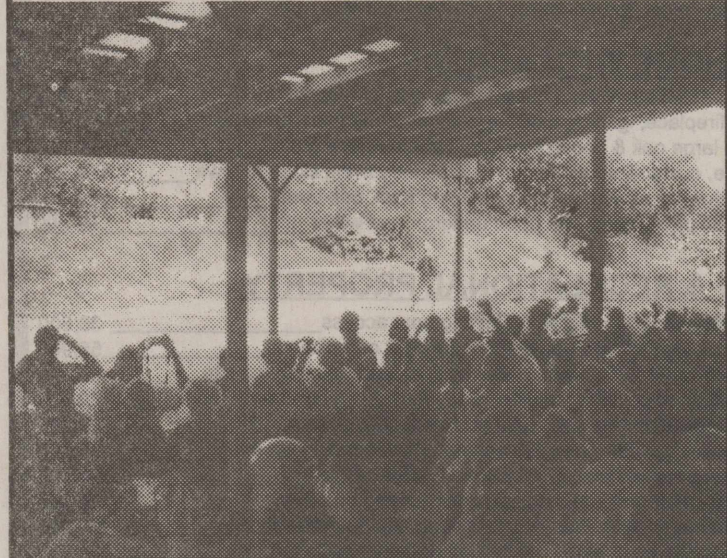
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**A FAMILY GATHERING**—Ronnie (from left), Zandy, DeVerl, and Gregg Goode are seen in front of a wall containing information about Tojo.



**CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON**—A large crowd was there to witness the demonstration of the "Flame Thrower".

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Shamby DeLayne Sanders  
Terry Brown  
Jessa Mae Reddick  
Carlton Newman  
Roy John Reddick  
Susanna DeBusk  
Linley Goble  
Janice Newman  
Billie Joe Sheppard  
Alton Sheppard  
Donna Grider  
Joni Irwin  
Alyssa Nicole Brown  
Andrew William Wheeler  
Jonathan Chastain

**DECEMBER 16**  
Kathy Jo Woody  
Bobby Taylor  
Amy Combs  
Emory Lusk  
Ronald Gray  
Alicia (Kirkham) Cates  
Kathy Reed  
Shawn (Oberto) Martin  
Joe Holland II  
Jacob Pancake

**DECEMBER 17**  
Ike Neal  
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Terri Graham  
W.E. Walker  
Kasey L. Maynard  
Harold Hinkle  
Vickie I. Gilmore  
Dillon Heath  
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Sheral McCorkle  
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Melissa Parrish  
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Betty Micham  
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William Reynolds  
Bonnie Sheppard  
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Peggy Lee  
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**DECEMBER 21**  
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Cranz (Skipper) Nichols, Jr.  
Jimmy Crawford  
Carsyn Walker  
Eddie Hedrick  
Beth Meador  
Tommy Phillips, Jr.  
Riley Allen  
Peggy Brock

### Three Candidates file for Republican Primary, Filing Deadline Jan. 2nd

Three candidates have announced their intention to seek three Republican Party Primary offices according to Callahan County Republican Party Chairman Reggie Pillans.

The Republican Party of Callahan County has three running for office, including incumbent County Attorney Shane Deel has re-filed for the office of County Attorney. Deel, 35, filed for the Republican spot for County Attorney on Tuesday, December 4th. Deel has resided in the state and Callahan County all his life. He lists an address of 601 West Second in Baird.

John Windham has announced his candidacy for the position of County Sheriff. Windham, 38, has resided in the state 28 years and in the county seven months. Windham lists an address of 4093 Private Road 1195 in Baird. He is employed as an equipment operator and filed for County Sheriff on Monday, December 3rd.

Also filing for the unexpired term of Precinct #4 Justice of the Peace is incumbent Justice Burlie W. Taylor. Taylor, 72, has resided in Texas 27 years and in Callahan County seven years, nine months. Taylor lists an address at 16469 FM 880 South in Cross Plains. He filed on Monday, December 10th. Taylor is running for the unexpired term of the late Cross Plains JP Bob Hill.

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in running for a county office in the Republican Primary Election, please contact Reggie Pillans. You can email Reggie at [HPYPERLINK](mailto:HPYPERLINK) mail to: "rpillans@hughes.net" or call him at (254) 725-4168.

Other positions open in the county are: County Constable, County Commissioner Precinct #1 (Clyde), County Commissioner Precinct #3 (Baird), and Tax Assessor/Collector. The filing deadline is Wednesday, January 2nd for the Tuesday, March 4, 2008 Republican Primary Election.

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## Library Receives Mysterious Book

When a package arrived at the local library from an address in Colorado, Library Director Linda Burns figured it was just another cute children's book about a Black Angus calf sent by some author wanting to get the book on the shelves.

However, as she flipped through the book and found a familiar locale—"a small speck of a town between Cross Cut and Cottonwood," she was intrigued to say the least. Further over was a reference to a cafe called Collum's—real or fictitious?

The autographed inscription, "In Memory of I.B. and Billie Ruth Loving" didn't clarify much of

### Commissioners approve 2008 holiday schedule

Callahan County Commissioners approved the 2008 holiday schedule for county employees during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, December 10th at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Tom Windham, the county commissioners voted 4-0, with Commissioner Harold Hicks abstaining, to approve the 2008 holiday schedule. The holiday schedule includes:

Tuesday, January 1st New Year's Day  
Monday, January 21st Martin Luther King Day  
Monday, February 18th Presidents Day  
Friday, March 21st Good Friday

Monday, May 26th Memorial Day

Friday, July 4th Independence Day

Monday, September 1st Labor Day

Monday, October 13th Columbus Day

Tuesday, November 11th Veterans Day

Thursday/Friday, November 27th-28th Thanksgiving

Thursday/Friday, December 25th-26th Christmas

Wednesday, December 31st New Year's Day

Other commissioners' court items brought before the commissioners included:

—County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. Present included Judge Corn, Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter, and Deputy County Clerk Suzee Odom.

—The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and signed.

—There was no public discus-

sion or comments.

—A discussion concerning continuation of the Burn Ban was held. A motion by Commissioner Hicks to continue the Burn Ban was made and seconded by Commissioner Windham. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

—County Agent Robert Pritz appeared before the commissioners' court to present his annual report. A presentation concerning the programs of the Extension Service for 2007 and for the upcoming 2008 fiscal year, was held. A motion was made by Commissioner Farmer to approve the annual report and was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

—A motion to approve the Deputation of David B. Underwood as a Deputy Sheriff

for Callahan County was made by Judge Corn and second by Commissioner Kirkham. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

—In consideration of the approval of the appointment of Dr. Raul Calvo as Local Health Authority, a motion by Commissioner Kirkham to approve the appointment for two more years. The motion was second by Judge Corn and the motion carried 5-0.

—A motion was made by Commissioner Farmer and second by Commissioner Windham to pay all approved bills. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—A motion was made by Commissioner Farmer and seconded by Commissioner Windham to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:17 a.m. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

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Let's all put on our jolly Santa hats and remember to add the "Full Bowls" pet program to our gift giving list for Christmas.

"Full Bowls" is a local organization that collects monetary donations and/or donated pet food for the senior

citizens of our community that need help caring for their companions. We have volunteers that sack the food monthly and it is delivered weekly with the Meals on Wheels program.

Monetary donations can be mailed to Full Bowls, P.O. Box 340, Cross Plains, Texas 76443 or you may deliver sacks of donated food to the Senior Citizens' Center on Main Street before 1:00 p.m. Volunteers will pick up the donated food at Village Market, Dollar General, Lawrence Farm and Ranch and

Cross Plains Grain & Peanut on a regular basis.

A big THANK YOU to all who have given to this worth while program in 2007 and we ask for your continued support in 2008. Remember YOUR GIFTS keep our program helping our SENIORS AND THEIR COMPANIONS!

For more information about OUR BEST FRIEND'S FULL BOWLS contact Connie Kirkham, 254-725-6500 or 725-6318 or Jane Bonner 254-725-6257.

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01 OLDS Bravada, New tires, Fully Loaded, Leather seats.....\$5,995  
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3 Windstars, 95 To 01, All, look and run good...\$1,850...To.....\$4,995  
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98 Ford Contour, 4cyl, 4DR, looks, runs good (Silver Green)...Special...\$2,450  
96 Mercury Cougar XR7, V6, Auto, Cold Air, Looks, Runs good (White)...\$2,450  
94 Ford Probe SE, 4cyl, Looks, Runs good (Silver)...\$1,750  
91 Pontiac Sunbird, 4cyl, 5spd, Looks, Runs good (Red)...\$1,395

#### DIESELS

01 F250 XLT Super Duty Power Stroke, 6spd, 4DR, Super Cab...\$9,450  
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96 Dodge Dakota 4x4, V6, 5spd, looks, runs good (White)...\$2,450  
96 Ford Ranger XLT, Super Cab, V6, 5spd, Chrome wheels, Camper top, looks, runs very good (Green)...\$3,950  
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anything for her. Linda knew that Billie Ruth had been a longtime figure in all things connected to the library, but still nothing really clicked.

Azalee Womack arrived about that time to do her weekly volunteer stint at the front desk. When she looked at the little book, the mystery started to unravel. It seems the author, Lacy Finn Borgo, is the daughter of former Cross Plains' residents, Jody and Dusty Finn. Lacy's grandparents owned Collum's Restaurant, the Finns operated it and Lacy undoubtedly heard many stories about this area of Texas and the folks who add the local flavor.

I.B. Loving was a morning fixture around the coffee pot as he solved the world's problems with other local coffee drinkers. We can all imagine that Billie Ruth would have recognized Lacy's interest in writing and would have encouraged her to follow that dream of some day having a book published.

Apparently both I.B. and Billie Ruth influenced Lacy, as she pursued a career in teaching and writing. Her bio comments in the book reveal that she came from a west Texas family of storytellers. She has been telling and writing stories most of her life. She has taught school in Texas, New York, Kazakhstan and Colorado where she now lives with her husband, two daughters, two cats and one dog.

Now that you know "the rest of the story", go by the library and check out the book that started the whole thing—"Big Mama and Little Baby" by Lacy Finn Borgo.

Submitted by  
Arlene Stephenson