

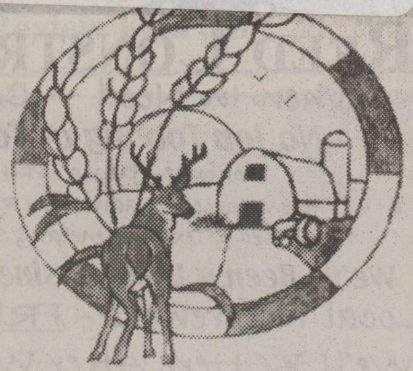
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# Cross Plains Review

## "Cross Plains' Oldest Business Institution"

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THURSDAY, February 28, 2008



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#### DOWN HOME

**Editor's Note:** Just last week I was talking to someone about how many of our older citizens we have been losing. Our community has been blessed with many individuals who have lived to be 90 plus and remained vital and active. Their generation is indeed "one of a kind" and their contributions have been great, while they continued to be humble. The world will not be the same without them.

A U.S. Army doctor expressed his feelings about this age group in the following article awarding them the proper respect they earned. **Vanda Anderson**

"Soon To Be Gone"

By Captain Stephen R. Ellison, M.D. U.S. Army

I am a doctor specializing in the Emergency Departments of the only two military Level One-Trauma Centers, both in San Antonio, Texas, and they care for civilian emergencies as well as military personnel.

San Antonio has the largest military retiree population in the world living here. As a military doctor, I work long hours and the pay is less than glamorous. One tends to become jaded by the long hours, lack of sleep, food, family contact and the endless parade of human suffering passing before you. The arrival of another ambulance does not mean more pay, only more work. Most often, it is a victim from a motor vehicle crash.

Often is a person of dubious character who has been shot or stabbed. With our large military retiree population, it is often a nursing home patient. Even with my enlisted service and minimal combat experience in Panama, I have caught myself groaning when the ambulance brought in yet another sick, elderly person from one of the local retirement centers that cater to military

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## Two More File in City Council Election - Still No Filings in School Board Election

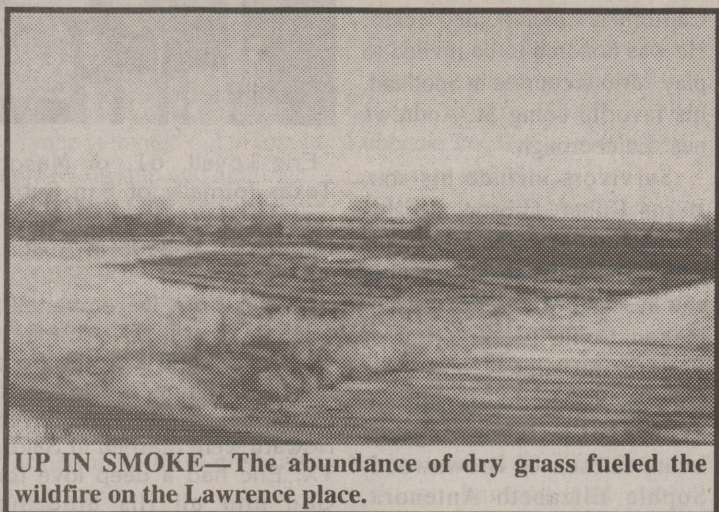
Bob Kirkham and Gerald Brown have filed for council seats in the City Council Election. Incumbents Mayor Ray Purvis and Councilman Jerry Cassle had previously announced for re-election.

The positions of mayor and two council seats, Cassle and James Nichols, are expiring.

You may file during the regular office hours at the local City Hall on Main Street, 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, until March 10, 2008.

No candidates have filed for the Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustee Election. The terms of Scott Childress and Frankie Hyles are expiring.

You may file your application at the Superintendent's office, 700 North Main Street, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the final day, March 10, 2008.



UP IN SMOKE—The abundance of dry grass fueled the wildfire on the Lawrence place.

## Wildfires Raged in Callahan County Monday, Feb. 25th

By Vanda Anderson  
Editor

Monday evening, February 25th, Callahan County was among 8 counties including Coke, Eastland, Ector, Hamilton, Mitchell, Scurry and Sterling that were fighting wildfires. The extreme dry weather sparked by the high winds, reaching up to 40 m.p.h., created the serious situation.

A fire at Clyde may have been started by blown light bulbs at the Little League baseball field, a quarter-mile north of Interstate 20. A Coastal field nearby provided the fuel and the fast moving winds spread the fire south toward the highway and east to FM 604.

Blake Fullinwider Dodge which borders I-20 had cars parked in an overflow lot that were in the path of the fire. KTAB reported 20 plus vehicles were burned and one house, whose resident was not at home.

Firefighters had contained flames at a resale shop several hundred feet west of the car dealership. The structure, a storage shed and trees were involved.

Visibility on I-20 was reported as nearly zero as the smoke blew across the highway.

Approximately 150 firefighters from Clyde, Abilene and other surrounding fire departments responded to that blaze.

A wildfire started near the home of Tony and Judy Steele in the Rowden Community Monday around 4:30 p.m. It quickly spread to fields of dead dry grass and burned many large bales of hay at the Glenn Lawrence place.

Firefighters diligently worked to save the Steele home, a cabin belonging to Glenn and Ruthie Lawrence of Abilene, and all homes that were in the path of the fire. The wildfire moved east onto the Beckham Ranch and was finally stopped at the transmission tower near Highway 36.

The firewall was reported 10 miles wide at one time and the winds pushed it through the thick brush. The heavy brush prevented firefighters from being able to drive directly to the flames in areas.

Volunteer firefighters from the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, Clyde, Abilene, Lake Brownwood, Lawn and Burkett assisted.

Firebreaks were made along the north side of Highway 36 to prevent the flames from jumping the highway to the south. There were no houses/structures reported destroyed and no injuries.

Highway 36 was closed due to heavy smoke. Residents in the West Caddo Peak area were warned to evacuate. The First Baptist Church in Cross Plains was named as an evacuation center. Kerry Mann, Pastor of

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## Primary Election early voting ends Friday

# Two party primary elections are Tuesday

Callahan County voters will go to the polls Tuesday, March 4th to elect Democratic and Republican Party candidates for the upcoming November General Election, including party candidates for United States President.

Early voting for both party primary elections began Tuesday, February 19th at the Clyde Justice of the Peace office located at 208 Oak Street in Clyde, the Cross Plains Justice of the Peace office located at 424 South Main Street in Cross Plains and at the Callahan County Courthouse Election Room #102 located at 100 West 4th Street in Baird. Early voting will take place during regular business hours.

Registered voters can vote early through Friday, February 29th for the Tuesday, March 4th primary elections. Voters can only vote in either the Democratic or Republican primary elections.

This year's Democratic and Republican party primary election voting locations for Tuesday, March 4th will be combined

### Tuesday, March 4th Party Primary Elections Callahan County Polling Places

- Precinct #1, Clyde Lions Club Building
- Precinct #2, Eula Lions Club Building
- Precinct #3, Baird Light Plant
- Precinct #4, Cross Plains Community Center
- Precinct #5, Putnam Community Center
- Precinct #6, Clyde Southside Baptist Church
- Precinct #7, Oplin Community Center

as well. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at seven voting locations throughout Callahan County. Those primary voting locations include:

Clyde Precinct #1: Clyde Lions Club Building, 317 South 1st Street, Clyde.

Eula Precinct #2: Eula Lions Club Building, 5776 FM 603 in Eula.

Baird Precinct #3: Baird Light Plant, 218 Walnut, Baird.

Cross Plains Precinct #4: Cross Plains Community Center, 108 Beech Street, Cross Plains.

Putnam Precinct #5: Putnam Community Center, 120 West Travis, Putnam.

Clyde Precinct #6: Clyde Southside Baptist Church, 641 Hunt Street, Clyde.

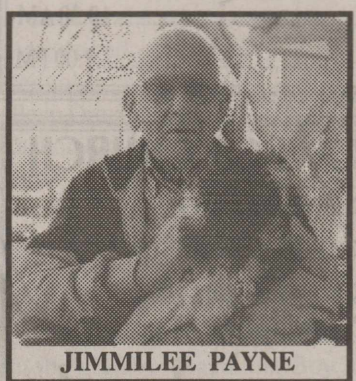
Oplin Precinct #7: Oplin Community Center, 8990 FM 2926 in Oplin.

## Memorial Service for Jimmilee Payne were held Friday, February 22nd

Funeral services for Jimmilee Payne, 89, of Rising Star Nursing Center, were held at 2 p.m. Friday, February 22, 2008, at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with the Rev. Margaret Friend officiating, assisted by Pastor Ronnie B. White. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Mr. Payne died Tuesday, February 19, 2008, in Brownwood.

Jimmilee was born November 8, 1918, in Callahan County to Lee and Ida (McGowen) Payne. He grew up in the Dressy community and graduated from Cross Plains High School. He married Virginia Neeb on June 1, 1940. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in New Guinea. After returning home to Cross Plains from the service Jimmilee worked as a farmer, a butcher for Piggly Wiggly, and as



JIMMILEE PAYNE

manager of JRB Grocery until he retired after 25 years of service.

Mr. Payne was very active in the community and with the United Way. He served on the Cross Plains Cemetery Board for years; served several terms on the Cross Plains City Council; and served on the local Housing Authority Board. Jimmilee was also trustee for the First United Methodist Church for many years.

Survivors include his wife,

Virginia Payne of Rising Star; two sons, James Payne and wife Edith of Fort Stockton, and Jerry Payne and wife Laura of Green River, Wyoming; two daughters, Kathy Purvis and husband Ray of Cross Plains and Melissa Baughman and husband Kenny of Magnolia; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Theola Neeb.

Pallbearers were Curtis Cooper, Jimmy Long, Bryan Bennett, Wes Castleman, Dean Dillard and Joe McWilliams. Honorary pallbearers were Dick Thrasher, Hollis Shults, Alvin Hutchins, Ike Neal, Dick Koenig and Logan Long.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, Building Fund, P.O. Box 160, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

## Ag Teachers Richey and Morgan's Dedication is Recognized

By Deborah Lowitzer  
Special Writer

On February 19th, all seven School Board Trustees unanimously voted to extend the contracts of Athletic Director Jim Sides, Principals Margie Sowell and S.D. Loyless to 2010. Board Members thanked each one for their service and dedication to the students of Cross Plains.

\* High School Principal Loyless expressed his congratulations to Ag Teachers Mr. Richey and Mr. Morgan for receiving the "Farm Service Certificate of Appreciation" in support of the Farm Service Agency Youth Loan Program.

He read, "Mark Morgan and Roy Richey's dedication to educating and mentoring our next generation of Agriculture

producers and Leaders is a key factor in securing that future.

Their supporting of the rural youth and the Farm Service Agency Youth Loan Program encourages not only involvement in Agriculture, but teaches valuable life lessons, including fiscal responsibility and accountability."

Mr. Loyless emphasized that there's a lot going on, a "loaded schedule" that included the One Act Play rehearsal entitled, "LIMBO". Under the direction of Rhonda Hinton, there are 13 cast and 3 crewmembers. This gripping, dramatic play will go to "Zone", the first round of competition, on March 26th.

It was noted that in the FHA Competition, there were a whopping 142 entries, way up from just 30 last year.

CPISD continues to encourage students to strive for perfect attendance. Incentives include ice cream from Dairy Queen and calzones from Main Street Pool House and Surf Shop.

Elementary School Principal Margie Sowell added that a lot of students have been out with the flu, contributing to lower attendance. But, because of parents getting better at calling the school to inform them of kids being out and follow-up with JP filing on truants, the situation has gotten a lot better.

Sowell said that the project of "Helping Hearts and Love Day", during Valentines week was a great success, with flowers decorating the front hall. Students who performed a kind deed, got their name put on the hearts for display. She said most children

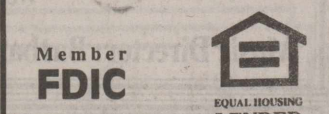
have a caring and helpful attitude toward one another, nearly all of the time.

\* Mr. Loyless talked about the "State Initiative Coalition". "We need to give the kids a mind-set of when I go to college, not if..." He said that this doesn't just apply to a traditional 4-year degree, but also to trade and tech schools. "High School isn't the finish line, but a new beginning," added Loyless. "It's just the bridge and we need to narrow the gap." He continued, "Fifty-one percent of kids who try to go to college fall short of minimum college levels. We must bridge the gap between High School and college."

\* Curriculum Coordinator, Leann Loyless gave a media presentation on the TAKS  
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"We're Proud of Our Local Heritage"




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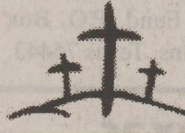
**CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH**  
 832 Ave. E Cross Plains, TX  
**Pastor:** Sunday Morning Bible Study...10:00 AM  
**Walter Pope** Morning Worship...11:00 AM  
 Evening Worship...6:00 PM  
 Wednesday Night Bible Study...6:00 PM  
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 Morning Worship...11:00 AM  
 Evening Service...6:00 PM  
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time...7:00 PM  
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 Church (254) 725-6266  
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**Brushy Creek Cowboy Church**  
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 Sunday Morning Worship...10:30 AM  
 Wednesday Worship...7:00 PM

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**Triple Cross Cowboy Church**  
 Every Sunday at 10:30 am  
 Services held at 21272 State Hwy 279, Cross Plains  
 (CJS Ranch, on the left just past the 279/206 split)  
 **Al Taylor, Preacher**  
 Phone: 254-725-7522  
 Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

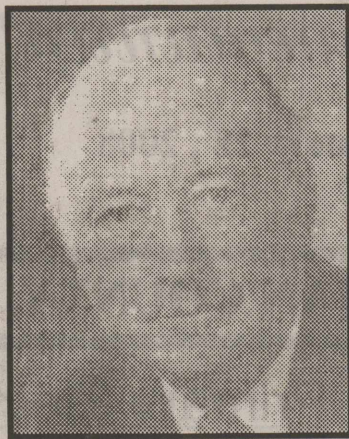
**Pioneer Baptist Church**  
**Pastor:** Sunday School...10:00 am  
**Rufus Wilson** Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am  
 254-725-7574 Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.  
**Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley 254-643-1977**

**Living Water Ministries Fellowship**  
 Restoring And Equipping The Saints  
 Sunday ....10:00 am Thursday ....7:00 pm  
**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**

**Wright Robert 'Bob' Gibson, Jr.**



Wright Robert 'Bob' Gibson Jr. was born Dec. 18, 1924 in Pioneer, Texas, to Wright R. Gibson Sr. and Sybil Jewel Taylor Gibson.

Mr. Gibson graduated from Pioneer High School in May of 1941. After Pearl Harbor, he volunteered for military service and served with the 7th Infantry, 3rd Division during WWII. He served with the Army forces that fought in the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944 in the Ardennes Forest of Belgium. He was also part of the armed forces that freed the Remagen Bridge and later served with the Army of Occupation in Germany. He received several military decorations including the Distinguished Service Medal as well as a Purple Heart.

Upon his return home, he attended the University of Texas at Austin. He finished his studies in 1950. He was a Letterman for the Texas Longhorn Golf team.

After university, Mr. Gibson became interested in the oil business and was an active independent oil producer in Texas, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. He founded his company the Powder River Oil Company in 1961, garnering the name from the Powder River Oil Basin of Wyoming and Montana. A second interest of Mr. Gibson was ranching. He organized the Gibson Land and Cattle Company in the early 70s. He was active in

cattle raising and quarter horse breeding on ranches near Comanche, Cross Plains, Brownwood and Brady, Texas.

Mr. Gibson's passion in life, was golf. He played as a young boy with his brothers. He played in college. And he continued to play into the years of his life. He played in many Amateur and Pro-Am tournaments in California, Colorado and Texas. He was honored to be invited to play various courses in Scotland, his favorite being St. Andrews near Edinborough.

Survivors include his son, Byron Robert Gibson, and his wife Annell of Brownwood; his daughter, Sarah Gibson Antenora and husband Michael of Austin; his son, Collin Taylor Gibson of Plano; grandchildren, Mary Ellen Gibson, Robert Louis Gibson, Bobby Darrell Gibson, Angelina Laura Gibson of Brownwood; Sophia Elizabeth Antenora, Olivia Louisa Antenora and Elena Marie Antenora of Austin; his brothers, William C. Gibson of San Antonio, Ross Sterling Gibson of Andrews, and Eugene H. Gibson of Brownwood; a sister, Winnie Gibson O'Donnell of Waxahachie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Harris; a sister, Carmen Gibson Woodard; and his brother, Franklin Delano "Buck" Gibson.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 29, 2008, in the Heartland Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the May Cemetery.

The family wishes to express their deepest and most heartfelt thanks to Maria Salas and her family of Dallas. Maria has been the long-time personal assistant and caregiver to Mr. Gibson for over 16 years. She has been instrumental in making his last years comfortable and peaceful.

Friends are invited to sign the online guestbook at [www.heartlandfuneralhome.net](http://www.heartlandfuneralhome.net).

**Eric Lovell**



Eric Lovell, 61, of Mason Texas formally of San Saba, passed away, Wednesday, February 13, 2008 in Austin, TX.

He was born December 30, 1946 in Baird, TX to Albert Clay Lovell and Dorothy Fore Lovell. On June 3, 1967, Eric Morris Lovell and Vera Joyce Howard were married in Baird, TX. Eric had a deep love for God and all His amazing creation. He served God as a pastor in Cisco, Abilene, Paint Rock, Lubbock, Pecos, Oplin, Ackerly, San Saba and Mason. He was a devoted husband and a loving father, son, and brother. Eric touched many lives in the communities in

which he served because of his compassion and great love for others. Eric never met a stranger and his spirit always drew a smile to those he was around. He found joy in fishing, hunting, and early morning walks while spending time with God.

Eric is survived by his wife, Joyce Lovell of Mason, TX. Mother, Dorothy Lovell of Abilene, TX, one daughter Dana Perez and her husband Christopher of Hutto, TX, brothers Al Lovell and his wife Phyllis of Paint Rock, TX, and Bobby Lovell and his wife Gail of Clyde, TX. Several Nieces and nephews including Bryan Lovell and his wife Amanda, Amber Lancaster and her husband Bodye, Aaron, Andrea and Ashlyn Lovell, Ronnie Elliott and his wife Jesalyn, David Elliott and his wife Tammy, Gary Elliott and his wife Cathy, Jennifer Pierce and her husband Monte, Jamie Crow-Jones and several great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Albert Lovell.

Graveside Services were held Sunday, February 17, 2008 at the Cottonwood Cemetery in Cross Plains, TX.

The family requests that memorials be made to Seeds of Harvest Ministries, P.O. Box 1312, Mason, TX 76856

**L.J. Fleming**



L.J. Fleming, 83, of Brownwood, passed away February 25, 2008. Funeral Services, under the direction of Davis-Morris Funeral Home of Brownwood, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2008, in the Davis-Morris Chapel with Rev. Billy Slaymaker officiating. Interment will follow at the Cross Plains Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Boyd officiating. Services were under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Johnnie Willie and Francis Alabama (Morgan) Fleming. He attended school in Scranton and graduated high school there. In 1948, he married Faye Dillard at Pioneer Texas. He served in the United States Army as a medic receiving the Bronze Star. His work in life was as an automotive mechanic for Weatherby Ford in Brownwood but also enjoyed farming. His hobby was wood working making cabinets and cases, some of which were used for his WWII medals. Mr. Fleming was a quite man, never being angry or talking about others, and was always very gentle. He truly reflected high Christian ethics.

L. J. Fleming is survived by his wife Faye Fleming; son Charles Fleming and wife Regina of Abilene; sister Patty Gean Killough of Waco; brother Alton Fleming and wife Joyce of Clyde; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by parents Johnnie and Francis Fleming, two brothers, and two sisters.

**Ealey E. "Gene" Cox**

Ealey E. "Gene" Cox, 85, of Coleman, died Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at Coleman County Medical Center. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, February 15, 2008, at Burkett Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Boyd officiating. Services were under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

and was also affiliated with New Beginnings Church in Brownwood.

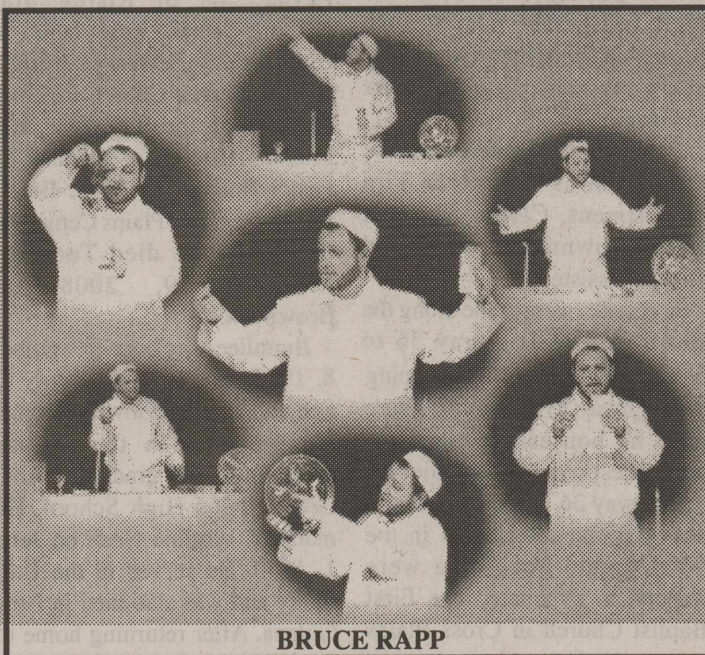
Gene was born October 4, 1922, in Greenway, Arkansas, the son of Horace Otis Cox and Ollie B. Finley Cox. He grew up and attended school in Arkansas. He married Dovie Lee Renfro, who preceded him in death on October 1, 1971. He married Thelma Baker Younglove in Aransas Pass, and she preceded him in death on February 2, 2001.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. Cecil and Neda Cox of Cypress; two daughters and son-in-law, Dovie Diann Daehn of Brownwood and Lovella Jean and Joe Adams of Waynesville, Ohio; a step-son, Billy Younglove and his wife Eva of Canton; three step-daughters, Pat Miley of Willis, Peggy Baker of Aransas Pass, Janet Wright of Missouri City; 10 Cox grandchildren; 22 Younglove grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parent, wives, six brothers, and one sister.

Mr. Cox was a carpenter and helped in the building of the Nuclear Plant in Bay City. He was a member of First Baptist Church

Memorials may be sent to the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.



**BRUCE RAPP**

**Christ in the Passover**

What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' last supper have in common? Bruce Rapp, with Jews for Jesus, will answer that question as he presents "Christ in the Passover" at the **First Baptist Church located at 301 N. Main in Cross Plains on March 5th at 6:30 p.m.** You'll gain wonderful insights

on how the pieces of God's plan of salvation fit together, and you'll remember this visual display of the Passover pageantry for years to come. Join us for Christ in the Passover from Egypt to Calvary to what it means for us today. For information call First Baptist Church at 254-725-7629.

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**First Baptist Church**  
**Sunday School**  
 9:30 am  
**Sunday Morning Worship** 10:45 am  
**Sunday Evening Worship** 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday**  
 6:30 pm Prayer/Worship  
 Youth Bible Study "The Show" 6:30 pm  
**Ronnie B. White, Pastor**  
 (254) 725-7629 3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

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**Sunday School 9:30AM**  
**Sunday Morning Worship 10:45AM**  
**Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30AM**  
 (Thursday Jean's Feed Barn)  
**Rev. Margaret A. Friend**  
**Church Office 254-725-7377**



# COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

## Cottonwood Fire Control Unit Holds Successful Meeting

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control group held a successful Annual Membership Meeting last Tuesday night at the Cottonwood Community Center. About 20 citizens gathered to elect Board Members and conducted other business.

Under the leadership of Sid Bogue, the group elected Tom Bennett, Sid Bogue, Bob Childress, Bouhl Neff, Bryan Smith, Fred St. Peter, and Joe Terstegge.

Bob Childress spoke to the group about getting clean water for the fire trucks so as to keep debris from clogging the pipes and other hardware while putting water on a fire.

Then it was announced that Roger Hinkle has been awarded a certificate for attending fire control training last month. It is anticipated that Roger will be asked to speak at the next training session about the training and opportunities for others on the volunteer squad to get training in the future.

The board members met to elect officers and a fire chief. Those elected were Joe Terstegge as Fire Chief, Brian Smith as Assistant Fire Chief and Diane Smith as Treasurer.

## Cottonwood Quilters Plan 2008 Work

The Cottonwood Quilting club members are currently working on a quilt for Sue Bennett and looking over suggestions by members for the Annual Fund-Raiser quilt to be auctioned off as well as next years Rehab quilt.

The group will meet during March on the 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th for quilting at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited out to join in on the fellowship and quilting.

## Obituary Of Eric Lovell Revisited

As promised last week I am rewriting the obituary of Eric Lovell who was buried in the Cottonwood Cemetery last Sunday. He was buried so quickly I could not locate enough information to do a creditable job last week.

Eric is the 61 year old son of Albert (now deceased) and

Dorothy Lovell who are well known in the Cottonwood area. Albert was born in Cottonwood and served as County Tax Assessor and Collector for many years. He also served as president of the Cottonwood Historical Association for many years. Dorothy (Fore) Lovell, now living in Abilene, was born near Pioneer and the couple have three sons, including Eric, and two other brothers, Al and his wife Joyce of Paint Rock and Bobby Lovell and his wife Gale of Clyde.

Eric was a minister and served God as a pastor in churches in Cisco, Abilene, Paint Rock, Lubbock, Pecos, Oplin, Ackerly, San Saba, and Mason.

"He was a devoted husband and loving father, son, and brother. Eric touched many lives in the communities where he served because of his compassion, and great love for others. He never met a stranger, and his spirit always brought a smile to those he was around. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and early morning walks while spending time with God."

# LIBRARY NOTES

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Patrons	69
Programs	18
LAP	4
LAPsit	4
Books Checked Out	84
LAP	13
LAPsit	12
Copies	71
Reference	4
Internet Users	19
Interlibrary Loans	3

**DONATIONS:** Jack and Barbara Baum, Mary and Cecil Barton, Dorothy Petty and Glen and Carol Dromgoole-Texas Star Trading Co.

**BOOK DONATIONS:** Georgia Culwell and Dee Harrell

**MEMORIALS:** Jack and Barbara Baum In Memory of James Lawrence; Ralph and Maurine Poth In Memory of Leona Lackey

**LIVING TRIBUTES:** Lisa Friend honoring George and Patsy McNeel Friend

**VOLUNTEERS:** Azalee Womack, Arlene Stephenson, Sue Bennett, Wilma Lawrence, Lavonne Childress, Bobby Hinkle and Beverly Ross.

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Elmer and Ann Kelton graciously signing books for a long line of fans.

## Kelton Delights Large Crowd at Library Fund-raiser

They came from Dallas, Castroville, Abilene and Rule to spend an evening with Elmer Kelton. They came from miles around to eat bar-b-que and to support our local library. They came from all over town and the immediate area bearing donated pans of meat, salads, beans and desserts. A good time was had by all and about \$3,250 was raised for the library.

The fund-raiser last week to benefit the Cross Plains Public Library was a great evening. Over 200 avid fans of the widely acclaimed western writer filled the gym area of the Baptist Church to enjoy the delicious meal at tables sporting western decorations and to enjoy Kelton's stories about his life and long writing career.

Judy Luter, President of the Library Board of Directors, welcomed the crowd and asked everybody from out of town to raise their hands. What a testament to Elmer Kelton, the CPPL and the warm generosity of Cross Plains' citizens to not that a big majority of the guests were from elsewhere. We can certainly be proud that Cross Plains has the reputation of making visitors feel welcome.

Several authors who have been featured at the Meet The Author events were in attendance. Introduced were Dr. Lou Redenberger (our very own), Glenn Dromgoole of Abilene, and Carlton Stowers of Dallas. Local retired rancher, Alice Roby, was also recognized as being the first in our guest lecturer program.

Although Kelton has had over fifty books published, he chose to focus more on his autobiography, "Sandhills Boy, the Winding Trail of a Texas Writer," for his comments. Humble almost to a fault, he felt that he had not done much on his own, but that he had met a whole lot of interesting people in his life. Interesting people who usually found their way into his books, either as singular or composite

characters. As one listened to Kelton's stories about his father and the work ethic that made him a successful cowboy and ranch foreman, it became obvious that a lot of the storybook characters had overtones of Buck Kelton. The years spent in the newspaper end of the ranching and farming business also helped Kelton round out a collection of real life characteristics to be utilized in his writing.

In response to a comment from the audience about Kelton's protagonists always being so realistic and good, the author responded, "I always try to create characters that readers can worry about." That's undoubtedly the real reason his books retain their popularity and why readers always comment that the folks in Kelton's books remind them of a grandfather, a father or an uncle. And who doesn't worry about their lovable, stubborn and cantankerous grandfather getting into situations that might prove dangerous to life and limb?

Glenn and Carol Dromgoole were on hand with several cartons of books by Kelton from their Texas Star Trading Company in Abilene. People stood in line to buy books and then stood patiently in line some more to have the books autographed. The writer and his wife, Ann, graciously signed books for over an hour before wrapping up the evening and returning to their San Angelo home.

The Library Board is extremely grateful for the turnout of support for the library and all its programs. Please note the ad elsewhere in this issue for the full list of sponsors for the evening.

Feel free to visit the Library any afternoon to see what's going on, what new books have arrived or to volunteer to help with reading programs, at the circulation desk or with any of the myriad of opportunities that will make your local library even better.

Submitted by Arlene Stephenson



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## VOTE ED C. DUNCAN Constable, Place 4



My name is Ed C. Duncan, I am running for the position of Constable, place 4 in Callahan County on the Republican ticket. I have over 36 years experience as a law enforcement officer and hold the "Master Peace Officer Certificate", this is the highest certificate

attainable from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education. I served as a Dallas Police Officer, was Chief Deputy for Callahan County under Sheriff Bill Skinner, and as a Callahan County Attorney's investigator. I spent almost 15 years as a Deputy Sheriff in Sutton County and then moved to Cross Plains as Chief of Police. I retired in 1998 and have worked in the same machine shop since that time.

My wife, Mary Jo and I are members of the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains, and I am a Mason. If elected to this position I promise to do my job in a fair, honest and professional manner and to cooperate with city, county and state officers and governments.

I would appreciate your vote.

Pol. Ad. Pd. by Ed Duncan, Rt 1, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

## BREAKTHRU

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



We get an extra day this year! Tomorrow is February 29, a happening that comes only each fourth year - "leap year." Wouldn't it be nice if we could set aside all regular obligations of each Friday and use this one to catch up on some things we've been putting off until "we can get around to it"! For instance, it would be a grand opportunity for those of us who do not have our income taxes ready to send to the IRS, to do so...

Some things can wait. We can even wait until April 15 to send in our tax forms. We can even get an extension from that date for six months, waiting until October 15. (I don't advise either of these, and those who "figure our taxes" certainly do not!)

But some things can't wait! For instance, it is foolish to count on there being a "tomorrow" to establish or reestablish a relationship with God and His Son, Jesus Christ. God, through James, said, "Don't do it" (James 4:13-17)! And through Paul, God said, "Now is the time...now is the day" (2 Corinthians 6:2b).

I encourage you to share in times of Bible study and worship with us. And let us strive to "sign our lives with the excellence of God" - beginning today - right now!

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

## Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 17, 2008 through February 23, 2008 include:

**Cases Investigated**  
Warnings—98  
Complaints—53  
Possession of Marijuana—3  
Public Intoxication—1  
Driving While License Invalid—2  
Fugitive Arrest-Assault—1  
Vehicle Accidents  
There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MARCH 3 - 7

**MONDAY** - Pepper Steak w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Corn Salad, Apricots, Bread  
**TUESDAY** - Lima Beans, Beets w/Onions, Hominy Cass., Pineapple Upside Down Cake, Cornbread  
**WEDNESDAY**- Chicken & Dumplings, Pea Salad, Steamed Carrots, Applesauce, Bread  
**THURSDAY**- Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Gelatin, Bread  
**FRIDAY**-Baked Fish, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli Pasta Salad, Bread Pudding, Wheat Bread  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

## Guess Who Is Having A "Birthday" Tea Party?



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## Cross Plains High School Students Receive Student Achievement Award

Cross Plains High School students received the "Texas Student Achievement Award" from the Texas ACT Council for their performance on the PLAN (Pre-ACT) Assessment. These students are on target to meet or exceed ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks by graduation. ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks are empirically-based and identify the level of achievement necessary in English, mathematics, reading and science to have a successful college freshman experience. Only 17% of Texas students reach this level of proficiency.

The students receiving this recognition from the Texas ACT Council are: **Terrah Augustine, Mandy Rose, Krista Phillips, and Jake Estes.**

The Texas ACT Council is made up of secondary and postsecondary educators who advise ACT, Inc. on the utilization of ACT programs and services in Texas schools and

colleges. ACT, Inc. is the not-for-profit organization that provides assessment research, information and program management services in the broad areas of education and workforce development and the publisher of the ACT Assessment. The ACT Assessment is the college admissions test that is accepted by all colleges nationwide.

According to Karen Pennell, ACT Assistant Vice President and Southwest Regional Manager, "The Texas ACT Council recognizes those students who are making significant strides to prepare themselves for college by taking rigorous courses and meeting the PLAN (Pre-ACT) College Readiness Benchmarks. We also want to recognize that student PLAN (Pre-ACT) achievement is the result of a strong commitment by Cross Plains High School teachers, staff, administrators and parents to increase college readiness for all students."

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MARCH 3 - 7

### BREAKFAST

**MONDAY** - Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice  
**TUESDAY** - Pancakes, Sausage Links, Assorted Juice  
**WEDNESDAY** - Sausage-N-Blanket, Assorted Juice  
**THURSDAY** - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice  
**FRIDAY** - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

*Have A Nice Week!!*

### LUNCH

**MONDAY**- Sloppy Joe on Bun, Tator Tots, Carrot Sticks, Pears  
**TUESDAY**- BBQ Chicken Strips, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Honey  
**WEDNESDAY** - Fiesta Salad (Chili Beans, Cheese, Corn Chips), Salad, Rice, Peaches  
**THURSDAY**-Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Cheese Stick, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Apple  
**FRIDAY**-Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Baked Fries, Cookie

## CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL

2007-2008 "A" HONOR ROLL

4TH SIX WEEKS

**7th Grade:** Chelsea Branch, Cheyenne Cowan, Victoria Creamer, Dania Gonzalez, Katharine Goode, Riley Lawrence  
**8th Grade:** Lana Gary, Lauren Goode, Rosa Salazar, Zoie Walker  
**9th Grade:** Shawna Lewis, Savana Wyatt  
**Sophomore:** Emma Bennett, Shera Gary, Tiffany Holland, Kayla Lawrence, Amber Parker, Cody Sliger, Zachary Snell  
**Junior:** Terrah Augustine, Jacob Estes, Mandy Rose  
**Senior:** Hailey Biggs, Macayla Cook, Ricky Daniels, Mitchell Gibbs, Jennie Lewis, Starla Schaefer, Tiffany Walker

## CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL

2007-2008 "AB" HONOR ROLL

4TH SIX WEEKS

**7th Grade:** Ashleigh Dugger, Dakota Gilliam, Daniel Higgins, Joe Holland, Preston Posuk, Brandon Skidmore, Lakeney Walker, Maci Whitson  
**8th Grade:** Rachelle Allen, Jayten Ames, Shelby Ames, Dakota Bomar, Samantha Dickson, Ryder Foster, Hunter Moreno, Justin Pope, Payton Porter, Renee Robertson, Cody Self, Justin Simons, Mackenzie Taff, Justin Thomas, Kristin Willis  
**Freshman:** Delany Ames, Tyler Avants, Justin Golson, Lauren Loyless, Kodi Roberts, Madison Wells, Hayden Wyatt  
**Sophomore:** Melissa Black, Kimberly Case, Amanda Dunaway, Emily Foster, Cody Knight, Cole Luter, Benjamin Schaefer  
**Junior:** Emily Harris, Torin McCarley, Krista Phillips, Acaila Radle, Ashton Yates  
**Senior:** Cody Baker, Brice Bowden, JJ Callaway, Markus Maxwell, Bryanna Santos

## CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY

2007-2008 "A" HONOR ROLL

4TH SIX WEEKS

**First Grade:** Jacy Bien, Paxton Byrd, Kenzie Kleiber, Jackilann Shepard, Kyler Stout  
**Second Grade:** Brittany Crouch, Creed Goode, Katy Morgan, Kayla Stoudemire, Larson Walker  
**Third Grade:** Andy Byerly, Mackenzie Byrd, Hannah Cowan, Grace Goode, Madeline Loyless  
**Fourth Grade:** None  
**Fifth Grade:** Cameron Sides  
**Sixth Grade:** Megan Pointer, Meagan Roberts, Shelby Thomas

## CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY

2007-2008 "AB" HONOR ROLL

4TH SIX WEEKS

**First Grade:** Ashley Anderson, Ashley Cochran, Hannah Crockett, Hanna Fortune, Samuel Guerrero, Mallory McCready, Brian Morales, Kayden Oskins, Sarah Patton, Trenton Potter, Wayne Snell, Jevon Tillery  
**Second Grade:** Wesley Alexander, Morgan Armer, Joseph Crockett, Madilyn Ellerbe, JC McDonald, Caleb Townson, Sunbeam Wahl, Nakada Walker, Dakota Willis  
**Third Grade:** Hannah Brown, Isaiah Guerrero, Bryce Hamlin, Kylan McGhee, Devin Perez, Joseph Veoir, Jayme Tennison, Piper Winfrey, Jaton Wootton, Kersey Wyatt  
**Fourth Grade:** Darrin Ames, Colton Bradley, Caden Creach, Rebekah Crockett, Meghan O'Brian, Charles Thompson  
**Fifth Grade:** Cheyenne Bomar, Thaddeus Carter, Bronc Dillard, Taryn Estes, Megan France, Kelbi Hyles, Brenna Kleiber, Kaitlyn Koettel, Morgan Manley, Jurnee Thomas, Mikera Walker  
**Sixth Grade:** Lindsey Ames, DJ Horito, Jaden Kennedy, Colton McWilliams, Christa Potter, Texas Sanders, Reagan Sides, Tristen Stephenson

## Cross Plains FFA Wins Judging Contest

Last week the Cross Plains FFA participated in their first judging contest of the year. The contest was sponsored by the Texas Farm and Ranch Expo and held at the Taylor County Fair grounds in Abilene.

The Cross Plains FFA had three teams participate in the contest, two Poultry judging teams and one Dairy Foods judging team. The Dairy Foods team placed 1st in the contest. All three members on the team placed as high individuals. Emma Bennett was 1st high individual, Tiffany

Holland was the 2nd high individual, and Zach Snell was the 3rd high individual. Poultry team #1 placed 5th in the contest. Cody Sliger was the 11th high individual. Other members on team #1 were Mitchell Gibbs, Kayla Lawrence, and Hayden Wyatt. Members participating on the #2 Poultry team were Cody Ford, Josh Harrison, and Misty Bush.

This was a great start for the teams and we are looking forward to having a very successful year.

## Lady Buffs Open Softball Season in Eula Tournament

By Coach Atchley

The Cross Plains Lady Buffs opened their season this past weekend. The girls traveled to Eula and Clyde to play in the Eula J.V. Tournament. This tournament consisted of some 20 teams with a lot of 3A and 2A schools.

Friday was a cold morning with both teams wearing jackets or sweats to stay warm. The girls played 3 games that day and lost to Comanche, Merkel and Wylie. The pitching was tough and the experience of facing good pitching will spur the girls on the understand that you must be able to hit off of those pitches.

The girls played 2 games Saturday at Clyde, although it wasn't as cold it was windy all day. The girls played Clyde first and lost 12 to 1. In their last game the girls played Eula JV team. The Lady Buffs won this game 14 to

7, with timely hitting and good defense the girls scored 7 runs in the 1st and 3rd innings. Eula scored 7 runs in the 3rd inning to make the **Final CP 14, Eula 7.** In softball tournaments there are time limits for each game, so if a lot of runs are scored you don't play a full game. In this game Terrah pitched a good game. In all the girls had 14 hits, Tiffany-1; Emma-2 and 2 RBI's; Emily-3 for 3 and 4 RBI's; Kody-2; Kayla-2 and 3 RBI's; Lauren-2. Also playing this week were Delany, Miranda and Shawna.

These 5 games gave the girls some insight into what part of the game they need to improve and with working hard to get better they will improve each week. Krista we all missed you Saturday.

The girls next action is against Gorman, Friday in Gorman.

## Buffaloes Began Last Monday in Hico

The 2008 baseball season began last Monday. On a nice sunny afternoon the Buffs loaded the bus and headed to Hico.

In the first inning the Buffs scored 4 runs on a walk to Savell, a base hit by JJ and Markus loaded the bases. Joey had a hit to drive in 2 runs and that left a man of 2nd and 3rd. Wheeler followed with a single to drive in the other 2 runs.

JJ started on the mound. In the first Hico scored 1 run on a hit batter, two stolen bases and a single, to drive in the run.

The Buffs did not score in the 2nd, 3rd or 4th innings.

Hico scored 2 runs in the 3rd

on a single and then the Buffs committed 3 errors. In the 4th Border went to the mound. Hico scored 3 runs on 2 base on balls, a hit batter and 1 hit and 1 error. At the end of the 4th inning the score was Hico 6, CP 4.

Cross Plains scored 1 in the 5th, Markus was hit by pitch, stole 2nd and then scored on a throwing error by the shortstop. In the 5th Hico scored 4 more runs on 3 errors, 2 base on balls and 2 hit batters. **The Final Scored was Hico 10, CP 5.**

Last week when I listed the players, I omitted two: Chad Switzer, Fr, Outfielder and Nick Adams, Soph, Outfielder.

## Buff's Participate in Breckenridge Tournament

By Coach Atchley

The Cross Plains Buffs loaded up the bus on a cold wintery day and went to play three games. Baseball is best played in sunny weather. This was not the case last Thursday, if you didn't dress warm you had a miserable day.

The Buffs first game was against Anson. Yates started on the mound, each team scored 1 run in the 1st inning. In the Buffs 1st - Yates drew a walk and 2 outs latter. Markus had a hit to drive in Yates. Anson scored 1 on a base hit, 2 stolen bases and error. The Buffs failed to score in the 2nd or 3rd innings. In the 3rd Anson scored 2 runs on an error, a base on balls, a stolen base and then a hit. Two hit batters and another error produced the other run. Anson 3, CP 1. In the 4th CP scored 3 runs. Border had a hit and stolen base, an out batter, Reese had a hit to drive in Border. After 2 outs - Yates draws a walk. Savell is sage on a grounder. Then JJ hit a single to drive in both runners. CP 4, Anson 3. In the 4th Anson scored 5 runs. An out, then a base hit and a stolen base, another out,

then 2 base hits tied the game and left men on 2nd and 3rd. An intentional walk loaded the bases with 2 outs. The next batter hit a grounder, but the Buffs were late on the throw - all were safe and a run was scored. The next batter hit a double to drive in the other runs. **Final Anson 8, CP 4.**

The Buffs next opponent was Hamlin. The Buffs did not score in their first 2 innings. While Hamlin scored 3 in the 1st on a walk, a grounder that fouled to produce an out, a hit batter to load the bases, then a double to score the 3 runs. In the 2nd, Hamlin used 5 hits and 2 base on balls to score 5 runs. Hamlin 8, CP 0. In the 3rd Yates and Border hits singles and a walk to JJ loads the bases. Then the Hamlin pitcher issued walks to Markus, Joey, Nick and Wheeler, 4 RBI's, then an error by their shortstop allowed 2 more runs. **Final Hamlin 8, CP 6.**

The Buffs final game was against Breckenridge. **The Final Breckenridge 13, CP 0.**

The Buffs next action is against Tolar, then the Early Tournament.

## FFA Members Participate in San Antonio Stock Show

During the week of February 10th through February 15th several FFA members participated in the San Antonio Junior Livestock Show in San Antonio.

Cross Plains Junior FFA member, Teagan Fortune, won 1st place with her light weight Southdown market lamb. Blake Hutchins another Junior member

placed 10th with his light weight Charolais market steer. Other members participating in the livestock show were Tiffany Holland and Joe Holland with market lambs and Bronc Dillard with a market steer.

The chapter is proud of the success that each of the students achieved.

## Regular Meeting of Ag Booster Club Next Tuesday

A regular meeting of the Cross Plains Ag Booster Club will be held Tuesday, March 4th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains

High School Ag Building. All members and perspective members are encouraged to attend.

## Recognition

Preparation Software, "Study Island". She explained that it's very user friendly and students can access it at school, home or public library via the Internet. It's formatted in a 'game' type of set up so it will hold the students' interest.

Teachers can limit what objectives and number of questions students work on. Parents can check where their child is excelling and what needs improvement. Printable worksheets and weekly usage graphs can be utilized and progress reports can be emailed to parents.

As of 2012, the TAKS (Texas Achievement Knowledge Skills), may not be called by the same name, but the standards will be very similar. There will be at least 12 different exit exams required for graduation from High School.

**College Readiness Standards** are what is driving the education requirements throughout Texas and this program is the best so far to establish the maximum preparation of that goal. As TAKS requirements change, so does "Study Island", keeping up with the needed learning skills. It is capable of being updated each calendar year for a fee of \$3,500.00.

Questions arose about the "Success Maker" and "Odyssey" programs that were purchased in preceding years. It was explained that each program has a different function and serves a different niche.

**Success Maker** helps to pull those students up that are behind and not passing required subjects, but it only goes up to the 8th grade. **Odyssey's** focus is on credit recovery. It utilizes work pages, then tests on those pages.

**Study Island targets TAKS preparation.** It is a data-driven curriculum medium that serves 9-12th grades. The Trustees voted to purchase the "Study Island" program for \$3,724.00.

**Bryan Bennett** asked the Board to help provide funds for the construction of a new **Softball Field.** He went over the projected costs for such an undertaking and gave an estimate of \$39,956 as being needed to get the basics done. That doesn't include lights. That estimate is around \$50,000.

Fence cost: \$17,231.00, Sprinkler system: \$5,625.00, Hydro-mulching: \$2,500.00 (est.), 2 sets of Bleachers on each side: \$8,000 (est.), Sound System: \$600.00 (est.).

Mr. Bennett added, "We've done at least twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars worth of work just by donations and

volunteer help already. The City (of Cross Plains) has provided fuel and been good to let us use their equipment." He relayed that the City had put \$10,000 in their budget last year to help out.

Bennett said that the **EDC** (Economic Development Council) has already given them a grant for \$15,000. He said the EDC believes that youth playing ball in this new facility will bring commerce in from out of town and therefore be a very good asset for the community.

**Board Member, Burlie Taylor** interjected the obvious, "So you're saying, If we build it...they will come?" The Trustees agreed to allot **\$35,000.00** for the new softball field.

\* Changes to the **Cross Plains Cheerleader and Mascot Constitution** prompted a great deal of thought and discussion. The Site-Based Committee, Cheerleader Sponsors and Mr. and Mrs. Loyless had met earlier in the week to discuss these changes before presenting them to the Board. With a few revisions, the new constitution passed.

\* The **Cross Plains Housing Initiative** was approved to use the Auditorium on April 19th for a presentation of the acclaimed group of violin and fiddle musicians, "Revolution Strings".

\* The Board of Trustees approved the **Spring Band Trip** to Dallas on May 20-21st. Twenty-five students and sponsors will attend the **Dallas Symphony**, where the **Beach Boys** will be presented live in concert. Then they will spend the next day touring **Six Flags**.

\* **Superintendent Jackie Tennison** said that the new **Suburban** is very well liked and has been used everyday since it arrived. There is about a 2-week waiting list to drive it.

\* The School and the City of Cross Plains will hold a **joint Election** on May 10, 2008. Now is the time to file if you or someone you know is interested in running to be on next year's School Board. Two positions are expiring.

\* Those attending this meeting were: Tina Wyatt, Leslie Lawrence, Evelyn Harris, Matt Sowell, Jennifer Wootton, Bryan Bennett, James Ames, Gerry Webb, Dianna Webb, Jim Sides and Judy Luter.

(You may obtain a copy the "official" minutes of the Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees meeting at the Superintendent's office at the local high school.)



Wedding Shower Honoring

**Kim (Mosier)**  
**and Joey Hardwick**

Daughter of David and Brenda Switzer

**Sunday, March 9**  
**1:30-3:00 p.m. COME & GO**  
**Church of Christ**  
**Activity Building**

Gift Selections At: Higginbothams, Target, Walmart





## Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau now Urging Lawmakers in Washington D.C.

As the clock winds down on Congress' extension of the 2002 Farm Bill, Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau President Sam Snyder helped reiterate what Farm Bureau leaders across the country are urging of lawmakers in Washington D.C.

"We need a Farm Bill and we need it now," Snyder said. "Although many of our farm prices are in some of the highest we've seen in years, we've seen too many times in the past where that can change overnight. We must have a viable farm program in place when it does."

After both houses of Congress approved a new Farm Bill in 2007, key legislators took the two versions of the policy to conference committee to work out the two versions' differences. Those compromises have stalled in the shadow of a veto threat from the Bush Administration, which

claims both bills cost too much and that neither version does enough to adequately reform commodity programs.

While both bills include cost increases in nutrition and conservation sections, commodity section costs—the same one falling under fire in the Farm Bill debates—remain unchanged from the 2002 levels. Congress has until March 15 to produce a Farm Bill, according to the current extension agreed upon in late 2007.

"We've got crops going in the ground without any notion of how our national farm policy may look," Snyder said. "Considering we're paying more than we ever have before for things like fuel and fertilizer, risking that king of capital before the policies which govern our business planning and marketing is definitely not a comfortable place to be."

## 4-H inspires new ice cream from Blue Bell

In honor of the Texas 4-H organization's 100th birthday, Blue Bell Creameries is introducing Centennial Cupcake Ice Cream. To sweeten the deal, the Little Creamery is donating a portion of the sales to promote 4-H educational programs.

Centennial Cupcake Ice Cream is a delicious cake batter ice cream with pieces of yellow cake, a chocolate icing swirl and four-leaf clover sprinkles.

"We just finished celebrating our 100th birthday so we understand just how special this is," said Paul Kruse, Blue Bell CEO and president. "Centennial Cupcake is the perfect ice cream to help commemorate this momentous occasion. It has all the ingredients for a celebration, cake and ice cream. The four-leaf clover sprinkles give it that special touch."

4-H is a national organization which prides itself on teaching young people across America leadership, citizenship and life skills. There are more than 7

million members from eight to 18 years of age involved in 4-H. Centennial Cupcake Ice Cream will be sold in Texas and across the company's 17-state distribution area. "4-H is a national organization that benefits so many young people," Kruse said. "Our inspiration for the flavor came from the Texas organization's 100th birthday, but we felt it was important to recognize all 4-H groups."

Blue Bell has also created a unique carton for this new flavor. It features four children in 4-H T-shirts and the organization's widely recognized four-leaf emblem. "We worked with 4-H to create something that symbolizes what they are all about," Kruse said. "The organization is for the kids. I think the smiling faces capture the spirit of this organization just perfectly."

Centennial Cupcake Ice Cream is now available in area stores.

Sincerely,  
Robert Pritz  
County Extension Agent

## Early Ambassadors Club to Present Bridal, Prom and Quinceanera Fair

On Saturday, March 1, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Heartland Mall in Early, Texas will glisten with the beauty of Prom, Quinceanera and Bridal Fashions as area merchants fill the mall common areas with a broad array of fashions, professionals, and other resources for that special day, all in one place, at one time! This Fair has been designed to help take the worry out of planning your special event.

Lights, music, and stunning dresses! Ooh and aah over the incredible gowns presented in professional fashion show style as beautiful models walk the runway in gowns designed for Quinceaneras, Proms and Weddings. In addition to the formal wear for that special young lady, the Fair will bring you a

convenient and exciting array of virtually everything you will need to plan your event, including Tuxedo's for the men in the party, Mother of the Bride dresses, Flower Girl and other dress items such as shoes and jewelry. Guests can select everything from dresses and formal wear, photographers, invitations, decorations, caterers, music and more.

And yes it's true! Hourly drawings will be held for prizes, gift certificates and more! Guests can even treat themselves to complimentary samples from local merchants. This is your chance to gather information, see all that's hot, trendy, new and exciting, while gaining advice from local experts.

This is the show not to miss!

**Bridal, Prom, Quinceanera Fair and Fashion Show**

**Saturday March 1st**

**11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**at Heartland Mall**

hosted by the Early Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Club

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## Tools to Stay Cool

Helping Parents and Students Handle Bullies

Brenda Bird is a nationally known speaker who will be coming to Cross Plains on Friday, February 29th to speak to interested parents and community members on the topic of handling bullies. Brenda has come to Cross Plains on several previous occasions to speak on topics of interest to parents. We are fortunate to have Brenda return to our community this year. She is brought to us through the Region XIV Education Service Center as a part of the parent involvement component of the Title I program.

The program will be presented in the community room of the Texas Heritage Bank (formerly Mozelle's) from 12:15 to 1:00. If you would like a brown bag

submarine sandwich lunch, including chips, cookies, and beverage, please RSVP to the elementary office at 254-725-6123. Lunches are provided free of charge to the participants, but please give us your name by Thursday, February 28th, if possible. We can take an order as late as 9:00 a.m. on Friday if necessary. Lunches will be ready at 12:00 noon and you may want to eat and visit with friends for the 15 minutes before Brenda begins speaking. This is a "working lunch," so you are encouraged to enjoy your lunch as Brenda presents her program.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday, February 29th, for this informative and helpful program.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Randall Scott Cooley, theft by check.

Troy A. McNeely, theft by check.

Jimmy L. New, Jr., theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Billy Wayne Sanders, order amending conditions of probation.

Herbert Sawyer Jr., order amending conditions of probation.

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Jason Carvajal; Scott Haines; Roger Poole; Tripp Kevin Ashley.

Steven Ramos, order amending conditions of probation.

David Tuggle, plea of guilty to theft by check, 120 days in jail, \$285 court costs.

Fountain Bullard, order dismissing motion to revoke probation and amending conditions of probation granted.

Martin Anderson, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to other case.

Leigha Quiroz, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Jimmy Lynn Lambert, Jr.,

motion to reinstate bond granted.

Kasey Krop, affidavit of surety to surrender principal granted.

Nathan S. Brashear, motion to dismiss to assault granted for plea to other case.

Curtis S. Dugan, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Justin W. Brown, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.

Colby Reutter, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted for plea to other case.

Henry Williams, plea of guilty to criminal mischief, 30 days in jail, \$285 court costs.

Margaret A. Miller, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, forgery.

Marriage Licenses

Kerry S. Vinson of Clyde and Amy C. Leatherwood of Artesia, NM.

Richard R. Rank and Kamryn L. Calderon, both of Clyde.

Michael W. Johnson, Jr. and Joylin T. Allam, both of Clyde.

Paul D. Clayton of Clyde and Victoria D. Bates of Abilene.

42nd DISTRICT COURT  
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Jeanette Lynn Gray and Daniel Thomas Gray, divorce.

Cody Alan Dorsey and Aubree Nichole Dorsey, divorce.

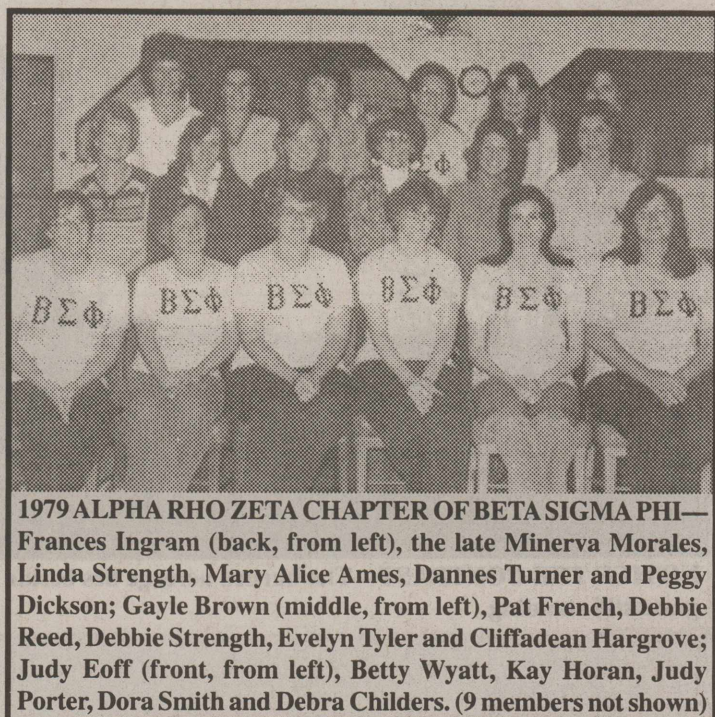
Citibank (South Dakota) NA vs. Kimberly N. Deal, default on account.

Shannadon Patricia Jenkins and Drew Lane Jenkins, divorce.

Criminal Indictments

Yedidiyah Hawkins, bigamy.

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1979 ALPHA RHO ZETA CHAPTER OF BETA SIGMA PHI—Frances Ingram (back, from left), the late Minerva Morales, Linda Strength, Mary Alice Ames, Dannes Turner and Peggy Dickson; Gayle Brown (middle, from left), Pat French, Debbie Reed, Debbie Strength, Evelyn Tyler and Cliffadean Hargrove; Judy Eoff (front, from left), Betty Wyatt, Kay Horan, Judy Porter, Dora Smith and Debra Childers. (9 members not shown)

## 30 Years of Sisterhood to be Celebrated on March 8

Sisters in Beta Sigma Phi, do you recognize yourselves and other Sisters in the above photo? (Some of us may not want to be recognized, but, hey, that's the way we were!) You will have a chance to walk down memory lane with these and other friends on March 8, 2008, with an afternoon Tea from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Excitement is in the air, and we are eagerly anticipating a great time of celebration and fun. If you

have ever been a member of the local Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter, please plan to join the festivities. Gather your photos, scrapbooks, mementos, grab a Sister to bring with you, and come on down! If you have not already responded with your RSVP, or for more information, please call Dora at 254-725-6489, Sam at 254-725-6879, Wanda at 254-725-6476, or Elizabeth at 254-725-6763.

Submitted by  
Dora Warlick

## Memorial Fund set up for Eric M. Lovell

A memorial fund has been established at First National Bank of Baird, for Eric M. Lovell.

Eric was a 1965 graduate of Baird High School, and received his degree from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. He was ordained for the gospel ministry by First Baptist Church in Abilene.

Eric served as pastor in Cisco, Abilene, Paint Rock, Lubbock, Pecos, Oplin, San Saba, and Mason.

Eric went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, February, 13, 2008. The memorial fund has been established to help with the medical expenses incurred during his stay in the hospital.

## FREE ESTIMATES

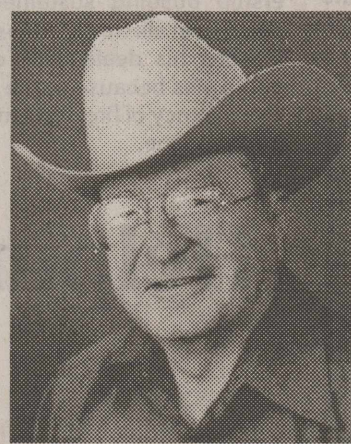
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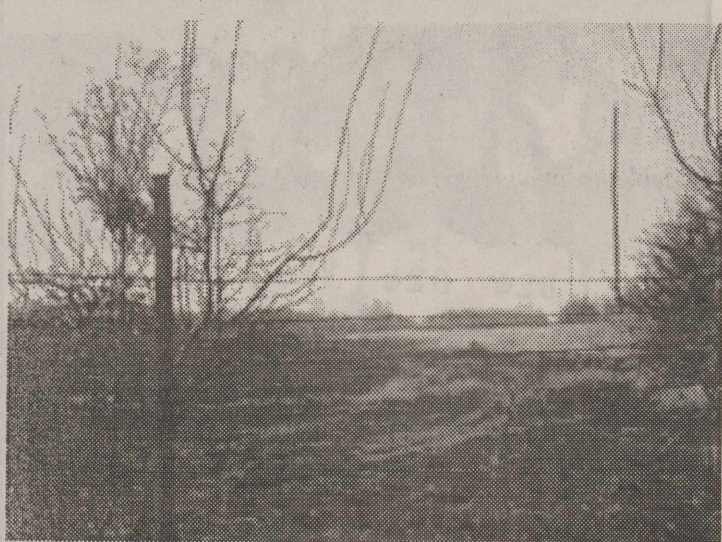
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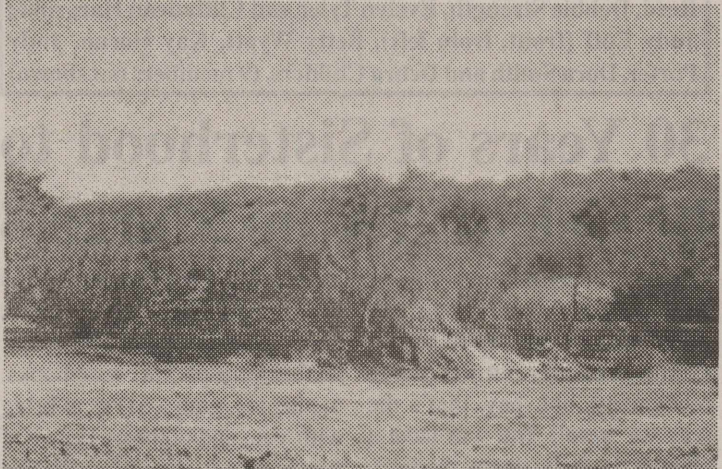
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**NOTICE THE CONTRAST**—The burned acreage lies beside grass still standing.



**STILL SMOLDERING**—Tuesday morning smoke filled the air near West Caddo Peak.

## Wildfires

Music and Education, opened the Family Life Center from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. but no families utilized the facility.

Fireman Bob Harrell stated that a new crew of Forester Service personnel was scheduled to fly over the area Tuesday morning, February 26th, around 8 to 8:30 a.m. to estimate the number of acres burned and check for hot spots. If hot spots needed attention, arrangements would be made for a chopper to drop

water.

Thanks to the dedication and experience of many volunteer firefighters, this fire was contained. The aftermath of the 2005 wildfire contributes to anxiety for Cross Plains residents in these situations. Everyone is encouraged to be on alert during these severe dry conditions and windy weather, as wildfires continue to be a daily threat!

## Arbor Day Foundation offers 10 free trees for those who join in February

Now's the time to start thinking about the spring planting season, and the Arbor Day Foundation is offering an ideal way for everyone to plant trees when the weather warms up.

Every person from Texas who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in February will receive 10 free Eastern redbud trees.

The 10 free Eastern redbud trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"Redbuds will add lasting beauty to homes across Texas," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They will also add to the proud heritage of Texas' 59 Tree City USA communities. For more than 30 years, Tree City USA has supported community forestry across Texas, and planting these lovely redbuds will add to this important tree-planting

tradition."

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6 to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

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**GRASS FIRE AFTERMATH**—These 2008 Dodge one-ton pickup trucks were among an estimated 27 pickup trucks to-

tally destroyed during a grass fire Monday afternoon, February 25th at the Blake Fulenwider Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep dealership

on the corner of the north service road of I-20 and FM 604 North. According to the dealership owner, Blake Fulenwider,

the dealership sustained over \$1 million in damages from the fast-moving grass fire caused by strong northerly winds.

## Blake Fulenwider dealership estimates Monday fire damage at over \$1 million

Vehicle damages are estimated at over \$1 million at Blake Fulenwider Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep following a fast-moving grass fire Monday, February 25th which damaged or totaled over 60 vehicles on the Clyde auto dealership lot located at the corner of the north service road of I-20 and FM 604.

According to owner Blake Fulenwider, some 27 2008 year model Dodge pickup trucks were completely destroyed and at least 38 pickups have been damaged beyond repair. Fulenwider said he's insured for the vehicle loss, however he said the grass fire will still cost the dealership some money.

"It's just business as usual," Fulenwider said Tuesday afternoon after the Monday evening grass fire which occurred a 6:34 p.m.

Fulenwider said of those 38 vehicles which were damaged, he said some of those he just would not feel confident in selling them.

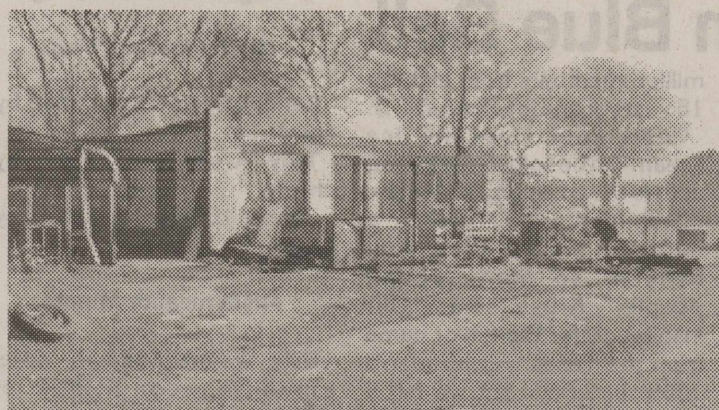
The owner said the majority of vehicles were not damaged, however he will be selling every vehicle on the lot at a discount. Fulenwider said after all the legal obligation is cleared up on every vehicle on the lot, he will be holding an inventory sale similar to a hail damage sale you see at many dealerships which have suffered hailstorm damage.

Fulenwider said all vehicles on the lot will be cleaned-up and de-smoked before going back onto the sales floor, but at a big discounted price.

Fulenwider said of those pickups totally destroyed, most were one-ton and medium size vehicles in the 4500 and 5500 series models.

The Clyde dealership owner said he was not at the dealership when the fire started, but arrived shortly after.

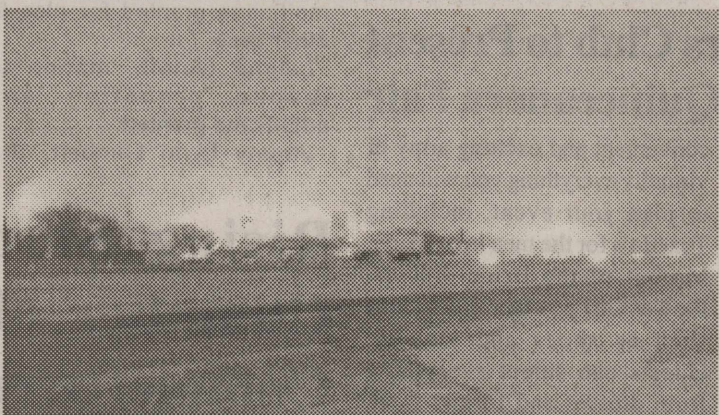
Fulenwider said the auto dealership building sustained no damage at all. He said one of the reasons his dealerships didn't go up was because of the large contingency of fire departments on the scene.



**THIS STRUCTURE LOCATED ON THE NORTH ACCESS ROAD OF I-20 WEST OF THE BLAKE FULENWIDER AUTO DEALERSHIP WAS DESTROYED FOLLOWING A GRASS FIRE MONDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 25TH**



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**THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN OF THE FM 604 GRASS FIRE ON MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 25TH. THE PHOTO WAS TAKEN LOOKING EAST TOWARD THE BLAKE FULENWIDER AUTO DEALERSHIP**

"They could not have worked any harder at saving the dealership," Fulenwider said of the job the area fire departments did in minimizing the damage. "These guys risk life and limb every

day. They did a great job," Fulenwider said of the firefighters' efforts. Not only that, but Fulenwider said those firefighters, "have a great attitude about it with smiles on

their faces."

The grass fire started Monday afternoon at the Clyde Community Park. Apparently baseball tryouts were underway at the park Monday. According to witnesses, the fire started on the Junior League ballfield when the outdoor lighting was turned on. A couple of light bulbs blew when the lights were turned on and the sparks started the grass fire. Fanned by strong northerly winds, the fire burned approximately 20 acres, claiming some of the vehicles on the Blake Fulenwider auto dealership lot, a vacant filling station to the west of the auto dealership, an outbuilding and another structure directly behind the filling station.

Clyde Fire Chief Billy Dezern said late Monday, he did not know if the structure was occupied or not.

Six fire trucks from Clyde and numerous fire departments from around the area assisted at the scene, including fire departments from Eula, Merkel, Baird, Abilene, Lawn, Potosi and Hamby. According to Assistant Chief Rick Gilmore, fire water tankers from Eula, Hamby and the City of Clyde were able to get additional water supplies from fire hydrants in front of the Clyde High School campus on Hays Road and another fire hydrant behind the Dodge dealership.

Fortunately, the grass fire never crossed Interstate 20 and failed to cross FM 604 to the east. Gilmore said if the grass fire had crossed over I-20 and burned to the south, it would have taken out the western portion of Clyde. Gilmore said the Clyde community is fortunate that this fire and the 1,500 acre Union Hill grass fire on Tuesday, January 29th were contained rather quickly.

Fire units from Clyde returned to the fire station at 11:35 p.m., however Fire Chief Dezern said his fire units would return later Tuesday morning to make sure the hot spots have been extinguished.

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## Helping to Save Your Home from

# FIRE

Fire season is upon us as evidenced by yesterday's fires. Many thanks to the firemen and ordinary citizens who reacted quickly and helped save lives and homes. Folks in Cottonwood, Rowden, and Caddo Peak were hit hard by this fire.

Reminiscent of the Cross Plains fire in 2005, we were happy that no lives were lost yesterday. This fire burned very hot, fueled by the wind, and very fast. It got me thinking about things I wish I'd done before the 2005 fire and some smart things I did do. This should help all of us to help save

our home:

1. Remove all brush within 3-5 feet around your home (especially if dead). This sets up a fire break around the house. A rock garden looks nice around a house and doesn't burn.
2. Prune all overhanging limbs. If a tree catches fire next to a home it rains sparks on the roof. These are also potential problems during ice storms—limbs may fall through the roof.
3. Lay a soaker hose around the base of the house. When necessary start the water to keep the earth damp as a fire deterrent.

4. If possible set up a raised sprinkler system to wet down the house and/or the roof.

5. Inside the home, keep a collapsed cardboard moving box in each room. They can be set up without tape to put articles in very quickly.

6. Keep "special" items that you want to save in the same area or same room so that packing will be quick (medicines, photos, medical equipment, family heirlooms).

7. Pack a small bag with underwear and change of clothes ready to go. You will need this if you

evacuate.

8. Keep some bottled water in the trunk of your car. It keeps a long time and you may need it.

9. Make sure your animals have some kind of ID on them in case you get separated. I possible evacuate them with yourself.

10. If you have a cell phone—TAKE IT AND THE CHARGER WITH YOU!!!!

Finally, keep calm. Pack what you can, save what you can, but most importantly—GET OUT!!!

Submitted by  
Jane Holmes



## Build It and They Will Come ASAP Program for March 5th

Building birdhouses will be the **After School Adventure Program** for March at the Cross Plains Library. On Wednesday, March 5th at 4:00 p.m. children will be learning about bluebirds and their homes just in time for their spring return when they will be scouting and looking for the perfect home to build their nest. Bob and Deloris Carter will be giving guidelines about getting to know the birds and their habits,

likes and dislikes. They will be explaining why the beauty of the bluebird and their musical singing makes them so popular. Techniques attracting the birds with food will be discussed.

The children will then build a birdhouse with instructions about how the houses are to be mounted once they get them home. Each child will need to bring a Phillips head screwdriver to the program for assembling the project. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Dear Friend,

We should always keep in mind that tomorrow is not promised to us and that this day is meant to be used to bring accomplishment, cheerfulness, joy and a sense of servitude that will make us proud if we are still here in the years to come. If you allow yourself to be led of the Lord, He will use your life in ways you never imagined. We must remember that God is the Potter and we are the clay. He is able to shape and mold us in ways that will make our life of great use for both ourselves and for His purposes.

Be encouraged to live your life with a renewed vigor knowing that you are meant to accomplish great things. Before God created the world, He had you in mind for this day in time to accomplish and fulfill your destiny which He has perfected. (Psalm 51:10-23) (Isaiah 64:8-9) (Ephesians 1:3-4)

I hope this message encourages and inspires your heart to see that you have much to offer to this world. Believe in yourself just as God believes in you and accomplish all that God has placed within your heart.

### LIFE IS MEANT TO BE LIVED

Life is to be lived. No excuses. No reservations. No holding back.

An enchanting story about violinist Fritz Kreisler tells how he once came across a beautiful instrument he wanted to acquire. When he finally raised the money for the violin, he returned to buy it and learned that it had already been sold to a collector.

He went to the new owner's home in order to try to persuade him to sell the violin. But the collector said it was one of his prized possessions and he could not let it go. The disappointed Kreisler turned to leave, but then asked a favor. "May I play the instrument once more before it is consigned to silence?" Permission was granted and the great musician began to play. The violin sang out a quality of music so beautiful that the collector himself could only listen in wonderment. "I have no right to keep that to myself," he said after the musician finished. "The violin is yours Mr. Kreisler. Take it into the world, and let people hear it."

William Arthur Ward said, "If you believe in prayer, pray; if you believe in serving, serve; if you believe in giving, give. For you and I are exquisite violins—our music is meant to be heard."

I want to live my life that way - to take it into the world and live it fully. I'd rather burn out than rust. I'd rather be used up than die not having done whatever I could... wherever I could.

I'm not talking about wearing ourselves out on over-activity. Happiness is never found in excessive busyness, but it is found in investing our lives in others. Saying yes when asked for a hand. Volunteering our time for a worthwhile organization. Reading an hour with a lonely relative. In the end, I know that happiness will not have been about my ability or my inability. It will have been about my availability. My life is meant to be lived.

By Steve Goodier  
From God's Work Ministries

# Dispute Resolution & Legal Center Now Open in Eastland

**OPEN AND ALREADY BUSY** - The new Dispute Resolution & Legal Center at the Connellee Hotel in Eastland opened this week with the first case heard Friday. At right is distinguished Retired Chief Justice Austin McCloud of the 11th Court of Appeals who is the first mediator of the Center. At left is Debbie Wharton, managing director of the refurbished, historic Connellee Hotel in downtown Eastland. The legal center is located on the seventh floor where elaborate offices, conference rooms and Judge McCloud's office have just

Judge McCloud. The Center was conceived as a private and comfortable facility and legal center for attorneys throughout this area.



The Center may be contacted by phone at 254-631-0524, or at 209 W. Main St., Eastland, TX 76448. Mrs. Wharton may be contacted at 254-631-0708.

The Connellee is near the developing Austin McCloud Appellate Court Museum, an educational/instructional center to open in 2009, which will be located in the building which was originally the first Eastland County Courthouse. The 11th Court of Appeals is one of 14 Appeals courts in Texas and has a long and distinguished history in Eastland.

### A Look at the Dispute Resolution Center at the Connellee Hotel

The new dispute resolution center located at the Connellee Hotel will be an important regional and statewide facility for the resolution of conflicts and lawsuits from around the area, and around the state. Thursday, Judge McCloud remarked on this new enhancement to the Eastland area. The Connellee Dispute Resolution Center will be part of a facility that will be available for attorneys to conduct a wide variety of legal activities, including depositions and events. The facility also has total wireless communications capability.

Judge McCloud: "The idea of mediation is to bring parties who are in conflict into a non-adversarial setting, to try to reach a mutual agreement for the resolution to conflicts, by letting each side to understand the position of the other."

"Some district judges now require a mediation session before a trial is to take place. Somewhere around seventy-five per cent of cases mediated is now settled through the process. Many attorneys are starting to see that they would like to try mediation and are becoming advocates of the procedure. It's a good process."

"With only fourteen courts of appeals and eighty-two appeals judges in the state, the courts are very busy. In Texas, these courts handle both civil and criminal appeals. The 11th Court of Appeals here in Eastland is receiving cases from all over the state to ease the dockets from the more populated counties."

"The public should know that there is a difference between arbitration and mediation. Arbitrators hear evidence and make a decision. The parties usually agree that the decision will be final, by agreement. Mediators, on the other hand, facilitate the arrival of an agreement between the two parties."

"Many people want to solve the conflicts and get on with their lives, without going through the full cycle of litigation, a process that can be unpredictable."

"The facility has multiple rooms to allow various seating arrangements, and there are nice accommodations of a coffee bar and a break room. Once the Bar learns of this, it should be well used. There are five mediations already set. I continue to applaud the leadership of the Eastland, for facilitating this complex and other enhancements to the community."



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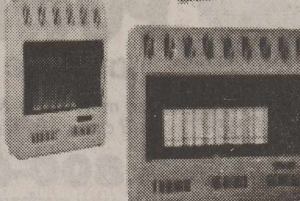
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General Permit Authorization No. TXG920998  
APPLICATION. Randy Foster, 801 County Road 230, Cisco, Texas 76437, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for authorization to operate a new dairy cattle facility at 3,750 head, of which 3,000 head are milking cows in Callahan and Eastland Counties, Texas. The notice of intent was received by TCEQ on October 12, 2007. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land. The facility will be located approximately 0.5 miles east of the intersection of State Highway 206 and County Road 434. Said intersection being approximately 4 mile northeast of Cross Plains in Callahan and Eastland Counties, Texas. The facility will be located in the drainage area of the Pecan Bayou Above Lake Brownwood in Segment No. 1420 of the Colorado River Basin. A copy of the notice of intent, application, the Executive Director's technical summary, and the CAFO general permit is available for viewing and copying at the Callahan County Courthouse / County Clerk's Office, 100 West Fourth Street, Suite 104, Baird, Texas 79504 and at the Eastland County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office, 100 West Main Street, Suite 102, Eastland, Texas 76448.

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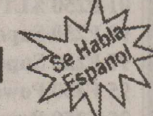
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## Fort Griffin Fandangle to Perform a 'Sampler' at LBJ Ranch

The Lyndon B. Johnson Family, The National Park Service and the "Friends of the LBJ National Park" has invited the Fort Griffin Fandangle to perform a "Sampler" at the LBJ Ranch.

It will be held Saturday evening May 17th. The sample and BBQ will be held at "Picnic Grove" on the banks of the Perdarnales River, in conjunction with the Centennial Celebration of President Johnson's birth. This event will be a fundraiser for the LBJ National Historical Park.

In 1967 and 1976, 80 cast members, Flag Parade horses, wagons, a calliope and stage coach traveled to President and Lady Bird Johnson's ranch to perform at their highly regarded BBQ picnics. The 2008 Sampler will recreate past LBJ Ranch performances. About 80 cast members will stay in Fredericksburg for 3 days and 2 nights for the event. This year, Fandangle, "Texas"

Oldest Outdoor Musical", celebrates its 70th anniversary, as well as Albany's 150th anniversary. The Fort Griffin Fandangle is a celebration of the founding of Fort Griffin and the settling of Albany, the Texas frontier west of Fort Worth. With singing, dancing, pantomime and pageantry, it recreates the look and feel of life in the frontier days of the Old West.

The Fort Griffin Fandangle is held every year during the last two full weekends in June. The Prairie Theater is 1/2 mile from the Shackelford County Courthouse in Albany.

Fandangle contact: Susan Waller 325-762-3838, e-mail [fandangle@bit-street.com](mailto:fandangle@bit-street.com), fax 325-762-3125, Website [www.fortgriffinfandangle.org](http://www.fortgriffinfandangle.org). More detail about invitations, etc. LBJ National Historical Park website: [www.nps.gov/lyjo](http://www.nps.gov/lyjo) and LBJ Park Contact: Gus Sanchez@nps.gov.

## Cross Plains Kiwanis Pancake Supper, March 6

Just one week away, on Thursday night, March 6 - YES, March 6! - is one of Cross Plains' great "Social Events" of each year - the **Kiwanis Pancake Supper!** It is the night for great food and great fellowship. The "suggested donation" for so much eating and fellowship is only \$5 per person. That's all the pancakes and sausage you can eat, along with tea, coffee or water. Where can you get an eating deal like that?! A serendipity is that you can take part in helping the Kiwanians with their many programs of help during the year, too numerous to list but including, sponsoring the **Key Club of Cross Plains High School**. Key Club members will be joining the Kiwanians in serving, helping to meet your every need!

The date, again, for the Pancake

Supper is Thursday night, March 6, beginning at 5 p.m., continuing until 7 p.m. The place is at the Cross Plains School Cafeteria. Now this is only a few days away, so if you haven't purchased your ticket(s) yet, be sure and see a Kiwanian and buy then now. Buy more than one ticket and bring a friend or two - maybe give one to someone whose budget is stretched too thin already. If you wait to pay at the door, you just might be talked into paying more and/or making a donation (in addition to the ticket) toward the projects that the Kiwanis Club helps toward throughout the year.

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains thanks you in advance for your support. See you at the Pancake Supper!!

Submitted by Bob Pibes

## Rolling Oaks Golf News

Saturday, February 9th, 13 players teed off in the eighteen hole ABCD Scramble. Closest to the pin went to Corey Morris and Chaz Odom. Terry Odom's team of Byron Tolbert, Chaz Odom and Randy Collum won the scramble.

A Saturday ABCD Scramble will be hosted on the 2nd Saturday of the month. The next Scramble will be March 8th. Tee time will be 1:00 p.m. The

Scramble will be 18 holes and there will be 4 closest to the pins awarded each scramble.

The entry fee will be \$10.00 for the Scramble and \$4.00 for the closet to the pin. Green fees will be \$16.00 for non-members and cart rentals will be \$9.00. Cart rentals for members will only be \$7.50 and, of course, member green fees are waived.

Please remember if you are interested in playing the March Scramble, come by the course before 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 8th, and sign up.

It has never been cheaper to become a member of Rolling Oaks Golf Club. Monthly membership is only \$50.00 with cart shed rentals starting as low as \$5.00 per month. Now is the time to join! The boss has waived the initiation fee for first time members. If you have been a member in the past and have let your membership drop, there will be a \$250.00 initiation fee. New 2008 Yamaha carts are available for rent. Jeff Brown, Brian Rivers and Mike Jaynes are our grounds men and keep the course in excellent shape. Winter Pro Shop hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and you may play until dark.

### Lori Hail named to Hardin-Simmons University Dean's List

Hardin-Simmons University is pleased to announce that Lori J. Hail of Cross Plains was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2007 semester.

### James Ross receives degree from Texas Tech University

Texas Tech University presented degrees to approximately 1,800 graduated students the fall 2007 commencement in the United Spirit Arena on campus on Saturday, December 15, 2007, and approximately 5,100 students qualified for either the President's List or the Dean's List in the spring semester. To make the President's List, a student has to take at least 12 qualifying credit hours and have a 4.0 grade-point average (GPA). Students qualifying for the Dean's List also must take at least 12 qualifying hours and have a GPA of 3.5 to 3.9.

James Neil Ross from Cross Plains graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in General Studies.

Bartee Haile welcomes your comments, questions and suggestions at [HYPERLINK "mailto:haile@pdq.net" haile@pdq.net](mailto:haile@pdq.net) or P.O. Box 152, Friendswood, TX 77549. And don't forget to visit [www.twith.com/](http://www.twith.com/)

## Down Home

retirees. I had not stopped to think of what citizens of this age group represented.

I saw "Saving Private Ryan". I was touched deeply. Not so much by the carnage, but by the sacrifices of so many. I was touched most by the scene of the elderly survivor at the graveside, asking his wife if he'd been a good man. I realized that I had seen these same men and women coming through my Emergency Department and had not realized what magnificent sacrifices they had made. The things they did for me and everyone else that has lived on this planet since the end of that conflict are priceless.

Situation permitting, I now try to ask my patients about their experiences. They would never bring up the subject without the inquiry. I have been privileged to an amazing array of experiences, recounted in the brief minutes allowed in an Emergency Department encounter. These experiences have revealed the incredible individual I have had the honor of serving in a medical capacity, many on their last admission to the hospital.

There was a frail, elderly woman who reassured my young enlisted medic, trying to start an IV line in her arm. She remained calm and poised, despite her illness and the multiple needlesticks into her fragile veins. She was what we call a 'hard stick'. As the medic made another attempt, I noticed a number tattooed across her forearm. I touched it with one finger and looked into her eyes. She simply said, "Auschwitz." Many of later generations would have loudly and openly berated the young medic in his many attempts. How different was the response from this person who'd seen unspeakable suffering.

Also, there was this long retired Colonel, who as a young officer had parachuted from his burning plane over a Pacific Island held by Japanese. Now an octogenarian, he had a minor cut on his head from a fall at his home where he lived alone. His CT scan and suturing had been delayed until after midnight by the usual parade

of high priority ambulance patients. Still spry for his age, he asked to use the phone to call a taxi, to take him home, then he realized his ambulance had brought him without his wallet. He asked if he could use the phone to make a long distance call to his daughter who lived 7 miles away. With great pride we told him that he could not, as he'd done enough for his country and the least we could do was get him a taxi home, even if we had to pay for it ourselves. My only regret was that my shift wouldn't end for several hours, and I couldn't drive him myself.

I was there the night MSgt. Roy Benavidez came through the Emergency Department for the last time. He was very sick. I was not the doctor taking care of him, but I walked to his bedside and took his hand. I said nothing. He was so sick, he didn't know I was there. I'd read his Congressional Medal of Honor citation and wanted to shake his hand. He died a few days later. I remember these citizens.

I may still groan when yet another ambulance comes in, but now I am much more aware of what an honor it is to serve these particular men and women.

I have seen a Congress who would turn their back on these individuals who've sacrificed so much to protect our liberty. I see later generations that seem to be totally engrossed in abusing these same liberties, won with such sacrifice.

It has become my personal endeavor to make the nurses and young enlisted medics aware of these amazing individuals when I encounter them in our Emergency Dept. Their response to these particular citizens has made me think that perhaps all is not lost in the next generation.

My experiences have solidified my belief that we are losing an incredible generation, and this nation knows not what it is losing. Our uncaring government and ungrateful civilian populace should all take note. We should all remember that we must "Earn This."

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## This Week in Texas History

By: Bartee Haile

### Killer turns Texarkana into 'Town to Dread Sundown'

FEB. 27 - MARCH 4, 2008

By February 27, 1946, a five-day old press blackout had sprung a leak and the people of Texarkana learned by word-of-mouth about a violent attack at a local lovers lane. The savage career of the northeast Texas killer nicknamed "The Phantom Slayer" began on the night of February 22nd. The fiend's first victims miraculously survived, but his subsequent targets were not so lucky as the city astride the Texas-Arkansas border became "the town that dreaded sundown."

Jimmy Hollis and Mary Jeanne Larey, ages 23 and 19, parked in secluded Spring Lake Park, a romantic retreat popular with Texarkana youth. Suddenly a masked figure appeared at the driver's door, dragged Hollis from the car and beat him unconscious. The girl was then pummeled and molested before the headlights of an approaching vehicle scared off the assailant.

Conflicting accounts from the battered couple gave police little to go on. One believed the attacker was a white man, while the other swore he was black. Convinced premature press coverage would cause unnecessary concern and lessen their chances of catching the culprit, authorities tried in vain to keep a tight lid on the frightening story.

A month and two days later, the bodies of a young man and his 17 year old female companion were discovered at the same site. Both had been shot twice in the head.

This time the gruesome news could not be suppressed, and a morbidly curious crowd overran the crime scene obliterating all clues before police could comb the area. To make matters worse, the hasty embalming of the girl's body prevented important post-mortem tests.

Hysteria swept the normally tranquil community of 20,000. Critics of the besieged police charged that two lives might have been saved by public disclosure of the earlier incident. Within hours merchants sold out of firearms, ammunition and heavy-duty door locks as the citizens of Texarkana fortified their homes and businesses against the mysterious menace.

A team of Texas Rangers led by M.T. "Lone Wolf" Gonzauillas soon arrived. Although in the twilight of a celebrated career dating back to 1920, the one and only Ranger of Hispanic descent was still a top-notch detective as well as the best known lawman in the state.

The Rangers offered to stay indefinitely in order to lend a helping hand, but wounded pride and a sullied reputation caused the Texarkana cops to refuse the expert assistance.

Three weeks to the day after the double homicide, two high school students selected Spring Lake Park for a late-night tryst in spite of the tidal wave of warnings. Slain in the same execution style, they were found dead the next morning.

The grisly killings made sensational front-page copy across the country as a pack of reporters descended upon the stunned town. As if the facts were not lurid enough, several newshounds started a nerve-racking countdown to the anticipated date of the next murder.

Texarkana lived on a steady diet of raw fear, which escalated into mass paranoia. A Western Union messenger boy narrowly avoided an early grave, when a trigger-happy telegram recipient mistook him for the Phantom. Visitors were advised for their protection to clear the streets by twilight, and Texarkana after dark turned into a ghost town.

Ranger Gonzauillas eventually returned and took charge of the case. Over a thousand suspects were questioned, and every plausible lead exhausted. Police decoys, with one of the two officers disguised as a woman, were stationed nightly at isolated locations, but the Phantom did not take the bait.

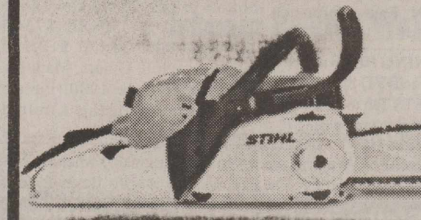
On May 3, 1946, 48 hours before the deadline, the serial assassin set his sights on a couple in rural Arkansas ten miles northeast of Texarkana. Virgil Stark was relaxing in his recliner listening to the radio, when a bullet crashed through a window killing him instantly. His horrified wife ran to the telephone but was shot twice in the face before she finished dialing. Amazingly she summoned the strength to stagger outside and made her way to the nearest neighbor. Even more incredible, Mrs. Stark recovered from her wounds.

Four days later, the corpse of an unidentified man turned up along a stretch of railroad tracks on the outskirts of Texarkana. In all likelihood he was a drifter, whose only crime was hopping one freight too many. Nevertheless, many emotionally drained inhabitants convinced themselves that the unclaimed remains were those of the Phantom.

"Lone Wolf" Gonzauillas never shared that overly optimistic opinion. After his retirement in 1951, he revealed that his investigation did yield a prime suspect but not enough evidence for arrest and prosecution.

The famous Ranger implied that the Phantom Slayer was alive and well and walking the streets of Texarkana.

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