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Present and Future  
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# Cross Plains

"Cross Plains' Oldest Business"

A Caring Community

THURSDAY, March 6, 1997

99TH YEAR

CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY

DOWN  
HOME

## Organizational Meeting Planned

### Area Fire Departments Fund-raiser

By Vanda Anderson  
Editor

Caring citizens of this area will be holding an organizational meeting to plan a fund-raiser for three volunteer fire departments, including Cross Plains, Cottonwood and Burkett, on Thursday, March 6th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. They will meet in the Texas Heritage Bank Community Room in Cross Plains.

Anyone interested in helping with the project is encouraged

to come and inject their ideas for reaching the goal of providing funds for fuel and vehicle maintenance for all three fire departments.

The dedication of the volunteers to fight the many wildfires that have occurred over the past years has played a vital role in protecting our communities. The men and women who contribute long hours of exhausting labor, while working in the mist of smoke, flames and dangerous situations, are strictly volunteers who genuinely care about the lives

and property of others.

This fund-raiser is an excellent way to express your appreciation to these volunteers, so get involved!!!!!! Everyone has a talent that can be utilized.

All the proceeds from the upcoming event will be split between the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, Cottonwood Fire Control Group and Burkett Volunteer Fire Department.

The cooperation and input of everyone can produce a successful fund-raiser for a more than worthy cause.

## PTO Meeting/Open House at Cross Plains I.S.D. next Monday, March 10th

Monday, March 10th, Open House at Cross Plains I.S.D. will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Come on by and see your child's classroom and all the wonderful things they have done. This week is Texas Public School Week.

The PTO meeting will follow

the Open House at 6:30 p.m. The kids will perform for everyone.

This is the only chance you have to vote for Teacher of the Year sponsored by the PTO.

Submitted by  
PTO Officers

## Local Men to Report on Visit to Sudan Village

Three local men recently had the opportunity to visit the impoverished and war-torn village of Nyamlell in Southern Sudan.

Clay Richardson and Matt McGowen of Cross Plains and Phillip Thomas of Cisco, along with an international mission team, left for Africa January 27 and returned home February 10. The purpose of this trip was to

serve at a Christian orphanage and school called New Life Ministries which houses, feeds, and educates 400 Sudanese orphans. Clay, Phillip and Matt ministered to the children through Bible School in the mornings and worked with the teenage boys on a construction project in the afternoons.

Many Americans are unaware of the ongoing violence and

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## Burn Ban signs purchased for 10 locations in Callahan Co.

Callahan County Commissioners voted to purchase 10 "Burn Ban" signs and have them posted on major highways leading into Callahan County.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, February 25th during a court meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Texas Department of Transportation representative Rudy Rodriguez presented to the commissioners' court the process and the estimated cost of having "Burn Ban" signs made and posted. After discussing the signs and where they needed to be posted, Commissioner Cliff Kirkham made a motion the county purchase 10 signs and have them posted on major highways leading into Callahan County. Judge Roger Corn seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 4-1 vote. Commissioner Harold Hicks voted against the motion.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Present were Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell.

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

—There were no public comments received.

—Commissioners discussed the Burn Ban in Callahan County and the fact that a Burn Ban must be in effect to declare a disaster.

Representative of the Department of Public Safety Emergency Management, Jerry Huffman explained to the court the process of being declared a Disaster Area. A disaster needs to be declared locally, by the Governor and finally by the President before Federal Aid is released. No action was taken at this time.

—After discussion with County Attorney Shane Deel on amending Court Order Regulations and Guidelines for Installation and Building of New Fences, no action was taken.

—By a recommendation from Otis Elevator Company, Commissioner Hicks made a motion to have a sheave guard installed on the elevator in the courthouse. There was a second on the motion from Commissioner Farmer and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

—After review of the monthly bills, Commissioner Farmer made a motion, with a second by Commissioner Windham, to pay all approved bills. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—A motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting was made by Commissioner Farmer and seconded by Commissioner Windham at 11:00 a.m. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

## NO Candidates File for the School Board or City Council ELECTIONS

Deadline of  
March 10th  
Grows Near

The deadline to file for the Mayor, City Council or School Board Trustees is Monday, March 10th, at 5:00 p.m. and there are still NO candidates in the Cross Plains I.S.D. 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. The office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the final day, March 10th.

Incumbents Mayor Ray Purvis and Councilman Jerry Cassle, along with Bob Kirkham and Gerald Brown, have announced their candidacy in the City Council Election. The terms of Mayor Purvis and Councilmen Jerry Cassle and James Nichols are expiring.

Candidates may file at the City Hall during their regular hours of 8 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

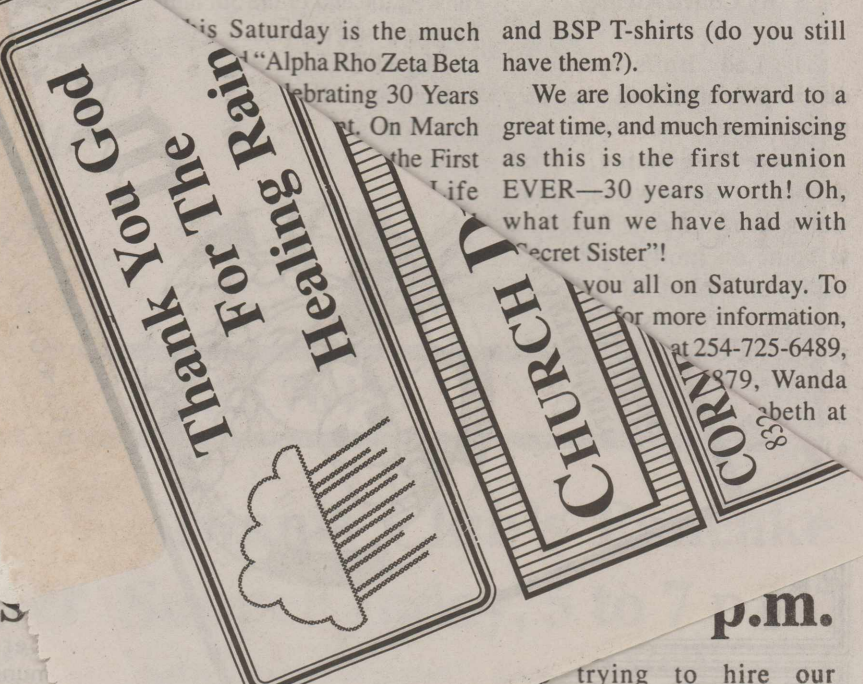
## Oaks Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Reunion is this Saturday

This Saturday is the much awaited Alpha Rho Zeta Beta celebrating 30 Years. On March 6th the First of its kind in life

and BSP T-shirts (do you still have them?).

We are looking forward to a great time, and much reminiscing as this is the first reunion EVER—30 years worth! Oh, what fun we have had with "Secret Sister"!

Join us all on Saturday, To for more information, call at 254-725-6489, or 254-725-3799, Wanda Beth at



7:00 p.m.

trying to hire our experienced help away from us - but we have managed to keep them from being lured away by higher wages. And numerous restaurants have tried to steal the recipe for "M & M Pancakes" that was handed down to us by Steve Mack some years ago. These will be in good supply for all the kids and "young at heart."

The Kiwanis Club hopes that you will take part in great food and fellowship tonight 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Cross Plains School Cafeteria. Bring some guests and have a great time together!!

Submitted by Bob Pipes

## Cross Plains High School Receives Grant

Cross Plains has been awarded a \$2,300.00 Grant by the West Central Texas Tech Prep Consortia.

The award money will be used to purchase video equipment for the high school computer lab. The grant was written by Mrs. Webb, Cross Plains High School technology teacher. Students in Mrs. Webb's classes will not only have the opportunity to learn on the newest video equipment but also receive dual credit which allows students to obtain both high school and college credit. Cross Plains is aligned with Cisco

Junior College, TSTC, West Central Texas College and over 54 other state wide colleges that accept the Tech Prep classes.

Career and technical programs enable students to gain entry-level employment in a high-skill, high-wage job and/or to continue their education. Cross Plains High School has three (3) such programs Family and Consumer Science taught by Jennifer Wootton, Agriculture taught by Marc Morgan and Roy Richey, and Mrs. Webb's Program.

## Cottonwood Fire Unit fought fires in Cottowood and Rowden Monday, February 25th

While the people of Cross Plains worried about a fire coming their way on Monday, February 25, those in Cottonwood had reason to worry also.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Unit had responded with both trucks at 12:30 p.m. to help Cross Plains with a fire off Highway 36 at Rowden. The fire was on Glenn Lawrence's ranch and the Beckham Ranch which

runs west of Cottonwood. On that same Monday night electrical wires started a fire on Joe Wyatt's place on CR 461 closer to Cottonwood. Units responded to this fire and fought it well into the night.

On Tuesday and Thursday CVFC responded to help Cross Plains with hotspots and mop-up.

Submitted by  
Mary Ella Weaver



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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**DON'T FORGET**

Daylight Savings Time

**Sunday, March 9th**

Spring your clocks ahead one hour!

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**Thank You God  
For The  
Healing Rain**

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### 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



**Our Church Is A House Of Prayer**

### UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sun. 6:30 p.m. Worship & Word \*\*\* Wed. 7:00 p.m. Bible Study  
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### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School .....9:45 AM  
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Evening Service.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM

**Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599**

Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

### Brushy Creek Cowboy Church

112 W. Travis in Putnam

**Pastor: Sam Stone**

Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 AM  
Wednesday Worship.....7:00 PM

### CROSS PLAINS COWBOY CHURCH

**Pastor: LEN SMITH**

Join Us On Sunday at 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

16075 CR 459 Cross Plains, Texas

**For Information**

Call 254-725-6446 or 325-518-5514

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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 Wednesday....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

### GOSPEL MISSION

716 1st Street  
Full Gospel

Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.

**Michael Ingram, Pastor**

# OBITUARIES

### Georgia Willingham

Georgia Willingham, 84, died Tuesday, March 04, 2008 in Abilene. Her graveside service with Pastor Wayne Lenz officiating will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, March 7th in Elmwood Memorial Park, Garden of Good Shepherd.

Viewing and visitation will be from 5:30 to 7:30 PM on Thursday at Elmwood Funeral Home, 5750 HWY 277 South.

Georgia was born on January 14, 1924 in Abilene the daughter of Willis James Vinson and Leta Bell Starit Vinson. She married Newell Willingham on July 25, 1942. She worked as a seamstress at Rita Barber for twelve years and had been a member of the Ovalo Community since 1983. She loved to cook, fish, sew and make beautiful quilts.

Survivors include her children, Gayle Whitehurst and husband Kenneth of Winters, Dianne Roberts and husband Terry of Abilene, J.R. Willingham and wife Linda of Midland, Judy Miller and husband Bill of Hamby, and Greg Willingham and wife Mary of Cross Plains; two brothers, Dub Vinson of Abilene and Joe Vinson of Casper, Wyoming; her sister, Sissy Scott of Abilene and her twin sister, Nancy Fillmon of Clyde; 11 grandchildren, 17 Great Grandchildren and 2 Great Great Grandchildren.

Her husband, parents, sisters, Joy Keese and Fern McCullough, brothers, Lewis and Charlie Vinson and an infant grandson, Joe Allen Willingham preceded her in death.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons, Larry Whitehurst, Keith Whitehurst, Wes Benson, Bob Willingham, Randy Willingham and Michael Miller.

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### Hazel Strahan Young

Hazel Strahan Young, age 85, of Lubbock, formerly of Cross Plains, passed away on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 in Lubbock. Funeral services were held in Cross Plains Saturday, March 1, 2008 with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial followed in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Hazel was born November 7, 1922 in Sabanno, Texas to Homer and Fannie (Armstrong) Clark. She married Donald Strahan on June 23, 1942 and he preceded her in death on May 4, 1990. She married Nealon Young on February 18, 1994 and he preceded her in death on November 25, 2000. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her sister, Mildred Avery of Lubbock; sons, Larry Strahan and wife Polly of Lubbock, Gary Strahan and wife Janice of Arkansas; Gayland Strahan and wife Brenda Houston; a step-son Alan Young and wife Rebecca of Tennessee; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and an aunt Vida Balkum and husband John Howard of Cross Plains.



### Jo Ann Wagley

Jo Ann Wagley of Putnam passed away at an Abilene Hospital on Sunday, March 2, 2008. She was born at her late parents' home, Joe and Dora Harris, in Cisco, Texas on April 12, 1926.

Jo Ann started to work as a temporary telephone operator with Southwestern Bell Telephone in Cisco at the age of fourteen. She later went to work permanently with Southwestern Bell as a telephone operator and was promoted to Group Chief Operator. She retired from Southwestern Bell when they closed the Cisco office. She then worked diligently with her late husband Hurshel Wagley forming Wagley Dozers & Welders, then later Wagley Construction Incorporated. She served as President of the Corporation for approximately ten years before selling her interest to sons Richard and Blayne.

She graduated from Cisco High School and loved visiting with class mates as they continued to meet for reunions on a yearly basis since 1943. When the First Baptist Church at Putnam no longer had services she moved her membership to the First Baptist Church in Baird. She was a long standing member of the Daughters of the Confederacy in the Abilene Chapter.

Jo Ann is survived by four sons and one daughter: Conrad Buchanan and wife Shirley of Clyde, Craig Buchanan and Beth Sells of Clyde, Blayne Buchanan and wife Melynda of Clyde, Richard Wagley and wife Marilyn of Abilene, and Jean Smith of Clyde. She is also survived by 15 grand children and 22 great grand children. She was preceded in death by husband Hurshel Wagley, husband, Hilary Buchanan, son Brent Buchanan, and brothers, Waldo Harris and Delmas Harris.

Funeral services have been set for 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at the First Baptist Church in Baird, with Rev. Truman Johnson officiating. Interment will follow in Ross Cemetery Annex in Baird. Services are under the direction of Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene would be appreciated.

### Sunday Evening Services Begin at Gospel Mission

Michael Ingram, pastor at Gospel Mission, would like to announce that Sam Fleming of Cross Plains will be ministering every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. beginning March 9th. Gospel Mission is located at 716 NE 1st Street in Cross Plains.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

### Emmitt Wiley "Bum" Foster

Emmitt Wiley "Bum" Foster, age 72, of Abilene passed away Sunday, March 2, 2008, in Abilene. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, 2008 in the Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Joe Burkett officiated, assisted by Janelle Schumann. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

He was born March 19, 1935 in the Atwell community in Callahan County, Texas to David Crockett and Mary Vivian (Childress) Foster. "Bum" graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1953 and served in the U.S. Army in 1958. He married Kay Barr in Cross Plains on August 3, 1956. Mr. Foster was ordained as a minister in the Wings as Eagles Ministries in Coleman in September 2004.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Foster of Clyde; daughter, Karen Foster Tharp of Clear Lake City, Texas; sister Juanita Harlow of Roswell, New Mexico; three grandchildren, Ryan, Mitchell and Julia Tharp; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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### Floy Bell Horner

Floy Bell Horner, age 90, of Brownwood, passed away February 28, 2008, at a Brownwood nursing home.

Funeral services, under the direction of Davis-Morris Funeral Home, were held at the funeral home at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 2, 2008.

She was born April 21, 1917, to W.P. and Odessa Hill in May, Texas. She married Verl Horner in Zephyr, Texas on October 19, 1933. Mrs. Homer was a resident of Brown County since 1937, and a member of the Cross Plains Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Verl Horner; daughter, Ina Beth Cramer and husband Herb of North Richland Hills; two sons, Norman Horner and wife Jane of Wichita Falls, and Cornice Horner and wife Nona of Brownwood; seven grandchildren, Ann Medford, Jan Lazarus, Shayla Greele, Gayla Enck, Wesley Horner, Jana Lowery and Lori Ryan; 15 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and three sisters, Twenehe Hill, Alama Moseley and Vera Wagner.

### C.P. Roping Club to Meet Monday

The regular meeting of the Cross Plains Roping Club set for last Monday was cancelled due to the wildfires. It has been rescheduled for Monday, March 10th at 7 p.m. at the local arena.

New officers will be elected and discussion of the upcoming Cook-Off and Bull Bash will be held.

Membership annual dues are also due at this time.

All members and perspective members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

### Sammie Jay Mixon Stewart

Graveside services for Sammie Jay Mixon Stewart, 60, of Rising Star, were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 2008, at the Rising Star Cemetery in Rising Star, with Jerry Echart officiating.

Sammie died Wednesday, February 27, 2008, at his home.

He was born on October 13, 1943 in San Angelo to Samuel Council and Myrtle Gracie Wright-Mixon. He was married to Dianne Marie Jennings on July 22, 1977 in Abilene.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne Marie Stewart of Rising Star; a son, Sam Stewart of Fort Worth; a daughter, Raquel Stewart of Abilene; four grandchildren; two sisters, Minnie Larkin of Rising Star and Pauline Anderson of California; a brother, Franklin Hudson of Temple.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Leroy Hudson.

Sammie composed the following poem, as he was a true follower of Jesus.

### "Some Golden Moment"

Some Golden Moment,  
When I close my eyes in rest,  
Jesus will hold me  
Close to his breast.

He will carry me away,  
To that beautiful shore  
Where trials and tribulations  
Will be no more.

I'll live in a mansion,  
So bright and so fair,  
Where all of God's children  
Will meet me up there.

I'll walk the streets of gold,  
Where I'll never grow old,  
I'll walk by the shining sea,  
Where my Master's face  
I'll see.

He will walk me through  
The Garden,  
The garden of prayer,  
Where I will hear the heavenly  
angels  
Singing in the heavenly choir.

Until then,  
I'll watch and pray,  
To Jesus for his return,  
Some Golden Day.

### Tarleton State Fall 2007 Graduates

STEPHENVILLE, TX—Tarleton State University's fall commencement was held December 10-11, 2007. The following area students have satisfactorily met the university's requirements for their individual degree programs and have been awarded their diplomas.

**Baird**  
Virginia Russell - BS in Human Science- *Cum Laude*  
**Cross Plains**  
Nikki Higgins - BS in Interdisciplinary Studies  
Remington O'Dell - BBA in Accounting  
Claren R. Sliger - BAAS in Industrial Occupations  
**May**  
Ann Jones - BSN in Nursing  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
**Rising Star**  
Tyler Chambers - BS in Criminal Justice

### 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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WE INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH THE

**First United Methodist Church**  
and the First United Presbyterian Church  
(200 Ave D & 2nd Street)

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

### New Fire Chief And Board Members Get Baptism Of Fire

The new Fire Chief, President, Board members and other members of the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Unit, elected last Monday night, really got busy when a wildfire broke out just one day after their election.

"The alarm sounded around 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday and the Unit responded with both trucks to the Lawrence Ranch near Rowden," said Joe Terstegge, newly elected fire chief. The wind was blowing out of the north with a gusto. The roaring gale quickly spread the fire to the Beckham ranch and all along the ridge to the west of Cottonwood.

Later, the Cottonwood Crew were stationed along Highway 36 to help block the fire and keep it from crossing the main road NAFTA highway, to help block the fire from crossing that road.

And then, they got a call that a fire had broken out near the Parr place in the Turkey Creek area. That fire was caused by electrical wires blowing so hard

the wires were blowing against each other and sparking, thus causing the brush below to set a fire. So the volunteers rushed to Turkey Creek to help on that fire.

The next four days the Cottonwood unit responded to fires on the Beckham Ranch putting out hot spots that flared up. In all they responded four days out of five. All members responded quickly as their day-jobs permitted.

In an e-mail sent the next day the Parr's wrote, "God was with us last night for sure! About 11:00 p.m. a fire unit from East Texas came in with a bull dozer and settled a fire on the 60 acres across the road from us. As you can imagine little sleep was gotten, as we watched our tree tops to the west, north and southwest glow in amber/orange smoke. There are still hot spots all along our ridge, but I think that they are being watched pretty closely. We'll be going up on the line to help where needed. Our fire (across the road) was caused

by power lines which sparked and lit cedar brush beneath them. Keep us in your prayers, please!"

Joe Terstegge said many fire departments responded to the wildfires at Turkey Creek and along the ridge to the west of Cottonwood, including places like Cross Plains, Coleman, Carbon, Baird and just about every volunteer fire department near to Cross Plains area responded.

So, Thanks to the Cottonwood volunteers. They get there fast!

### Train Wreck At Baird Is In The News, Again

The fatal, and now famous, train wreck at Baird, Texas, in 1905 is once again reported in the news as Baird opens the old/new T&P Railroad Depot. details next week.

(For news items or personal items about Cottonwood, please contact, Wallace Bennett at 254-725-7474 or e-mail at csb5@airmail.net, or snail mail at 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Remember, I can't print it if I don't know about it.)

## Rolling Oaks GOLF NEWS

Leap Year, February 29, 2008, is a day and year that will live long in the memory of a Granbury, Texas resident. Jim and Ethel Moon were passing by on State Highway 36 in route to their deer lease in Coleman, when they spotted the Rolling Oaks Golf Club sign. Now they just happened to be traveling with their golf clubs, as any avid golfer does, and decided to try this little course in Central Texas.

Teeing off on our hole #2, which is a Par 3, and 162 yards with a 6 iron was not unusual for Jim but what followed was. To his delight he shot a Hole in ONE. For the first time in his life, he can now say that he has hit a hole in one!

Something tells me this will not be his last stop at this little golf course. Congratulations Jim! We look forward to seeing you soon!

An ABCD Scramble will be hosted on Saturday and each Tuesday beginning on March 11, 2008. Register before 6 p.m. as tee time will be 6 p.m. The Tuesday scramble will be 9 holes and there will be 2 closest to the pin's awarded each scramble.

The cost will be \$5.00 for the scramble and \$2.00 for the closest to the pin. Green fees will be \$8 for non-members and cart rentals will be \$4.50. Cart rentals for members will be \$3.75 and of course member green fees are waived.

## Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Reunion is this Saturday

This Saturday is the much anticipated "Alpha Rho Zeta Beta Sigma Phi Celebrating 30 Years of Sisterhood" event. On March 8th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, there will be a Tea for all current and former members.

This will be a time of sharing and remembering what Beta Sigma Phi has meant to individuals and the community. Everyone is encouraged to attend, bring photos and scrapbooks, wear your pins, charm bracelets,

and BSP T-shirts (do you still have them?).

We are looking forward to a great time, and much reminiscing as this is the first reunion EVER—30 years worth! Oh, what fun we have had with "Secret Sister"!

See you all on Saturday. To RSVP, or for more information, please call Dora at 254-725-6489, Sam at 254-725-6879, Wanda 254-725-6476, or Elizabeth at 254-725-6763.

## Area Fire Departments Work Well Together

Monday, February 25, 2008, was a scary day for those of us in Rowden. The high wind is believed to have caused the power lines to spark and started a pasture fire. Our small place that I grew up on was in the path of the fire, along with several other neighbors' property.

As the call went out, one cannot believe the response. First on the scene were neighbors: Davy Crockett had the gate open for the fire departments, Robert Watson was there with a sprayer wetting out cabin down to save it, Al and Emma Catterall arrived to help and make phone calls.

The first fire truck arrived and turned the fire away from our cabin as the fire was within 100 yards. The fire consumed a major portion of our place but the cows and some grazing was saved along with the cabin, barn and tractor. Sunday night we were blessed with 1 1/2 inch of rain, so everything will be better as the grass starts growing.

We knew that a large number of firefighters, departments and equipment were on the scene that afternoon and night, but did not

realize how many until we called Jan Windham, EMC for Callahan County. Fourteen different fire departments, along with the Forest Service, Cross Plains EMS, TxDot, County Commissions Pct. 2,3 and 4, United Energex tanker, Cross Plains Grain & Peanut tanker and Lawrence Farm & Ranch Supply tanker.

Tuesday and Wednesday the Forest Service had their helicopters working on areas that were flaming up as the wind changed.

These first responders brought over 80 men and women to stop this disaster of a fire. I am sure that there were others who helped who did not have a chance to report to the Emergency Management Coordinator.

It is great to see so many people working together during a time of emergency and most of them did not know the people they were coming to aid in this emergency.

We say "thank you" to each and everyone who worked on this fire.

Submitted by  
Glenn and Ruthie Lawrence

## RIISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

By NIKKI PEREZ

Welcome back everyone. The month is March; get ready for Spring and St. Patrick's Day. The nursing home is all decorated green and springy. The first day of Spring is Thursday, March 20th.

This will be a busy time for our residents. On the 14th they will be having Baking Day, where they will bake and decorate cookies. Then that afternoon they will begin to stuff Easter Eggs.

Monday, March 17th we will be having our St. Patrick's Day and

birthday party at 2 p.m. March birthdays are: Patsy Miller, Billie Lewis, Pearl Anderson, Geraldine Richter, and Dorothy Clark. Our employees who have March birthdays are: Rhonda Troxtell, Linda Canales, and Kasandra Harris. Happy Birthday to You!!

The residents will stuff more eggs on the 18th to get ready for the big day. Our Easter Egg hunt will be Friday, March 21st at 2 p.m.

I would like to say thank you to Don and Ramona Dudas for

donating bingo prizes to the facility. Thank you so much, your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

I would like to send our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. Margaret Chupp. She was a very sweet lady and she will be greatly missed.

Ok. Now ya'll don't forget to change your clocks forward one hour on Sunday the 9th.

Well I guess that will do for this edition. Until next time, take care and God Bless.

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## Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

This seems like a very valuable hint to me. It was sent to me through email from a neighbor.

### PUT YOUR CAR KEYS BESIDE YOUR BED AT NIGHT

Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, everyone you run across.

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this.

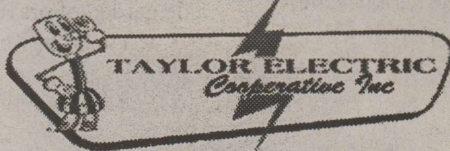
It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it

with the button on the key chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar rapist won't stick around... After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.... This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

P.S. I am sending this to everyone I know because I think it is fantastic. Would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone.

My Mom has suggested to my Dad that he carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him. He can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem.



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## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
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God calls for total commitment upon the part of each of His followers – "to present our bodies a living sacrifice...which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1-2). Total commitment does involve sacrifice. Defined, it means: "God, first and all." Demonstrated, it means: "Giving of self" (2 Cor. 8:5).

When the decision is to do what you want to do or what someone else asks you to do, which is it? When the decision is to do God's will or your own will, which is it? When the decision for Christ was to submit to the Cross or call in twelve legions of angels to deliver Him, which was it? Ah, there's our example! "When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride."

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## Lady Buffs Softball Team Opens District Play

By Coach Atchley

The Lady Buffs opened up district play in softball when they traveled to Gorman to play.

In the first inning, Terrah doubled, Tiffany walks, Emma walks, then Terrah is forced out at home on Emily's grounder, bases still loaded. Kodi draws a walk and Tiffany scores. Terrah pitches the entire game, Gorman fails to score; Tiffany throws out a runner at second after she walks, a force out and a pop fly to Emma end the first.

Cross Plains adds another run in the second, after 2 outs, Terrah walks then steals 2nd and scores when the shortstop fails to make the throw on Tiffany's ground ball. Gorman scored one in their second on an error and 2 ground ball outs. Cross Plains failed to score in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th innings. Gorman scored 5 in the 3rd, two base on balls, 2 hits and an error helped produce the 5

runs. At the end of the 5th inning the score was Gorman 6, CP 2.

In the 6th the Lady Buffs scored 1. Kodi and Miranda hit singles then both advanced on 2 stolen bases - Kodi scored on Savana's infield out. Gorman scored 2 in their 6th on 2 base on balls, 2 stolen bases and 2 ground outs. The Lady Buffs scored 2 in the top of the 7th - after 2 outs, Emma hits a double, Emily got a base hit to drive Emma in, then Emily scored on Kodi's base hit. **The Final Score Gorman 8, CP 5.**

The girls played a good game and had some good defensive plays and Terrah pitched a good game. There are still parts of the game that the girls need to work on and with more experience they will improve.

The girls next action is Monday against Ranger and then they play Albany Friday both games are in Cross Plains. The De Leon Tournament scheduled for this weekend has been canceled.

## The Buffs Play in Early Tournament

By Coach Atchley

The Buffs played 3 games this past week when they played in the Early Tournament.

In their first game the Buffs played Bangs. The Final was Bangs 6, CP 1. Cross Plains was held to 2 hits while Bangs had 8, but of their 6 runs only 3 runs were earned. Too many walks and errors produced the other 3 runs.

The Buffs second game was against Early. The Buffs scored 1 in the 2nd when Reese hit a single then stole 2nd, went to 3rd on an error and scored on a passed ball. Early scored 6 in their 1st with 5 hits, 2 walks and one error. Buffs scored 2 in the 3rd, Joe Dalton

walked, Zach bunts him to 2nd, Yates hits a single to drive Joe in, and an out latter JJ drives Yates in with a single. Early scored 1 in the 2nd because of 2 errors. The Buffs scored two in the 4th - Patrick walks and is forced out at 2nd on a hit by JJ. Markus hits a single (men on 2nd and 3rd), a fielding error then allows JJ and Markus to score. Early scored one run in the 5th and 6th inning to make the Final Early 9, CP 5.

The Buffs start district Monday against Ranger and play Albany Friday, both games are in Cross Plains. The Buffs need to get several players back for the team to be at its full strength.

## Tolar Rattlers Slither past Cross Plains Buffaloes

By Coach Atchley

The CP Buffs took the long drive to Tolar last Tuesday to battle the Tolar Rattlers.

In the 1st two innings the Buffs failed to score - Yates had a double in the 1st but the Buffs failed to get him home for a run. JJ started on the mound and held the Rattlers scoreless in the first two innings. Score 0-0.

In the Buffs 3rd they scored 3 runs. Ford draws a walk, Yates reaches on an error (men on 2nd and 3rd), Border gets a hit to drive

in Yates and Ford, Border scored when JJ hits a double. CP 3, Tolar 0. In their 3rd inning Tolar scored 3 to tie the game. In the 4th CP scored 2. Ford walks, Yates hit a single and a walk loads the bases, then an error allowed the 2 runs. CP 5, Tolar 3. Tolar fails to score in the 4th and 5th innings.

In the bottom of the 6th Tolar scored 3 runs. A single puts a runner on 1st, an out, then 2 walks loaded the bases. After another out, a throwing error allowed the 3 runs to score. **Final Tolar 6, CP 5.**

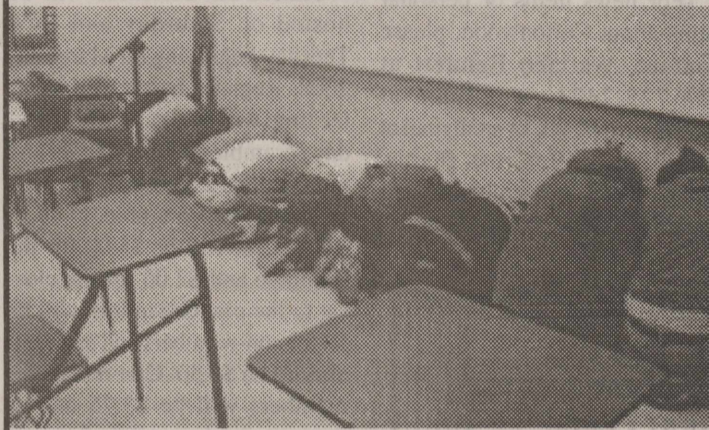
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### LUNCH

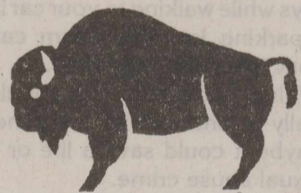
MONDAY - Burrito w/Chili & Cheese, Salad, Crackers, Mixed Fruit

TUESDAY - Chicken Nuggets w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Peaches

WEDNESDAY - Chalupas, Salad, Strawberries & Bananas

THURSDAY - Turkey & Rice, Peas & Carrots, Bread Stick, Oranges

FRIDAY - Submarine Sandwich, Salad, Baked Chips, Pickles, Ice Cream



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### 07-08 District 10A, Div. I, Boys All District Basketball

#### Second Team:

JJ Callaway, Senior

#### Honorable Mention:

Joe Wyatt, Junior

Jerry Daniel, Senior

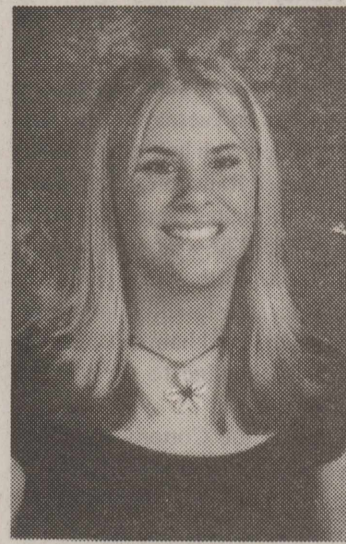
Reese Allen, Sophomore

## Ryann West nominated to attend National Youth Leadership Forum

Ryann West, a former Clyde High School student, has been nominated to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on medicine to be held in Houston in July 2008.

Fewer than one percent of all high-achieving high school students receive this nomination. Top students from all over the nation and several foreign countries will attend this forum. The forum will provide insight into the medical field, covering almost all phases, as the student gets to accompany doctors in numerous hospitals in Houston as they administer care to patients from birth to death.

Ryann attended Clyde school until this past summer when she and her family moved to the Cross Plains School District where Ryann is a junior.



RYANN WEST

Ryann is the daughter of Kendra McGhee, and the granddaughter of Adrian and Joan Huddleston of Clyde.

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To be considered for the scholarship, students must have been admitted into Angelo State University and have completed the General University Scholarship

Application, which can be found on the ASU web site at [www.angelo.edu/services/financial\\_aid/forms.html](http://www.angelo.edu/services/financial_aid/forms.html). Additional scholarship opportunities are also available.

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## Private Property Owners' Bill of Rights

The following commentary is about the importance of protecting private property owners' rights in connection with the construction of new highways. TXDOT is currently holding public hearings across the state concerning the I-69 Trans Texas Corridor project. The Commissioner believes it is crucial for private property owners to stand up and make their voices heard in defending their property rights.

It is a good bet if something is mentioned twice—if repeated—it is most likely a significant issue, especially when it is referenced twice in the United States Constitution.

"No person shall be...deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

Amendment V, U.S. Constitution

"No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law..."

Amendment XIV, U.S. Constitution

The right to own and use private property is one of the most important human rights and the cornerstone for economic prosperity. That is why our founders guaranteed it in the Constitution and listed property in the same category and with the same prominence as life...and...liberty.

The framers of our Constitution had the foresight to comprehend there are times when private property is needed for public use, but they went to great lengths to ensure generations who followed would understand the sanctity of the ownership and protection of private property.

It is critical we never allow an entity or government the ability to trample on this basic right to own what is below our feet. Just as we intuitively defend and protect life and liberty, we must once again prioritize the protection of private property ownership. Nowhere has the need for this elevation been manifested more than in the transportation policies of our great state.

To say Texas is growing is an understatement. We picked up two seats in Congress after the last census, and experts believe Texas will gain three or four more with the 2010 count. More people mean more roads.

As we build new highways, it is vital the needs, rights and priorities of private property owners are at the front of the process, not at the end.

Our policies must be guided by principles that say, "We the people of the State of Texas do reaffirm our commitment to life...and...liberty...and property, and our policies and procedures will elevate these principles to their rightful status."

In recognition of this core ideology that has led us to prosperity, we hold these truths to be self-evident.

\*Taking property from one private owner and giving it to another private owner is wrong.

\*Taking private property for commercial purposes is wrong.

\*Failing to provide landowners proper access is wrong.

\*Failing to connect cities, towns and existing roadways to new routes is wrong.

\*Not using every effort to follow the footprint of existing roadways to minimize the disruption of farm, ranch, timber and wildlife habitat is wrong.

\*Fragmenting farms, ranches, timberland and wildlife habitat when it could be avoided is wrong.

\*Circumventing the input of local citizens and officials is wrong.

\*Removing the responsibility to negotiate in good faith is wrong.

\*Removing the responsibility to make a bona fide attempt to purchase property is wrong.

Texas farmers and ranchers recognize the important of an efficient transportation system. They depend on it for livelihood. But those who work the land know the right to own property is mandatory for the preservation of life and liberty.

After all, the grand patriots who signed the Constitution signed the Constitution were farmers too.

Todd Staples  
Texas Agriculture  
Commissioner

Todd Staples is Texas' 11th Commissioner of Agriculture. He is a former State Senator, State Representative and City Councilmember. Commissioner Staples is from Palestine and is charting a course to bring job creation to rural Texas, further the promotion of Texas products, and help farmers and ranchers face tomorrow's challenges.

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## Grand Ole Oplin March Line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin is proud to announce their band line-up for the month of March. Starting off the month on Friday, March 7th, Muddy Creek will be joining us playing all of your favorite country and western dance tunes. On Friday, March 14th, Country Classics will be here playing the kind of music that will make you want to get up and dance. On Friday, March 21st, Herman Hearn and the Yellowjackets will be joining us playing country classics for your entertainment. Returning on Friday, March 28th, Muddy Creek will be here playing some more of your favorite country and western tunes.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center, and is located at the intersection of FM 604 S. and FM 2926. Admission to our dances is still only \$4.00 per person. Our dances being each Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. Alcohol and smoking are not permitted at any of our functions.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of good music, good food, and good friends. Be sure to wear your dancing boots!

## Ranch Rodeo in Gorman Benefits Trooper Clint Cole

There will be a Ranch Rodeo on Saturday, March 15th, beginning at 4:00 p.m., to benefit State Trooper Clint Cole from Gorman, who has cancer. We want to show him that our community cares about him and his family. Trooper Cole has 3 children.

There will be 6 events. The entry fee is \$400.00 per 5 man team. A concession stand will be available. Bring your lawn

## SUDAN

injustice in Sudan. Northern and Southern Sudan signed an uneasy peace treaty in 2005 after more than twenty years of civil war. The fundamentalist Muslim North decimated the Southern population through war and unimaginable violence.

Untold numbers of children have been orphaned and countless Southern Sudanese women and children have been kidnapped, taken to the North, and forced into slavery. The violence did not end in 2005, however, as border skirmishes continue and the Arab government in the North has sponsored ethnic violence against the black Muslims of the Darfur region (located in Northwest Sudan).

This government-sponsored genocide over the past three years has resulted in at least 400,000 deaths and another 2.5 million people displaced. Nyamlell is located on the Southern border of Darfur region. The children Nyamlell and countless other villages continue to face the dangers of starvation, hyenas, rabid dogs, slave raiders, and militias.

New Life Ministries in Sudan, in partnership with an organization called Make Way Partners of Birmingham, Alabama, are struggling to protect at least these 400 children and to raise up a new generation of Christ followers in Sudan. To learn more about the violence in Sudan and how you can help, please visit online <http://www.savedarfur.org> or <http://www.makewaypartners.org>.

Clay and Matt will be presenting more information about Sudan and their trip this coming Sunday evening, March 9th, the Cottonwood Baptist Church building. Joins us at 6:00 p.m. if you are interested in seeing pictures and hearing stories of what God is doing in this difficult region and how you might partner with God in that work.

## Down Home—

the world's foundations. Christians are just sick and tired of turning the other cheek while our courts strip us of all our rights. Our parents and grandparents taught us to pray before eating; to pray before we go to sleep.

Our Bible tells us to pray without ceasing. Now a handful of people and their lawyers are telling us to cease praying.

**GOD HELP US!!!!!!**  
And if that last sentence offends you, well...just sue me. The silent majority has been silent too long. It's time we let that one or two who scream loud enough to be heard that the vast majority doesn't care what they want. It is time the majority rules! It's time we tell the, you don't have to pray; your don't have to say the pledge of allegiance; you don't have to believe in God or attend services that honor Him. That is your right, and we will honor your right.

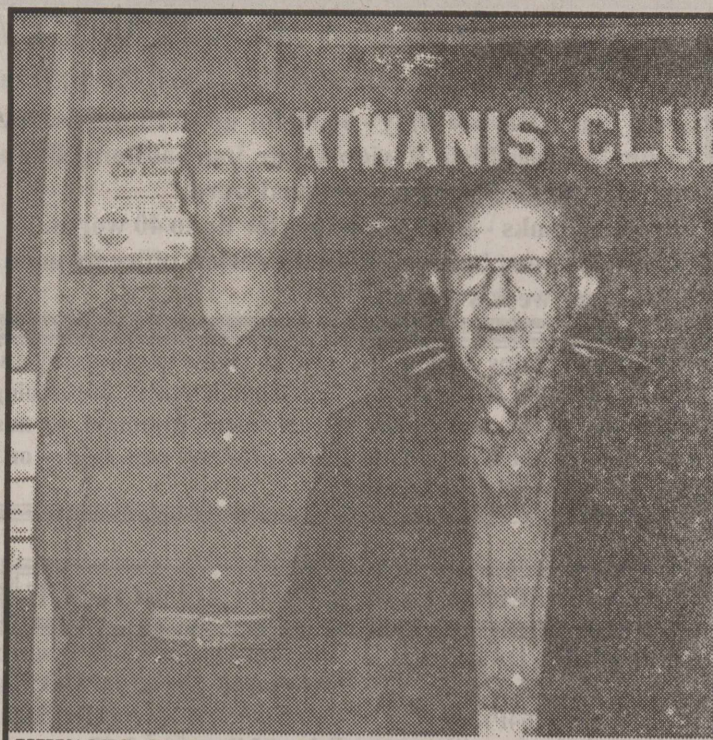
**But, by golly, you are no longer going to take our rights away. We are fighting back. And we WILL WIN!**

God bless us one and all...especially those who denounce Him, God bless America despite all her faults. She is still the greatest nation of all.

God bless our service men who are fighting to protect our right to pray and worship God. 2008 will be the year the silent majority is heard and we put God back as the foundation of our families and institutions...and our military come home from all the wars.

Keep Looking up—In God We Trust.

"And that's the rest of the story."



**KIWANIS CLUB NEW FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2008**—Guest speaker for the day was one of their own, fellow Kiwanian Jamie Wootton (left), who gave a brief synopsis of his recent mission trip to Athens, Greece. Topics of discussion and interest included the people, the food, the ancient sights as well as the modern city and the culture. Pictured with Jamie is James Alexander. The Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn and invites everyone to come and join us.

## Pioneer Cemetery Report

The following gifts, interest and burial fees had been deposited into the Pioneer Cemetery account at Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains.

Each donation is deeply appreciated in helping to maintain the cemetery. You may make donations to Texas Heritage Bank, P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, TX 76443 or mail to Jo Veda Watson, 300 Hog Creek Road, Brownwood, TX 76801.

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The Cross Plains I.S.D. District  
Site-Based Decision Making  
Committee will meet in the **High  
School Library at 3:45 p.m. on  
Monday, March 10, 2008.**

Agenda items are as follow:  
1. Open Forum  
2. Consider School Calendar for  
2008-2009  
3. Consider Staff Development  
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4. Public Hearing on School  
Report Card  
5. Adjourn.

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it moved across the land to the  
west of us and then moved to the  
Beckham Ranch and seemed  
headed straight for all of us at  
Caddo Peak Ranch on Highway  
36. For a moment it was quiet,  
and then so many responded...  
trucks, heavy equipment,  
volunteer fire departments, and  
many individuals. They began  
the watering, running fire breaks,  
getting equipment out where  
needed, catching and loading  
animals, loading up things,  
helping where needed, etc. The  
smoke was getting thicker and  
thicker. They were making all  
preparations to prevent the spread  
of fire and to prepare to fight it if  
it came on beyond the tower on  
the ridge at Beckhams. Several  
just stayed all night in case it did  
spread again.

We want to say thank you to  
all... and especially to Blayne  
Buchanan, Cliff Kirkham, David  
Switzer and son Chad, Creath  
Switzer, Tom and Jan Merryman,  
Curtis and Barbie Creach, Nicole  
Clark, and David Hinkle. Also a  
very special thanks to the Cross  
Plains Volunteer Fire Department  
as well as the volunteer fire  
fighters of Lake Brownwood,  
Early, Cottonwood and Carbon.  
We do not want to leave anyone  
out... there were so many who  
stopped to check on us, and we  
want to thank you all. It is so nice  
to live where friends, neighbors  
and strangers all respond to a need  
for help. All of us again thank you  
for assisting us.

The Caddo Peak Ranch  
Bo and Sarah Buchanan,  
Morgan and Madison  
Janet Swanson

### CARD OF THANKS

Thank you seems so simple, but  
is with a grateful heart that I  
say "Thank You" to each and  
everyone who have shown many  
acts of kindness during my  
lengthy illness (pneumonia).

Your thoughts, prayers, calls,  
cards, visits, and food has meant  
so much to all of us.

Thank you to Dad and Mom  
(Cecil and Naoma Wilson),  
Bonnie Dickson, and my sisters,  
Pam Phillips and Melinda Barker,  
for taking me to the doctors, the  
emergency hospital stay, and  
picking up my meds; plus all the  
meals, Moma, Bonnie and  
Melinda have prepared for our  
family - these unselfish acts of  
kindness will always be dear to  
my heart.

Our prayer is that God's  
blessings be on each of you, as  
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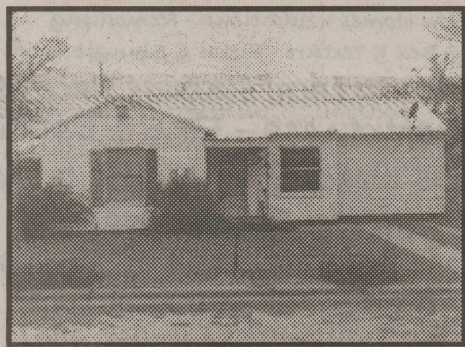
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# COURTHOUSE NEWS

## COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings

Lori Faye Bilski, public intoxication.  
Charleston T. Johnson, possession of marijuana.  
Scott Crashan, possession of marijuana.  
Sequana D. Henry, failed to identify.  
Clyde G. Hall, driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
Corey D. Haas, possession of marijuana.  
Jonathan Girtz, possession of marijuana.  
Daniel R. Haas, possession of marijuana.  
Jonathan R. Nelson, DWI.  
Ryan J. Myers, DWI.  
Juan Lopez Salazar, possession of gambling paraphernalia.  
Juan C. Castaneda, possession of gambling paraphernalia.  
Saloman B. Dorado, possession of gambling paraphernalia.

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Troy A. McNeely, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.  
Christine J. Harris, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.  
Stephen McNeely, plea of

guilty to possession of marijuana, 18 months probation, \$500 fine, \$310 court costs.

Larry Kniffen, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 1 year probation, \$600 fine, \$410 court costs.

Anthony Fiorentini, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 18 months probation, \$500 fine, \$310 court costs.

Elizabeth Pelletier, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 18 months probation, \$500 fine, \$310 court costs.

George Peery, plea of guilty to theft, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$310 court costs, \$1000 restitution.

Joshua Welch, plea of guilty to DWI - 2nd, 45 days in jail, \$410 court costs.

Troy McNeely, motion to dismiss to assault granted in the interest of justice.

Wesley Callaway, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$410 court costs.

Mark Johnson, Jr., plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$200 fine, \$215 court costs.

Stephen McNeely, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Wesley Callaway, order amending conditions of probation granted.

### Marriage Licenses

Brooks L. Pickens, Jr. and Raquel M. Dominguez, both of Clyde.

### 42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

#### Civil Filings

Connie Beth Carpenter and Donald Lynn Carpenter, divorce.

#### Civil Minutes

Brad O. Watson and Chrystie Jean Watson, divorce granted.  
Sarah T. Gregware and William Charles Gregware, Sr., divorce granted.

Erica Dawn Prosser and Timothy Nathan Prosser, divorce granted.

David Wayman Hawkins and Aliyiyah Riyyah Hawkins, divorce granted.

Steven Lee Rounsaville and Jennifer Lynn Rounsaville, divorce granted.

John Jacob Pruet and Mandi Michelle Pruet, divorce granted.

#### Criminal Indictments

Emily Austin, theft.

#### Criminal Minutes

Lavincent Swoopes, motion to dismiss to DWI - 3rd or more granted.

Russell Whitehead, motion to dismiss to Ct. I - aggravated assault, Ct. II - DWI granted for plea to other case.

Emily Austin, plea of guilty to theft, 2 year probation, \$500 fine, \$299 court costs, \$537.84 restitution.

Colby D. Reutter, plea of guilty to criminal mischief, 4 year probation, \$750 fine, \$309 court costs, \$4853.04 restitution.

Brandy Russell, motion to dismiss to theft granted in the interest of justice.

## Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 25, 2008 through March 1, 2008 include:

#### Cases Investigated

Warnings—243  
Complaints—75  
DWI—1  
DWLI—1

#### Vehicle Accidents

There were four vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

### Cross Plains Review

# 8

March 6, 2008

# “Thank You” to ALL Who Helped Fight the Wildfire on Monday, February 25th

By Rickey Carouth,  
CPVFD Fire Chief

(1 unit).  
We also had several individuals who donated time and equipment: Lawrence Farm & Ranch (Water Truck); Cross Plains Grain & Peanut (Water Truck); 3D Ag (Water Truck); United Energex (Water Truck); KGH - Kenny Horan (Dozer); Blain Buchanan (Dozer); Cliff Kirkham - Precinct 4 (Maintainers).

On Monday, February 25, 2008 high winds caused power lines to arch and start a fire in Rowden (12 miles west of Cross Plains). This fire burned 4037 acres and caused 96 homes to be evacuated. The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department was the first to be paged to this fire at 3:30 p.m., immediately after arriving on scene they called for assistance. Before the fire was completely extinguished there were 18 departments with 32 units on scene. Firefighters battled the blazes from 3:30 p.m. on 2/25/08 until 8:30 p.m. 2/26/08.

All of us at the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank each and every Person, Department, and Business that helped us during this effort. First we would like to thank each Department that offered assistance: Texas Forest Service; TxDot (fuel, maintainers, dozers); Cross Plains VFD (5 units); Clyde VFD (2 units); Baird VFD (3 units); Brownwood Lake Bridge VFD (2 units); Brownwood Lake Dam VFD (2 units); Burkett VFD (3 units); Eastland Fire Department (1 unit); Carbon VFD (2 units); Coleman VFD (1 unit); Coleman Lake VFD (1 unit); May VFD (2 units); Cottonwood VFD (2 units); Santa Anna VFD (1 unit); Eula VFD (1 Tanker); Lawn VFD

A special thank you to all the businesses that help the Fire Fighters: Food Plaza (Bottled Water); Village Market (Bottled Water); Jean's Feed Barn (Feeding the Fire Fighters); Dairy Queen (Feeding the Fire Fighters); Brenda and Katrina - Subway (Cookies for Fire Fighters); Staghorn Cafe (Feeding the Fire Fighters); First Baptist Church Cross Plains (Opening for Evacuees).

When you have something like this that happens so fast and unexpectedly you have a large outpouring of people that want to help. We at the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department sincerely thank each and every one of you for each and every way that you helped. Unfortunately you don't always get the name of the person who brought the food or the equipment or was just there to volunteer their time. If you are not included in one of these list and you helped us please know that you were appreciated.

# This Week in Texas History

By: Bartee Haile

## Medal of Honor Winner winds up POW

March 5-11, 2008

Two and a half months after receiving the Medal of Honor, Lt. "Red" Morgan was shot down over Berlin on Mar. 6, 1944.

Born in 1914 at Vernon a few miles south of the Red River, John Cary Morgan did most of his growing up in Amarillo. He did, however, finish high school at New Mexico Military Institute at the insistence of his father, a prominent attorney.

Late in life after his hair had turned white, Morgan remembered it had been "flaming red during my flaming youth." This reference to his wild and woolly days was supported by his poor performance in the classroom. He changed colleges at least once a year attending Amarillo College, Schreiner Institute in Kerrville, West Texas State Teachers College in Canyon and the University of Texas all by the age of 20. In 1934 the head of family sent his problem child to live with an uncle in the Fiji Islands, where he worked on a pineapple plantation. Even though there were only two automobiles on the small island, reckless "Red" collided head-on with the other vehicle.

Morgan came back to the U.S. in 1938 and found a job as a roughneck in Oklahoma. The broken neck he suffered in an oilfield accident and his sub-par college transcripts proved to be a double whammy, when he tried to enlist in the Army Air Corps. To add insult to injury, he was reclassified 4-F by Selective Service.

The Canadians, already at war as part of the British Empire, could not afford to be so choosy. Morgan was accepted by the Royal Canadian Air Force, trained to fly and shipped off to England in 1942.

The next March, he changed uniforms. The Texan once deemed unfit for duty was welcomed by the Air Corps with a lieutenant's commission

and the grade of flight officer.

On his fifth mission in July 1943, Morgan was the co-pilot on a B-17 nicknamed "Ruthie II" on a 600-plane bombing run over Hanover, Germany. The Dutch coast was coming into sight, when the Luftwaffe met the airborne armada over the North Sea.

German fighters turned "Ruthie II" into a flying piece of Swiss cheese. The oxygen system in the rear of the craft was disabled causing five crewmen to lose consciousness. A split-second after a cannon shell shattered the cockpit windshield, a machine-gun bullet hit the pilot, Lt. Robert Campbell, in the head splitting his skull wide-open.

Still awake but completely disoriented, Campbell slumped forward with a death-grip on the controls. Morgan realized that if the B-17 fell out of formation it would be a sitting duck for the Luftwaffe swarm. So with his left hand he wrestled the crazed pilot into an upright position and with his right hand pulled the bomber out of the dive.

Out of his mind with pain, Campbell fought like a madman for the controls. He punched the co-pilot again and again in the face, loosening several teeth and blackening both eyes, but the six-foot-two and 210-pound Morgan had the strength to keep him at bay.

The Texan reached for the intercom to call for help only to discover that it too had been knocked out of commission. Morgan had two decisions to make and he had to make them fast.

First, should he go on with the mission or turn back to England? He chose to fly onto the target. Second, should he subdue Campbell by removing his oxygen mask, a probable death sentence at 26,000 feet, or wait for the crew to come to his aid? He chose to continue the one-arm struggle.

After the bombs were

dropped on Hanover and "Ruthie II" was headed for home, the navigator finally entered the cockpit. Lt. Keith Koske could not believe his eyes. "Morgan was flying the plane with one hand, holding the half-dead pilot off with the other hand and he had been doing it for over two hours!"

"Red" Morgan returned the battered B-17 safely to base with the loss of only one life, the mortally wounded pilot. "Ruthie II" never flew again, but the heroic pilot did over the objections of his superiors.

The general, who presented the lieutenant with the Medal of Honor on Dec. 17, 1943, told him future combat missions were out of the question. But the stubborn Texan was not about to miss the first raid on Berlin on Mar. 6, 1944.

"We had just reached the target area when we were hit by flak," Morgan recounted decades later. "The aircraft tumbled out of control and subsequently exploded."

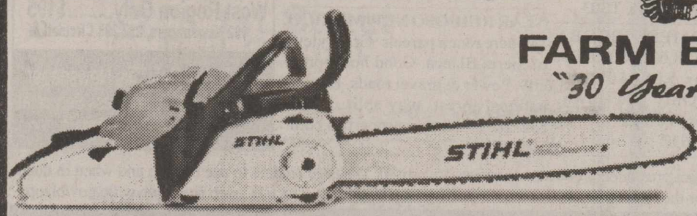
Morgan's parachute was under his arm rather than on his chest harness, when he was blown clear by the force of the explosion. He fell 20,000 feet before snapping the chute into place with 500 feet to spare.

Landing almost on top of an artillery battery, Morgan surrendered to the startled Germans. The first Medal of Honor winner taken prisoner by the enemy spent the rest of World War II in a POW camp.

If the incredible story of "Red" Morgan sounds familiar, that is no surprise. A thinly fictionalized version of his heroics on-board "Ruthie II" and the freefall into German captivity appear in the novel "Twelve O'Clock High" and the movie of the same name.

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