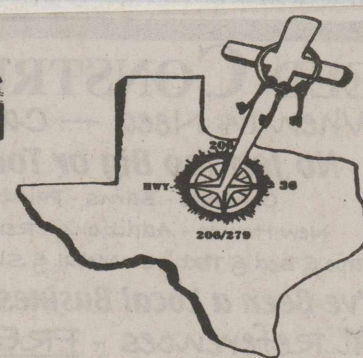


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Submitted by
Kim Crockett



A GROUP OF MEN AT THE COTTONWOOD POST OFFICE—one of the old photographs from the Cottonwood's My Home Cookbook. Henry Robinsonn (from left), Frank Champion, Harry S. Varner, Ott Peevy, John Ivey and Robert Young.

Cottonwood Historical Association Collecting Information for New Cookbook Supplement

While you're sharing the holidays with your family, get out Grandma's recipe box and share a few of your family's favorite

recipes. Grandma's Pumpkin Pie and Grandpa's Smoked Turkey recipes will be a great addition to the Cottonwood Cookbook! And, while you're at it, jot down a few of your favorite memories of Grandma and Grandpa...and Aunt Betsy, Uncle Fred and any of your friends and relatives who have connections to Cottonwood.

The Cottonwood Historical Association is collecting recipes, memories, old photographs, and family histories for a new—second supplement to the popular "Cottonwood's My Home" Cookbook.

This new supplement, the second one published for the Cottonwood Cookbook, will feature an additional ring binder and about 70 pages of recipes and history inside. You'll be able to keep the recipes in one ring binder and the history and old photographs in the other—or keep the original cookbook intact and put the supplements in the new ring binder.

Deadline is January 10, 2009, and space is very limited in this new supplement. So, please send

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Christmas Day

By D.B. Gunn

Cross Plains 11-24-2008

Oh the beauty and the special warmth
Of this time of year.
Brings thoughts of friends and family,
And God, we hold so dear.

So I wish you all the peace and good health,
On this Christmas Day,
With great joy and understanding
And profound faith in God,
Let each word be His praise.

And I pray that all hearts
Will be filled with such love,
Just remembering the gentle Lamb,
Who was born on Christmas night,
So long ago in that little old town,
Called Bethlehem.

Yes, Christmas is such silvery music
That fills each eager heart.
Yes, Christmas is a glowing light
That sets our lives apart.

For all Earth gives glory to God,
Who was born on this day.
Each man and woman and child,
They all raise their voices to Him, in praise.

And here in the silvery moonlight,
While the stars were shining down from above
I bowed my head in prayer for those I loved.



THE REASON FOR THE SEASON— Mary and Joseph with Baby Jesus at Joe and Mary Graves' home. (More Photos page 5.)

Christmas Spirit Evident in Our Local Community

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

The residents of Cross Plains have once again demonstrated their "Spirit of Christmas" in the decorating of our city.

Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones glistens in the night and a beautifully unique Christmas tree can be seen inside.

If you drive one block east and look to the left, you will see the colorfully glowing yard of Joe and Mary Graves. A two block area displays a large nativity scene, snowmen, a gingerbread house, toy soldiers, Santa and Baby Jesus, and another lighted nativity scene.

The wooden displays were built by Sam Fleming and painted by Eva Fleming many years ago. They appear ageless.

Joe even lit up the antique equipment on display and at night one looks like a giant Santa's sleigh.

Dairy Queen has all their windows painted with Christmas decor. As you proceed down Main Street the City of Cross Plains has lined their walk with lighted

miniature Christmas trees topped with red bows. The park area has gigantic gingerbread men, toy soldier, Santa and Mrs. Claus and elves. Icicle lights adorn the gazebo. Even the fountain added to the beauty as it has been frozen the last few days. The huge Christmas tree made with lights caps off the holiday scene.

Tim's Floral features a beautifully lit 7-8 foot tree with red and gold accents. Unusual red feathers highlight the amazing tree. We are so blessed to have his level of professionalism in our small town.

Then as you as you arrive at Higginbotham's the windows decorated by Project Pride express the spirit of Christmas with homey scenes. The antique nativity scene captures the true reason for the season.

The lighted buildings in the downtown area can be seen for miles. I love the way it looks during Christmas.

Many other businesses and individuals have Christmas trees and window decorations that brighten the night. Take a drive one night and see the sights.

Ag Building Problems Still a Concern for Local School Board

By Kim Lambert
Special Writer

This month's regular meeting began with President Kim Crockett advising everyone they were welcome to speak in open forum, but that there would be no name calling or accusations, and that the meeting would not get out of hand.

Judy Luter was the only person to speak in open forum, stating that she believed the direction the junior high and high school have been led in the last year and a half has been great, with many improvements. She also commented that the High School Principal and Curriculum Director have been doing a superb job.

Upon returning from their second executive session, the board members voted to take no action on the charge against the High School Principal until further investigation is complete.

Mr. Morgan gave the board members and public a presentation with pictures and an explanation of the different problems with the ag buildings new roof. He also went on the record to say that he did not have anything to do with the supplies that had been ordered. He only dealt with the supplies afterwards. Mr. Morgan stated that the order of the materials, whether they were the wrong measurements or not, had nothing to do with the roof not being installed correctly. He stated that part of the problem stemmed from the screws being taken out and put back in therefore stripping the

hole out leaving room for leaks. Mr. Reed commented, in last months meeting and in this one, that the screws had to be taken out due to the shortage of the insulation, which were not ordered incorrectly, but were sent by the company as the wrong size.

After more of his presentation and a little debate, the Board voted to allow Mueller, the company from which the metal roofing material was provided, to come and inspect the ag building and make adjustments or recommendations on how to solve the problem.

The Board then called for the High School and Elementary Principal reports. Mr. Loyless pointed out how well the basketball teams were doing with the girls team winning the championship and the boys winning some key games. He encouraged everyone to take a look at the school's website, with lots of information on upcoming events. Mr. Loyless also mentioned the success with the robot teams. He commented that it has been a good first semester and he is looking forward to the next one.

Mrs. Sowell started with the Highly Qualified Teacher report, stating for 2007-2008 school year they had 94 to 95% of the core classes teacher meeting the HQ status, and this school year bringing that percentage up to 97% and are making progress towards one-hundred percent. She then reported that for the UIL invitational meet our students represented their home,

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"An Evening in December" Captured the True Meaning of Christmas

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

The cold temperatures of December melted away as folks gathered from near and far to partake in the musical presentation "An Evening in December" at the United Presbyterian Church in Cross Plains Sunday, December 21st. Over 150 attended including individuals from Iowa Park, Texas, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Brownwood and Baird just to mention a few. Local residents filled the rest of the sanctuary.

The natural beauty of the church, including the original curved wooden pews, hardwood floors and ornate stained glass windows, exuded a warm welcoming atmosphere. The lovely windows were accented with greenery and red bows and the sanctuary was decorated for the special season.

Pastor Kathy Monroe graciously opened the program with greetings followed by the "Call to Worship and Candle Lighting".

The audience was invited to join in the singing of "Joy to the World" and the harmonias sound was heavenly.

The music was conducted by Rhonda Swift and was flawlessly coordinated with the recorded music.

The first song was "Our Lord Emmanuel" and it was amazing. Rhonda Swift was soloist in

"Come, O Come".

4His Glory a group consisting of Amanda Sowell, Connie Swift Matt Sowell and Rhonda Swift were featured in "It Must Have Been a Sight!" The blended texture of their voices was absolute beautiful. The dixieland style quartet brought an upbeat tempo to the program.

As the singers told the story of Christ's birth in song, a video presentation on each side of the stage visualized it in unique pictures.

Amanda and Connie performed a duet to "Love Came Down at Christmas" while Matt emotionally signed the words. It was very touching. Matt also performed a solo to "What Can I Give Him?".

Friends, Jane Besselaar, Marie Besselaar, Eva Fleming, Betty Lewis, Barbara Sowell and John Swift, were the choir who completed the wonderful sound produced.

Charlene Fleming and John Swift served as narrators who told the story.

The presentation was coordinated by Rhonda, Amanda, Connie and Matt and they are to be applauded for their efforts. They received a lengthy standing ovation from the appreciative audience.

Pastor Monroe invited everyone to stay for refreshments and stated, "Please stay and fellowship with others who you will be spending eternity with." What a fantastic analogy!

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Atwell Historical Marker Memorial Bricks being Sold thru January 14th

The Atwell Cemetery Association is currently selling engraved bricks to be installed in the Atwell Historical Marker Memorial Plaza. The bricks are 4" X 8" and the cost is \$65.00 each. Each brick may contain 4 lines of copy; 18 characters per line. All engraving will be in CAPS.

You must return the form and your check payable to the Atwell Cemetery Association by January 14, 2009. Mail this to Barbara Black, 12001 CR 467, Cisco, TX 76437. Blank forms are available at the Cross Plains Review.

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To Will Or Not to Will

Death affects people in many ways. It never is timely. Death confronts the family with bereavement, with the need to readjust emotionally and financially, and often with an unknown future. Death is not only a personal issue, but a legal one as well. A death certificate must be issued, and the estate of the deceased individual (the decedent) must pass to others.

Dying Intestate (Without a Will). In Texas, property is characterized as separate or community. Separate property is that owned before marriage or acquired during marriage by gift or inheritance. Damages awarded during marriage from a personal injury lawsuit, except damages representing the loss of earning capacity, also are separate property. Community property is all property, other than separate property, that is acquired by either spouse during marriage. Thus, there can be separate real property, separate personal property, and community personal property. When a person dies without a will, a legal instrument that states how the testator's property is to be distributed at death, the law determines who are the heirs, and assets are disposed of according to whether they are community or separate property.

If a person dies without a will, the law disposes of his or her property. The public policy of statutes governing the intestate distribution of property is to provide for the orderly distribution of property at death. The law does not play favorites, so the distribution is determined by how closely the heir was related to the decedent, not by how wonderful one was to the decedent. Dying without a will may trigger undesired results and unexpected costs and delays. Executing a Will to achieve desired property distribution. A testator is a person who leaves a will in force at his or her death. A valid will avoids many of the problems that may arise from dying without a will and allows a person to leave property to the person(s) he or she desires. In addition to naming the recipients for the testator's property, the will also designates the individual(s) who will manage the property and care for minor children. In larger estates, the will often contains provisions that minimize estate taxes. A will can also set up a trust, a method by which property is held by one party (the trustee) for the benefit of another (the beneficiary). To establish a trust, the testator transfers property, with the specific

intent to create a trust, to the trustee who manages and administers the property for the benefit of named beneficiaries. A testamentary trust arises under a will and becomes effective when the testator dies. A trust is an effective way of managing property for the benefit of minor or incapacitated person or persons who are incapable of managing their own financial affairs. A trust also is useful to prevent a spendthrift child from immediately spending his or her inheritance by preserving the funds for the child's education or other important needs. Further, a trust may be used to protect the child's inheritance from the claims of his or her creditors because property placed in a trust generally may not be reached by a beneficiary's creditors until it is distributed to the beneficiary. There also are many other legitimate reasons to create a trust in a will. Requirements for execution. For a will to accomplish any or all of these results, it must have been properly signed. Texas recognizes three kinds of wills: oral, handwritten (holographic); and typewritten (formal). To execute any of these wills, the testator must meet the following requirements: 1. is at least 18 years of age, married or serving in the armed forces; 2. is of sound mind at the time of execution; 3. not unduly or fraudulently induced (forced or deceived) to make the will; and 4. has testamentary intent (present intent to bequeath property at death). Additionally, requirements must be met for each type of will. Conclusion. If you die without leaving a will, you risk that your property will not be distributed as you desire. Even when the heirs at law are the same as you would have selected yourself, there is no advantage to letting the law take its own course. The advantage lies in dying with a will. With a well-drafted will you can avoid legal pitfalls, name an executor of your estate, name a guardian for your minor children, establish trusts, minimize estate tax liability, and minimize probate-related costs by providing for independent administration. Although a will can be challenged in court, the grounds for contest in Texas are few, and the law favors carrying out the decedent's intent. Executing a will is not as complicated or as expensive as you might think. You are encouraged to talk with an attorney about wills, trusts, and estate administration and to have a will prepared by the attorney.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
 Laura W. Siewert, possession of dangerous drug.
 Olivia Gonzales, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
 Valerie A. Williams, possession of marijuana.
 William R. Faulkenberry, DWI.
 Matthew S. Reynolds, Ct. I - DWI, Ct. II - possession of controlled substance.
 Bethany Brianna Clark, assault, family violence.
 Billy Joe Moore, assault, family violence.
 Gregory J. Redden, DWI.
 Cody R. Angus, DWI.
 Danny R. Mercer, possession of marijuana.
 Danny R. Mercer, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes
 Gina Fagiani, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
 Abel Lee Sanchez, order amending conditions of probation granted.
 John C. Jones, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.
 John C. Jones, order amending conditions of probation granted.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings
 Kathy S. Bohannon and William P. Bohannon, divorce.
 Robbie Guthery and Robert Glen Guthery, divorce.
 Mark Lewis Owen and Jamie Langley Owen, divorce.

Civil Minutes
 In re: order for foreclosure concerning Gregory Kent Lewis and 2546 CR 255, Clyde, Tx. 79510, order granting applicant's motion for entry of default order without hearing under TCRP 736(5).
 The State of Texas vs. \$2500.00 in US currency, 2000 Cadillac Escalade, Tx. LP #Y57-5HC, VIN #1GYEK63R9YR193909, final judgment granted.

Criminal Indictments
 Kenneth W. Roberts, failure to register as sex offender.
 Henry Hardin Johnson, DWI - 3rd or more.
 Richard E. Gilman, aggravated assault against public servant.
 Tyler E. Townsend, evading arrest.
 Corey E. Robeson, evading arrest.
 Brandi L. Smythe, burglary of a habitation.
 Reedy E. Shelton, burglary of a habitation.
 Sheila J. Cable, burglary of a habitation.

Criminal Information & Complaints
 Terry Burgess, injury to a child.

Criminal Minutes
 Yedidiah Hawkins, plea of guilty to aggravated sexual assault, 30 years in prison, \$704 court costs.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Conner Elliott Buried in Cross Plains Cemetery

Conner Elliott's ashes were buried in Cross Plains Cemetery on December 22, 2008. Conner was formerly of Cottonwood and lately of Lake Brownwood. He died of complications from injuries in an auto accident in Brownwood when his automobile was hit by on-rushing car that ran a red light.

He was transferred to a nursing home in San Antonio where he died.

Conner went to schools in Cottonwood and Cross Plains, where he graduated, and attended universities at ACU and Hardin Simmons in Abilene and the University of Texas in Austin.

He is survived by a former wife, Ava Lou Elliott; a son, Neil Elliott of San Antonio; two daughters-in-law; four grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. Conner's second wife and son, David, preceded him death, as did his brother, Gwen Elliott.

He was a great basketball player and often told stories about the game. He told this author a story about Parker Coppinger playing basketball at Cottonwood when the school had a gym. The

Cottonwood team had only five players on their team and had won almost every game one year. They played Albany for the District Championship one year and two people fouled out.

The team was told they would have to forfeit or play the rest of the game with only three men, so Cottonwood decided to play.

Parker took the lead, he was dribbling around the court to the right, shooting over his shoulder, making a score, then dribbling to the left and making a shot with his left hand over right shoulder; he couldn't be stopped. Finally when the gong sounded that ended the game, Cottonwood was ahead and won. Cottonwood was the District Champions! And that is quite a feat, playing with only three players.

Conner loved basketball and played the game in days of D.C. Hargrove, Donald Strahan, Bruce Saroyan and Durwood Varner. He went on to play at Abilene Christian, Hardin Simmons, the University of Texas and during his Navy years.

Conner joined the U.S. Navy and served in the Sea Bees as a Coast Watcher on an island in the Pacific Theater during World

War II. He will be missed. He occasionally stopped by to see us and frequently attended our Cottonwood community activities.

Ted and Dee Ivy Pay a Brief Visit to Cottonwood

Ted and Dee Ivy of Lake Havasu, Arizona, visited Carol and Wallace Bennett last Thursday afternoon. It is always good to see them. They and their dog, Rags, seems to brighten up the world wherever they go.

Ted has been undergoing tests at the Veterans Hospital in San Antonio and was on their way back to Lake Havasu.

Mike Turpin, Carol's brother, is expected to visit with us this week and the Bennetts will spend the Christmas holidays visiting with Jeff and Mary Bennett in Alpine. We will be back in Cottonwood for the New Year's celebration. (Please call Wallace Bennett for any personal or local news items about Cottonwood or people living in Cottonwood concerning personal or local business is (254) 725-7474, e-mail address csb555dishmail.net. Please remember, I can't print it if I don't know about it.)

Stop heat from escaping through walls, doors, windows & roof

Cutting home heating costs this winter will involve more than just turning down the thermostat.

According to the Energy Information Administration, an arm of the US Department of Energy, heating costs are expected to increase this winter between 10 to 30 percent. Consumers can cut back by making sure that heat is not escaping through walls, the roof, windows or other areas of the house.

Following are a few suggestions to make sure the heat stays in the house to significantly reduce energy costs:

Roof replacement - If it's time to replace a roof, homeowners may want to consider using fiberglass instead of the more traditional asphalt or tile. It can prevent up to 40 percent of heat loss and has a life of 50 years compared to 20 or 25 for asphalt.

Attic insulation - If a roof replacement isn't due or is too pricey, attic insulation may be

an economical alternative. It is estimated that most homes are under insulated and properly insulating and sealing a home can save up to 10 percent on heating and cooling bills.

Insulated exterior walls - An application of foam insulation to the exterior walls works best on older frame houses. Holes are drilled in the walls, the foam insulation is sprayed in and then holes are sealed.

Weather stripping - The Environmental Protection Agency says that the average home has leaks equivalent to leaving a window open all year. To help prevent heated or cooled air from escaping, home owners should caulk, spray foam or weather strip around doors, windows, and areas where telephone wires come into the home.

Seal duct joints - Heated air from forced air heating systems can escape through leaky joints in ductwork throughout a house. Home owners can seal exposed duct work in the basement and attic using a mastic duct sealer

on duct work joints and seams. It works better than duct tape and is available at hardware and home improvement stores.

Thermostat - Lowering the thermostat a few degrees when going to bed or when nobody is home can still shave dollars off a heating bill. Even lowering it a few degrees before guests arrive can help as a house full of people generates a lot of body heat. For every degree above 68 degrees, a heating unit requires three percent more energy. Even better, install a programmable thermostat that lowers the heat when it isn't needed.

Consumers can access the Energy Wizard that covers a range of topics from conservation and new technologies to generators and tax incentives, among others. Energy related questions can be submitted to EnergyWizard@EnergyWizard.info or go to www.EnergyWizard.info to read the EnergyWizard columns and other energy-related tips.

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More details on the new supplement area available on line at cotwoodtexas.com.

The original Cottonwood Cookbook, published in 2007, and the first Cookbook Supplement, are available at Texas Heritage Bank, the Cross Plains Review office, and Connie's Cuts and Curls, or by calling Beverly at 254-725-7369.

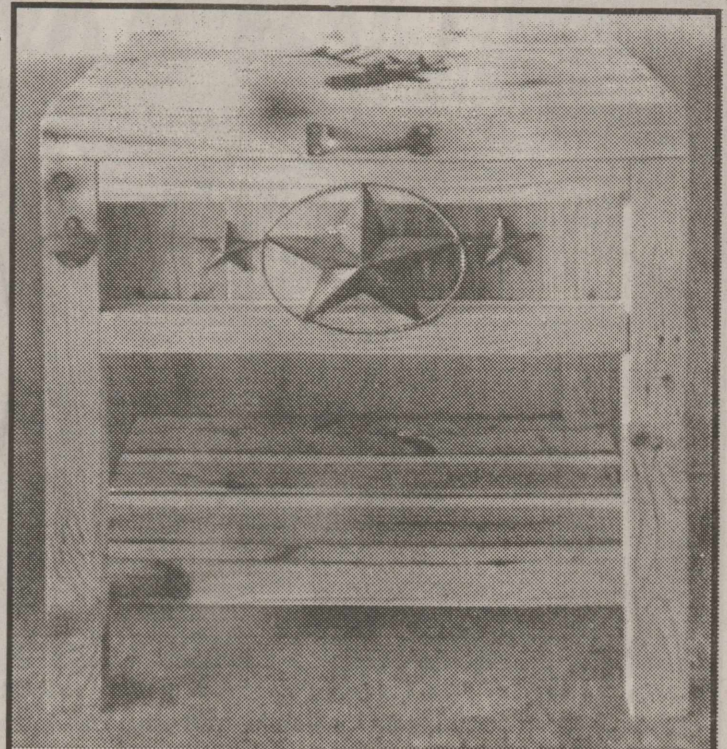
Scranton Musical set for January 3rd

Please start the year out by enjoying some good food and music. The Scranton Musical will be held on Saturday, January 3rd.

The kitchen opens at 5:30 p.m., and the music begins at 6:00 p.m. We invite all area musicians to come out to play. You may call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group. Mark Ray will be the emcee. Submitted by: Joanie Shrader

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RUSTIC BEVERAGE COOLER— one of the items that will be given away in the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group's Benefit Drawing, a fund-raiser to help build a new building to house the Brush Fire Truck. The handcrafted cooler was made and donated by Danny and Peggy Phillips of Iola, Texas. The beverage cooler and the other prizes in the drawing can be viewed online at CottonwoodTexas.com. Tickets can be purchased at Texas Heritage Bank, Lawrence Farm & Ranch Supply, The Movie Store, or by calling 254-725-6164.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to share the elegantly expressed daily prayer of Linda Lundrum, the late daughter of Carl Edington of Cross Plains. It is so typical of how many of us feel and think. Perhaps this would be helpful to others in their daily prayer life.

Dear Jesus,

I desire to start this day with you, and yet my mind keeps flitting to so many things; the projects I want to accomplish, the people I want to talk to.

I wonder. Are these things

distractions to spiritual concentration or invitations to see God in the ordinary.

I'm not sure, Jesus, I know that you are that Center, who knows no distraction. So I offer up my mental fragmentation to you. O Lord my God, may my scatteredness become your gatheredness.

As I'm contemplating a thousand things, Jesus, may I somehow be contemplating you. Amen.

Geneva Nelson

AEP Texas Launches the Great Texas Refrigerator Roundup

Corpus Christi, TX —AEP Texas has announced the launch of The Great Texas Refrigerator Roundup, which will reward electric customers it serves with \$35 for each inefficient, operating refrigerator and freezer turned in for recycling.

By calling 1-866-552-3755, residential and commercial customers served by AEP Texas can schedule a free pickup of refrigerators and freezers that are between 14 and 27 cubic feet in size and in working (cooling) condition. The units must be manufactured in 1992 or prior. Customers may turn in two appliances per account through the program, which is scheduled to run through December 2009, or until funds have been expended. Callers will be asked for the ESI ID number found on their electric bill to confirm eligibility for the program.

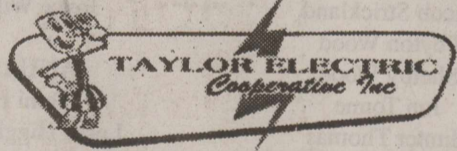
"Turning in an old energy-guzzling refrigerator or freezer through The Great Texas Refrigerator Roundup will allow electric customers served by AEP Texas to lower their energy usage and earn a \$35 reward," said Program Coordinator Pam

Esterloh. "Replacing an inefficient, 20-year old refrigerator with anew ENERGY STAR model, could save an average of \$60 a year," Esterloh stated.

AEP Texas has partnered with Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. (ARCA) to provide environmentally sound appliance processing and recycling services for The Great Texas Refrigerator Roundup. ARCA is one of the nation's largest recyclers of major household appliances for the energy conservation programs of electric utilities. The company currently provides appliance recycling and replacement services for more than 40 electric utility companies and public power authorities, including five electric utility programs in Texas.

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Luke 2:4-14

4) So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth of Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5) He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6) While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7) and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. 8) And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9) An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10) But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11) Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. 12) This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13) Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14) "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

I encourage you to share in times of Bible study and worship with us at the Cross Plains Church of Christ this Sunday.

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Friday, December 26th &
Saturday, December 27th



SANTA CAME TO THE CROSS PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY- last Wednesday and visited with the children attending the LAP and Lapsit programs. Each child was given a surprise treat from Santa's magic bag.

A healthy alternative for battling ADD

Prescription drugs have long been the main weapon for children - and increasingly adults - when battling Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD). Side effects for various medications can range from anxiety or nervousness to insomnia. "Before settling for the quick fix of pills, there are natural approaches that should be considered," contends nutritional expert David Sandoval, author of "The Green Foods Bible."

The causes of ADD, which is a recurrent pattern of behavior characterized by short attention spans, impulsivity and may include hyperactivity, are hot topics for debate and speculation as to whether it is environmental or genetic.

Years of research and studying, consulting with the world's premiere authorities in holistic medicines and promoting raw food nutrition led Sandoval to create the "Plant-Based Nutrition Program," which he believes can potentially help ADD sufferers (and/or their parents). He says there is most definitely a relationship between diet and disease, "Everything the human body needs to live a long, disease-free life has been provided by the Earth."

Sandoval wants the public to consider three possible food-related ADD risk factors; starting with high sugar consumption, "Destructive, aggressive and restless behavior has been found to significantly correlate with the amount of sucrose consumed." While it may prove difficult at first, his initial recommendation is to eliminate all refined sugars and food allergens from the diet. Additionally, limiting the consumption of processed foods and additives - like food colorings and artificial flavoring - needs to

be considered.

"In many cases, identifying and eliminating clear causative diet factors will often bring about dramatic improvements within the first few weeks," exposes Sandoval. He adds that improvements will be more subtle and not as great if food reactions are not the cause of ADD.

According to Sandoval, CEO of Purium, the ADD sufferers who see the faster results easily maintain the lifestyle change because they feel so much better. "Initially it's going to take some discipline, but switching to whole, unprocessed and, preferably, organic meals will cleanse the body and help in re-harnessing the power of your own mind."

This is crucial when taking into account that nutrient deficiency could be another risk for American children suffering from ADD, continues Sandoval, "Decreased attentiveness is commonly associated with a lack of iron." Poor nutrition may be most harmful in the early development stages of life so he believes parents should feed their kids organic produce, "It has the maximum nutrient density and a minimal amount of pesticides and other harmful chemicals."

The body's storage of heavy metals - particularly the toxic metal lead - has also been linked by studies to childhood learning disabilities. Sandoval recommends screening children for heavy metal poisoning using hair mineral analysis and EDTA challenge rather than blood tests to properly assess the long term effects on the brain.

Sandoval offers insight on chelating the heavy metals from the body, "Increase consumption of foods high in sulfur such as garlic, onions and eggs; provided your child is not allergic to

them." Additionally, he prescribes Chlorella and C from Nature, which contains naturally occurring Vitamin C. Sandoval says both are also helpful in combating heavy metal poisoning.

To Sandoval, the option to take a holistic route needs to be seriously weighed before resorting to pills that offer a hefty price tag and a litany of side effects, "There is no safer approach to getting well than nature's approach." That's why he offers an ADD Battle Plan - and others including Lupus, Diabetes and Weight Loss Battle Plans - on his website www.mypurium.com <<http://www.mypurium.com/>>

If the living, green food diet was a revolution, then David Sandoval would be the new Che Guevara. If there was a gospel of natural healing David would surely be the Pope. However, he unquestioningly ranks among the world's premiere experts on the living foods lifestyle. An in-demand lecturer, David is also the author of "The Green Foods Bible", an entrepreneur, former radio talk-show host, activist, farmer and authority on whole food nutrition and disease prevention. For over 20 years he has studied with the world's highest authorities on Traditional Chinese Medicine, Ayurvedic medicine, and western holistic medicine. The Californian is currently making waves with his latest weight loss plan "Superfoods for Supermodels". David's line of PHP products are synergistically combined superfoods that nourish at the cellular level, activating metabolism and boosting the immune system. David Sandoval's website can be found at www.mypurium.com.

Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show set for January 17th

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 15th - Saturday, January 17th. Starting time will be Thursday, January 15th, at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Frankie Hyles, President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association, said that entries are expected to number about 450 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County.

Other officers of the association are Steven Mitchell as Vice President, Johnny Adkins as Treasurer and Karen Johnston as Secretary.

Superintendents for this year's show are:

Beef Cattle—Eddie Riley and Johnny Lee

Market & Breeding Swine—Doug Johnston and Tom Windham

Poultry & Rabbits—Betsy Robbins and Larry McIntire

Sheep & Goats—Steven Mitchell and Angela Mitchell

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 15th with Scott Anderson of Brownwood Extension office doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m. on the 15th.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 16th, with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Edward Schneider, of Franklin will be judging the Swine Show.

At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 16th, Randy Dunbar, of Stephenville, will start judging the Market Lambs followed by the Boer Goats and Meat Goat Show.

On the Afternoon of the 16th from 5:00-6:00 p.m. all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. Bob Bailey, of Ranger, will get the judging of the Beef Cattle underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 17th with the heifer show. Bob Bailey will also judge the steer show starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Premium Sale will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction.

Announcers for the three day show will be Jimmy Hargrove, Greg Gerngross, Robert Frost, John Belcher and Doug Johnston.

Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and support the young folks of Callahan County.

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Grand Ole Oplin New Year's Eve Dance

Everyone is invited out to the Grand Ole Oplin on December 31st to attend our Annual New Year's Eve Dance. Muddy Creek will be playing all your favorite dancing tunes and will bring in the New Year at 12:00 sharp. Our New Year's Eve dance will begin at 8:00 p.m. and end shortly after Midnight. Admission will be \$6.00 per person. The Oplin Community Center will provide black-eyed peas and cornbread for good luck in the coming year.

The Grand Ole Oplin is sponsored by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed at any of our functions. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. For further information please go to www.grandoleoplin.com.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin to celebrate the beginning of 2009. We wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

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Callahan County 4-H Newsletter for January 2009

CALLAHAN COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW

The Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held January 15 - 17, 2009 at the County Show Barn in Cross Plains. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, January 15th, 5:30 p.m., Rabbit & Poultry Show
 Friday, January 16th, 8:00 a.m., Breeding Gilts followed by Market Swine
 Friday, January 16th, 1:30 p.m., Market Sheep Followed by Meat & Boer Goat Show
 Saturday, January 17th, 8:30 a.m., Beef Heifer Show follow by Market Steers
 Saturday, January 17th, 1:00 p.m., Premium Auction Sale

ARRIVAL TIMES

The arrival times for the County Jr. Livestock Show are as follows:

Swine—January 15th—Entries will be taken from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 Poultry & Rabbits—January 15th—Weigh in from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 Lambs, Goats—January 15th—Weigh in from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 Steers & Heifers—January 16th—Weigh in from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Educational programs for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for this meeting. We request that you contact the County Extension Office as soon as possible to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.

ENTRY FEES WILL BE PAID AT TIME OF WEIGH IN. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE

MAJOR STOCK SHOW SCHEDULES

Location	Market Lambs	Market Goats	Steers	Barrows
Odessa	Jan 1-Jan 2	Jan 2-Jan 3	Jan 1-Jan 2	N/A
Ft. Worth	Jan 28-Feb 1	Jan 28-Feb 1	Feb 3-6	Feb 3-6
San Antonio	Feb 16-18	Feb 12-14	Feb 17-21	Feb 14-19
San Angelo	Feb 22-24	Feb 22-24	Feb 25-27	Feb 25-27
Houston	Mar 10-12	Mar 10-12	Mar 9-13	Mar 14-19
Austin	Mar 19-21	Mar 19-20	Mar 23-27	Mar 14-19

ALLOWED

Steers—\$15, Breeding Heifers—\$7, Market Lambs—\$10, Breeding Rabbits—\$2/head, Market Swine—\$10, Breeding Gilt—\$5, Market Goats—\$10, Boer Goats—\$5, Rabbits - Pen of 3—\$5, Pen of Fryers—\$5/pen

COMMUNITY LIVESTOCK SHOW DATES

Baird Show—January 10
 Clyde Show—January 10
 Eula Show—January 10

PROJECT PREPARATION HELP

With the local, county and major shows quickly arriving, time will be a priceless commodity. Many of you will spend many hours getting prepared. If you want or will need assistance in getting your projects prepared, call me as soon as possible so that I can set up a time to help.

SCHOOL EXCUSES FOR MAJOR SHOWS

A list of 4-H members participating in the major shows will be sent to their respective schools. It will be the responsibility of the parents/4-H members to notify the schools of the specific dates you will be absent.

Parent Reminder: Students may only miss a certain number of times per year according to school's policy for the purpose of any

extracurricular activities. **So choose the time you will need wisely!!!**

VETERINARY SCIENCE MEETING DATES

We are beginning a new year in Vet Science with the help of Dr. Monty Ancinec and Dr. Rob Harle. Due to the busy January schedule our 1st Vet Science meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 20, 2009, at 7:00p.m.** located at the Callahan County Vet Clinic. 4-H members are encouraged to mark this on your calendars.

The next will be **February 17, 2009** and the final meeting will be held on **March 24, 2009. All meetings will be at 7:00p.m.** If you have any questions call The Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

SHOOTING SPORTS ORIENTATION MEETING

For those interested in the Shooting Sports project there will be an orientation meeting on February 28, 2009 at 1:30 p.m., at the Shooting Range. All former members and new members as well as their parents are encouraged to attend. The Shooting Range is located on FM 18 between Baird and Clyde. For more information contact the Extension Office.

FUTURITY PROJECT NOMINATION DUE - HORSE PROJECT

4-H Horse Project members who intend to nominate yearling halter, yearling long line, two-year-old pleasure and three-year-old stock horses for the 4-H futurity program have until April 1st to purchase a horse and fill out a nomination form. Nomination forms are available at the Callahan County Extension Office. There is a \$10 nomination fee. 4-H members can nominate more than one horse, but must fill out a separate form for each horse. Nomination will not constitute entry, and 4-Hers will still need to officially enter the respective State Show futurity class later in the year while attending the District Show.

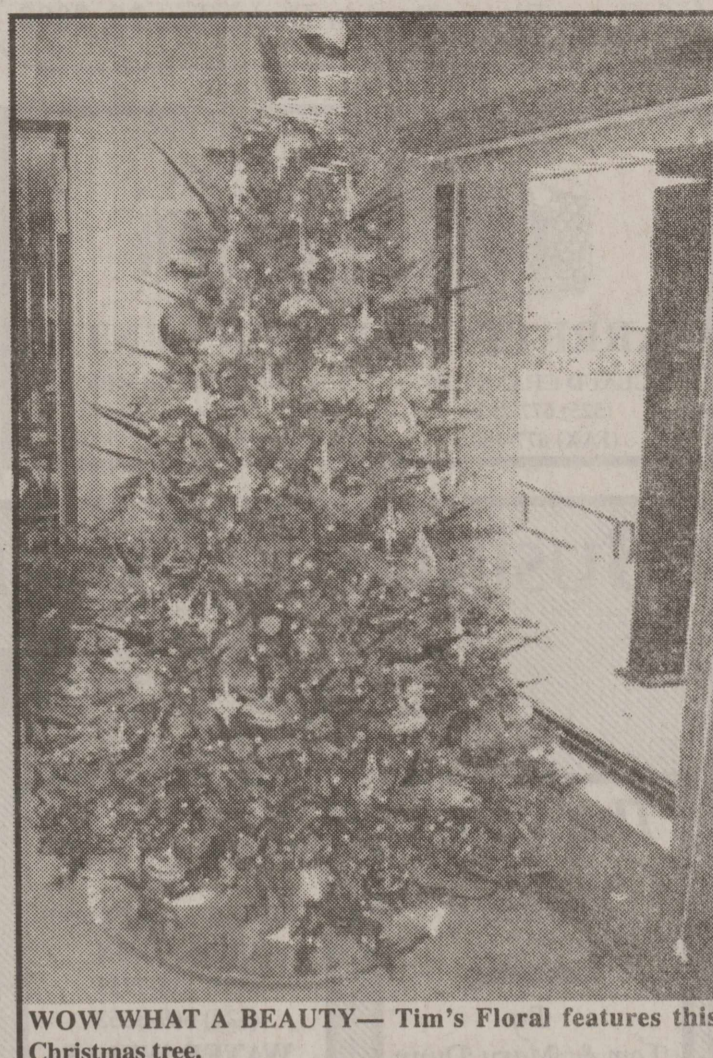
4-H CLUB MEETING DATES

BAIRD 4-H CLUB
 TBA, 6:30pm, Baird ISD Cafeteria Contact Angela Mitchell at (325) 854-1736

CLYDE 4-H CLUB
 January 12, 2009, 6:30pm, Clyde Elementary Cafeteria
 February 9, 2009, 6:30pm, Clyde Elementary Cafeteria
 March 2, 2009, 6:30pm, Clyde Elementary Cafeteria
 April 13, 2009, 6:30pm, Clyde Elementary Cafeteria

EULA 4-H
 January 6, 2009, 7:00pm, Eula Middle School Activities Building
 February 3, 2009, 7:00pm, Eula Middle School Activities Building

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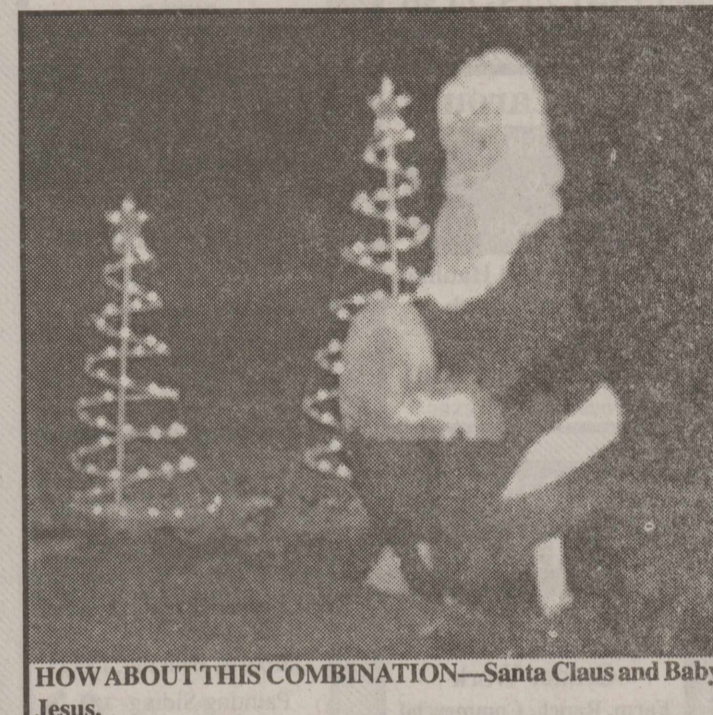


WOW WHAT A BEAUTY— Tim's Floral features this Christmas tree.

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HOW ABOUT THIS COMBINATION— Santa Claus and Baby Jesus.

Seminary Extension Course Announced Jan. 20th - May 21st

This 2009 spring semester we will be studying OT 0206 Genesis, which is a 2 hour course using the New American Commentary for Genesis by Kenneth Matthews. We will be meeting in Breckenridge Thursday evenings 6:30 p.m. and De Leon Tuesday evenings 7:00 p.m.

This is a study of the beginning of life, sin, judgement, and

redemption, revealing a God who speaks to us and invites us to walk with Him. It will be a study over the first eleven chapters of the Holy Bible.

If you have an interest in joining our study in the spring (January 20th - May 21st) notify Baylis Pope at his home phone 254-725-7749.

Submitted by Baylis Pope

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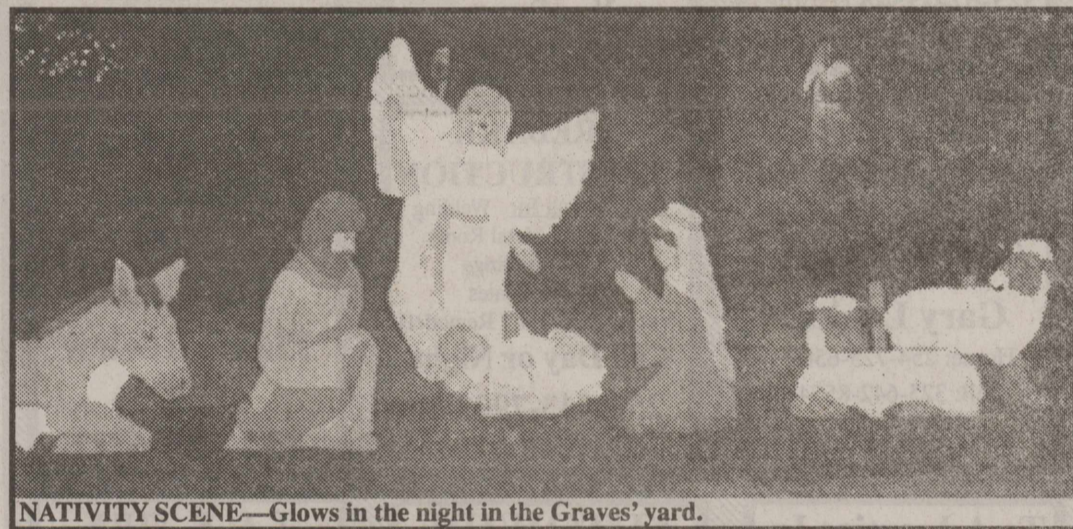
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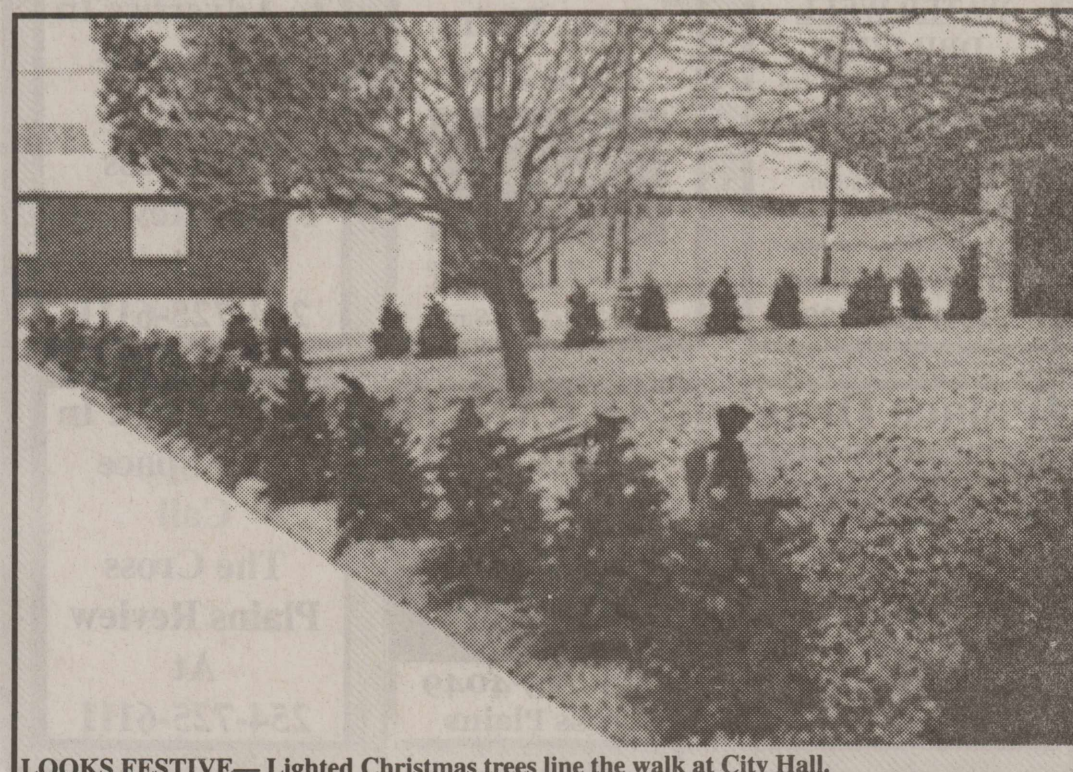
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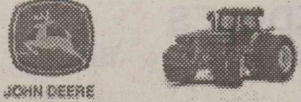
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3131 Breckenridge - Small home on large lot
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161 AC. EASTLAND CO. Approx. 2/3 native/coastal grasses & 1/3 wooded with 1 tank. 2 story 5bd./3ba. home. Combination property for cattle/horses/hunting. Priced at only \$2,250 per acre. Won't last long! #CP 1011

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NEW LISTING-- 119.90 AC.- with new 1,856 sq. ft. Austin Stone Home with wrap around porch, 3 bd/2bth, fireplace, tile floors, large kitchen, dining area, good views, lots of trees, 100x50 equipment shed, shop bldg., cattle pens, pond, water well, 3 miles from town on county road. ONLY \$500,000
 * 23.38/A, rural water, Oaks and Mesquite trees, pond, county road frontage, 7 miles South of Cross Plains. \$72,500.
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ACREAGE WITH HOME:
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NEW LISTING--97.97/A with 2BD/1Bth frame home with metal roof, located in Callahan County, 2 miles East of Cross Plains, paved frontage, 2 water wells, RV hook ups, good fences, coastal bermuda grass, good hunting, hay barn, 7 stall horse barn with 75 x180 pipe turn out pens with tack and feed rooms, pens, GREAT HORSE PROPERTY!! \$378,500.

NEW LISTING--10+/- Acres with 2bd/1bth Frame Home w/ Metal roof, located in Callahan Co., 2 Miles East of Cross Plains, paved frontage, 2 water wells, RV hook ups, good fences, coastal Bermuda grass, hay barn, 7 stall horse barn with 75 x 180 pipe turn our pens with tack and feed rooms, pens, GREAT HORSE PROPERTY!! \$199,900 additional acreage available

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HOME WITH ACREAGE

1.377 Ac.- Edge of Cross Plains. 2 BR-2B, lots of Pecan and Oak trees	68,900
1.94 Ac.- Great for horse or ag projects with small field, outbuildings, creek, nice 2 1/2 MH	63,900
4.1 Ac.- 3 or 4BR- 2 1/2 brick home, fireplace, lg. den, nice large shop, much more REDUCED	245,000
6.7 Ac.- Beautiful colonial 3BR-2B with wrap around porch, swimming pool, oak trees	210,000
8.6 Ac.- Quaint cottage set among large oaks. Beautiful small acreage. Completely remodeled	139,900
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133.16 Ac.- Home with incredible view, Ag Valuation, hills with liveoak & plenty of wildlife	400,000
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50 Ac.- Hill top view, Clear-fork of Brazos, Ft. Phantom Lake, hunting, 15 min. from Abilene	160,000
50 Ac.- Beautiful views, some large oaks, good fences, great place to build your dream home	89,000
77 Ac.- Quiet, secluded country setting. Trees, water wells, electric	207,900
97 Ac.- 3 tanks, haygrazer, beadd, oak groves, 3 birms, recreation or cattle, secluded	242,850
98.5 Ac.- Nice small ranch, great home sites, 2 excellent water wells, oaks, electricity, pecan trees	186,658
190 Ac.- Rolling terrain, thick oak cover, excellent hunting, metal barn, travel trailer	259,500
100 Ac.- Excellent hunting property, seasonal creek, negotiable acreage. Ask for details.	275,000
110 Ac.- Great combination for hunting, fishing, and cattle, mesquite, oak, pecan, sandy soil	287,500
124 Ac.- Secluded along Clear-fork of Brazos, thick live oak, post oak, shinny for hunting	297,882
136 Ac.- 2 tanks, 2 water wells, barn, 100 ac coastal field, fertile soil, fenced, cross fenced	340,975
148 Ac.- Excellent hunting, beautiful hill for home site. within 30 min. of Abilene - Jones county	296,000
160 Ac.- Cultivation, trees, brush, & 1 tank, great for deer, quail, and turkey hunting	192,000
208 Ac.- Great hunting on Clear-fork of Brazos, huge oak, pecan & elm, 3 small fields	543,504
220 Ac.- Mesquite, oak, hackberry for wildlife, 4 irrigation wells, Klein grass, coastal for livestock	264,000
237 Ac.- Rolling with coastal, oak, & pecan, 18 ac & 3 ac lakes, 40 ac brush, 68 ac under pivot	711,522
249 Ac.- Well stocked ponds & plenty of deer, beautiful 6yr old home, hunter's cabin REDUCED	649,000
324.94 Ac.- South of Santa Anna, Very nice game ranch, bunk house, large stocked pond	1,400,000
331 Ac.- Scenic hills, lots of Liveoak, Post Oak, and Native Pasture. Abundant wildlife, near I-20	759,645
350 Ac.- Lots of oak & food plots. Excellent hunting & cattle property. N. Coleman County	875,000
356 Ac.- South of Coleman, excellent fences, 1 tank, great bird and deer hunting, cultivation	450,000
497 Ac.- River front, fertile valley, scenic hill, lots of trees, plenty of deer, & wild turkey-WILL DIVIDE	1,300,000
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CROSS PLAINS EMS CHRISTMAS PARTY— 2008 A.D.

Cross Plains EMS Monthly Report for November 2008

The Cross Plains EMS volunteers were called for 20 EMS ambulance runs for November. They drove, attended and served 146.3 volunteer hours providing professional services as trained and qualified Emergency

Medical Attendants and Drivers. Amazement Creation Check: Did you know that your heart circulates your entire body blood supply of 5 to 6 liters every minute!

The Cross Plains EMS held their annual Christmas Party at the Community Center on Saturday, December 6th. About 35 members, spouses and children attended.

Soldier Returns Home from Afghanistan

Spc. Reed, David L. was recently deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan with the 436th Chemical Company from Larado. They left for Ft. Bragg, NC on the 26th of November 2007 for two and a half months training to prepare themselves for war. On the 9th of February 2008 they left Ft. Bragg for nine months to Kabul, Afghanistan where they defended Camp Eggers and over 1,600 American armed forces personnel and forces from other countries. The 426th Chemical Company arrived back in Ft. Bragg on the 26th of November 2008 and then they flew to Larado on December 1, 2008. Spc. Reed arrived back in Cross Plains on the 4th of December 2008. Spc. Reed is the son of Linda Reed from Cross Plains and

grandson of Rev. Bill Reed Sr. from Lake Brownwood and Sharon Reed from Cross Plains. He is also the proud father of Dustin James Reed from Greenville, Tx. While on deployment Spc. Reed received numerous medals and ribbons for outstanding service to his country and the great state of Texas. He also received a Texas flag that was flown at the State Capitol in Austin prior to him shipping off. Spc. Reed is the only soldier from Cross Plains to go with this unit. People are encouraged to stop him and shake his hand for a job well done. Feel free to ask him about his deployment. Spc. Reed is currently trying to go full time active duty.

Meador Family Christmas

December 20 and 21 Dub and Beth Meador held their Christmas at Cross Cut. Showing up to help celebrate were James Meador of Coleman; Vanessa Meador, Jason, Candace, Haley, J.J. and Elizabeth Rose Clark, all of McKinney; Charlie, Nikki, Cara and Cassie of Irving; Darlene, Andrea, Jessica and Nicholas Meador of Coleman. Their son, Lee Meador, had to work and couldn't get the day off. Bethany, David, Amber and Taylor of Cross Plains; K-Trina, Devon and Logan Pickard, all of Lone Oak, and friend, John Hurst of Dallas; and Brady Meador of Clovis, New Mexico were also present. Everyone also wished Beth a Happy Birthday with gifts and a cake.

Barb's Cues By Barbara Holmes Worcester

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for His clothing. The only property He had on earth. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that.

ONE SOLITARY LIFE..

May Christmas blessings be yours and happiness light your life.

Good and Easy Pound Cake

1 cup butter or margarine
2 cups sugar
5 eggs
2 cups flour
1 tsp. Vanilla
Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs one at a time beating over each. Add flour and Vanilla. Beat until fluffy. Bake at 350° until golden brown and crusty. (about 50 minutes)



WAYLAND LEE FOSTER AND MELISSA STARR SCOTT

Foster - Scott to Wed on April 16, 2009

Don and Linda Scott of San Angelo are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Starr Scott, to Wayland Lee Foster II, of Sterling City. Starr is the granddaughter of LaVern Scott and the late Elvis Scott of Cross Plains and Howard and Mary Cherry of Lubbock. Leland is the son of Debra

Foster of Midland and the late Wayland Foster. He is the grandson of Winn McClure and the late Jacque McClure and the late June and William Foster, all of Sterling City. The wedding will be held in Kauai, Hawaii on April 16, 2009 and a reception to follow on May 9, 2009 in San Angelo.

School Board

community and school very well, with great participation. President Kim Crockett reported on the hours of training of the individual School Board Members, with members receiving between 9-12 hours of training respectively. The School Board approved the previous months minutes as read, as well as approving the 2007-2008 Audit report and the State of District report by the Superintendent. The Board voted to take no action on the Superintendent's contract until further discussion with the school's lawyer. Members also voted to take no action on the discussion with the

interim superintendent candidate. All members of the board were present, as well as the Superintendent, the High School Principal and Elementary Principal. Members of the public were Jane Bonner, Cliffadean Hargrove, Keeka Byrd, Judy Luter, Terri Mize, Rick Perry, Shanon Nichols, Tonja Walker, Annette Nickerson, Bob Carter, Delores Carter, Roy Dodds, Debbie Reed, Rusty Reed, Tiffany Holland, Nora Odom, Susan Holland, Tony Wyatt, Marc Morgan, Frankie Hyles, Roy Richey, Nathan Joy, Jim Hargrove, Leslie Wyatt, Leann Loyless, Joe Holland, and Brent Hamlin.

New Year's Resolution for Drivers

Meriden CT—At this time of year, everyone hopes to close the book on bad habits and resolve to do better. Experts agree that many people break their New Year's resolutions because they set unrealistic goals for themselves. However, there are common driving behaviors that drivers can resolve to improve, which are not only attainable but can make it a safer year for everyone. "Bad driving is often just a bad habit you get in to," said Ray Palermo, director of public relations for Response Insurance. "It can take as few as 21 days for people to adopt a new habit. So,

drivers can help ensure that 2009 is safe for themselves and others on the road in a relatively short period of time." He offered a few New Year's Resolutions for drivers. * Use your turn signals. Letting other drivers know where you are heading avoids crashes. * Stay calm. Don't compound another driver's foolish driving maneuver by making your own. Don't overreact to events that can lead to road rage. * Know where you are going. And, if you do make a wrong turn, just keep going. More often than

not, you can return to the correct road pretty quickly and do it without endangering others. * Maintain your car. Check all fluid levels, change the oil if it's due, clean the car's windshield, windows and headlights, make sure your lights and directionals are working properly, check the tire tread and air pressure. * Sleep. Rest can be your best defensive driving weapon. Long hours behind the wheel, particularly at night, make you drowsy, less alert to danger and increase your response time. * Stop multi-tasking. Eating, reading and talking on a cell

phone (even hands-free) while driving are distracting. * Never drink and drive. And be alert for drivers who may not be as safe as you. Get an emergency kit. A first aid kit should minimally include bandages, tape, wash and dry cloth and a topical antiseptic. A car kit should include oil, anti-freeze, transmission and brake fluids, basic tools, signal flare, flashlight (with fully charged batteries) and duct tape. Additional information on this and other car and homeowner topics is available at the Response Insurance Safety Information Center: www.response.com/safety.

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