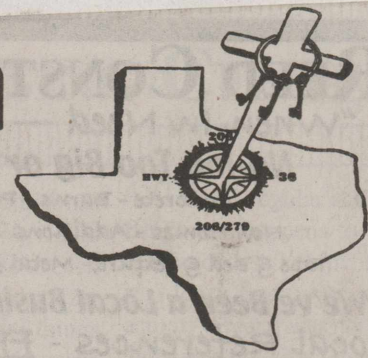


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GOOD-BYE TO SHERIFF— Over 60 people attended a going away party for longtime Callahan County Sheriff Eddie Curtis, at left, on Monday, December 29th at the District Courtroom at the County Courthouse in Baird. Presenting Sheriff Curtis with a plaque of appreciation for his 20 years of service to Callahan County is County Judge

Roger Corn, at right. Curtis was elected Sheriff of Callahan County and took office on January 1, 1993 and served the citizens of the county until December 31, 2008. Before becoming the county sheriff, Curtis served as the Baird Precinct Constable from January 1, 1989 until December 31, 1992. Sheriff Curtis replaced longtime Callahan

County Sheriff Bill Skinner. Sheriff Curtis said one of the things he's most proud of is that before taking office, the County Jail in Baird had failed its inspection for the previous five years. After taking office, Sheriff Curtis said the County Jail has passed its state inspection for the last 16 years. Sheriff Curtis, who will

turn 58 in 2009, said he currently is looking at several job opportunities after he leaves office on December 31st. John Windham was elected as Callahan County's new sheriff during the General Election in November and will take office in the county at midnight on January 1, 2009.

Community Is Invited To First Lunch At Senior Citizen's Center

The time has come for the city of Cross Plains to begin cooking and serving delicious hot meals Monday through Friday at the Senior Citizens Center located at 108 Main Street. The delivery time for the Meals on Wheels program will continue as usual by the wonderful community of volunteers. The City of Cross Plains loves it's Senior Citizens and wants to show how much by inviting the community to the first lunch on Friday, January 2. The meals are being cooked by Mary Jones who is known locally to be a wonderful cook. We will serve Monday - Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$3.50 per person. **In order for us to be prepared for the crowd each day we would appreciate it if you would call the day before to let us know you are coming. You may call City Hall at 254-725-6114 or Amber Thomas, anytime at 325-201-3342.**

may volunteer weekly or monthly or even be a substitute when someone is out.)

- Donate items for the kitchen. (For example: commercial cooking utensils, pots, pans, mixing bowls, and etc.)

- Donate new or nearly new upright deep freezers and refrigerators.

- Donate 2 new or gently used sofas and coffee tables for a comfortable conversation area.

- Donate new or gently used bookshelves for a library room.

- Donate a new or nearly new television, DVD player, and entertainment center for a movie room.

- Businesses in the community could sponsor a month and provide seasonal decoration for the dining tables.

- You may also donate money for any items above in honor of a senior who is living or who has passed away.

A lot of work has been taking place to get ready for the city to serve meals. The kitchen has been remodeled and has new appliances. The remodel has been done by Greg Turner and his crew of many. They have been very accommodating in making sure the ongoing daily activities have not been disturbed by working in the afternoons and late into the evenings. Many hours of cleaning has been spent to make the Center a healthy and warm environment for everyone to enjoy. It has been a huge undertaking for City Manager, Debbie Gosnell to get the Center ready to open on time. But again she ceases to amaze the wonderful City of Cross Plains and it will be ready!!

As you can see the list is ongoing. The plans for the Senior Citizen Center are endless at the moment. There is so much potential for a Center this size in Cross Plains and we plan to provide many opportunities and activities for all in the community. The building will be a perfect place to have birthday parties, class reunions, family reunions or just a place to get together with good friends for fellowship. The plan is to make this YOUR center and take advantage of the great space the big building has to offer. Please consider helping the seniors now because we all know we will be there sooner than we think! If you have a way you or your business can help or have any ideas please feel free to call me at anytime. I am open to your ideas to make this the best Center it can possible be. The Senior Citizen Center is open to everyone and we welcome the Senior Citizens of Cross Plains to come and get a great meal with some great fellowship.

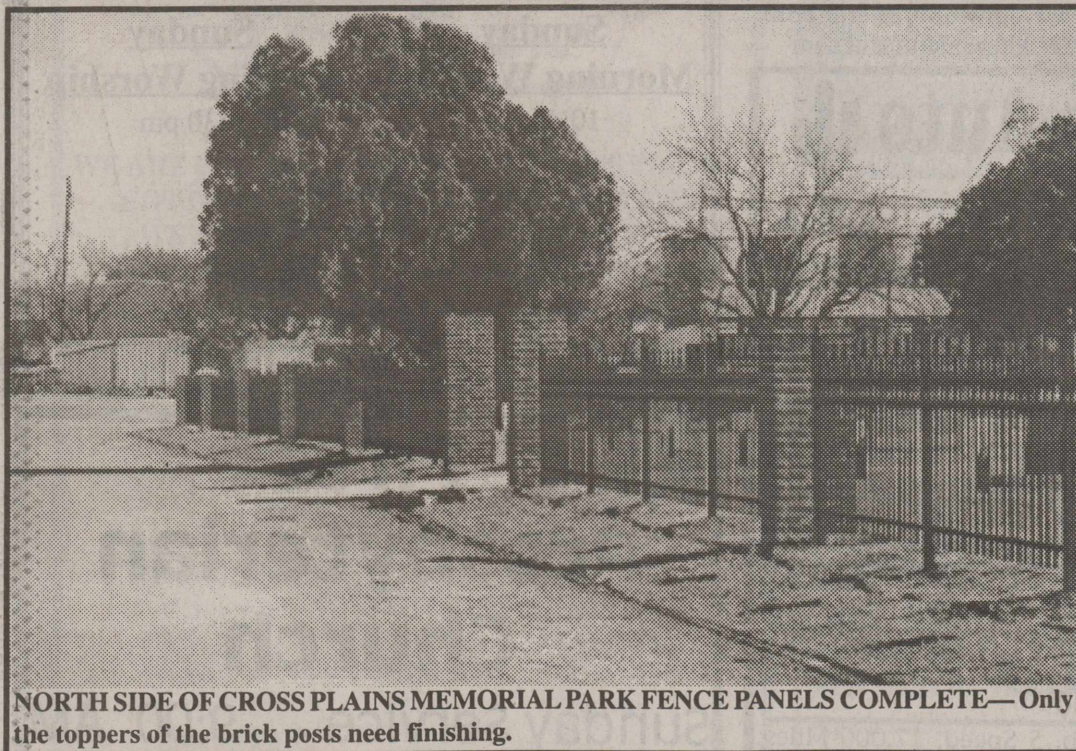
Below are some items or needs to help Seniors of Cross Plains. We would love for people from the community to be a part of this wonderful and thriving program. If you are willing to help please call City Hall or Amber Thomas.

- Volunteer to deliver for the Meals on Wheels program. (You

Submitted by
Amber Thomas



LOCAL CEMETERY ENHANCED BY NEW FENCING— This shows the main entrance.



NORTH SIDE OF CROSS PLAINS MEMORIAL PARK FENCE PANELS COMPLETE— Only the toppers of the brick posts need finishing.

Cross Plains Memorial Cemetery Improvements Continue

The Cross Plains Memorial Cemetery Board of Directors appreciates your patience upon the completion of Phase II, and all of your donations and purchasing of panels.

There are still some areas that need name plates in memory of your loved ones.

Please remember that the cemetery continually needs maintenance, which is mowing,

weed-eating, cutting limbs on trees, and picking up old flowers. This is also another area in which your donations are greatly appreciated.

Drive by the cemetery and note the improvements.

Project Pride to Hold Annual Meeting

Project Pride will meet Tuesday, January 6th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library.

All members are invited to attend, as are interested potential members. There will be an election of officers and 3 board members.

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

Atwell Historical Marker Memorial Bricks being Sold

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*.

For further information call Reggie Pillans 254-725-4168 or Barbara Black 254-725-6339.

The Cross Plains Review will be closed December 31st and January 1st due to the holidays. Happy New Year!

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OBITUARIES



SOPHIA (JERRY) NEWMAN HOLMES

Sophia (Jerry) Newman Holmes

Sophia (Jerry) Newman Holmes, 90 of Rising Star and formerly of Clyde, died Wednesday, December 24, 2008 at the Rising Star Nursing Center.

Graveside services were Saturday, December 27, 2008 at the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home of Clyde.

Mrs. Holmes was born July 11, 1918 in Coleman County to John Henry and Lela Pearl (Pepper) Newman. She attended school in Rough Creek and Stephenville. She was the widow of Miles Artemus (Pete) Holmes, whom she married February 6, 1946 in Reno, Nevada. They moved to Clyde from San Antonio in 1957. Mrs. Holmes was a homemaker and seamstress who sewed for the public. She also raised parakeets. She was a member of Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sisters, Lou Faircloth of Houston, Leola Faircloth of Muskogee, Oklahoma and one brother, Royce Newman of Cross Plains.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother, William Henry Newman and a sister, Susie Marsden.



THOMAS "TOM" SINCLAIR WOLFORD

Thomas "Tom" Sinclair Wolford, 55, of Abilene, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 27, 2008 after a short but courageous battle with cancer. His funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 31st in the Elmwood Funeral Home Chapel, 5750 HWY 277 South. Interment will follow at 2:00 PM in the Oakwood Cemetery in Cisco, Texas.

Tom was born on September 10, 1953 to the late Eileen and James Wolford in Kenton, Ohio and graduated from High School in Hicksville, Ohio. He married Tammy Castleberry in Abilene. He worked for the Abilene State School, Denver Housing Authority, Abtex Beverage, and was employed with Ben E. Keith as a route driver at the time of his death.

Tom enjoyed deep sea fishing, cooking for his family and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He took great pride in caring for his home and yard and had impeccable organization skills, often following behind Tammy fixing things. He had a witty sense of humor and created a lot of laughs and smiles.

Survivors include his wife, Tammy Wolford; three daughters, Shauna Hernandez and husband Patrick of Colorado City, Christina Wolford of Ft. Worth and Natasha Wolford of Abilene; one son, Nathaniel Hawkins of New Braunfels; six grandchildren, Dylan Martinez, Ivan Hernandez, Isaac Garza, Caitlyn Garza, Kashlyn Hawkins, and Camreigh Wilson; two sisters, Phyllis Hadley (Gene) of Bourbonnais, Illinois and Pat Womochil (Jerry) of Broomfield, Colorado; one brother, Mike Wolford (Lolita) of Las Vegas, Nevada.

The family would like to thank Dr. Caroly Aks and Hendrick Hospice Care for the special care given to Tom.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to the American Cancer Society, 209 S. Danville Dr, Abilene, Texas 79605 or Rescue the Animals, 4620 N. 1st St, Abilene, Texas 79603.

Online condolences can be shared with the family at **HYPERLINK** "http://www.elmwoodfuneral.com" **www.elmwoodfuneral.com**

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 Tonya D. Tarrant, order amending conditions of probation.
 Michael W. Salazar, order amending conditions of probation.
 James Robert Todd, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
 Terry Burgess, plea of guilty to injury to a child, 2 years in prison, \$288 court costs.
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Cottonwood News by Wallace Bennett

Cottonwood Roundup

Most of the Bennetts spent a few days in Alpine over the Christmas holidays and had a great time. We were visiting with Jeff and Mary Bennett, our son and his wife. He works for the National Park Service in Big Bend Park and Mary is employed at Sul Ross University.

We talked with Joan Ripper, while there. She is the wife of Jack Ripper, now deceased, and formerly of Cross Plains. According to Beverly Brown, Joan has recently sent a check to the Cottonwood Historical Association to help replace the marker recently destroyed by vandals.

I Remember When

I recently received the following story from Herman D. Weaver and the "I" of this story is Herman, and not myself. In reference to last week's paper and the photo of men sitting on the steps of the old Post Office at Cottonwood.

"I Knew Them All"

By Herman D. Weaver

As I read the *Cross Plains Review* article about the men on the porch of the old Cottonwood Post Office, I got to thinking, just how old I'm getting. As I view the picture of the men, I realized I knew all of them, not many can say that today.

The first one was Henry Robinson, he was the Justice of the Peace at Cottonwood when I

was a small lad. I remember my dad helped him move the contents of his office, which was in the east end of the old Coffey Store when he closed his office and retired. Dad moved it to his home, sometime about 1943. He lived where the Bogues live now. We would go down to his house in the evening and listen to Mr. Robinson tell stories about early Cottonwood. Mr. Robinson's father was an early Texas Ranger. Both men are buried in the old Cottonwood Cemetery.

The next man is Frank Champion, I knew when he lived on his farm, where Scott Childress now lives. I remember my dad was helping him with his peanuts at harvest time and he showed us several Hughes pecan trees and said they paid his taxes every year.

The next man is Harry Varner, who I knew very well when he taught at Cottonwood. What I remember most about him was that he literally loved one act plays. While he never taught me, I recall staying after school some while he taught plays. He would not teach them during school hours. Also, in the summer when we would harvest peanuts and he would help Richard Thompson as he would move from farm to farm thrashing peanuts. My mother and several ladies of the community helped prepare and serve the thrashing crew. I didn't get to eat until all the working men ate. Mr. Thompson, who owned the

thrasher, Mr. Varner and Ab Bennett were the last to eat and I got to eat with them. When they sat down Mr. Thompson looked at his pocket watch and sat it on the table. When they had eaten for 30 minutes, he said it was time to go.

The next man was Ott Peevy. He lived just east of the Coffey Store. When we were very small dad would go to the store in a wagon and let us kids, Shirley, Billie and I, ride along. When we got close to Mr. Peevy's house he would come out and give each of us a penny. Then after that we would start to the store. We were like three little birds looking for him. Then sometimes he would wait until we passed his house and then come running out with the pennies. I think he would do that on purpose.

The next man was John Ivey. Mr. and Mrs. Ivey owned a grocery store just south of the Post Office. They would make up little sacks of candy and put some sort of a prize in them and call them "guess whats". They cost a penny and we would go there and buy "guess whats".

The last man was Robert Young. We called him Bob Young and he was a barber. After I got little older we would go to his house sometimes and get a hair cut.

After one gets a little older, memory is not exact. This is how I remember it, growing up in Cottonwood a long time ago.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group to Hold Annual Meeting on January 5th

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will have its Annual Meeting this coming Monday, January 5, 2009, at 7 p.m. at the Cottonwood Community Center in Cottonwood.

Everyone in the community is

urged come out and hear about the progress with the Brush Fire Truck and the organization's Benefit Prize Drawing and Fish Fry that will be held at the end of January. Officers of the Fire Control Group will be elected at the meeting.

RISEING STAR NURSING CENTER

By Dona McIntire

Well, Christmas has come and gone and New Year's Eve will be here before we know it. The residents have had a very busy schedule since Thanksgiving. We have been so blessed with the outreach from the communities.

We started off the month with a Door Decorating Contest among the employees and all of the residents' doors were decorated and looked so festive. We would like to thank Betty and Jim Fisher for judging the contest for us. First place went to Kristi McGinn with a Christmas tree made of candy canes; second place went to Darla Moore with a snowman theme; and third place to Jessica Nieto with snowmen and stockings. It was very hard to pick the winners, as all are so cute. The nursing students also helped out and decorated several doors.

We have had a busy time in the afternoons with decorating pinecones to look like Christmas trees, making pecan pies and also Santa cookies out of Nutter Butter Peanut Butter cookies.

The number of organizations

that have enhanced our Christmas time is quite amazing. We would like to express our thanks to each and every person and organization for all of the special things they have done. The GA girls from First Baptist Church in Rising Star came by to sing Christmas carols and brought gifts. The Boy Scouts of Cross Plains also sang Christmas carols and handed cards to each resident.

We would like to thank Kathy from Palestine for coming to visit each resident and also bringing them a gift. The Union Center Church sang the Christmas Cantata "JESUS" and what a blessing that was. Jill with Integra Care sponsored our Ice Cream Social with peppermint ice cream and homemade hot fudge, which I am sure is the answer as to why our scales are weighing us so heavy. The Methodist Church of Cross Plains also came to sing for us at our Resident Christmas party and brought the most beautiful (and delicious) chocolate cake. Santa was also in attendance and had his bag which was overflowing with gifts.

As far as regular activities go, Bingo just happens to be one of the favorites. I think all of the residents had a meeting (the activity director was not included) and came up with a way to outsmart the system. We had FIVE residents black-out at one time. They were Alvie Milam, Frances Fortune, Erma Payne, Lois Miller and Hazel Campbell. And today we had two people black-out which was Alvie Milam and Kay Justice. Am I seeing a trend here?

Irene Starkey and Pauline Regian are our December birthday ladies. We were honored with the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains bringing us birthday cake and also singing for us to help us celebrate.

It is sometimes difficult to put into words just how much the residents love and appreciate all that the community does to enhance their lives. If I have left anyone out, please know that we do thank each and everyone who made this Christmas Season such a special time of year. Till next time, may God bless and keep you.

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January 1, 2008

Reminder of Library's ASAP on Wednesday

The January After School Adventure Program, ASAP, at the Cross Plains Public Library will feature Mindy Estes' gymnastic class. Students will present what they have been learning in their classes.

Gymnastics is a fun sport, and it can help develop coordination,

strength, balance, flexibility and much more. It can also build self-esteem, and improve skills such as self-discipline and concentration.

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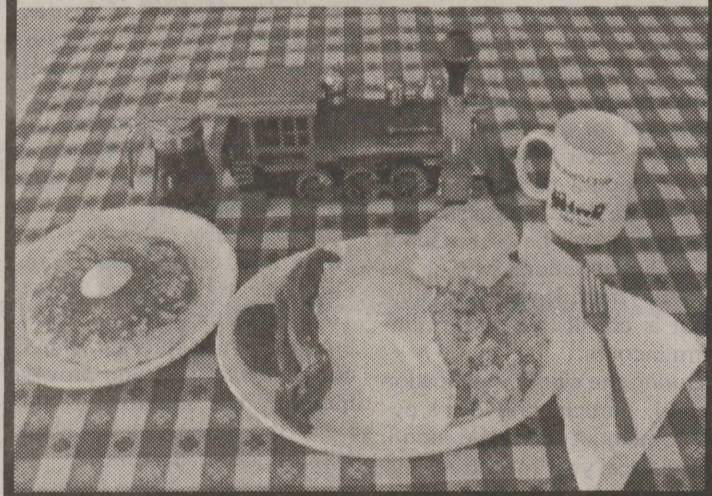


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Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show set for January 17th

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.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

JANUARY 5 - 9 BREAKFAST

MONDAY - P.B. & J Sandwich Assorted Juice, Milk

TUESDAY- Waffle Stick, Sausage Link, Assorted Juice, Milk

WEDNESDAY- Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Juice, Milk

THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice, Milk

FRIDAY- Donut, Yogurt, Assorted Juice, Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY- Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Pickle Spears, Pears, Milk

TUESDAY- Beef-Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Peaches & Strawberries, Milk

WEDNESDAY - Steak Fingers, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Rosy-Applesauce, Milk

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Pecan Crop Low But Regional Show Successful

Last week, the West Regional Texas Pecan Show was conducted in Abilene. With not-so-abundant rain this year, this definitely turned out to be an "off" year in pecan production. Seventy-nine counties were invited to attend the regional show, but only fourteen counties participated with about 150 pecan samples submitted. To put this in perspective, last year our local show alone received about 275 entries from six counties.

The Texas Pecan Show has a long history and the first pecan show was held in 1950. The intent of the show is to help growers know what the value of their pecan crop is BEFORE they go to market. During the West Regional Texas Pecan Show, the pecans were divided into divisions and then classified as to the pecan variety. Once all this happens, judges evaluate the pecans individually based on the grading standards.

Commercial Division: Cheyenne

1st Bubba Hoermann Reserve Champion (Andrews)

2nd Sam Austin (Midland)

3rd John Kniffen (Menard)

Mohawk

1st Floyd Frierich (Tom Green)

2nd Robert Orson (Andrews)

3rd Corky Blocker (Martin)

Choctaw

1st W.J. Lewis (Nolan)

2nd Riley Mattek (Upton)

3rd Bill Altom (Taylor)

Oconee

1st Doyle Pecans (Menard)

Pawnee

1st LeRoy Olsak Grand Champion (Schleicher)

2nd Harold Duegan (Midland)

3rd Belding Farms (Pecos)

Desirable

1st Juan Palacios (Howard)

2nd Neil Connor (Tom Green)

3rd K and K (Menard)

Schley

1st Busley Pecan (Menard)

2nd Bill Altom (Taylor)

Forkert

1st Edwin Fisher (Midland)

Sioux

1st Chester McCown (Runnels)

2nd John Kraft (Andrews)

3rd Ray Barrett (Upton)

Hopi

1st K and K (Menard)

2nd Chester McCown (Runnels)

3rd Ann Kniffen (Menard)

Western

1st Martin Co. Courthouse (Martin)

2nd LeRoy Olsak (Schleicher)

Kanza

1st Chester McCown (Runnels)

Kiowa

1st Eddy Sullivan (Pecos)

2nd Edwin Fisher (Midland)

3rd Allen Moore (Andrews)

Wichita

1st Doyle Pecans (Menard)

2nd Jack Clements (Andrews)

3rd K and K (Menard)

Classic & New Division:

Apache

1st Doyle Pecan (Menard)

2nd Floyd Frierich (Schleicher)

3rd W.J. Lewis (Nolan)

Nacono

1st Chester McCown Grand Champion (Runnels)

2nd LeRoy Olsak (Schleicher)

Navaho

1st Chester McCown (Runnels)

2nd Boyd Reece (Midland)

Barton

1st Juan Palacios (Howard)

2nd Sun Valley Farms (Pecos)

Podsednik

1st Tonya Reece (Midland)

2nd Carla Diaz (Midland)

3rd Eli Mattek (Upton)

Burkett

1st Bill Book Reserve Champion (Runnels)

2nd Dave Davis (Midland)

3rd Chuck Elmore (Martin)

Prilop

1st Chester McCown (Runnels)

Comanche

1st Kayla Saathoff (Upton)

2nd Deyje Printz (Midland)

3rd H & H Pecan (Callahan)

San Saba Improved

1st R.O. Pomroy (Ward)

Elliott

1st J.E. Peugh (Martin)

Stuart

1st Harrol Kolb (Andrews)

2nd Milton Puckett (Andrews)

3rd Jeanette Montgomery (Tom Green)

GraTex

1st Chester McCown (Runnels)

Mahan

1st Belding Farms (Pecos)

2nd Rod Noble (Andrews)

3rd Stormi McCoy (Shackelford)

Other Varieties

1st Allen Treadwell (J. Garner var.) (Menard)

2nd Tisha Reyes (Halpert var.) (Martin)

3rd Harrol Kolb (J. Garner var.) (Andrews)

Variety Seedlings

1st Cody Bell (Upton)

2nd K and K (Menard)

3rd Sun Valley Farms (Pecos)

Native Division:

Native

1st Chester McCown Grand Champion (Runnels)

2nd David Lange (Runnels)

3rd Stacey Ford (Shackelford)

Lightest Pecan

2nd Gayland Dupriest (Upton)

3rd Marcus Nabors (Shackelford)

Most of the trees that produced were in an "on-year" cycle, and quality was very nice. If your trees failed to produce a crop this year, next year should be a good year for you. Continue to monitor your pecan trees for pests and diseases, and do not forget to water trees during the winter months, especially during long, dry cold periods.

Melissa Clifton Sturdivant is the County Extension Agent for Horticulture in Taylor County and may be reached by email at dmclifton@ag.tamu.edu or by calling 672-6048.

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.

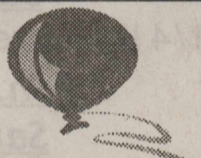
This is a study of the beginning of life, sin, judgement, and

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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Milk income loss contract program signup begins

(Baird, TX), Dec. 22, 2008 - Robert Frost, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Callahan County today announced that signup for the Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC) begins today and will continue through the program's expiration date, Sept. 30, 2012. The program's final rule will soon be published in the Federal Register.

The 2008 Farm Bill reauthorizes the MILC Program, which operates similarly to the counter-cyclical payment program for crops, and makes three key changes in program operation. Under the Farm Bill, the MILC payment rate and the per-operation poundage limit are modified, depending on when the milk is produced. In addition, a "feed cost adjuster," is introduced over the life of the Farm Bill, which adjusts the \$16.94 per hundredweight (cwt.) benchmark price upward depending on the cost of feed rations. When available, MILC payments are based on a payment rate percentage that is multiplied by the difference between a now-flexible target (\$16.94 per cwt. or higher) and the specific month's Boston Class I price of milk.

According to Frost, USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) issues MILC payments on an operation-by-operation basis up to a maximum of 2.4 million pounds of milk produced and marketed (about 120 cows) from Oct. 1, 2007, through Sept. 30, 2008. The production limit per operation increases to 2.985 million pounds (about 145 cows) for each fiscal year from Oct. 1, 2008, through Aug. 31, 2012. Beginning Sept. 1, 2012, the production limitation reverts back to the original limit of 2.4 million pounds per fiscal year.

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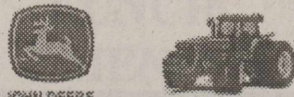


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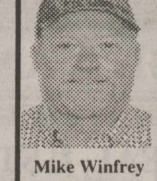
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208 Ac.- Great hunting on Clear-fork of Brazos, huge oak, pecan & elm, 3 small fields	543,504
220 Ac.-Mesquite, oak, hackberry for wildlife, 4 irrigation wells, Klein grass, coastal for livestock	264,000
237 Ac.-Rolling with coastal, oak, & pecan, 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
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USDA announces 2009 DCP sign-up begins today

(Baird, TX), Dec. 22, 2008 – Robert Frost, Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Callahan County announced that enrollment for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program for farms with base acres begins today both online and at local USDA service centers and continues until June 1, 2009. "I encourage all producers to make use of the eDCP automated website to sign up for this important program," said Frost. "This service makes DCP more accessible to the public, and I encourage producers with Internet access to use the system." However, producers can visit any USDA Service Center or their administratively assigned center, to complete their 2009 DCP contract.

The June 1, 2009 deadline is mandatory for all participants. USDA will not accept late-filed applications.

The electronic DCP (or eDCP) service saves producers time, reduces paperwork and speeds up contract processing at USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. It is available to all producers who are eligible to participate in the DCP Program and can be accessed at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp>. To access the service, producers must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account, which requires filling out an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov> followed by a visit to the local USDA Service Center for identity verification.

USDA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and

payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2009, eligible producers may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. USDA will issue advance direct payments beginning Dec. 2008. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices. Counter-cyclical payments are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is statutorily set below its target price. The effective price is the higher of the national average market price received during the 12-marketing year for each covered commodity and the national average rate for a marketing assistance loan for the covered commodity.

Producers who are eligible for the DCP Program will also be eligible to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. The enrollment period for the ACRE Program will begin in the spring. Producers may first enroll in the DCP Program, elect to receive advance direct payments and then later modify their enrollment to include the ACRE program or they may wait and elect to enroll in DCP and ACRE at the same time in Spring 2009.

The optional ACRE Program provides a safety net based on State revenue losses and acts in place of the price-based safety net of counter-cyclical payments under DCP. A farm's payment

is based on a revenue guarantee calculated using a 5-year average state yield and the most recent 2-year State price for each eligible commodity. For the 2009 crop, the 2-year price average will be based on the 2007 and 2008 crop years.

An ACRE payment is issued when both the State and the farm have incurred a revenue loss. The payment is based on 83.3 percent (85 percent in 2012) of the farm's planted acres times the difference between the State ACRE guarantee and the State revenue times the ratio of the farm's yield divided by the State expected yield. The total number of planted acres for which a producer may receive ACRE payments may not exceed the total base on the farm. In exchange for participating in ACRE, in addition to not receiving counter-cyclical payments, a farm's direct payment is reduced by 20 percent, and marketing assistance loan rates are reduced by 30 percent.

The decision to enroll in the ACRE Program is irrevocable. The owner of the farm and all producers on the farm must agree to enroll in ACRE. Once enrolled, the farm shall be enrolled for that initial crop year and will remain in ACRE through the 2012 crop year.

Direct payment rates and maximum counter-cyclical rates for 2009 are available upon request by contacting the Callahan County FSA Office at 325-854-1049 ext. 2.

Cottonwood VFC Appreciates Donations

These businesses have donated great prizes for the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Drawing on January 31, 2009: Susan Schaefer, CPA; Cross Plains Parts Plus; Custom Tile; Higginbothams; Lawrence Farm and Ranch; J&L Sales; Parker Custom Ironworks; Carouth Construction; Strength's Paint and Body; Connie's Cuts and Curls; Ray's Barber Shop; Jimmy Wilson Well Service; Cross Plains Frozen Food; Bless'd Automotive; T&K Tire; The Movie Store; Snippets; Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones; Jean's Feed Barn; Cross Plains Subway; Mexico City Cafe; and Staghorn Cafe.

A catfish dinner is planned before the drawing at 5 p.m. at the Cottonwood Community Center on January 31st. Details and price will be released.

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Grand Ole Oplin January Line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin is happy to announce their band line-up for the month of January, 2009. Starting off on January 2nd Muddy Creek will be joining us playing all your favorite dancing tunes, on January 9th Country Classics will be here to entertain us all. On January 16th Herman Hearn and the Yellowjackets will be playing the kind of music that will make you want to get up and dance, on January 23rd Muddy Creek will be joining us again playing some more of your favorite country tunes, and closing out the month on January 30th Jack Rosser will be joining us with his own special style of country music.

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. Our dances begin at 7:30 p.m. each Friday evening and end by 10:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed at any of our functions. Admission to our dance is still only \$4.00 per person. Please go to www.grandoleoplin.com for further information.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of good music and lots of good friends. We'll see you there.

Submitted by: Pam Rumpf

Halsell Hill

By Laura Ashley Pagenkopf
Christmas 2008

Sunrises, sunsets,
Fall leaves and pets.

Goldfish and plays,
And lazy days.

Pianos and songs,
Food all day long.

Walks, talks,
Playing teacher with chalk.

Porches and rain,
Keeping us sane.

Clouds and lightning,
Lots of reading and writing.

Stories and Jesus,
A place where He meets us.

Laughter and tears,
Nothing to fear.

Football and games,
The whole family came.

A sanctuary,
Where pain does not tarry.

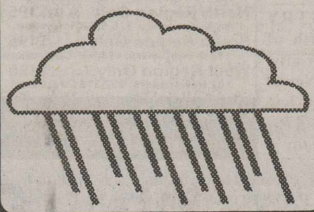
Worship and prayer,
Our hearts lay bare.

No other place,
On Earth like this.

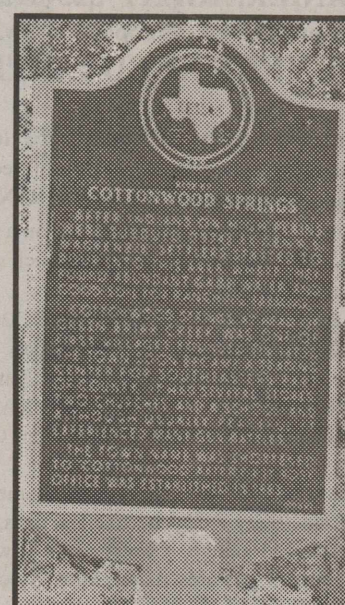
A place to refill,
It's called Halsell Hill.

Editor's Note: Laura is the granddaughter of Charles and Lou (Halsell) Rodenberger. She spent her growing up years with her cousins at Halsell Hill. Vanda Anderson

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Cottonwood Historical Association to Replace Historical Marker



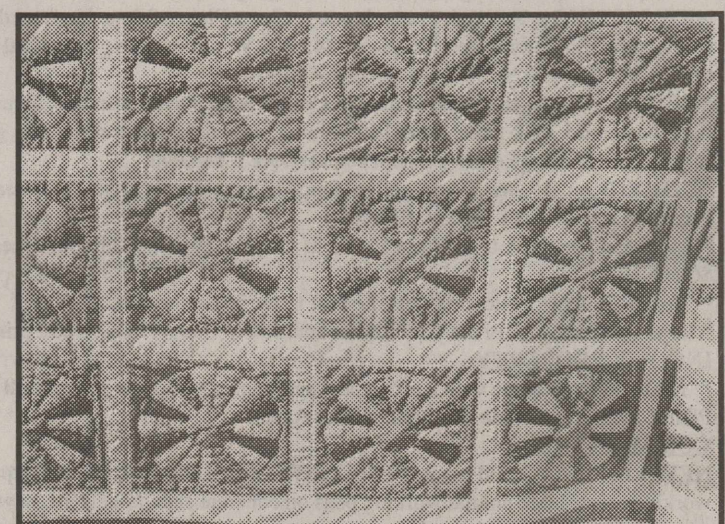
THE COTTONWOOD SPRINGS HISTORICAL MARKER— Stolen over the summer. It is being replaced by the Cottonwood Historical Association.

The Cottonwood Springs Historical Marker, located on FM 1079 in Cottonwood, was stolen over the summer - leaving only a bent metal pole where this community landmark stood proudly for 40 years.

Cottonwood Historical Association has contacted the Texas Historical Commission in

Austin and ordered a replacement marker. The new marker will be identical to the old one and will cost \$1100, plus the cost of setting the marker in concrete. If you'd like to donate to help replace the marker, please send your donation to: Historical Marker Fund, c/o Cottonwood Historical Association, P.O. Box 704, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

The Cottonwood Springs Historical Marker commemorated the founding of Cottonwood in 1875 and was erected in the community in 1968. The marker read: "After Indians on High Plains were subdued (1874) by Gen. R.S. MacKenzie, settlers started to pour into this area, where they found abundant game, water, and good soil for ranching and farming. Cottonwood Springs, at head of Green Briar Creek, was one of the first villages founded (in 1875). The town soon became a trading center for the southeastern part of the county. It had several stores, two churches, and a school; and although usually peaceful, it experienced many gun battles. The town name was shortened to "Cottonwood" after the first post office was established in 1883."



HANDMADE DRESDEN PLATE QUILT—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 quilt was donated by Mary Ella Weaver. The quilt 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, or by calling 254-725-6164.

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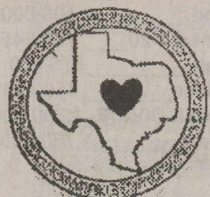
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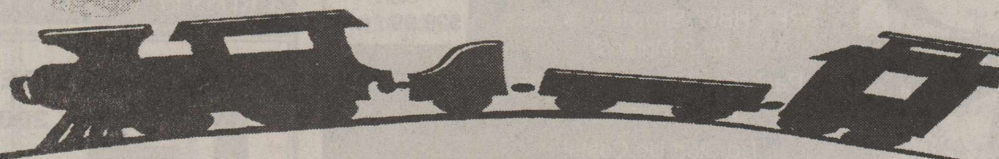
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