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ResourceCare Community Health Center to Host Special Reception Tuesday, December

ResourceCare Community Health Center would like to invite you to a special reception at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center on Tuesday, December 15th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A lunch of roast beef, mashed potatoes and green beans will be served. Please call 254-725-6521 by noon on Monday, December 14th, to reserve a plate.

We are welcoming Dr. JoAnne Paulk back to Cross Plains and to ResourceCare Community Health Center. We are also giving our appreciation to Dr. John Humphrey for his many years of dedicated service to the community.

Dr. Humphrey has practiced family medicine for the past 47 years. After graduating from UT Medical School in Galveston, Dr. Humphrey ran a private practice in Brownwood for 30 years. Later he was employed by Scott & White serving as Assistant Professor at Texas A&M

Medical School. Upon semi-retirement, he practiced medicine at the Brownwood Regional Hospital Outreach Clinic at Lake Brownwood for 4 years. Since 2003 he had practiced part-time at the Cross Plains clinic. We want to thank Dr. Humphrey for his many years or caring service to his patients and the community.

We are excited to welcome Dr. JoAnne Paulk back to Cross Plains. She started a practice here in 1997 and then moved to Rising Star where she continued to practice for the next 11 years. For those who do not know Dr. Paulk, she was born in Kirksville, Missouri. She has been married to her husband Mitchell for 27 years. He works for SMK Fabricators in May. They have two children, a daughter Jessalyn who is married and working on her master's degree at Angelo State University and their son Matthew who is the United States Marine Corp.

Dr. Paulk graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1996, and interned at Doctor's Hospital in Groves, Texas. She is now working for ResourceCare which in addition to Cross Plains has clinics in Albany, Breckenridge and Baird. She will be joining Krista Via, a board certified nurse practitioner, and Dr. Albert Kincheloe, a Cross Plains native and the medical director for ResourceCare. Dr. Paulk says that she is very excited to be back in Cross Plains.

After lunch everyone is invited to tour the ResourceCare clinic from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The clinic is located in downtown Cross Plains at 200 N. Main Street. The Senior Citizens Center is located at 108 N. Main Street. We would like to thank the City of Cross Plains, the Cross Plains Economic Development Corp., and the Senior Citizens Center for their help in sponsoring this reception.

Submitted by
Patrick Muncie

Political shift evident in Callahan County

BY AL PICKETT
Special Writer

The announcement last week that four county officials, all incumbents who have served previously as Democrats, had filed for re-election as Republicans served notice of a major political shift in Callahan County, which has long been considered a Democrat-leaning county.

"Who would have thought it?" admitted Callahan County Judge Roger Corn, who filed for re-election Thursday as a Republican after serving three four-year terms as a Democrat. "Things that are going on in Washington are not what I believe. I changed parties, not philosophy. I am a conservative. I'm not changing my beliefs, just my party affiliation."

Three other incumbents - district clerk Sharon Owens, county clerk Donna Bell and county commissioner for Precinct 2 Bryan Farmer, all of whom were Democrats - also switched party affiliation last week when they filed for re-election on the Republican

ticket.

"Basically, there were several reasons why I did it," said Bell, "but the biggest reason is that is the way I am leaning. It just seemed like a personal choice."

Bell said she wished county officials could be like school board members or city council members who don't have to file as either Republican or Democrat. "County government has nothing to do with the parties," she lamented.

Corn agreed. "County elections should not be Democrat or Republican," he stated. "What party you belong to doesn't make any difference in county government. But it is like the old cliché: 'I didn't leave the party, the party left me.' The Democratic party is not what it used to be."

Corn pointed out that Callahan County has voted Republican in the last several national and state elections. He added that Cliff Kirkham, the county commissioner for Precinct 4, and two Justices of the Peace, Burlie Taylor and

Roy Chapman - all of whom filed for re-election last week - and Sheriff Jon Windham and County Attorney Shane Deal are all Republicans, indicating the political shift really began several years ago.

"I am excited and very pleased," said Reggie Pillans, who serves as Republican County Chairman in Callahan County. "I think the reason is all the things that are going on in Washington, such as the health-care bill, the czars and everything else. People don't like what is going on in Washington. Political affiliation doesn't really matter at the county level. But at the state and national level, you have to look at the party platform."

As of last weekend, Justice of the Peace Steve Odom was the only incumbent to file for re-election as a Democrat. Monday, Jan. 4 is the last day that candidates can file for a place on the ballot. March 2nd is the primary election.

The 2010 General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 2nd.

"Here We come a Caroling" to be Presented at First Baptist Church Sunday

The First Family welcomes you to join them for a presentation of "Here We Come A Caroling". The performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, December 13th

at Cross Plains First Baptist Church, 300 North Main. The music selections will be from "Only Love" and are sure

to touch your heart. Admission is FREE and all are welcome. Come join in the sounds of the season.

Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association Seminary Extension January 2010

If you have an interest in joining our study of the book of Nehemiah OT 133 in the spring 2010 (January-May) notify Baylis Pope at his home phone, 254-725-7749.

Classes will begin the last week of January. We will need to know your plans to purchase the Study Guide and the *New American Commentary: Nehemiah, vol. 10*, the first week of January. The course will cost \$102.

Our most recent classes were held in Breckenridge and De Leon. If you are not near either place, but would like to see about taking the course; give me a call.

Submitted by
Baylis Pope

Replacement Blood Drive for Colton Manley on December 15

A replacement blood drive for Colton Manley will take place on Tuesday, December 15 at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains from noon until 6:00 p.m.

Colton was recently diagnosed with leukemia and is receiving treatment at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. He has already received multiple blood and platelet transfusions and will require more as his treatment progresses.

"Patients like Colton have so much to cope with when they receive a leukemia diagnosis. These patients should never have to worry about blood availability," said Frances Baker,

donor recruiter for Meek Blood Center. "There is no substitute for blood at this time. We are totally dependent on volunteer donors to supply this precious resource," Baker continued.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 120 pounds and be in good health. Each donor must present a photo ID. Most medications do not interfere with donor eligibility. Those who have eligibility questions may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Each donor will receive a free health screening, total cholesterol test and a long-sleeve T-shirt.



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The three creative women designing these different windows in Higginbotham Brothers are Paulette Hubnik Foster, and her sisters, Susan Casby Horton and Katrina Casby Hernandez. Their 92 year-old mother, Maggie Casby assisted, too.

Project Pride volunteers also helped set up the decorations which took four days to complete these different scenes. Starting at the south window, you will enjoy the feel of the old west. Two areas—inside playing games—and the barn area filled with lots

of items to view. When Santa finishes with his ranch chores, I guess he will be ready to jump into his suit which is all laid out for him.

The manger scene always makes us stop and think about the most important reason for the Christmas season—the birth of Jesus. We're really proud of our new Nativity pieces which look perfect with lights and hay all around.

The buffet area is so elegant. It makes you want to get your party clothes on. You can see the anticipation of opening presents

on the young girl's face. Isn't she pretty?

The mantle over the fireplace is abundantly decorated, so we can just relax and enjoy the view as we sit cozy by the fire. The Christmas tree lights sparkle especially at night.

The Bridal Corner is decorated with a white tree, wreath, and tulle with other blue accents. Very fitting for this area.

Remember to drive by and view the windows as they light up the night with the "Spirit of Christmas!"

Submitted by
Anne Rone



IT IS TIME AGAIN TO WRITE YOUR SANTA CLAUS LETTERS!

All pre-school children and students through 3rd grade may send your wish lists to the Cross Plains Review by noon on December 16th. The children's letters will be forwarded directly to Old Saint Nick at the North Pole. Watch for publication in the December 18th issue.

Mail To: Santa Claus c/o
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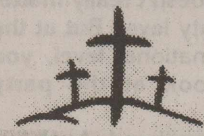
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OBITUARIES

Grady Ramey

The very special and beloved Spirit of Grady Ramey is now soaring throughout the halls of Heaven, enthusiastically enjoying his Christ-given grace and rejoicing with his many family members, Texas buddies and military comrades...surely is happy and energetic beyond our wildest recollections.

Some of his earthly mantles: Born on March 3, 1924 in Whiterock, Texas (always a loyal Texan!) as the seventh child of 11, with the French family roots of Re'my and the Scottish roots of the original Highland Clan of McJunkins.

Preceded in death by eight siblings.

Survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Dorothy Mae, two sons, MSgt Retired Tommy Ramey and wife Amy of San Antonio, Dr. Gerald Ramey and wife Marsha of Lewiston, Idaho and one daughter, Judy Savage of San Antonio. Also, by a proud legacy of eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren—all of whom he mentored, revered and loved dearly.

Some of Grady's activities, awards and earthly accomplishments:

Military: Part of the first group in U.S. Air Force awarded the rank of Chief M/Sgt. Served in the navy on the most decorated ship in WWII, the USS Enterprise; National Defense Service Medal; Bronze Star Medal; Purple Heart (2); Meritorious Service medal (2); Air Medal (4), Airmen's Medal; Navy Commendation Medal (4), Combat Action Ribbon; WWII Victory Medal; Iwo-Jima Commemorative Medal; Pacific Campaign Medal; WWII Disabled Veteran Comm. Medal; Korean War Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; Presidential Unit Citation; Vietnam Cross of Gallantry; Expert Marksman Medal; State: Texas State Volunteer of the Year Award

Special Olympics Texas: Grady is affectionately known as the Grandfather of Special Olympics Texas. He was among the founders of our state-wide programs which began for him in Abilene, Texas at the Abilene State School. He fought for respect and opportunities beyond thought for those with intellectual disabilities to help them stand tall for all to see. He served and chaired the many boards, committees, and competitions. Grady was also responsible for recruiting and training most of the long time volunteers currently working with the athletes.

Others: DAV, VFW, American Legion, Masons, and Shriners.

As Grady's family and friends, we are so fortunate and blessed to have him as our protective, dynamic "Guardian Angel"! Yes...Grady is still ALIVE!

Lola Delilah Goble

Lola Delilah Goble, age 86, passed away Monday, December 7, 2009 in Cisco at the Homestead Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Cross Plains with Michael Ingram officiating. Burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery.

She was born on May 20, 1923 to Gilbert and Jessie (Ashabranner) Wilcoxon in Cottonwood, Texas. She married Cecil Goble on April 26, 1939. She was a homemaker and a business woman. Delilah owned and operated a laundry service, was a seamstress, and in later years took care of the elderly. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

Survivors include her daughter, Naoma Wilson and husband Cecil of Cross Plains; three sons, David Goble and wife Sherryl, Stanley Goble and wife Norma, and Lenley Goble, all of Cross Plains; two sisters, Violet Edwards and LaVerne Ballinger, both of Cisco; two brothers, Franklin Wilcoxon of Cisco and Everett Wilcoxon of Ranger; 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Cecil Goble, four brothers, Eugene Wilcoxon, Melvin Wilcoxon and two infants, and a sister, Lillie Childers.



Joan Pickard

Joan Pickard, 86, of Burkett, died Thursday, December 3, 2009 at Abilene Regional Medical Center. A visitation will be held Wednesday, December 9, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Rolling Oaks Ranch, 398 Private Road 1902 in Burkett. Please use the East entrance to the ranch. No other services are planned. Her body was cremated. Arrangements are under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home, Coleman.

Joan Pickard was born March 4, 1923 in New York City, the daughter of Bernard Wakefield and Elizabeth Goodrich Wakefield. She grew up in Montclair, New Jersey and Pepperell, Massachusetts. She married Peter Pickard in August, 1989 in Las Vegas. They moved to Burkett in 1990.

Survivors include her children, Lynn Lamar of Carmel, California, Edward Wakefield Burnham of Nantucket, Massachusetts, Pen Burnham and Peter Burnham, both of Pepperell, Massachusetts and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister.

Please sign her online guestbook at: www.livingmemorials.com

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Lauralei C. Stephens, theft by check.

Robert D. Strickland, theft by check.

Bryan W. Elrod, theft.

Misdemeanor Minutes

John Wilson, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, completion of PTD Program.

Samuel Serna, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.

Michael W. Johnson, Jr., motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Christy A. McDonald, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, completion of PTD Program.

Cody V. Shouse, motion to dismiss to parked without lights in lane of traffic granted for plea to other case.

Cody V. Shouse, motion to

dismiss to fail to report accident granted for plea to other case.

Cody V. Shouse, motion to dismiss to unsafe speed granted for plea to other case.

Cody James Hurley, motion to revoke probation granted.

Ashley Paige Johnson, motion to dismiss to assault granted for plea to other case.

Marriage Licenses

Jack I. Fanning of Abilene and Gatha M. O'Reilly of Brenham.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Minutes

Jonathan J. Haley, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Civil Filings

State of Texas vs. 1998 Freightliner tractor, seizure and intended forfeiture.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

WALLACE BENNETT

Cottonwood Roundup

Heads Up: Word has just been heard of the death of Grady Ramey in San Antonio. Viewing will be at 1:00 p.m. and graveside services at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 12 at the Cottonwood Cemetery.

The Cottonwood Community Christmas Party last Saturday night was a good place to be for entertainment to begin the 2009 Christmas season off to a good start.

There was a nice crowd, good food, and that coupled with a bunch of individuals who really enjoyed coming together to discuss the prospects of the coming season in Cottonwood,

made it a good evening.

The visitors who came from out of town to in the festivities included Weldon, from Lake Brownwood and Billy Don Bennett, with wife, and son, Micajah Bennett from Clyde.

Now there is name that has not been heard in Cottonwood, Texas for along time. Micajah Bennett, or "Uncle" Kager, as we use to call him, was the grandfather of my father and his cousin Levi. These "sons of Levi", Weldon and Billy Don grew up in Cottonwood, as did my brothers and me.

The Board of Directors of the Cottonwood Historical Association met last week to discuss several items of care and

upkeep of the property owned by the association. Among the items discussed and decided on was a rise in prices to charge outside groups for use of the community center building. This will start in January 2010.

Some improvements have been made in the kitchen area that is impressive. A new heating and air unit has been purchased and installed, along with a new cook stove and other items.

The Board of Trustees of the association appreciate these additions and are looking forward to future improvements.

(If you have news to print in this column, contact me at 254-725-7474, or 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, TX 76443.)

PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies had a very good day quilting on Tuesday. We did miss several members due to various reasons. Those of us who were there had a great time. We are off for the holidays until the second Tuesday in January. We will have our annual Christmas party at Marquillite's home. Some of the girls attended the Rehab brunch in Abilene Saturday, I will let you know who attended next week and how they enjoyed it.

Glenda Phillips went with Allen, Janice and Logan to Waco during the Thanksgiving weekend for the Baylor World Vision Classic (basketball). Krista is on the Lamar girls basketball traveling team. The family got to see Krista some each day. The team and the family all stayed in the same hotel. Lamar played Lafayette, La. on Friday and played Idaho on Saturday. Lamar won both games.

They played Baylor Sunday afternoon and Baylor won. Baylor

has a girl playing who is 6 ft. 8 inches tall and wears an 18.5 size shoe. She is a freshman. Baylor won first place and Lamar second.

Krista got to eat with her family Saturday night and visited with them about four hours. Kali, Charlie and Caleb were able to see Krista play Saturday and Sunday. The family met Janice's sister and husband, Debra and Randall and daughter, Cara, for lunch Sunday and afterwards went to the Baylor game.

Glenda said the Baylor senior citizens really turn out to see Baylor play and all wear Baylor colors.

The Lamar girls flew to Minneapolis and played in November. They have played Grambling, Alcorn State and Tennessee-Martin during November. Krista likes flying and these are her first flights. If they don't fly, they charter a bus for their trips. They have 24

more games to play. They will play Texas Tech at Lubbock December 8th. Maybe Krista can see some of her friends who go to school at Tech.

Krista really likes school and the traveling. She was able to visit the world's largest mall in Minneapolis.

Glenda reported all had a very good time and it was so nice to see Krista.

Eastland County had their Pecan Show this last week. There were several more entries this year.

We sure had a beautiful snow last week. The flakes were so large. It gave the grain some much needed moisture. Maybe we will have some more in a few weeks.

The Rising Star Basketball Tournament was last week. Cross Plains will have theirs this weekend. Come on out and support your high school teams!

Everyone have a happy and safe Holiday Season!!!!

HAVE YOU HAD ENOUGH CHANGE?

I have debated for weeks how to write this letter without making some or all mad at me, but could not come up with a good way to get my point across without doing so. So here goes. Republican or Democrat at the county level does not make a great deal of difference in county level politics, (my thoughts)

I do believe however, that county level and state level voting does send a message to all the political watchers that keep up with the political polls. I for one am sick of the care free spending taking place in D.C. Our Republican office holders in D.C. have tried to vote down the outrageous spending but do not have the numbers to do so. I could go into more detail about our current President but don't have the space or money to publish the article. There is a great letter, and well worth the read written by 93 year young retired Navy man named Harold Estes that just about says it all. You can find it on Snopes on the following web site. www.snopes.com/politics/soapbox/haroldestes.asp

I don't like to mix politics and religion, but, in a sermon delivered by Burlie Taylor he stated "we need to quit worrying about being politically correct and start worrying about being biblically correct". There are two verses I would like you to read one is Psalms 118 verse 8 the other is Psalms 109 verse 8.

Callahan County has several county positions coming up for election in 2010. Some offices are open at the precinct level and others at the county level. Those offices at the county level can and will send a message if they are won by a Republican candidate. I encourage you to consider voting for and encourage those office seekers to run on a Republican ticket. What a message it would send if we went totally Republican in Callahan County.

"We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails" Bertha Calloway.

In GOD we Trust
Reggie Pillans

Callahan County Republican Chairman

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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In the Comic strip, *Dennis the Menace*, Dennis, as he's taking a bath, asks his mom, "What if I take a really LONG bath? Would that hold me for a few days?"

I wonder if that "logic" would work with God? "God, if I 'say' an extra long prayer today, would that hold me for a few days?" Or, "God, if I stay for the whole worship period on Sunday morning (rather than leaving right after communion), would that hold me for a few weeks?"

I'm sure Dennis' thinking didn't hold any water (pardon the pun) with his mother, and I'm sure that similar thinking doesn't "get to first base" with God either!

Then what shall we do? First of all, we might try **praying to God from our heart** rather than "Saying" a prayer" — communicating with Him rather than repeating memorized repetitions. And as for worship time, try putting our whole heart into it rather than watching the clock and dreading Sundays coming so often. That will "hold us for awhile..."

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

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:15a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship...10:15a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

"Sincerely Elvis" to be Presented at Lake Brownwood Lions Club

Impersonator James Wages will be performing "Sincerely Elvis" at the Brownwood Lions Club Friday, December 11th.

You can enjoy a barbecue meal and the show for \$10.00 per person. The dinner will be served from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the show is from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Diabetes Association. Come and enjoy the delicious food and great entertainment!

Thank You God



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LIBRARY NOTES

Nov. 23- Dec. 4, 2009

Patrons:	173
Programs:	16
LAP	6
Lapsit	2
Other	8
Books Checked Out:	240
Copies:	78
Reference:	12
Internet Users:	95
Interlibrary Loans:	2

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Azalee Womack
Ginny Hoskins

Thank you to the many community supporters who baked for our annual Bake Sale.

Alcoholics Anonymous Changes Meeting Place

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is no longer meeting at the Church of Christ Activity Center. They are meeting at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For additional information contact Wanda at 254-725-7499 or Diana 254-725-4670.

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December 10, 2009

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 14th - Movie Day @ 10:00 am: Cokes & Popcorn.
Tuesday, 15th - Exercise Class @ 11:00 am. Computer Class 10:00 am. Reception for Dr. Humphrey and Dr. Paulk
Wednesday, 16th - Sing along @ 11:00 am w/Jacque & Gail. August Birthday's Celebrated. Free foot care Clinic by Girling 12:30 pm.
Thursday, 17th - Exercise Class @ 11:00 am.

Senior Center Needs

A few items the Center could really benefit from...
ROASTER OVEN - LARGE CROCK POTS

Do You Know Someone Who Would Benefit From a Home Delivered Meal?

The Cross Plains Senior Center would always like to know if you or someone you know would benefit from a Home Delivered Meal. The meals are delivered Monday-Friday from 11:45-12:45 pm, A

hot, nutritious, and delicious meal is available for those who qualify. Please feel free to call the Center Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:00pm to see if we can help. 254.725.6521.

Senior Citizens Center Will Have More Computer Classes Starting in December

The Senior Center has 6 computers available to any senior to use. You may use the internet, play computer games, make a document or even setup an email account. They are available Monday-Friday from 9:00am - 2:00pm. If you would like to

attend a computer class please call the Center. They will begin Tuesday, December 1st at 10:00 am. The Biggerstaffs will be focusing on spreadsheets during December. Please come by and give the computers a try! They don't bite! Hope to see you there.

Coupon Corner at the Senior Center

Do you have coupons that you do not use? A sweet lady from the community, Geneva Nelson has started a Coupon Corner at the Center for the seniors in the community! There is a table with baskets to sort coupons for the seniors to use. With the economy like it is what a great way to save

money by using coupons. This really helps our seniors, since so many are on a fixed income. So if you have coupons from the Sunday paper, and don't plan on using them, drop them by the Center and we can put them to use!

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

DECEMBER 14-18

MONDAY-Soft Beef Taco, Lettuce/Tomatoes, Spanish Rice, Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
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CROSS PLAINS VARSITY BUFFALOES DOING GREAT—and playing well this season.

Cross Plains Varsity Basketball Results

The 2009-10 Buffalo basketball season is officially underway and is actually now 8 games in. The team is very excited about this year and has worked very hard to be where they are right now.

Team members for varsity this year include: #2 Pat Border - Jr.; #34 Jerrad Eisenbach - Sr.; #5 Cody Ford - Jr.; #14 Justin Golson - Jr.; #11 Zach Hedfelt - Jr.; #32 Joel Hinten - Jr.; #3 Blake Hutchins - Fr.; #22 Garrett Moening - So.; #21 Taylor Savell - Jr.; #10 Cody Self - So.; #24 Chance Senclair - So.; Managers: Ben Schaefer - Sr., Thomas Haile - Jr., and Student Trainer - Cody Sliker - Sr.

Team members for junior varsity this year include: Joe Holland, Chris French, Justin Pope, William Pope, Daniel Higgins, Dakota Bomar, Preston Posuk, Dakota Gilliam, Yannick Riroud, Riley Lawrence and Clemens Odenwaller.

The Buffaloes tipped off the season in Ranger with their #1 victory, beating the Bulldogs 49-14.

The team then traveled to Bangs for their 2nd game. Missing out on the football playoffs this year, the Dragons weren't short any players. Averaging over 6' 4" in the front court, Cross Plains had to really battle on the boards for every rebound. It was good to play a team like Bangs, because it will help us in the long run. That was the Buffaloes 1st loss of the season.

For the 3rd game, Rising Star came to town. This turned out to

be a great game. The Wildcats came into the game undefeated at 4-0 with an up tempo, pressing style game which put the Buffaloes going into halftime down 13 points. The team came back strong the 2nd half, led by Justin Golson and Cody Ford combining for 31 of the Buffaloes' 56 total points. Rising Star's win streak came to an end with a 56-50 loss.

The Buffaloes, 2-1 traveled to Panther Creek for their 4th game, taking on a very athletic Panther basketball team...a team that advanced to the playoffs last season and the football playoffs this season. The boys played well offensively and defensively, beating Panther Creek 54-32.

For their 5th game, Cross Plains hosted the Tolar Rattlers in another exciting and physical game. The team was really up for revenge against the Rattlers who beat them last year by 20 points.

The Buffaloes played hard, but came up short, losing their 2nd home game 62-54. Justin Golson led all scorers with 16, followed by Pat Border with 14.

The team participated in their 1st tournament this past weekend in the Rising Star Round Ball Classic. The Buffaloes 1st game was Thursday against the Evant Elks. The team played well together beating the Elks 53-17. The Buffaloes then advanced to the winners bracket to face the De Leon Bearcats. They couldn't overcome the slow start they had trailing the Bearcats by 20 at halftime. The team came out of

halftime outscoring De Leon the 2nd half, but that 20 point margin was too much to rise above. After that loss, the Buffaloes now had to face crosstown rival, Rising Star for the second time this season.

This time it was for a trophy. Cross Plains came to play from the beginning...it was a fast pace game, the whole game. The team really took care of the ball and made smart decisions, they also out-rebounded the Wildcats 59-24. The Buffaloes ended up taking 3rd place overall with a 71-53 win over the tournament host.

Junior, Justin Golson who averaged 11 points and 6 rebounds over the tournament, was voted by the coaches to the All-Tournament Team.

Others contributing throughout these 3 games were: Blake Hutchins, who average 7.5 ppg, 3 asst and shot 46% from behind the arch; Pat Border, who averaged 2.5 steals and 6 rebounds and Jerrad Eisenbach pulled down 24 total boards.

The Buffaloes will host Evant Tuesday of this week and will also be hosting the Cross Plains Christmas Classic the 10-12. The Buffaloes will play at 9 a.m. against Priddy that Thursday and if they win, they will again play that evening at 7:30 p.m. against Ranger. Come out and support your Buffaloes...should be an exciting season. All team stats can be viewed online at www.statsandgo.com.

Submitted by
Coach Ryan Edmonds

It's Time Again for "Santa at the Bank" (Help Make CHRISTMAS Merrier for our Local Children)

Come enjoy the season of giving with "Santa at the Bank" this Christmas. There will be a Christmas tree in the bank after Thanksgiving with ornaments telling the gender and ages of children throughout the Cross Plains area. You may stop by the bank and choose an ornament with a child's information. Please return your gifts to the bank by Tuesday, December 15, 2009. They will be delivered or picked up by the parents as soon as possible with the help of the American Legion. A reasonable price to spend on the gift is \$25. If you wish to give money, we will buy the gift for you. Some gift ideas include: cosmetics, hair accessories, perfume, sweater, hats, gloves and purses for older girls, and video games, sports related items, sweaters and hats for the older boys. Younger girls might enjoy dolls, sweater, jewelry, purses, backpacks or stuffed animals, while the younger boys might like legos, trucks, cars, action figures, ect. Christmas is a time for giving and kindness so please help us make Christmas brighter for the children of our community this year. If you know of any children in need please call Pat Stephens with your information. Home 725-6819 School 725-6123. Also Dollar General has a box in the front of their store for donations to the Santa at the Bank tree. Thank you all so much for helping the children of our community.

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Wednesday, December 16, 2009
1st period exam: 8:00-9:50
Break: 9:50-10:00
3rd period exam: 10:00-11:50
pledges & announcements @ 11:50
Lunch: Regular-JH & HS with Buff Pride
5th period exam: 1:05-2:50
Release at 2:50, buses run at 3:00.

Thursday, December 17, 2009
2nd period exam: 8:00-9:50
Break: 9:50-10:00
4th period exam: 10:00-11:50
pledges & announcements @ 11:50
Lunch: Regular-JH & HS with Buff Pride
6th period exam: 1:05-2:50
Release at 2:50, buses run at 3:00.

Friday, December 18, 2009
7th period exam: 8:00-9:50
8th period exam: 10:00-11:50
pledges & announcements @ 11:50
Lunch(Combined): 12:01-12:31-no Buff Pride
Follow pep rally schedule for afternoon classes, release at 2:50, buses run at 3:00.

Monday, December 21, 2009
Follow pep rally schedule, release at 2:50, buses run at 3:00.

Tuesday, December 22, 2009
Regular morning schedule, release at 12:31.

Christmas Holidays

Wednesday, December 16, 2009-Monday, December 21, 2009
School will dismiss at 2:50 p.m. Buses will run at 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

School will dismiss at 12:31 p.m. Buses will run at 12:40 p.m.

Christmas Holidays

December 23, 2009 through January 5, 2010

Monday, January 4, 2010

Teacher Staff Development

School will resume on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at regular time.

Friday, January 15, 2010

Stock Show—Student Holiday Teacher Staff Development

School will resume on Monday, January 18, 2010 at regular time.

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WEDNESDAY-Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk	WEDNESDAY-Turkey & Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Roll, Milk
THURSDAY-Cereal, Graham Crackers, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk	THURSDAY-Vegetable-Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Diced Pears, Milk
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7 candidates file for Republican Primary Election

Seven candidates, including several previous Democratic Party candidates have filed for places up for election to the March 2, 2010 Republican Primary Election.

Republican Party County Chairman Reggie Pillans reported seven candidates filed Thursday, December 3rd for a place on the Republican Party ballot.

They include County Judge Roger Corn, County Clerk Donna Bell, District Clerk Sharon Owens, Clyde Justice of the Peace for Precinct #1 Roy Chapman, Cross Plains Justice of the Peace for Precinct #4 Burlie Taylor, and County Commissioner Precinct #2 (Eula) Bryan Farmer.

The local positions up for election in the Republican Primary Election include: County Judge, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Treasurer, and County Commissioners in Precinct #2 (Eula) and Precinct #4 (Cross Plains). Also, all the Justice of the Peace offices in Callahan County are up for election this year, as well as the Republican

Party County Chairperson.

Those who filed Thursday include:

- Incumbent Clyde Precinct #1 Justice of the Peace Roy Chapman. Chapman, 62, has resided in the county 32 years, nine months and in the state 62 years, 11 months. Chapman resides at 1714 Castle Drive in Clyde.

- Incumbent Cross Plains Precinct #4 Justice of the Peace Burlie Taylor. Taylor, 74, has resided in the county eight years, nine months and in the state eight years, nine months. He resides at 16459 FM 888 South, Cross Plains.

- Incumbent District Clerk Sharon Owens. Owens, 59, has resided in the county 37 years and in the state 59 years. She lists an address of 6218 County Road 252, Clyde.

- Incumbent County Commissioners Precinct #2 (Eula) Bryan Farmer. Farmer, 53, has resided in the county 53 years, two months and in the state 53 years, two months. Farmer resides at

5215 County Road 241, Clyde.

- Incumbent County Judge Roger Corn. Corn, 69, has resided in the county 69 years, five months and in the state 69 years, five months. Corn resides at 632 Popular in Baird.

- Incumbent County Clerk Donna Bell. Bell, 56, has resided in the county seven years, three months and in the state 56 years. Bell resides at Private Road 2484 in Baird.

- Incumbent County Commissioner Precinct #4 (Cross Plains) Cliff Kirkham. Kirkham, 65, has resided in the county 65 years and in the state 65 years. Kirkham resides at 2235 FM 2707 in Cross Plains.

The final day to file for a place on the Republican Primary Election ballot is at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2010.

Republican County Chairman Reggie Pillans said a candidate can file through him by calling (254) 725-4168.

The 2010 General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2nd.

The Doctors Prescription for Health

Column written by Albert M. Kincheloe DO Medical Director ResourceCare, 200 N. Main St., Cross Plains, TX 76443. 254-725-4311

ADD (Attention Deficit Syndrome)

ADD, or Attention Deficit Syndrome goes by many names, but the result is often the same. Most commonly, a child with ADD is referred to as "hyperactive". However, a child who is practically never hyperactive can also have ADD. The real problem is when an ADD child manages to barely make it through school and graduate, the chances are quite good that the child will not realize their true potential as an adult. The thing that is often overlooked is that an ADD child will often have an IQ that is significantly higher than their peer's IQ (this may be found to be on proper testing).

What are the signs of ADD?

Common signs of a child who deals with ADD are hyperactivity, insomnia, poor concentration, poor focus, incompleteness of tasks, is often easily distracted, and a host of other things. Quite often, they may write and spell poorly. When it comes to mathematics, we often see that they can do the math in their head, but cannot follow the typical path of arriving at the answer on paper. While they may remember events from being two years old for example, they may not recall being told to carry out the trash

five minutes ago. Since many ADD children require very little sleep, they will often be called "night owls", due to staying up until the wee hours of the morning.

ADD symptoms can be severely increased by a number of things. Number one on the list is consuming sugar and sugar containing foods. The result is usually noticed by all, within a few minutes after the candy or soda is consumed. Hopefully the food was not also red in color, or a variation of red, as red dye often is a significant factor that will aggravate the symptoms of ADD.

An aggravating factor that is commonly overlooked is low blood sugar. For this reason, a good breakfast is necessary. A good breakfast would consist of protein such as eggs, cheese, meat, as well as complex carbohydrates such as whole grain toast or cereal. Fruit is excellent. One of my recommendations is that children with ADD eat some nuts between classes each couple of hours. This will greatly diminish the odds of low blood sugar that occurs quite frequently in ADD folks.

Oddly enough, stimulants such as coffee will often "calm down" an ADD child's

hyperactivity actions.

The MOST important thing to remember if your child has ADD is this. They are probably trying as hard as they can. Just because their grades do not reflect it does not mean that punishment will get their grades up. Quite the opposite is true. They will often become frustrated and disillusioned when punished for "not trying" in school.

If you suspect that your child has ADD, request the school to have the Diagnostic test the child. By doing this, the appropriate answer as to the cause of their school problems will usually be found. Additionally, diagnostic testing will find the child who may be "Learning Disabled" rather than, or in addition to experiencing ADD. However, "Learning Disabled" does not mean unintelligent. Just look at two of the best examples of Learning Disabled folks that ever lived-Albert Einstein and Sir Winston Churchill.

Until next time, may peace, happiness, and health be yours.

"Success..seems to be connected with action. Successful men keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit." - Conrad Hilton

PUCT approves deployment plan for smart meters within AEP Texas North Company service territory

AUSTIN, Texas Dec. 2, 2009

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) has approved an uncontested settlement among all parties in the AEP Texas North Company (TNC) Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) systems proceeding currently before the commission.

The AMI deployment plan included in the settlement calls for the replacement of mechanical and electronic meters which have limited communication capability with the next generation of smart meters with electronic metering technology designed to improve customer service and enable customers to proactively control their energy use.

The agreement includes a four-year plan for installation of smart meters throughout TNC's west Texas service territory and an 11-year surcharge to fund the installations. The AMI surcharge will go into effect with January 2010 billings.

If the retail electric providers (REPs) pass on the full amount to end-use customers a \$3.15 surcharge will be added to the monthly electric bills of residential customers from January 2010 through December 2011. That monthly surcharge would decrease to \$2.77 from January 2012 through December 2013 and decrease again to \$2.35 from January 2014 to December 2020.

According to the plan approximately 57,000 meters will be

installed in 2010 and an average of 45,000 meters annually in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

"Advanced smart meters will significantly lower the fees charged for certain activities and give consumers the opportunity to realize the full benefits of advanced appliances and other technologies that will enable control over energy use," said Pablo Vegas, AEP Texas president and chief operating officer. "The equipment also will provide the capability to remotely monitor our equipment and quickly convey information about its operating conditions allowing us to address any problems or malfunctions faster."

Deployment of the advanced meters is expected to offer conservation and economic benefits that should more than offset the cost of installation, as well as provide consumers with the equipment needed to support advances in appliances and technologies aimed at driving energy efficiency, according to Vegas. "These smart meters will allow electricity users to better understand their personal energy consumption and ultimately save money, if they take advantage of time-of-use rates that the REPs are expected to offer as advanced meters are widely deployed," he said.

The AMI program is a component of a much larger initiative called gridSMART™, a suite of customer programs and advanced technology initiatives

that may include new energy delivery system technologies, customer efficiency initiatives and internal system efficiencies within AEP Texas. All of these initiatives are designed to enhance the operation and efficiency of the electricity distribution system.

AEP Texas serves more than 900,000 electric consumers in the deregulated Texas marketplace. As an energy delivery (wires) company, AEP Texas delivers electricity safely and reliably to homes, businesses and industry across its nearly 100,000 square mile service territory in west and south Texas. AEP Texas also builds new power lines, restarts service following outages and reads the meters for REPs throughout its service territory. The company also connects or disconnects service upon the orders of the REPs.

AEP Texas is part of the American Electric Power (AEP) system. AEP is one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity to more than 5 million customers in 11 states. AEP ranks among the nation's largest generators of electricity, owning nearly 39,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. AEP also owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system, a nearly 39,000-mile network that includes more 765-kilovolt extra-high voltage transmission lines than all other U.S. transmission systems combined.

Brownwood Regional Medical Center Chief Executive Office Appointed by Governor Rick Perry to Texas Workforce Investment Council

Brownwood Regional Medical Center (BRMC) Chief Executive Office, Matthew Maxfield, has been appointed, by Governor Rick Perry, for a six year term to the Texas Workforce Investment Council (TWIC). The Council promotes the development of a well-educated, highly skilled workforce for Texas, and advocates for an integrated workforce system to provide quality, relevant services to address the needs of Texas business and workers.

The Council assists the Governor and the Legislature with strategic planning for and evaluation of the Texas workforce development system. The Council also serves as the State Workforce Investment Board under the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

There are 19 members of the

Council. The Governor appoints fourteen members of the Council representing business, organized labor, education, and community-based organizations. The remaining members are ex-officio representatives of the Council's five member state agencies. Having over twenty years experience in health care administration and serving on numerous boards related to economic and workforce solutions, Mr. Maxfield will be one of five members representing business and industry.

The scope of the Council's work is "workforce development, which is defined in the Council's state statutes as "workforce education and workforce training and services". Workforce education is further defined as articulated career-path programs

and the constituent courses of those programs that lead to a sub-baccalaureate license, credential, certificate, or degree.

Under the leadership of Maxfield, Brownwood Regional Medical Center has achieved numerous workforce solutions including a nursing LVN to RN bridge program, assisting Brownwood I.S.D. implement a health careers pathway program, enhancing medical services offered in Brown County to include over 25 medical specialties and piloting programs that have reduced nursing shortages within the community; now being replicated in other areas of the country. Brownwood Regional Medical Center was also recently named by the Texas Workforce Commission as a 2009 Employer Award of Excellence.

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The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersections of F.M. 604 So. and F.M. 2926. Smoking and alcohol is not permitted at any Oplin Community Center function. 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 and help us bring in the New Year with good music, good friends and a real good time. The Grand Ole Oplin wishes everyone a safe and Happy New Year!

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

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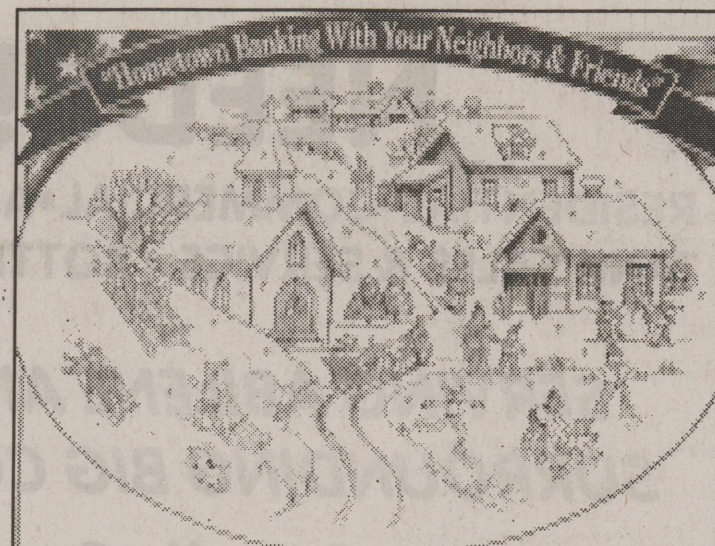
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Steve Odom files re-election to JP post

One candidate has filed for re-election in the March 2, 2010 Democratic Primary Election, according to Democratic County Chairwoman Heather Guthrie.

Guthrie reported Baird Justice of the Peace Steve Odom filed for re-election to his JP office on Wednesday, December 2nd.

Odom, 60, is the incumbent Baird Justice of the Peace. Odom has resided in the county 38 years and lists his address at 1309 Sunset in Baird.

The local positions up for election in the Democratic Primary Election include: County Judge, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Treasurer, and County Commissioners in Precinct #2 (Eula) and Precinct #4 (Cross Plains). Also, all the Justice of the Peace offices in Callahan County are up for election this year, as well as the Democratic Party County Chairperson.

Candidates interested in any of the offices can submit their applications for a place on the March 2nd ballot now through Monday, January 4, 2010.

In order to file for a place on the ballot, candidates must either

pay a fee of \$750 or acquire 50 signatures on an official petition from the party chairperson. Applications can be acquired at the County Clerk's office or on-line at www.sos.state.tx.us. The Texas Secretary of State website also contains helpful information and important dates if you are considering running for a position or if you have questions on registering as a voter.

Democratic County Chairwoman Heather Guthrie said candidates wishing to file through her office can call 854-2302 or can reach her on her cell phone at (940) 641-1600.

Some important dates to remember include:
Monday, January 4th is the last day to file for a place on the ballot.
February 1st is the last day to register to vote.
February 16th is the first day of early voting.
March 2nd is the primary election.

The 2010 General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2nd.

6th Annual Big Country Christmas Ball Benefiting the West Texas Rehabilitation Center

The sixth annual Big Country Christmas Ball benefiting the West Texas Rehabilitation Center and sponsored by the Scurry, Fisher and Kent County Round-Up for Rehab Chairmen and the Snyder Chamber of Commerce will be held on December 19th at The Coliseum in Snyder. Charles Church, D.V.M. says this year's featured entertainer will be Bobby Flores and The Yellow Rose Band.

Bobby Flores is a multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, arranger, producer, composer and first call session musician. Bobby has played with artists such as: Conway Twitty, George Strait, Tanya Tucker, Garth Brooks and Johnny Bush. Bobby is featured on over four hundred albums, CD's and singles, including performances with numerous artists on major labels. He feels at home doing western swing and country music. He also composes for and performs with string quartets.

Tommy Riley says the doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and the dance will start at 8:00 p.m. Come and join us for an evening of good entertainment and dancing that

will help raise needed funds for the Rehab which has treated over 200 patients from our area for 2008.

Kinney Hart says tickets will be \$15 per person and they will be available at the door. Tables will be provided on first come, first served basis.

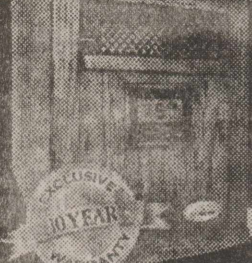
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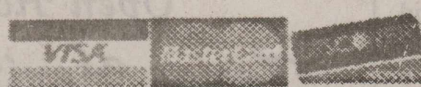
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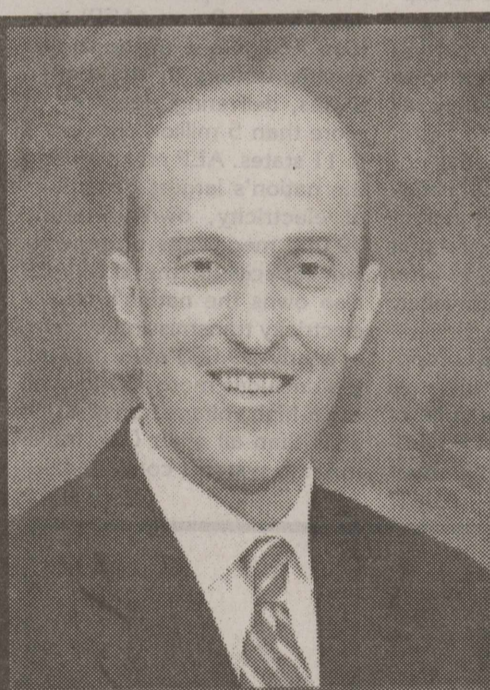
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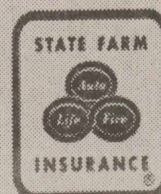
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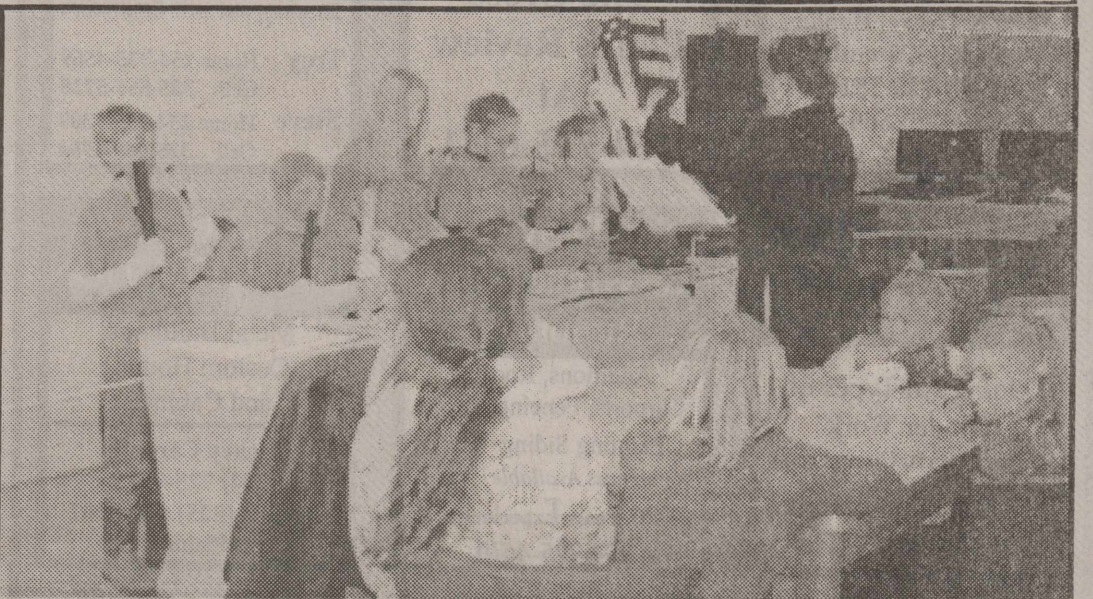
SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS—C. P. Elementary students contributed to the festivities.



KIWANIS STEW SUPPER WAS DELICIOUS—Bob and Delores Carter, Sally Whiteley and Mickie Dillard enjoyed the stew plus great desserts provided by the Senior Citizens Center.



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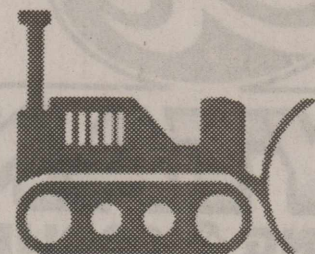
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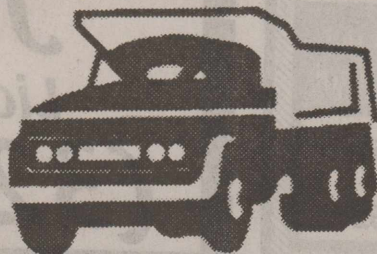
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★ December 18th ★

★ 7 pm-Midnight ★

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



DECEMBER 12
Steve Franke
Mrs. Vernon Falkner
Reggie Pillans
Michael Allen Johnson

DECEMBER 13
Danny Hutton
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Stanley Rex Dickie
Kathy Nigar
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David Browning
Mrs. Log Thompson
Joe Everett Burkett
Ken Horan
Jeanie Gilland
Dustin Anthony Morales
Minnie Larkin
Joy McKenzie

DECEMBER 14
Bobbie Jo Grissom
Bobby Jack McCowen
Calvin Champion
Gene Thomas
Sherry Ann Wilson
J.T. Merry
Robert Grissom
Rosie Parker
Mrs. Essie V. Alexander
Mrs. Clovis Simons
Micky Lapata
Troy Harris

DECEMBER 15
Tommy Ames
Shambry DeLayne Sanders
Terry Brown
Jessa Mae Reddick
Carlton Newman
Roy John Reddick
Susanna DeBusk
Linley Goble
Janice Newman

Billie Joe Shepard
Alton Sheppard
Donna Grider
Joni Irwin
Alyssa Nicole Brown
Andrew William Wheeler
Jonathan Chastain
Amber Thomas

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

DECEMBER 17
Ike Neal
Gary Rogers
Shawn Thayer
Pearl Perry
Sheri Graham
Terri Graham
W.E. Walker
Kasey L. Maynard
Harold Hinkle
Vickie I. Gilmore
Dillon Heath
John Paul Cowen II

DECEMBER 18
Jayln Dane Koenig
Max Miller
Cindy Chapman
Dwayne Clark
Deltha Hollingshead
Sheral McCorkle
Daniel W. Ingram

Help Light the Tree of Faith, Love & Hope for Local Cancer Patients

Help Light the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope" in honor of or in memory of local Cross Plains area cancer patients.

The tree, a 10 ft. Afghanistan Pine, donated by Childress Farm, has been planted in the park area next to the Cross Plains Library and is lighted with multi-colored bulbs in memory of and in honor of loved ones who have passed on or are fighting in the battle with cancer.

You can help light the tree by purchasing a bulb for each person you'd like to remember or honor. Bulbs are \$2.00 donation each and are accompanied by a ribbon signifying "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" your loved one or friend. The bulbs and ribbons will be added to the tree for you. All you need to do is purchase the bulb at Texas Heritage Bank (or by mail) and give the names for the "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" ribbon that will go on the tree.

To purchase a bulb by mail, fill out the form below and mail it to:

Melissa Richards
P.O. Box 524
Cross Plains, TX 76443.

Make your checks payable to **Community Cancer Fund.**

In Honor of

In Memory of

Use an additional sheet of paper to list more names for the tree. For questions or more information, contact Melissa Richards at 254-725-6651.

Proceeds from the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope" go to help cancer patients in the Cross Plains area. Primarily, the fund helps with transportation costs—gas, food and lodging—when local patients travel the distance to and from the hospital for treatments. Your donations help your friends and neighbors.

Help light the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope"—and the entire park. Make this a great Christmas Memorial to those who have gone on before and to those who are fighting the battle with cancer.

Shasta Bacon Performs in "Once Upon a Christmas Eve"

Patty Harper Dance Studio in Abilene will be presenting two performances of "Once Upon a Christmas Eve" on December 12th at 8:00 p.m. and December 13th at 2:00 p.m. This performances will be held at the Abilene Civic Center.

Shasta Bacon is a senior at Cross

Plains High School will be performing in 5 dances in this year's Christmas program. She has been a dance student for 15 years. Tickets may be purchased at the Abilene Civic Center.

Shasta is the daughter of Jeff and Debbie Bacon of Cross Plains.

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Order Your Windbreak Trees NOW!!!!

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their Annual Windbreak Tree Program. Each year the District offers these trees to the general public on a first come first serve basis at a very inexpensive price.

These windbreak trees come fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery out of Idalou, Texas.

This year's selection of available trees include a variety of evergreens. They are Colorado Blue Spruce, Afghanistan Pine, Eastern Redcedar, Pinyon Pine and Italian Stone Pine. These Evergreen Seedlings are being offered for 5 for \$20.00 or \$105.00 for a box of 30 per species.

In addition to the Evergreens, several varieties of bare-rooted hardwood seedlings are being offered this year. The list includes Sawtooth Oak, Bur Oak, Shumard Oak, Redbud and Pecan.

These hardwood seedlings are offered in bundles of 5 for \$15.00 or 25 for \$65.00.

Each of the above trees will come with two stakes and a tree protector.

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(Each packet contains 4 different species of trees, 25 of each for a total of 100.)

(Stakes and protectors are not included with these packages.)

Tree orders will be taken until January 25th, 2010. Some species are limited so place your order early to ensure you get what you want. All orders are pre-paid with check or money order. These trees are delivered fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery.

For more information on planning, planting and maintenance of windbreak trees or how to purchase these low cost seedlings contact the Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District, Texas at (325) 854-1349 Ext 3.

The office in Baird is located at 141 W. 4th - Suite B.

It's A Boy!



We are proud to announce the arrival of our new baby boy

Kutter Riley Reed

Kutter was born on September 11, 2009. He weighed 5lbs 15 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long. Proud parents are Cody & Shana Reed of Cross Plains. Delighted grandparents are Rusty and Debbie Reed (paternal) and Frankie and Kelli Hyles (maternal) of Cross Plains. Great-grandparents are Jim and Cliffadean Hargrove.

Pioneer Cemetery Financial Report

The memorials, gifts and burial fees listed below include January 1 through November 30, 2009.

Each and every contribution is deeply appreciated. Your support is needed to maintain the cemetery. We are in the process of having a brick and metal entryway erected. It is looking good and will soon be finished.

Also work on the fence and gates has been completed, and a new sign with rules and telephone numbers is in place.

We would like to thank Jo Veda Watson Bush for her many years of service as secretary and treasurer. She did a great job and is missed.

We would also like to thank The Pioneer Pentecostal Church for paying to have the flag pole light repaired and so many others who have donated time, equipment

and labor. Thank you!

Gifts and Memorials: Mary Pancake Hutchins I/M Johnny Pancake \$100; M/M James Alexander I/M Lucille Brown Cooper \$25; M/M James Alexander I/M Glenda Brown Barr \$25; Wilma Lawrence I/M Glenda Brown Barr \$25; Pioneer Quilting Club I/M Lucille and Glenda \$25; Don and Wanda Nelson I/M Lucille and Glenda \$25; Betty Browning I/M The Browning Family \$100; Ray/Gloria Curry I/M Barney Pancake \$50; Jean Fore I/M Pete Fore \$30; Lois Garrett Estate \$161.83; Frankie Smith I/M Oliver Smith

\$50; Maxine Poindexter \$25; Jim/Charlene Fleming \$60; Umberson Estate \$39.51; J.L./Earnestine Rankin \$50; Joe/Florence Faulkner \$100. **Total \$891.34**

Gate Fund: Tracie/Brent Rusenberger I/M Kenneth Brooks \$200; Logan Long \$20; Charlotte Fleming I/M Glen Fleming and Bill Watson \$100; Jimmy McCowen \$100; Bonita Horton \$100; Lou Brooks I/M Kenneth Brooks and Terry Norris \$500; Robert/Ramona Lewis I/M Kenneth Brooks \$100; Don/Wanda Nelson I/M James and Perry Cloud \$200; Rodney/Lois McCarty \$250; Judy/Charles Barr I/M James and Perry Cloud \$50; Don/Wanda Nelson I/M Beth Bogue \$25. **Total \$1,645.00**

Interest on Investments \$2591.32

Burial Fees: Glenda Brown Barr \$100; Bob McNeil \$150; and Joe Faulkner \$150. **Total \$400**

TOTAL AMOUNT \$5,527.66
Donations may be sent to the following:

Pioneer Historical Association
Texas Heritage Bank
P.O. Box 699
Cross Plains, TX 76443

or
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Wanda Nelson, Treasurer
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