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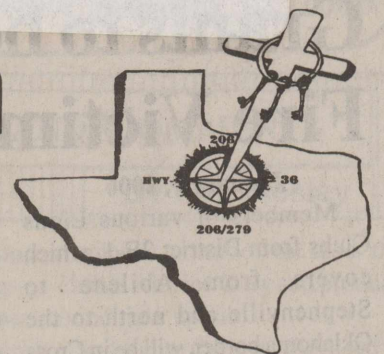
# Cross Plains Review

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TRIPLE CROSS COWBOY CHURCH—C.J. Molesworth (front, from left), Anna Chesshir, Melanie Jackson, Neva Middleton, Bob Eppard, Jeannine Taylor, Katie McClure (holding Preston), and Inez King; Greg Robertson (back, from left), Stan Jackson, Rod Middleton, John Eppard, Drucilla Eppard, Al Taylor (preacher), Kyle McClure and Tani Pointer.

## Triple Cross Cowboy Church Announces their Opening

The latest addition to Cross Plains' church community is the Triple Cross Cowboy Church. What began as a simple Bible study has grown steadily as area residents are drawn to the plain, down to earth ministry of a cowboy church.

Al Taylor and his wife, Jeannine, started the Bible study in their home. But, the steady growth spurred a move to CJC Ranch located at 21272 State Highway 279 in Cross Plains.

Just what makes a cowboy church unique? It seems to be

mostly a matter of attitude. The typical church trappings are of no consequence here. The important things, however, are all here—there's seating, there's singing, there's an altar (made of horse-shoes) and there's a Bible. The Code Ethics encompasses the Ten Commandments and the Statement of Creed states in part, "As a Cowboy Church, we believe that our faith is not limited one day a week or to the enclosed walls of a building. Our faith knows no bounds. We can rejoice in God through our natural surroundings and through interaction with all of God's creatures.

Reverend Taylor insists on strict adherence to the Bible—both Old and New Testaments—and plans regular communion services. Future plans include the purchasing of land and construction of a church, to include a roping arena, etc. Sunday services are held at 10:30 a.m. For information, call Rev. Al Taylor at (254) 725-7522. Or, just come for look. Just a reminder, there's no need to dress up—jeans, boots, spurs and hats are welcome at all times. We may start a few minutes late if we're waiting for a family who's running behind schedule. Or we may have a few minutes delay in the sermon to quiet the laughter when somebody says something that tickles our fancy. And, just wait until you meet our official greeter and usher.

Submitted by  
Sharon Molesworth

## Commissioners' Court declares disaster for Callahan County

### DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR CALLAHAN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Callahan on the 6th day of January 2006 is under imminent threat of severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from:

THE THREAT OF WILDFIRES DUE TO DROUGHT AND OTHER WEATHER RELATED CONDITIONS; and

WHEREAS THE Commissioners' Court of Callahan County have determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CALLAHAN COUNTY:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby proclaimed for Callahan County pursuant to Section 418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to Section 418.108 (b) of the Government Code,

this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than twelve days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County.

3. Pursuant to Section 418.108 (c) of the Government Code, this Declaration of local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Callahan County.

4. Pursuant to Section 418.108 (d) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Callahan County Emergency Management Plan.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance, ORDERED THIS THE 6th DAY OF JANUARY 2006.

- (s) Roger Corn  
Callahan County Judge
- (s) Harold Hicks  
Commissioner Precinct #1
- (s) Bryan Farmer  
Commissioner Precinct #2
- (s) Tommy Holland  
Commissioner Precinct #3
- (s) Doris Grider  
Commissioner Precinct #4

## Cottonwood Fire Control Unit was Active in Firestorm

Cottonwood Fire Control Unit Active in Local Wildfire

By Vanda Anderson  
Editor

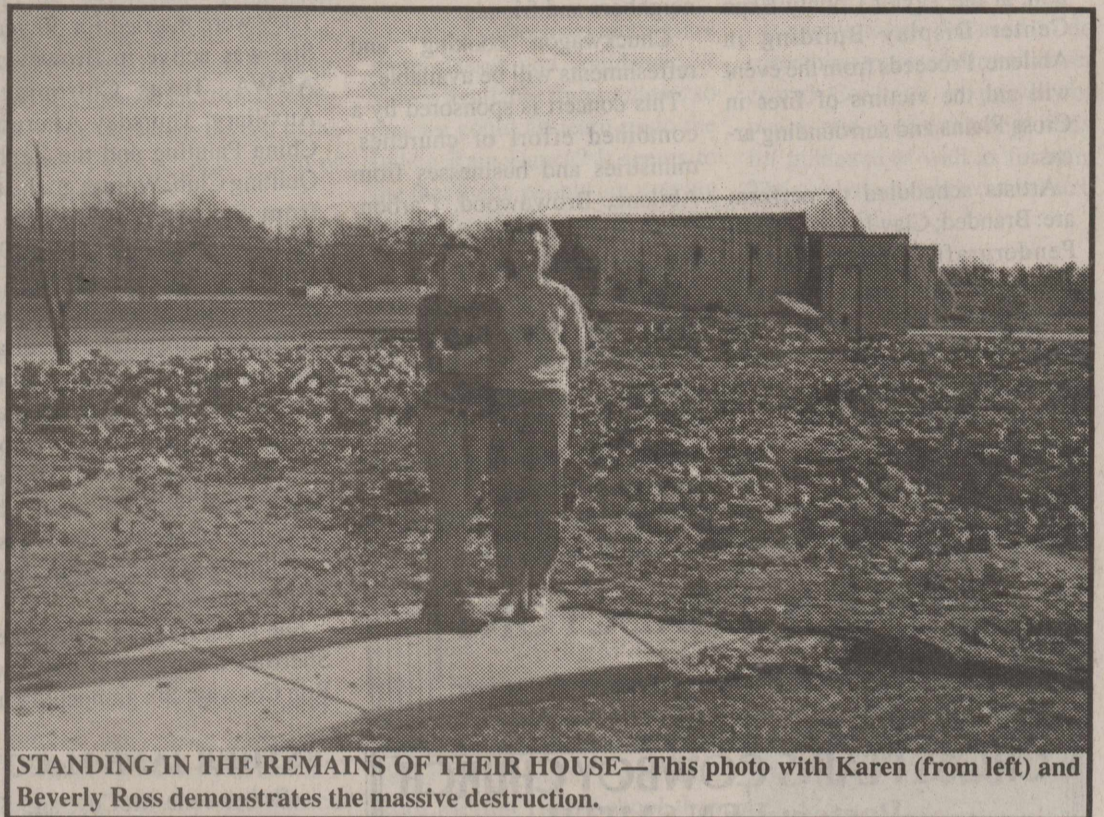
The Cottonwood Fire Control Unit was omitted from the fire fighting units named in last week's paper. It was not on the list given to Bob Harrell and he passed the list on to the Cross Plains Review. This made the total units participating 29, not counting the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department. The Cottonwood Fire Control Unit was one of the first units to respond, also. Their volunteers played a major role in saving

structures, lives, etc. Their dedication to service will always be remembered.

They are in need of donations as well. The cost of replacing equipment, purchasing gasoline/diesel, repairs, etc. is costly and they depend totally on donations for their existence. Please call Beverly Brown at (254) 725-7369 for additional information.

Their annual fire meeting for the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control unit is Tuesday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood Community Center. All new volunteers and residents of the community are urged to attend this important meeting.

## Local residents had to run for their lives in recent firestorm



STANDING IN THE REMAINS OF THEIR HOUSE—This photo with Karen (from left) and Beverly Ross demonstrates the massive destruction.

By Vanda Anderson  
Editor

Beverly Ross and her daughter, Karen, checked out the grass fire that started on Highway 36 on December 27, then drove to their home on County Road 421 believing they were out of danger.

Beverly noticed the bright orange wind sock that her husband uses to fly his personal plane and at that time it was blowing northeast, then suddenly it changed directions to southeast.

By that time Beverly, Karen and J.D. Cook, who was over to

hit a few golf balls in the pasture with Karen, went to see what was happening outside. They saw the smoke rolling and boiling in the sky. The houses along Highway 206 in the area of Mrs. Maudie Shepard's home were a bright orange as they went up in flames.

Beverly remarked, "I thought it surely wouldn't jump 206 and come our way." Embers began to hit their faces and thick smoke was filling the yard.

They watched Beverly's mother, Ellowayne Tatom, back her car out and leave her house. The fire was literally chasing her down the road, then it overtook her. Flames were rolling down

both sides of her car and even underneath. They feared they would witness her vehicle explode before their eyes. Amazingly, she drove right through.

Then they noticed the "ocean of flames" as they called it, filled with whirling pillars of fire was coming toward them. The flames were about 4 feet high and columns of fire were falling randomly from the sky.

Personally, I would have thought it was the end of the world.

Karen and Beverly grabbed their purses, thinking they had Christmas money, credit cards,

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LARGE CROWD ATTENDS TOWN MEETING—First Baptist Church was full with many standing in the wings.

## Town Hall Meeting proved informative for fire victims

The Cross Plains City Council held a Town Hall Meeting Tuesday, January 3, to provide information to the residents directly effected by the fire on December 27. The First Baptist Church sanctuary was filled while some were standing in the wings.

Mayor Ray Purvis called the meeting to order and introduced the speakers including Jeremy Brown, Regional Director for Congressman Randy Neugebauer's office; State Representative Harvey Hilderbran; Callahan County Judge Roger Corn; and Debbie Gosnell, City of Cross Plains

Secretary. Other elected officials were also acknowledged.

Judge Corn was the first to speak and he assured Cross Plains citizens that Callahan County resources would be used in the clean-up due to the disaster. This included use of trucks, manpower, etc. He also stated that the County would help get volunteer fire department trucks "rolling" again. Corn commended all the fire departments who assisted. He noted that he would work with the Small Business Administration, FEMA, HUD, and West Texas Council of

Governments. "We don't want a county with refugees. We want to keep them in the county and do what we need to do to keep them here."

Judge Corn announced that 230 round bales of hay have been brought in to help the farmers who need livestock feed. Farmers and ranchers who need hay should contact the County Agent Robert Pritz (325) 854-1518.

Jeremy Brown stated that Congressman Neugebauer had drafted a letter encouraging President Bush to act on declaring this a federal disaster area. Brown remarked, "You

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## Grants to be offered to Fire Victim Families

January 9, 2006  
Members of various Lions Clubs from District 2E-1, which covers from Abilene to Stephenville and north to the Oklahoma border, will be in Cross Plains on Saturday, January 14, 2006.  
Our District was able to obtain two different grants to help those affected by the fires. The money from the grants has been turned into Wal-Mart gift cards. We

will be at the First Baptist Church from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm passing out the cards. We ask anyone who lost their home or whose home was damaged to come by and visit with us. We have obtained a list of affected families from the City and will be using this list to verify recipients.

Submitted by  
Robert Frost,  
President, Clyde Lions Club

## Christian Country Benefit

A Christian Country BENEFIT CONCERT will be held Saturday, January 21, at 4:00 p.m. at the Taylor County Expo Center Display Building in Abilene. Proceeds from the event will aid the victims of fires in Cross Plains and surrounding areas.

Artists scheduled to perform are: Branded; Clay Jacobs; David Pendergraft; Dearl Hardy; Dub Shelton; Grace Country Trio; Jackie Cox; Jesus Posse Band; Justin Todd Herod; Leon Joplin; Mercy and Grace; Mike Hammock and Ricky Russ.

A Silent Auction will be held

with all proceeds going to the relief effort for local victims of recent fires that have affected neighbors and friends.

Chuckwagon cooking and refreshments will be available. This concert is sponsored by a combined effort of churches, ministries and businesses from Abilene, Brownwood, Carbon, Cross Plains, Llano, Rising Star and surrounding areas.

Come and enjoy some great music and donate to a worthy cause. There is **No Admission Charge**, you may donate what you like at the door. There will be special offerings collected throughout concert.

## OBITUARIES

### WILMA LUCILLE RAMSEY TARLTON

Wilma Lucille Ramsey Tarlton, 85 of Cross Plains, formerly of Brownwood, Texas, died Thursday, January 5, 2006, in San Angelo Community Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 7, 2006, at Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jim Senkel officiating. Interment followed at Cross Cut Cemetery.

Wilma Tarlton was born November 4, 1920, in Davis, Okla., the daughter of John Dewitt and Anna Elizabeth Hollobaugh Ramsey. She was the youngest of 12 children. She married Dr. A.L. "Bud" Tarlton at Norman, Okla., on June 26, 1942. They were married for 60 years. She was active in Brownwood ABWA, Texas Chiropractic Auxiliary, Thursday Afternoon China Painting and the Zephyr Quilting Club. Wilmas graduated from St. Anthony's Nursing School in Oklahoma City in 1942 and continued nursing at Brownwood Medical Arts and at Baylor Hospital in Dallas, and retired from Brownwood Regional Hospital after 45 years of service. She was a member of the Cross Plains United Methodist Church and the Disciples Sunday School Class.

Wilma was preceded in death by her husband.

She is survived by a daughter, Sherrian Conway and husband, Ron Conway; Six grandchildren,



Brian Carter and wife Rhonda, David Carter and wife Tammy, Rick Conway and wife, Tommie Lee, Wendy Fagg and husband, Travis, Sean and Justin Conway; 10 great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were David Carter, Brian Carter, Ben McInnis, Dr. Steven Hogan, Keith Clark and Donald Littlefield. Honorary Pallbearers were Claude McInnis, Bill McInnis, Oran Tarlton, David Howse, Deany Dillard, Wes Castleman, Bryan Bennett, Roy Stambaugh, Eddie Strickland, Darrel Hargrove and Mike Howse.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Cross Plains United Methodist Church, Rebuild Fund.

### RONALD S. HOLMANS

### ESTHER JANE McCOY

Esther Jane McCoy, age 57, passed away on Sunday, January 8, 2006 at her home in Cross Plains. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at the graveside in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

She was born October 7, 1948 to Albert Johnson Samuel and Ruby Elvina (Force) Lee in Waggoner, SD. She married Robert Dale McCoy on September 26, 1960 in Brownwood. Esther was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her father, husband Robert Dale, two sisters Hazel Reed and Maxine Fields.

Survivors include her daughters, Arlene Parson and husband Travis of Albuquerque, NM, and Allene McClatchy and husband Bobby of Dublin; mother, Ruby Lee of Cross Plains; brothers, Sam Lee of Iuka, Mississippi, Junior Lee and wife Marilyn of Hico, Richard Lee and wife Wilma of Comanche, Harry Lee Dublin, Tommy Lee of Cisco, and Charles Lee of Rising Star; sister, Shirley Whiteley and husband Curtis of Bangs; and one grandchild, Jamie McClatchy.

In loving memory of Ronald S. Holmans, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, who served as a Sgt. E-5 during the Vietnam War.

Funeral services with military honors were held at 11 a.m., Monday, January 9, 2006, at the Eastland City Cemetery under the direction of Summers-Bakker Funeral Home. Pastor Jody Forbus officiated.

Ronald was born in Harlingen on February 23, 1949 to William Stevens Holmans and Lula Edith Martin. He passed away on Friday, January 6, 2006 in an Abilene care facility.

Ronald achieved the rank of Sgt. E-5 in the United States Marine Corp. Before his Honorable Discharge, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, a Rifle Marksman Badge, a RVN Cross for Gallantry, and presented a Presidential Unit Citation. In later years, he worked in the transportation industry as a truck driver. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Charles Lee Holmans, his sister Clara Christine Burchfield, and his grandson Norman Williams.

He is survived by his wife of over 33 years, Roselyn Holmans, of Eastland; his three daughters, Mickie Tolliver and husband Rodney, Denise Matheny and husband David, Veronica Vara and husband Chester; 14 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; former son-in-law Robert Long; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The pallbearers were son-in-laws and grandsons, Williams Holmans, Steven Long, Rodney Tolliver, David Matheny, Chester Vara, and Robert Long.



### REX K. ANGELEY

Rex K. Angeley died Sunday, December 18, 2005.

He was born March 13, 1929. Mr. Angeley was a Retired Tucson Police Officer, Pima County Investigator and avid golfer. He was a former resident of Cross Plains and nephew of Lois Garrett of Cross Plains.

Survivors include his wife Wenonah; sons, Alan, Michael and Brent; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He will always be in our hearts and forever missed.

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**Cross Plains Review Deadlines**  
Ads Noon on Tuesday  
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## COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT  
Roger Corn, Presiding

Civil Filings

Misdemeanor Minutes

James Edwin McDaniel, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Anthony Dennial Dean, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Lisa Garcia, order amending conditions of probation granted. Justin Key, motion for return of cash bond granted.

Maralyne A. Sullivan, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$200 fine, \$215 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Phillip E. Cerda and Crystal L. Sporisky, both of Baird. Aaron L. Barr of Aubrey and Rachael M. Raschke of Houston.

42nd DISTRICT COURT  
John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictments

Thomas C. Savell, theft.

Julie Ann Cortez and Lawrence Fred Cortez, divorce.

In Re: Order for foreclosure concerning Randy Edwards and Elaine Edwards and 1709 Locksley Ct., Clyde, TX 79510 and Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., home equity foreclosure application.

Civil Minutes

Olipant Financial Corporation vs. Grayson P. Miller, final default judgment, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$9,422.13 from defendant granted.

Clinton Garvin Lesley, Jr. and Ginger Gail Lesley, divorce granted.

Corene Mae Kerbow and Bryan Robert Kerbow, divorce granted. Darrell William Nelson and Theresa Beatrice Nelson, divorce granted.

Jessica Michael Fomby and Rick Joseph Walters, divorce granted.

## Eastland County Proclaims Fire Safety Regulations

Eastland County has been ravaged by fire, fueled by high winds and low humidity. This proclamation was put in place for the protection of the citizens and their property in Eastland County. It was not intended to take away a person's livelihood. Welding will be permitted if the proper precautions are taken.

- The individual welding must have a spotter.
- Two wet extinguishers must be available.
- Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.
- Must have water sprayer available for use.
- Must wet down sufficient area (and rewet as often as necessary).
- By February 1, 2006, a

permit will be required in addition to the above. Details will be forthcoming when the permitting system is in place.

The safety precautions must be taken and also, please use common sense and good judgement if the conditions are windy. If the job is not an emergency, put it off until a later date.

We are in a disaster situation, violators may be charged with a Class C Misdemeanor, with a maximum fine of \$500. An individual, or individuals, could be liable for damages, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face possible felony charges.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Brad Stephens  
Eastland County Judge

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### CROSS PLAINS COWBOY CHURCH

Pastor: LEN SMITH

Join Us On Sunday Mornings At 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays At 7:00 p.m.

16075 CR 459 Cross Plains, Texas

For Information

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

COME AS YOU ARE!



### Triple Cross Cowboy Church

Every Sunday at 10:30 am

Services held at 21272 State Hwy 279, Cross Plains (CJS Ranch, on the left just past the 279/206 split)

Al Taylor, Preacher

Phone: 254-725-7522

Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

### Living Water Ministries Fellowship

Full Gospel - Prophetic - Apostolic

"Restoring And Equipping The Saints"

It's not about where you've been... It's about where God wants you to go!

SUN. 10AM \* TUES. PRAYER 7PM \* THURS. 7PM

Pastors: Max Evans & Colleen Anderson

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

### UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

209 S.W. Hwy 36

CROSS PLAINS

Welcomes You!

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Sun. 6:30 p.m. Worship & Word \*\*\* Wed. 7:00 p.m. Bible Study "An Apostolic Church"

PASTOR, Phillip R. Schaefer (254) 725-7140

### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.

Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.

Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00

Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599

Church (254) 725-6266

Friendly Church

Bible Teaching

### ROWDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 36 at Rowden - 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....11:00 A.M.

Pastor: Carl Mauldin

Come Worship With Us!

### NIMROD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

## First United Methodist Church

Will Be Meeting At The  
Presbyterian Church  
On Avenue D and 2nd Street  
Starting At 10:45 a.m.  
Beginning Sunday, January 8th

Jim Senkel, Pastor

325-280-8480(Cell)

fumc\_cp@valonnet.com www.gbgm-umc.org/crossplains

OPEN HEARTS

OPEN MINDS

OPEN DOORS

## First Baptist Church

SUNDAY

9:45 am Bible Study

11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

(254) 725-7629

3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

## COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett

### Cottonwood Fire Control Responds to Cross Plains Fire

Both units of the Cottonwood Fire Control group responded to the recent fire in Cross Plains. When beepers went off Bob Childress, Tom Bennett and J.D. Foller responded with one truck and Brian Smith and his son, Tim, responded with the other truck.

Both trucks went to the Caddo Peak area. The Smiths went to the area of CR 421 and Childress and his crew went to Highway 36. After running out of gas, truck No. 1 had to go to Rising Star to refuel and coming back through town stopped to assist other units that had arrived inside the city of Cross Plains.

Smith's truck kept running out of water and had to fill up every couple of hours. He said they had to fill it about six times and worked until about 2 a.m. the next day. "My truck worked excellently and we came home safe and sound," said Brian, despite the fact that they had a small fire on the truck itself, which was quickly extinguished. "I was glad to see how the truck worked and learned the value of having it available," he continued.

"Both trucks did noble service and fulfilled their mission," said Bob Childress. Childress said his truck could not draft water and they had to find tankers to fill it, but it ran well.

### Annual Meeting of Cottonwood Fire Unit this Saturday

The annual meeting of the Cottonwood Fire Control unit will take place this Thursday at the Cottonwood Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Everyone in the Cottonwood Community is urged to attend. "There are several things of importance to everyone in the community to discuss," said Beverly Brown, spokesperson for the fire unit. "So, if you own property in or near Cottonwood you need to attend this meeting."

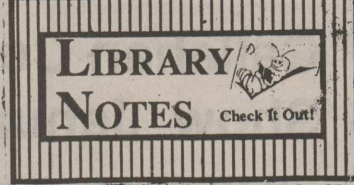
"The Fire Control Unit is seeking donations for the department to use in repairing the trucks, buying gasoline and other items, such as drinking water for the fire crews. It is getting more expensive to pay the bills," said Joe Terstegge, another spokesman for the unit. Remember, DONATIONS are solicited and encouraged!

### Hats Off to All Who Responded to the Cross Plains Fire

Many people, most of them volunteers, filled an urgent need the past few weeks and helped each other out during the recent emergency. I don't want to leave anyone out, and risk in doing just that as I try to recall every organization that volunteered their time, money and goods in responding to the Cross Plains emergency. But here goes. I saw these people doing a good turn, many of them were directly involved in loss of their own property. **The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department,**

the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control unit, all the other fire departments and people who just happened to be caught in the fire and turned aside to help; the Baptist Church and their congregation who lent their church as a haven of rest and recuperation and all their volunteers; the United Methodist Church and its congregation, the Cottonwood Baptist Church congregation; the business establishments of Cross Plains; the innumerable people who took the time in passing through to lend their support and give donations to help out, the church of Christ's volunteers who received, sorted and distributed tons of clothes donated for the victims; Cottonwood's Tim and Denise Coulter's Subway, who made and provided hundreds of sandwiches for the firefighters late that first night; the United Methodist women and men who turned to help fix their broken church and mend their congregations's heart; and last but not wise least, the victims many of whom turned to help other victims of this tragic event. As you know in Boy Scout circles: HOW! HOW! HOW! **May God Bless You All!**

If you know someone who should be mentioned or if you have a fire story to tell, call me at (254) 725-7474 or e-mail [csb5@airmail.net](mailto:csb5@airmail.net). Snail mail 11083 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Other news and Cottonwood Connections also requested.



### Behind The Books

Wow, talk about having a view of progress! THE fire will never fade from our memories, but our city leaders are sure making it fade from our sight. From where I sprawl, I can see all those trucks heading south with a load of concrete and brick; then shortly here they come back north with a load of dirt to fill the holes made when the foundations of the burned houses were chunked into manageable pieces.

I get to hear everybody's comments about whatever when they come through my door and I've only heard one — that's right — ONE negative comment about this whole disaster. I've not heard any "why me, why us, why now, WHY?" whining. Nope the negative comment was, "I'm so sorry, but when our house burned to the ground, I lost 17 years worth of LAP materials."

Now, take my word for it — I betcha' that some of the "graduates" of our LAP were out there fighting the fires and are still helping with the recovery efforts. And that says an awful lot about the impact Beverly's leadership has had on this community. Thanks Friend.

CU-BW

### Statistics 1-3-06 thru 1-6-06

Books 73  
Internet Users 22

Memorials: Patricia Nordyke Pando and Nan Nordyke Buklinger in memory of Lewis T. Nordyke; Robert T. and Patricia Nordyke Pando in memory of Lewis T. and Dorothy Nordyke; Class of 1946 in memory of Rex Angeley

Donations: Wil A. and Dana Hickle, Robert T. and Patricia Pando, Sally Anderson, Kent J. Davis, Alton and Joan McCowen, and Janet Swanson

Donations: Books 0

### Library Activity Report 1-3-06 thru 1-6-06

Patron 72  
LAP 9  
Lapsit 2  
Other 61  
Programs: 30  
Copies: 47  
References: 0  
Books In/Out 23  
LAP 9  
Lapsit 2  
Calls: 8  
Internet Users: 22

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### QUIPS, CLIPS AND COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

Note: Got a question for you Apple Orchard Annie. I'm planning to make an apple pie, do you have any tips to give us to help us with preparing our pie? What kind of apple do you recommend? There are Wine Sap, Granny Smith, Delicious, Gala, Jonathon, Roman, Golden Delicious, just to name a few.

Also, any tips whether to sweeten it with Karo Syrup, honey or with Sweet'n Low, Equal or Spenda. Any tips will be appreciated.

### "Faith and Prayer May Lead to Rain

Lately, I've been wondering, are there classes you could take or videos available for purchase; so that we could all learn to do the Indian Rain Dance? It seems to me that many people are praying for rain, while some others with

airplanes contract to seed the clouds with ice to try and produce or conjure up rain.

So I figure the rest of us need to learn the Rain Dance and keep practicing it until it becomes second nature. We need to do our part.

Surely that will help, for if nothing else, us rain dancers should at least produce enough perspiration which will then rise into the clouds. With that moisture and the airplane seeding the clouds then we should all join together with those already in prayer.

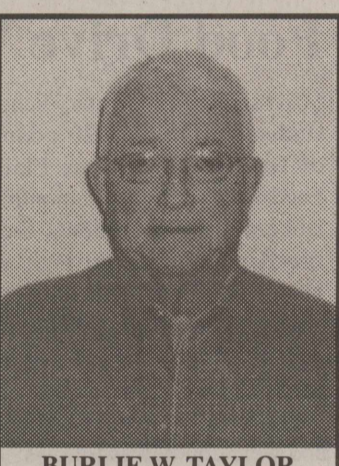
Maybe some may have a few more ideas, if so, let's hear about them.

It seems to me we need to do something more to help and never cease! Continue in prayer for peace and understanding. Pray for guidance as well as for rain. Then set your bucket out to catch that rain water.

## Burlie W. Taylor seeks nomination for Justice of the Peace, Precinct #4

I, Burlie W. Taylor, of Callahan County, Cross Plains am seeking the Republican nomination for election to the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct #4.

For those of you that do not know me, allow me to tell you about myself. I was born in Slaton, Texas and grew up in Morton, Texas. I have lived in Texas for 60 years. I graduated from Morton High School then subsequently from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, with a BBA degree in Accounting and finally from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth with a Master of Divinity (with languages). I pastored churches for 8 years in Alabama and 32 years in Texas (the First Baptist Church, Cross Plains 1981-1986). Then after pastoring the First Baptist Church in Pearsall, Texas for 9 years (1992-2001), I retired in April 2001 and moved to Cross Plains. Before the Lord called me to preach in 1965, I worked in grocery stores, clothing stores, Texas Highway Department, Accountant for Tennessee Gas Pipeline in Houston, Accountant for A. B. Culbertson and Company, Fort Worth. I served in the United States Navy in Michigan for a period of 2 years (1954-1956) during the Korean War and in the reserves for 6 years and received a Honorable Discharge in 1962. I am presently a School Board trustee for Cross Plains I.S.D. and interim pastor at the Glen Cove Baptist Church in Coleman, and I am a substitute teacher at French Robertson Prison, outside of Abilene. Also, I was a substitute teacher for 4 years at Cross Plains I.S.D. until elected to the school board. As one can see, I've held numerous occupations of a varied nature which will allow me to bring my



BURLIE W. TAYLOR

wide experiences to the office.

Jerri (formerly Jerri Ramsey of Morton) is my wife of 49 years, and works at Texas Heritage Bank, in the Bookkeeping Department. We have 4 grown children and 3 grandchildren. Our oldest son, William lives in Nashville, Tennessee, and our second son, Wayne and his wife, Carol, with grandsons, Trae and Jackson, live in Lawrenceville, Georgia. Our oldest daughter, Celest, and her husband, Andy Johnson, with granddaughter, Sloane, reside in Lampasas, Texas, and our youngest daughter, Stephanie, also lives in Lampasas.

If elected I will run the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct #4, with an open mind and an open door policy for the people of this precinct. I have no agenda and no axe to grind and am not obligated to any person and/or group. Justice, honesty and integrity will be the key words for my office. I appreciate the opportunity to serve each of you and will represent the entire precinct with fairness. Please get out and vote in the primaries on March 7, 2006, and I would ask you to vote for me.

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## BURKETT NEWS

LOVERA STRICKLAND

Bob and Beth Kleiber enjoyed Christmas with Matt and Emma McKinney, Alice, Kevin and Jessica from Goldsboro, Cody and Dawn Hill, Cheyenne and Garrett from Farwell and Steve and Amber Kleiber, Brenna and Kenzie of Cross Plains.

The Burkett Volunteer Fire Department has been busy recently fighting fires near Burkett, Cross Plains and Carbon. We are very proud of our fire fighting people. They need all the help we can give them. We never know when a fire might come our way and we would need their help.

Lanette Burns and Richard and Linda Burns hosted a New Year family get-together. Those attending were Carline Sanders and granddaughter, Jade Villarreal,

and son, Greg and Thuy Sanders, of Round Rock; Billy and Lafaye Pace, daughter, Melinda Dorrell of San Antonio; Bill and Geraldine Young and daughter Toni and granddaughters, Cassie and Jennifer Payne from Lubbock; Tommy Gene Burns of Breckenridge and son, Chad Burns from Denton; Richard and Linda Burns from Cross Plains and daughters, Tamra Burns of Austin and Janeen Jones and son Casey Jones of Round Rock. They all had a great time.

Visiting Lanette Burns Christmas weekend were Tommy Burns of Breckenridge, and son, Mike Burns of Plainfield, New Hampshire.

Lovera Strickland and Jacob Strickland spent Christmas weekend in Somerville visiting Jaclie and Julie Strickland and

family, Jackie Strickland and Jared came home with them Monday. Friday, Julie Strickland, Jeremy, Cooper, Deonna Strickland and Dwight Moses of Somerville, as well as Joey and Katie Withem of Snook came to visit. They all went home Sunday. Other visitors were Marsha and Matt Turney of Santa Anna and Eddie Strickland.

The Christian Activity Center at Burkett was opened to the Cross Plains people the night of the Cross Plains "fire storm". Several people came. The Shoppin Basket, Bob and Sylvia Edington and the JB Restaurant furnished food, drinks and paper goods. Sally Nanny found coats and blankets for them to use that night. Thanks to everyone who helped that night.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JANUARY 16 - 20

MONDAY - Chicken Spagetti, Blend, Cheese Cake, Bread Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Applesauce, Bread

TUESDAY - Lima Beans & Ham, Mixed Greens, Pickled Beets, Mixed Fruit, Cornbread

WEDNESDAY - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Normandy

2nd & 4th Tue., Domino Night (42/84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
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From a recent "B.C." comic strip, in "The Book of Phrases" Sodom and Gomorrah is defined as "A real urban renewal challenge."

To those who were fleeing their homes on December 27, and to those who were fighting the fires, officially and unofficially, I'm sure that it must have seemed a lot like the Sodom and Gomorrah incident as described in the Bible (Genesis 19). And Sodom and Gomorrah certainly needed some "urban renewal"!

Our town and surrounding areas need urban renewal in a different way, that of cleaning up and rebuilding. Lives need to be put back together, houses need to be rebuilt, and lots of other things need to be "put back in order."

Surely there needs to be some renewal along spiritual lines in the lives of some of us also — yes, indeed, we all need to renew our commitment to walk in God's way, not our own way.

May we all continue to work and pull together that our community may remain the bright light that it has been for so long, especially these past few days, now weeks...

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Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.  
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## Medicare Prescriptions Drug Coverage Mobile Education Tour Friday

The Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Mobile Education Center Tour will be held Friday, January 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rose Park Senior Activity Center, 2625, South 7th, Abilene.

Highlights of the program will include personalized counseling offered and enrollment assistance.

This is your opportunity to talk one-on-one with a trained

counselor about the new Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage and how it affects you.

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## Cross Plains Junior High Girls Basketball Teams Working Hard

The 7th and 8th grade girls have played two games since the last article.

In the first game Cross Plains played Gorman. The girls teams were combined since Gorman did not have enough for 2 girls games. The 8th grade girls beat Gorman 35 to 29. The first half ended with Gorman on top 17 to 12. The second half belonged to Cross Plains. The girls scored 10 in the 3rd quarter and 11 in the 4th quarter while holding Gorman to 6 points in each of the two (2) quarters for the win. Scoring for the Lady Buffs were: Emma Bennett-13, Tiffany Holland-7, Cierra Odom-7, Amanda Dunaway-4, Melissa Black and Shasta Bacon - 2 each. Helping in the victory with good defense and timely rebounding was Kayla Lawrence and Tara Brown.

The girls next game was against Albany. The 7th grade girls were defeated 29-0. There are 6 girls playing: Shana Lewis, Kodi Roberts, Savana Wyatt, Miranda Williams, Delaney Ames and Callie Cooper. The girls played a more experienced and taller team and the shots just didn't fall for the 7th grade girls.

The 8th grade girls game against Albany ended in a thriller. The first half saw Albany with a 10 to 2 lead as the shots for the girls did not find the bottom of the net to often. The 3rd quarter was kind of ragged for both teams, with Cross Plains scoring 4 points and Albany scoring just 2 points. So the 4th quarter started with Albany ahead 12 to 6. The Cross Plains girls played a good defensive 4th quarter. Albany scored 4 points early so midway through the 4th quarter Albany was ahead 16 to 12. The Lady Buffs started making their shots while holding Albany scoreless for a minute and a half. In the last minute the Cross Plains girls went ahead 19 to 16 with about 30 seconds left. Albany scored 2 points and then Cross Plains turned the ball over and Albany missed their last shot leaving the final score **CP 19, Albany 18.** Scoring for the 8th grade girls were: **Emma Bennett-7, Tiffany Holland-6, Shasta Bacon-4, and Amanda Dunaway-2.** Kayla Lawrence added in with some good defense during the game.

Submitted by Coach Atchley

## Elementary School Canned Food Drive Very Successful

Cross Plains Elementary School students collected 920 pounds of food for the Cross Plains Food Bank during the month of December. All students from Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade contributed items of food. All the students brought 934 cans and dry goods for the holiday needs of the Food Pantry.

Every class brought food items and were counted as follows:

Pre-K: 69  
Kindergarten: 50  
1st grade: 95  
2nd grade: 280  
3rd grade: 181

4th grade: 34  
5th grade: 64  
6th grade: 161

The items were counted and tallied by the 4th grade math class every afternoon. These 4th graders counted the food items and then graphed the daily totals on a wall size bar graph as part of their math grade. "Thank You" to all the parent who helped the elementary children learn an important lesson of caring and responsibility by helping the Food Pantry and our community.

Submitted by Leslie Lawrence

## SCHOOL MENU

JANUARY 16 - 20

### BREAKFAST

**MONDAY** - Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Assorted Juice  
**TUESDAY** - French Toast Sticks, Sausage Links, Assorted Juice  
**WEDNESDAY** - Mufin, Yogurt, Assorted Juice  
**THURSDAY** - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice  
**FRIDAY** - OUT FOR STOCK SHOW

*Have A Nice Week!!*

### LUNCH

**MONDAY**- Corn Dogs, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Spice Cake  
**TUESDAY** - Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches  
**WEDNESDAY**- Fiesta Salad (Chili Beans, Corn Chips, Cheese), Rice, Salad, Pineapples  
**THURSDAY**-Fish or Hot Pocket, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Mixed Fruit  
**FRIDAY**-OUT FOR STOCK SHOW

## 4-H Shooting Sports Elects New Officers

New officers elected for "2006" Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports are:

President - Kevin Meier  
Vice President - John Rouse, Sr.  
Secretary - Angela Tibbitts  
Treasurer - Amy Hart  
Reporters - David Pitzer and

Tammie Rouse  
Discipline Heads:  
Muzzle Loading & Black Powder - Charlie Greenway  
Rifle - David Nichols and Goober Mitchell  
Shotgun - Kevin Meier and David Pitzer

## Callahan County Livestock Show January 19, 20 & 21

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held in Cross Plains at the Callahan County Show Barn, Thursday, January 19th through Saturday, January 21st. Starting time will be Thursday, January 19, 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 years show are:

Beef Cattle- Eddie Riley and Johnny Lee  
Market & Breeding Swine-TBA Poultry & Rabbits- Doug Johnston and Larry McIntire  
Sheep & Goats- Steven Mitchell and Angela Tibbitts

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 19th with Scott Anderson of Brownwood Extension office doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m. on the 19th.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 20th, with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Don Edgar, AST from Early, will be judging the Swine Show.

At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 20th, Vance Christ, from Big Springs will start judging the Market Lambs followed by the Boer Goats and Meat Goat Show.

On the afternoon of the 20th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. Lee Standley, of Weatherford, will get the judging of the Beef Cattle underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 21st with the heifer show. Mr. Standley 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 Dick Vestal, Greg Gerngross, Robert Frost, John Belcher and Doug Johnston.

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

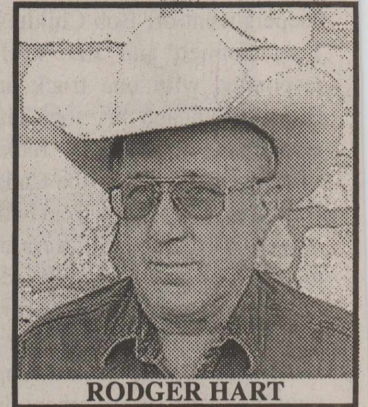
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## Rodger Hart for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4

I, Rodger Hart, am a candidate for the Republican nomination for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, Callahan County.

Although born in Dickens County, Texas, in July, 1945, I was raised on the family ranch near Van Horn, Texas, where we moved in 1949. After graduation from Van Horn High School, I attended Sul Ross State University and received a BS in Agri-Business in August, 1967. I entered the army in 1968, was stationed in Fort Greely, Alaska, honorably discharged in 1970, and returned to the ranch. After moving to Jones County in 1987, I managed the horse barn at Taylor County Expo Center from 1988 through 1994. On moving to San Angelo, Texas, in 1995, I acquired my real estate license and then real estate broker's license in 1997.

I purchased land in Callahan



RODGER HART

County and moved here in November, 1999, where I am currently engaged in real estate and raising registered Brangus cattle. My wife, Regena, and I live just outside Cross Plains.

I will fulfill the duties of the Justice of the Peace with honesty and integrity. Your support is appreciated.

Political Ad Paid for by Rodger Hart, Regena Hart, Treasurer, P.O. Box 475, Cross Plains, Texas, 76443.

## Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

A wise man once gave us a recipe for things to think about. He said think on things that are true. We can go round and round in our minds but thoughts that are not even true are wasting our time.

1. Whatsoever things are honest. This is very like the first suggestion. If a thing is not honest, we are wasting our mental energy thinking about it.

2. Whatsoever things are just. This gets a little deeper. Just is more involved. Is it right and fair? Even though it may be true it might not help us or help anyone to get involved. On the other hand, a just cause might be something we need to assist in. The main thing is to "think about it" before we act.

3. Whatsoever things are pure. This one needs less thought. We should not even consider being involved in something that is not pure.

4. Whatsoever things are lovely. I love the phrase by Keats that "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." I love things that are lovely and beautiful. The thoughts they bring are high and lofty thoughts.

5. Whatsoever things are of good report. Even if things are true, what good does it do us to pass on things that would ruin someone's reputation? They downgrade our thoughts and

those of the person we are talking to. And even if we are not talking, just thinking it does not put us in a good mood, either. We would do better to just put them on our mental shelf until we must, for some reason, consider them.

6. Well, what are we to think about? The positives above are good things to think about as well as anything virtuous and praiseworthy. There is a poem "I Know Something Good About You." I think talking about good things about the people we know is always worthwhile. Also, there are so many good things to discuss. Did you read something in the paper that was worthy of praise? Have you heard any good news this week?

I think if we get into the habit of thinking along these lines, we will not lack for things to talk about and think about. These will be things that lift up and do not tear people down.

Let's try setting a guard on our thoughts. If we get one that is not praise worthy, cast it down. Say a mental "reject" and go on to another. I have it on good authority that we will become better, more peaceful people.

BHW

These suggestions come from the Bible in Philippians, chapter 4.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### JANUARY 14

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Mrs. Exal D. McMillian  
Charles Pippins  
Le'Ann Jordan  
John Roberts  
Linda Chandler  
Crystal Nelson  
Ileen Smith  
Jessica (Childers) Taff  
Eula Blake  
Todd Watson  
Sam Fleming, Jr.  
Aaron Phillips  
Michael Curry  
Earl Mosley

### JANUARY 15

David Strickland  
Gary Childers  
Starr Appleton  
Mrs. Jackie Pancake  
Regina (Gary) Fleming  
Mrs. Vernon Donaway  
Velma Byers  
Monty Richards  
A.C. Gains  
Marian Reed  
Jody Don Gosnell  
Alisa Hail  
Thomas Bush

### JANUARY 16

Laurie Lavendar  
Mrs. Raymond Young  
Trivina Newman  
Barbara Havener  
Betty Randell  
Amber Parker

### JANUARY 17

Brandi (Richey) Purvis  
Tressa Driskell  
Staci Strickland  
Don Nelson  
Ladora Allen  
Dana Teeters  
Christian Noah Wells  
Uva Mae Jones  
Chelsea Brown

### JANUARY 18

Robert Tonne  
David Wells  
Ricky Sanders  
Jacky Hinkle  
Martha Malone  
Donna Barnes  
Ann Harper  
Mrs. Buck Edgar  
Shana Sharee Segura  
Mary Diana Rankins  
Frances Irwin  
Conda Odom  
Dennis Payne  
Tina (McCowen) Alkins  
Roger Rudloff  
Dawson Dobbs McWilliams

### JANUARY 19

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Delma Coppinger  
Sandra Calhoun  
Rickey Taylor  
Ann Neeb  
Jackie Loveless  
Peggy (Erwin) Terrell  
Lorne Strackbein  
Ms. Morris S. Thomas  
Mary Knott  
Billie Knott  
Billie Mathews  
Neil Belote

### JANUARY 20

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Jaen Marie Kennedy  
Landon Hart  
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## STAR RACING IN RISING STAR WILL BE OPENING SOON!!!

Welcome to SLOT CAR RACING!

Slot car racing is the fast growing sport of racing miniature electric cars on an indoor race track. Slot car racing is divided into 3 main scales, HO, or 1/87 scale, 1/32 scale and 1/24 scale. The HO scale is the traditional, home set scale, where kids first get their taste of slot cars, but like anything else, there are serious "BIG" kids who race these as well. Commercial quality racetracks are available, and racing classes so serious, that the cars are almost completely hand made. With the aid of magnets, the fastest classes of HO cars go so fast they can barely be seen, and requires nerves of steel to drive. This scale of racing has the broadest range of racer skill and "seriousness" as there are small children racing these types of cars at home to traveling professionals racing hand made cars that can barely be seen when running on the track. The 1/32 scale class is also a home set derived class, but it's popularity is mostly in Europe, where space for commercial raceways is limited. The high end racing cars are scale versions of real cars, with thin plastic body shells, EDM cut steel chassis, soldered together with hinges and pivots, and small samarium cobalt motors to power them. The scale cars racers in 1/32 scale, run without the aid of any traction additives, air control devices or magnets. Driving style for these cars are much different from the HO's as you can see these, and one can see the car slide in the corners much easier than in other types of slot cars. The 1/24 scale type of slot car, is mostly popular in the United States as a Commercial raceway scale, and for many years consisted of small winged vehicles that run with high current track power supplies. These 1/24 scale cars, called "Wing Cars" in the sport, go extremely fast, and is the fastest accelerating wheeled vehicle known to man, attaining 0-70 MPH acceleration in about 500 milliseconds.

**THIS IS A SPORT FOR ALL AGES. GET READY TO HAVE SOME FUN!!!**  
Randy & Sandy



**CHRISTMAS PARTY**—Members of the Class of 1946 met in the home of Dick and Joan Vestal for their annual Christmas party. There were 15 present. Edgar and Virginia Session arrived after the picture was taken. Joan took the picture. We always have such a good time when we get together. Several of our members were unable to attend this year and they were missed. We did discuss the upcoming Homecoming so we will be in touch. Hope to see you all soon.

## First Financial Bank Offers Monetary Aid

First Financial Bank, N.A. announced today that it is offering special financial assistance to its customers and any other persons in need as a result of the recent wild fires which devastated the community of Cross Plains and areas of Eastland County. In addition, the bank and its employees have made donations totaling \$10,000 to the American Red Cross to benefit victims of the fires.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to all who have suffered as a result of this tragic disaster," said

Tommy Barrow, President of First Financial Bank, N.A. of Eastland County. "Our bank has committed to help these people rebuild our local communities by offering discounted interest rates for home reconstruction and home improvement loans. In addition, we are offering special financial packages for those needing immediate assistance with cattle operations and family expenses. We encourage those in need to contact our banking officers in Eastland, Rising Star and Ranger."

First Financial Bank, N.A. Eastland, Ranger, Rising Star is a subsidiary of First Financial Bankshares, a financial holding company headquartered in Abilene, Texas, that operates ten separately chartered banks with 44 locations in Texas, a trust company and a technology operating company. Other subsidiaries are First Financial Bank, N.A., Abilene, Clyde and Moran; First Financial Bank, N.A., Cleburn, Burleson, Alvarado and Midlothian; Hereford State Bank, Hereford; City National Bank, Mineral Wells; San Angelo National Bank, San Angelo; First Financial Bank, N.A., Southlake, Trophy Club, Keller, Bridgeport, Boyd and Decatur; First Financial Bank, N.A., Stephenville, Granbury and Glen Rose; First National Bank, Sweetwater, Roby and Trent; Weatherford National Bank, Willow Park and Aledo; First Financial Trust & Asset Management Company, N.A.; and First Technology Services, Inc.

The Company is listed on The Nasdaq Stock Market under the trading symbol FFIN. For more information about First Financial Bankshares, please visit their Web site at <http://www.ffin.com>.



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**COMING TOGETHER**—Jamie Wootton (front kneeling, from left), local coordinator and Bob Pipes, Church of Christ minister; Mr. Jimmie Cearley (middle, from left), Liz Scott, Torbin McCarley, Doug Bowden, Joey Westerman, Chris McBride, Sean Williams, Rene Salazar, Ashton Yates, Cody Baker and Kyle Cunningham; CCDRE Truck driver (back, from left), Don Throton, Kevin Scott, Clay Koenig, Clayton Thomas, Byron McNutt, Brock Cooper, Garrett Stephens, Anthony Hutton, Roy Smith and Ricky Daniels.

## The church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort Brings New Items

Smiles, tears, a few grunts and groans and a lot of Thank You's were what you found at the church of Christ Activity Center last Thursday. The church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort (CCDRE) from Nashville, Tennessee brought in a semi-trailer full of brand-new furnishings to be distributed to the fire victims. Established in 1991, the CCDRE brings new clothing, furnishings, appliances, personal care and food boxes and other items needed into areas affected by natural disasters. The CCDRE is run purely on donations from gracious individuals and congregations.

The semi-trailer that delivered here in Cross Plains brought over 25 twin and full size mattresses, box springs and frames, over 20

dressers, and dinettes consisting of table and four chairs; over 100 blankets, and 4 dozen pillow sets, sheet sets and pillow cases; four dozen personal care boxes and over 300 food boxes. The food boxes contain enough food for a family of 4 to eat for 4 to 5 days. All of these items are brand new and free to victims of the fire.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr. Cearley for bringing a group of young men to help with the unloading of the trailer.

These young men were such great workers and allowed the trailer to be quickly unloaded so that the items could be distributed to those who need it even sooner.

If you are a fire victim who is in need of any of these items or

know someone who could use them, please contact either Jamie Wootton, coordinator at (325) 201-1140 or Bob Pipes, minister, at (254) 725-6117. If you would like more information about the CCDRE, their website is [www.disasterrelieffort.org](http://www.disasterrelieffort.org).

All of the clothing and other items that were originally at the church of Christ Activity Center have been moved over to the old nursing home for distribution. We encourage anyone who is in need of those items or need help in locating items they need, please contact one of the above men, or any member of the church, they are here to serve the Lord by serving you.

Submitted by  
Bob Pipes

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## NOTICE

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If you have lost your pet during the trauma of the recent fires or if you have found someone's pet, you are encouraged to contact Jane Bonner at (254) 725-6257.

Also if you have an animal that has been burned or injured and you don't know who its owner is, please feed/water and care for it until you can report it to the above number.

Ms. Bonner is working with the Pet Emergency Response Team (PERT) in an effort to save these animals and reconnect them to their families. It has been reported that several animals in town have received injuries, such as burned paws, etc. Please contact Jane Bonner with any information you may have.

### Benefit meal/auction Jan. 15th for area fire victims

Friends and neighbors in Winters invite everyone to a benefit lunch and auction on Sunday, January 15, at the Winters school cafeteria to help victims of the recent Cross Plains area fire disasters.

This is a community effort and 100% of the proceeds will go to the United Fund of Cross Plains which is being administered by the Texas Heritage Bank of Cross Plains. This fund benefits not only the fire victims in Cross Plains but in the Gorman, Carbon, Kokomo, and Lake Leon areas.

A meal of brisket and sausage and all the trimmings and dessert will be served from 11:00

a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost of the meal is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under. Take-outs will be available.

At 12:30 p.m., a live auction will begin in the gymnasium adjacent to the cafeteria. A variety of auction items has been donated, including a deer feeder, deer blind, handmade barn wood wishing well, tools, household items, and much more coming in this week.

For more information, please contact the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce at 325-754-5210, the Winters Industrial Board at 754-4542, or WISD Superintendent Danny Clack at 754-5574.

## Texas Governor Orders Brownwood Folks Came to Feed Fire Victims

AUSTIN—Responding to wildfires breaking out across the state, Gov. Rick Perry ordered the deployment of state firefighting assets and issued a statewide disaster declaration as of December 27, 2005. State and local firefighters on Monday, December 26, battled 73 wildfires across the state, mostly in central-central and northeast Texas. The wildfire threat level is expected to remain high for the next 30 days.

"To better ensure our ability to immediately respond to these fast-moving fires, I have ordered the deployment of Texas Army National Guard assets and requested assistance from the U.S. Forest Service," Perry said. "We are working hard from both the ground and the air to protect Texans and their homes and property."

Specifically, the Governor has:

- \* Deployed four Texas Army National Guard helicopters,
- \* Requested and received two single engine air tankers from the U.S. Forest Service, and
- \* Requested and received two helicopters from the U.S. Forest

Service. The helicopters operate by "dipping" into lakes and other surface water and carrying "buckets" of water to suppress the fire from above; air tankers are used in areas where there is no available surface water.

The Governor's disaster declaration activates the state emergency management plan and authorizes the deployment of any forces, equipment or supplies required for the response. The Governor's Division of Emergency Management is coordinating the state effort and the Texas Forest Service serves as the lead agency for the response. The Texas Department of Transportation has provided equipment and assistance and the Department of Public Safety is providing security at wildfires sites.

A persistent drought has blanketed the state since early summer. In combination with high winds and unseasonably warm temperatures, the weather pattern has created the most severe wildfire threat in five years. Burn bans continue to be in effect prohibiting all outdoor burning!

### Cross Plains Food Pantry Booth



CROSS PLAINS FOOD PANTRY BOOTH—Pastor Jim Senkel (from left), Judy Porter, Food Pantry Co-Ordinator, Jennifer Coggins, Chairman of the Disaster Relief Committee for the Central Texas Conference for FUMC from Ft. Worth, and Wallace Bennett, Cottonwood News Reporter.

The cooks were Kemper Croft, Jason and Jenny Person and Chris Matthews. Helpers were Boyce "Pee Wee" Croft, Tootie Kelly and Brittany Allen. Donators were Bobby Pitts, Tootie and Bonnie Kelly, Grooms Feed, Allstate - Mickey Stanley, Lynn and Vonne Cornett, Wal-Mart, Sligers, Brownwood Janitorial, Sewalts, Morrison's Supply, Judy Moore and Johnnie Reeves.

It was reported that it was the "best barbecue they had ever eaten". Their generous efforts and thoughtfulness were greatly appreciated by the Cross Plains residents and all the volunteers.



RESOURCE FAIR BOOTH—Steve Abel, president of the Better Business Bureau in Abilene is visiting with Sandra Ingram.

## FEMA authorizes millions to help Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico fight fires

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) this week authorized the use of federal funds from the Nation's Disaster Relief Fund to help Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico fight 17 fires burning in those three states.

David Paulison, Acting FEMA Director, said the three states' requests for federal fire management assistance were approved as firefighters worked tirelessly to contain wind-driven wildfires.

"These fire management assistance grants are critical and necessary steps towards enabling state and local governments fight these fires," said Paulison. "We are committed to getting our firefighters the funds they need to extinguish dangerous fires that threaten lives and property."

The authorization makes FEMA funding available to pay 75 percent of the state's eligible firefighting costs under an approved grant specifically designed for managing, mitigating and controlling any fire that threatens to become a major disaster.

The following fires were approved for Fire Management Assistance Grants:

- Texas
  - \* Carbon Fire in Eastland County, which has already burned more than 10,000 acres.
  - \* Ringgold Fire in Montague and Clay counties, which has burned more than 2,200 acres and destroyed more than 27 homes.
  - \* Kennedale Fire, Tarrant County, which killed one person and has burned more than 300 acres and threatened more than 100 homes.
  - \* Callahan County Fire, which has burned more than 1,000 acres and destroyed more than

60 homes near Cross Plains.

- Oklahoma
  - \* Hughes County Fire Complex, Hughes and Seminole counties, which has burned more than 2,600 acres.
  - \* Depew Fire Complex in Creek County, which has burned more than a thousand acres and threatened 1,450 homes in Bristow.

- New Mexico
  - \* Wainwright Fire Complex in Muskogee County, which has burned more than 4,000 acres and threatened nearly 12,000 homes in Muskogee.

- \* Shamrock Fire Complex in Creek County, which threatened more than 300 homes in Drumright and Shamrock.

- \* Bethel Acres Fire in Pottawatomie County, which has burned more than 600 acres and threatened 50 homes in Bethel.

- \* Cashion Fire Complex in Kingfisher County, which has burned more than 12,800 acres and threatened more than 100 homes in Cashion.

- \* Guthrie Fire in Logan County, which has burned more than 1,000 acres and threatened approximately 100 homes in Guthrie.

- \* Sapulpa Fire Complex in Creek County, which has burned more than 800 acres and threatened more than 6,500 homes near Kellyville.

- \* Prague Fire Complex in Lincoln and Okfuskee counties, which has burned more than 640 acres and threatened 2,650 homes in eight communities.

- \* 63rd Street Fire in Oklahoma County, which has burned some 700 acres near Oklahoma City. The fire threatened 85 homes outside the city.

- \* Eastern Oklahoma County Fire Complex, which has de-

stroyed 12 homes and threatened 680 residents.

- \* Achilles Fire Complex, Bryan County, which is burning on each side of Achilles. Ten homes have been destroyed and another 165 are threatened.

- New Mexico
  - \* Hobbs Fire in Lea County, which has burned more than 35,000 acres and forced more than 10,000 people to evacuate. The fire threatened Hobbs and Tatum.

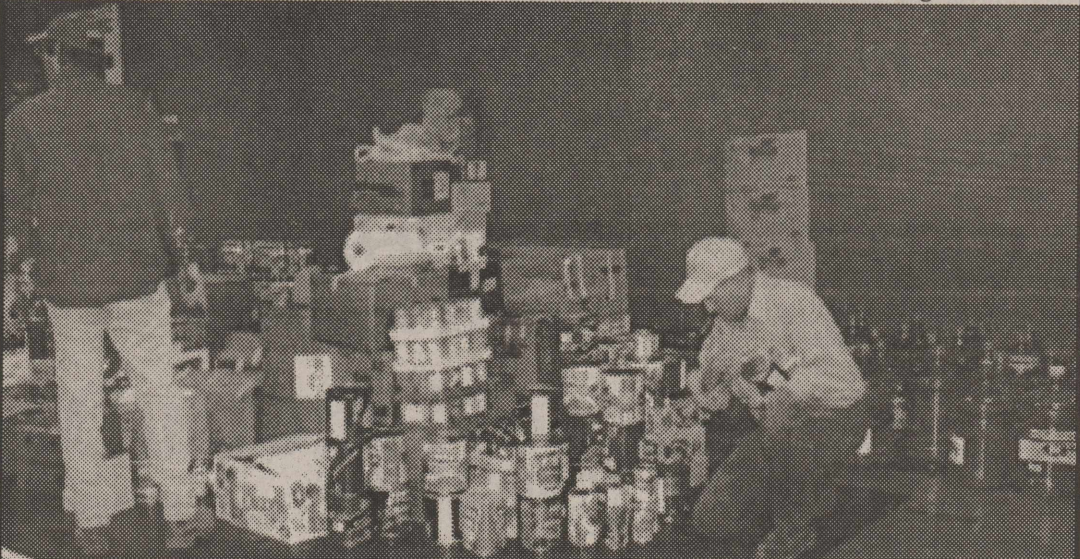
"The federal emergency response family continues to monitor the fires in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas extremely closely," Paulison said. "The National Interagency Fire Center in Boise is supporting the operational needs of all states. FEMA will continue to provide coordination and support at the regional and national level as needed."

Federal fire management assistance is provided through the President's Disaster Relief Fund and made available by FEMA to assist in fighting fires that threaten to cause a major disaster. Eligible costs covered by the aid can include expenses for field camps; equipment use, repair and replacement; tools, materials and supplies; sheltering; and mobilization and demobilization activities.

FEMA prepares the nation for all hazards and manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, trains first responders, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program.



DONATIONS OF CLOTHES OVERWHELMING—Ellen Steinle is sorting items.



FOOD COLLECTION—First Baptist Family Life Center is the headquarters for food. The response to needs has been outstanding.

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**TOWN HALL PANEL MEMBERS**—Jeremy Brown (from left), State Representative Harvey Hilderbran, County Judge Roger Corn, Mayor Ray Purvis and Debbie Gosnell.

## Meeting

guys are on this! You don't wait for the government to come in...you start working." He encouraged fire victims to attend the Resource Fair the following day.

State Representative Hilderbran said, "I'm here to show my support." He introduced Charlie Stone and Nicki Harle, who represented ORCA (Office of Rural Community Affairs). He commented that the Texas Workforce and the Small Business Administration would play a major roll in the recovery. The Department of Agriculture will assist with the feed assistance. Dana Dimitri from the Callahan County FSA stated that there would be a representative at the Resource Fair to report agricultural losses. Hilderbran made it clear that he was doing his best to "cut through the red tape". He concluded with, "God bless you!"

Mayor Purvis introduced city employee Mark Norris. He explained that there is one pit dug now, but it is filling up fast, and that another will be needed. He emphasized that people just can't take "anything" out to the pit.

It will be regulated according to keeping bricks, metal, and brush separated. You need to separate the metal from the debris. There will be a man in town handling the metal recycling from house to house. He will remove the vehicles and metal and this will be a big plus in the cleanup effort.

At this point there is not a designated place for brush, but the bricks and debris will be taken to the pit. The city will be handling the disposal of debris.

The cleanup process should go fast according to Norris, so that the lots will be ready for rebuilding as soon as possible. He suggested that homeowners make a list of what they want to dispose and what they want to keep. They need to report whether they want to save their cement slabs, also. Septic tank locations needed to be marked so equipment won't damage them.

"This is pretty overwhelming from my end, to keep everyone safe and for the TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) concerns," Norris said.

Norris also thanked all those who have volunteered equipment, etc. and explained that their help will be needed later.

He reemphasized the need to fill out the forms designating that you want to keep your concrete slabs, because when the cleanup is finished the opportunity is over.

The prisoners from the French Robertson will be coming in to do the hand work and pick up the smaller pieces. He praised the city employees for the dedicated efforts during this disaster.

Norris made it plain that everyone must abide by the rules of TCEQ, a state agency.

Stan Pointer asked if the local victims would be seeing some federal support like Louisiana.

Brown answered, "I sure hope so!" He went on to say that Governor Perry is requesting the emergency declaration of the Stafford Act. He remarked, "The President, being from the great State of Texas, should be willing to help. Even FEMA was shocked at the devastation they saw. "Any information stating that aid is available will be published in the local newspaper. Brown replied, "I wish I could have the money here tomorrow."

Beverly Ross asked if there is any concern about hazardous waste when cleaning up their lots? Norris said they hadn't found any containers with anything. He remarked that there was more danger of cuts or respiratory ailments than hazardous materials. He suggested wearing a protective mask.

Melvin Jones, a representative from Lions Club International, was introduced. He said that the Lions Club has applied for a grant for Cross Plains. He also had some immediate funds available for fire victims that will be handed out soon. He asked for victims to contact him following the meeting. He remarked, "It is amazing how this town has pulled together."

Judy Porter, a representative from the Cross Plains Food Pantry, announced that fire victims could be helped for 6 months without any financial guidelines. She encouraged them to sign up at the Resource Fair.

Connie Kirkham stated that the clothes had been moved to the old nursing home building on Avenue A and 7th Street. The hours they are open are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. She suggested that volunteering to pick up clothes for those in need is very helpful, as they have so many other things they must do. Volunteers to help with the sorting of clothing is also needed. Furniture, household items, kitchen appliances, baby beds, and radios were a few items still needed.

Fire victims were encouraged to attend the Resource Fair to fill out recovery assessment forms, to talk with the Social Security Administration, Food Bank, and other organizations that were represented.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Non-perishable food items and water for families who have lost their homes are available at the Family Life Center, also.

A Second Christmas was discussed for the children and teenagers of families who lost everything in the fire. Amber Thomas would be helping fill out the list for this.

Judy Luter asked if there was a list of plumbers, painters, etc. for people to call for their services. Debbie Gosnell stated they may dial 211 for collecting information Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. about volunteer plumbers, painters, etc.

David Estes, President of Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains, announced that there is an account, the Cross Plains Fire Relief Fund, is set up at the local bank. Estes said, "It is very humbling to me to see how the people, the state, everyone, has responded to this situation." The bank is working with fire victims providing loans, etc.

There was a brief session with questions from the audience and the meeting was formally adjourned.

Reality set in when I looked into the faces of all the people who I knew had lost all their possessions to the fire. Amazingly, they were all being strong and moving forward to rebuilding their lives. Submitted by Vanda Anderson, Editor



**ITEMS LEFT**—Only porcelain and Corning Ware made it through the heat at the Ross house.

## Running

and cell phones should something happen to the house. They also got their dog Precious

They were going to get in the truck but they couldn't go down the driveway, the only way out of the 8 acre tract, because the wall of fire was far as they could see. They feared the vehicle might blow up.

They knew out-running the fire was the only way to survive. The trio started running south. "I have never seen anything move so fast!" Karen explained. "And the sound. It was roaring almost like a tornado."

They stopped to look back and saw the sea of fire take their neighbor Jason Bien's fence, jump his house and burn the car in the driveway right beside the house. The Ross house was still standing.

Karen said she fell down and started praying, "God, don't take our house!" They were coughing, their eyes stung from the smoke and they could feel the extreme temperature of the heat from the flames. Every 10 seconds they heard explosions.

At this point the flash fire came toward them. "Get up! We have to run!" Beverly yelled. They ran across the coastal field, through a break in the fence, crawled over a barbed wire fence, arriving near Albert Lovell's house. Suzi Pillans of the Atwell community was driving by and she picked them up.

The house could still be seen but the grass and trees were blazing. "That was the last time I saw my house," Karen sadly lamented.

They tried to drive back to the house but the smoke was so thick they couldn't see past the hood. They described the sky as being brown, black, green and the sun was blood red.

About that time they received a call from Tim Yates and he said Ellowayne was with him and she was okay, but the roof of the their house was on fire. Minutes later Reggie Pillans called his wife, Suzie and told her Beverly and Charlie's house was gone.

Charlie and James Ross had flown to the Valley, around Brownsville, to go hunting a few days before.

They didn't see their home until the next day at 9:30 a.m. "It was nothing like I thought it would be. I thought everything would look the same, but everything was vaporized," Beverly explained. "It is like powder and ash, like it never existed. I couldn't find a trace of anything and you can't put it back together," she continued. "I did find four little porcelain Christmas bells with each of our names on them. Karen held one up, rang it, and said, 'It's a Wonderful Life.'"

The Corning Ware survived the extreme heat. She told us that a friend stated that auto glass melts at 1200 degrees so you can imagine how hot this fire was.

"We have survived a tornado in 1994, a house flooding in 1999 (where a water leak inside our house sprayed for 28 hours while we were gone) and now the fire in 2005," Beverly commented.

Their cat Mittens even survived. When they went to start

Beverly's dad's old pickup, that remained untouched in the metal barn, the cat ran out from under the hood.

Even Mr. Fish their giant goldfish lived. Charlie found him in the thick black water and mud in the outside pond. They said he was swimming a little slower but he made it.

Even in the midst of recounting all this tragedy Beverly seemed almost embarrassed at relating her loss. She kept saying, "We didn't have it any worse than anyone else."

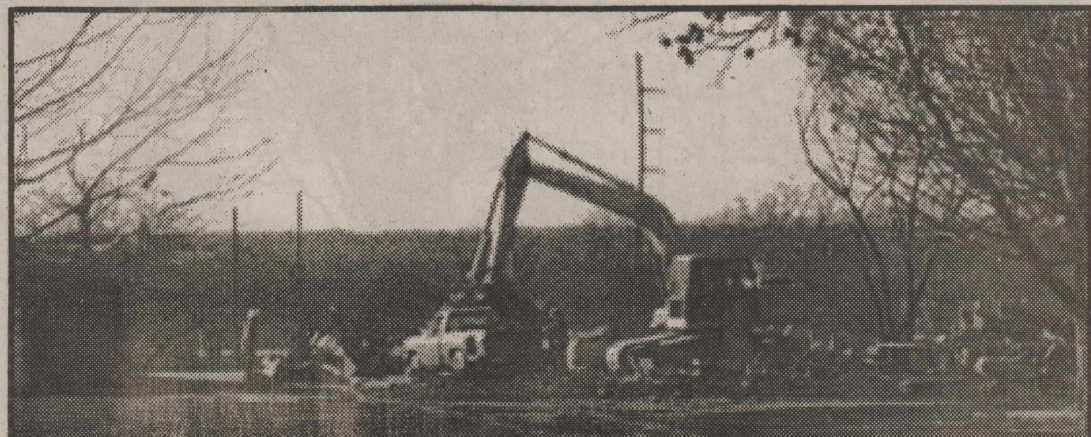
Beverly said, "It's like a death. There are stages of grief including shock, disbelief, anger, depression and finally acceptance. Now, its time to move on."

"I have lost my car, my house, half of my town and my first grade teacher. It's like I've lost my childhood," Karen remarked.

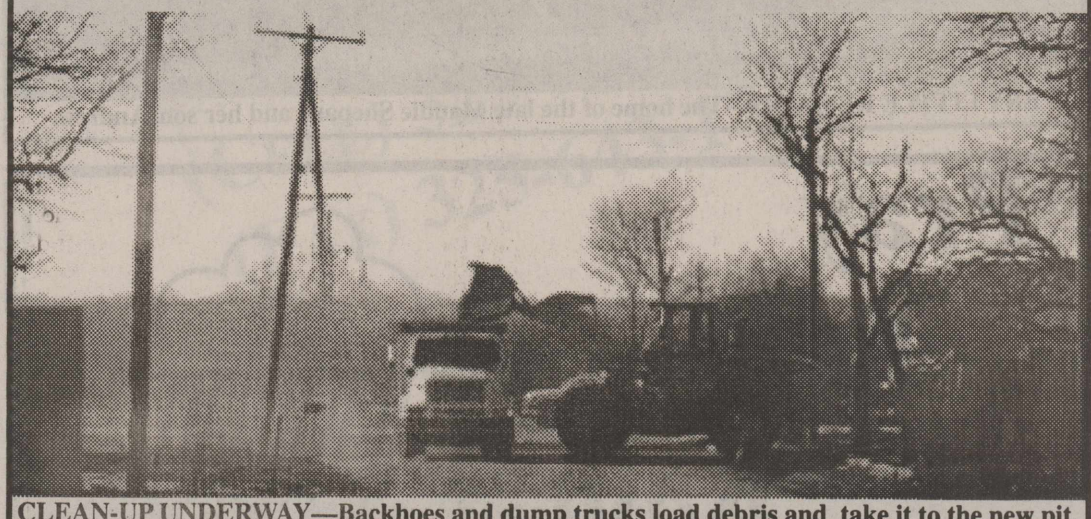
"I lost 8 pounds in 3 days. I had no appetite. I was just mentally and physically ill from the trauma. I couldn't sleep. It is a sick feeling to know everything is gone. I want my life back!" Karen declared.

She said, "I can't tell my kids that this is where I grew up. I just want to walk back into my room or sit on the kitchen counter like I use to, even though it got me in trouble."

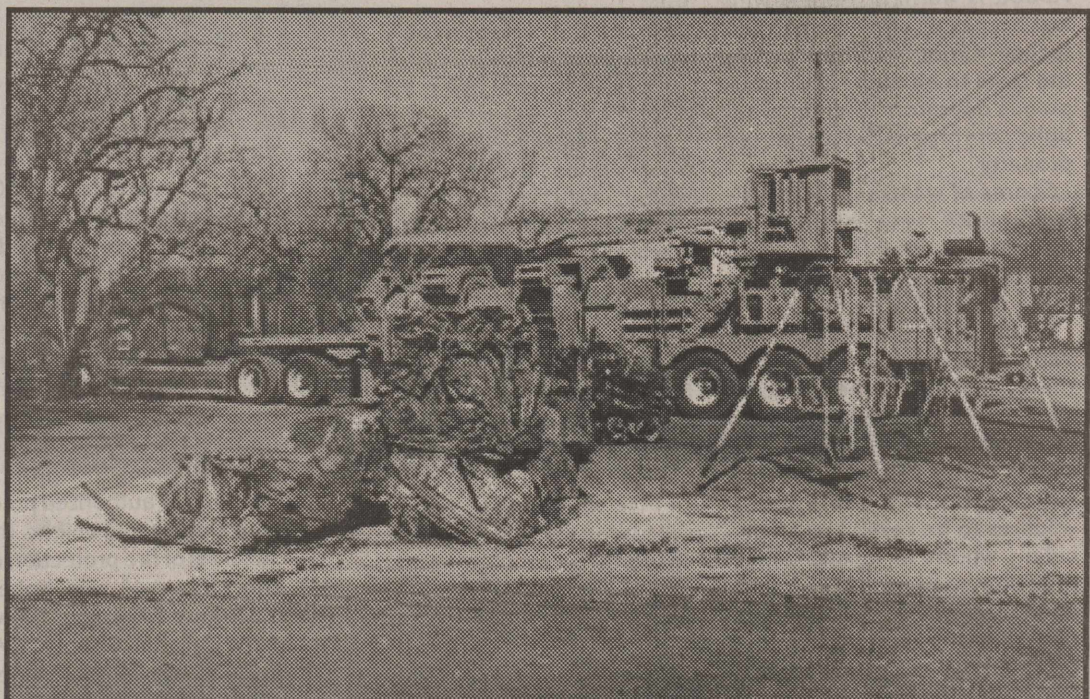
They made me realize there are so many things that can't be replaced. However the school has found annuals of the years James and Karen graduated and friends of the family continue to comfort them with such generosity.



**CLEAN-UP PROCESS IS MOVING QUICKLY**—Old land marks have disappeared and new ground is ready for construction.



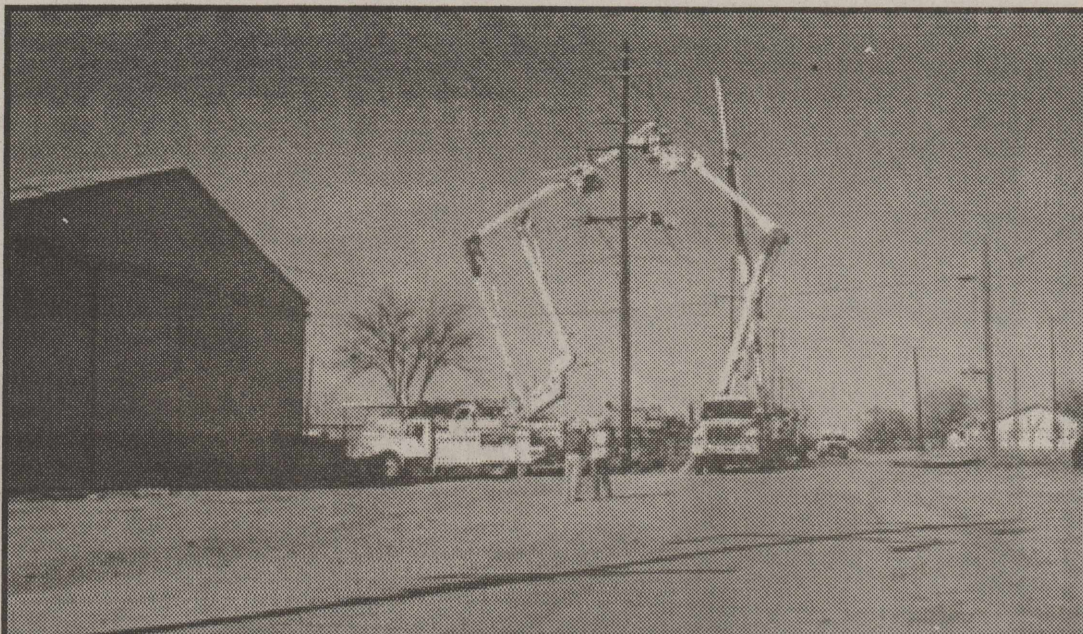
**CLEAN-UP UNDERWAY**—Backhoes and dump trucks load debris and take it to the new pit.



**TIN BALER**—This unique equipment crushes metal including whole vehicles and compacts them in bales of approximately 3' X 3'. Premier Recycling of Tyler is moving the metal left in the rubble at the Jeremy Box family home site.



**METAL CLEAN-UP EQUIPMENT**—Lorenzo Sotealo stands beside the huge clawed crane used to pick up items the tin baler can't handle.



**AEP CREWS AT WORK**—Recent firestorm created additional work due to damage.



**WASHING OFF TRANSMITTERS**—AEP sprayed the transmitters to clean off soot and smoke. (Photo courtesy of Vanda Anderson)

## AEP Had Its Own Clean-up in Cross Plains this Week

In the aftermath of the Cross Plains wildfire, AEP Texas was spraying water to clean insulators on transmission line in the affected area last Friday, January 6. The line was de-energized temporarily while water was sprayed on the insulators on each pole to remove soot and ash that could lead to sparking and fires

on cross-arms. The spraying is a precautionary measure while fire danger remains high in the area.

The spraying started at the AEP Texas substation located on State Highway 36 and went north out of Cross Plains on FM 880 for approximately 2 miles.

AEP Texas, a unit of American Electric Power,

delivers electricity to 850,000 homes businesses and industries in south and west Texas. AEP Texas provides regulated energy delivery service to consumers, regardless of which Retail Electric Provider they choose. The region headquarters is in Corpus Christi.

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### Attorney General Abbott warns Texas wildfire victims against con artists during rebuilding efforts

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott is warning Texans who lost homes or other property to recent major wildfires across the state to be alert for unscrupulous operators offering to rebuild or repair fire-damaged property.

Scores of wildfires that began last month have killed three people, burned more than 254,000 acres and destroyed more than 2000 homes.

"Sadly, scam artists take advantage of tragedies such as these, seeking to cheat victims who are trying to rebuild their lives," Attorney General Abbott said. "I urge Texans who have suffered damage from these wildfires to be careful when deciding whom to hire to repair their damaged property. If they encounter any fraud or deception, they should report it to my office. I will not stand for dishonest businesses that prey on people who have already suffered because of these fires."

Attorney General Abbott offered the following tips for Texans approached by someone offering to rebuild or repair property:

- Get more than one estimate. Don't be pushed into signing a contract immediately.
- Ask the Better Business Bureau if it has any complaints about the company.
- Get references from previ-

ous customers and check them out.

- Get the salesperson's license plate number.
- Deal with local firms, if possible.
- Get everything in writing and keep the documents in a safe place.
- Do not sign a contract with blank spaces. Dishonest salespersons may enter unacceptable terms later.
- Ask for proof of insurance.
- Never pay 100 percent up front. Arrange for an independent agent to inspect the completed work before making full payment.
- Ask whether the contractor will place a lien, security interest or mortgage on your property.
- Ask for guarantees in writing.

Attorney General Abbott urged Texans to file complaints about unscrupulous contractors by calling the Consumer Protection Hotline at (800) 252-8011 or by filing a complaint on the Attorney General's Web site at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us). Abbott asked consumers to provide specific information about the business, including address or specific location, contact information, and the price the business advertises and actually charges for a particular job.

### Texas FSA supports establishing firebreaks on CRP

(Baird, TX)— January 5, 2006 -- In response to the continued threat of grass fires statewide, Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds landowners of a provision in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) procedure allowing for the establishment of firebreaks as a preventive measure.

"Although disking CRP ground is not a typically authorized practice, the benefit outweighs the cost in terms of fire protection of life and property," said Robert Frost, County Executive Director for the Callahan County FSA.

Individuals who are interested in disking perimeter firebreaks on ground enrolled in CRP must first visit the USDA Service Center and work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to modify CRP contracts to include firebreaks. NRCS will determine acceptable firebreak widths on a site-specific basis.

With nearly four million acres of CRP in the state, many of those acres bordering communities and residences, Texas FSA supports efforts to reduce combustible vegetation that may cause a fire to spread.

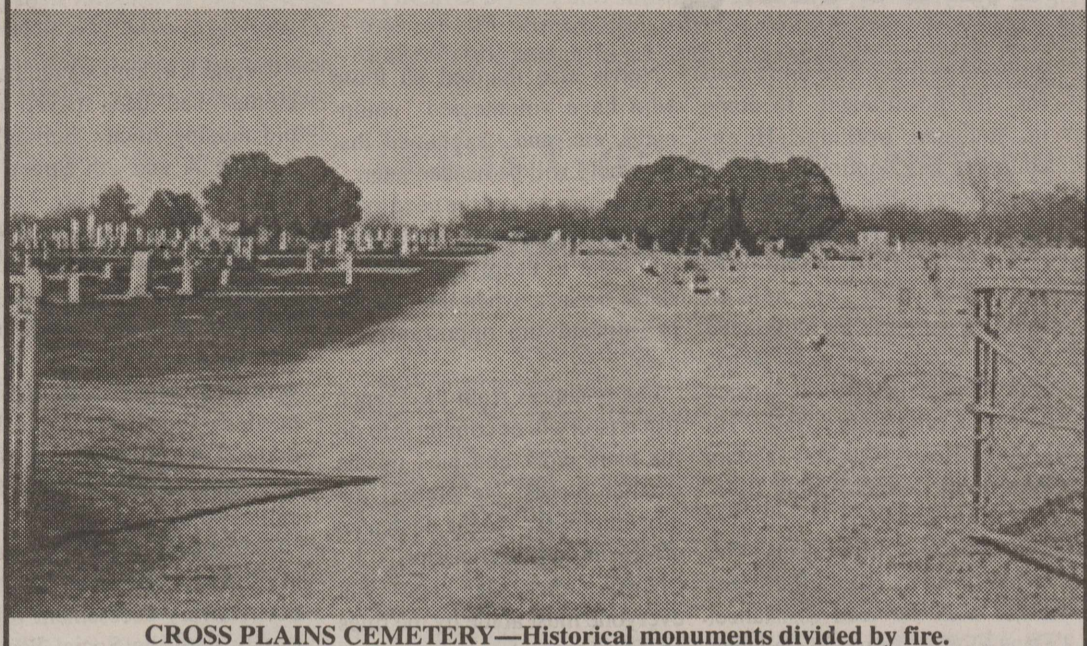
There is no cost-share for establishing firebreaks and rental payment penalties will not be assessed.

Frost added, "Although fuel prices are high, a little fuel and some sweat equity may prove to be cheap insurance in the long run."

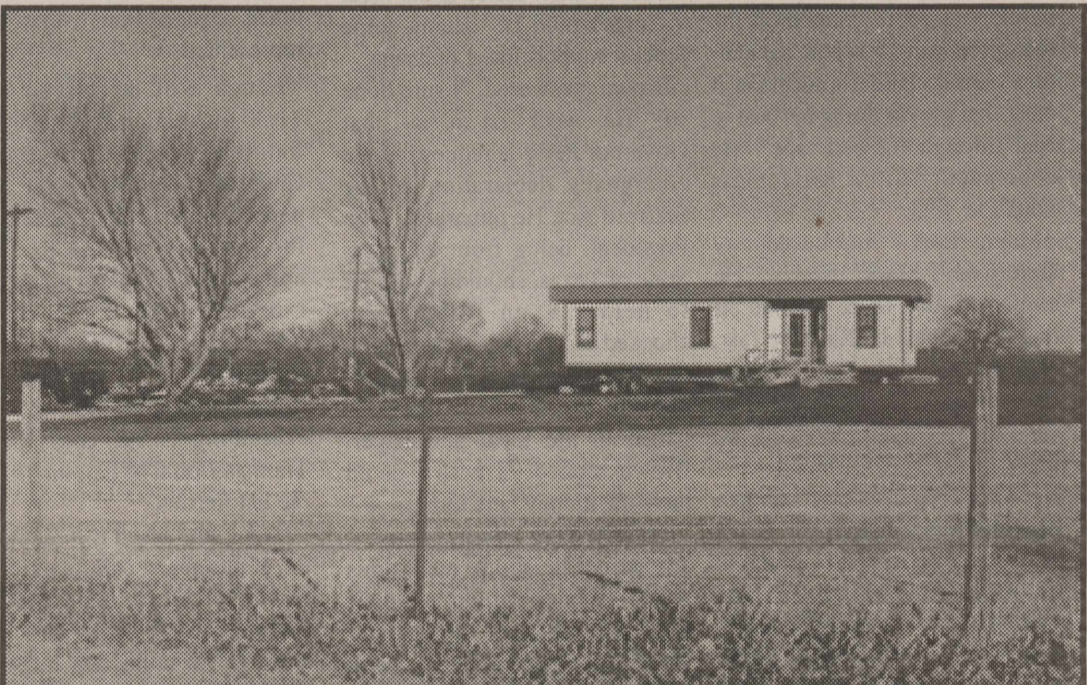
For more information, contact the Callahan County FSA at 325-854-1049 ext 2 or NRCS at 325-854-1049 ext 3.



**CONGRESSMAN OFFERS ASSISTANCE**—Congressman Randy Neugebauer serves lunch to fire victims and volunteers.



**CROSS PLAINS CEMETERY**—Historical monuments divided by fire.



**YOU CAN'T KEEP US DOWN**—The Holmes Insurance Agency, owner, David Holmes, already has a new building near the site of their old business.



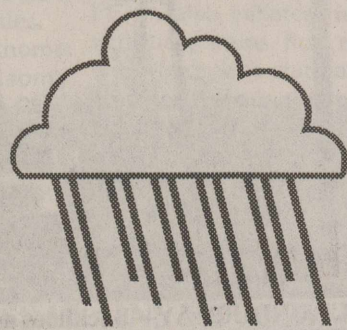
**DEBRIS ON ALL SIDES**—The home of James and Lovey Nichols stands, but the home of Scott Bland burns while he is out fighting the firestorm.



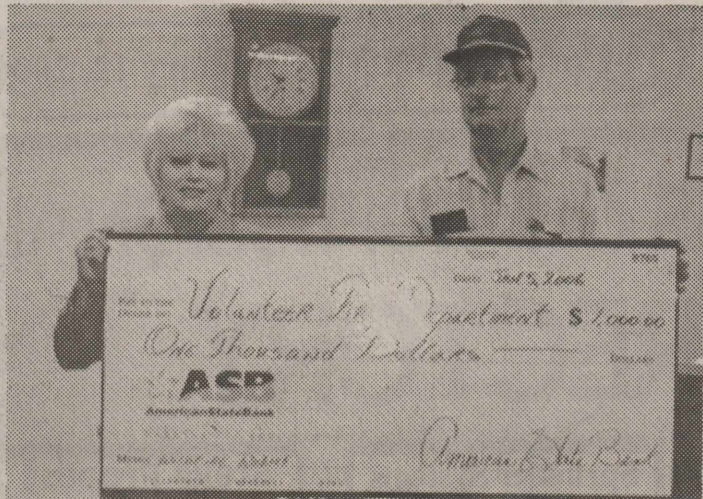
**VERY LITTLE REMAINS**—The home of the late Maudie Shepard and her son, Andrew.

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**AMERICAN STATE BANK SENDS MONEY—\$1,000 check is being accepted by City Administrator Debbie Gosnell and Fire Chief Bob Harrell.**

## "Seed Money" Planted by American State to Help Area Firefighters

American State Bank, which led a drive one year ago to aid disaster victims halfway around the world, is now moving to help stricken communities here at home.

Wildfires—generated by high winds, high temperatures, and drought conditions—have charred thousands of acres in Texas, with the loss of hundreds of structures and at least three lives. As the flames continue to burn, ASB is planting "seed money" to support the volunteer

fire departments in six key communities.

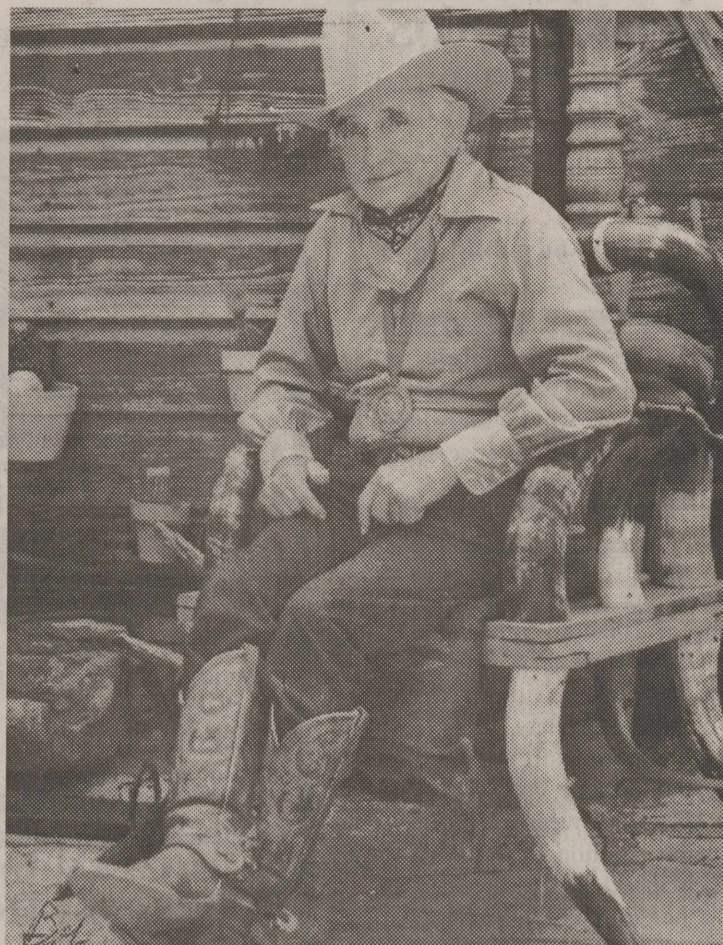
Checks for \$1,000 each will go to those departments in Cisco, Early, Comanche, Gorman, Cross Plains, DeLeon and Carbon.

ASB hopes the checks will be just a start toward meeting the region's needs. The bank encourages individuals and organizations to help in any way they can. Contributions may be made at any branch of American State Bank.



## IT'S A GIRL!

Autum Shae would like to introduce her new sister **Cadence Nadine Nickerson**. Cadence was born December 20, 2005 at Abilene Regional Medical Center at 3:02 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 0.10 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Willie and Jenny Nickerson of Cross Plains.



**COWBOY HALL OF FAME—Bobby Estes pictured here with the medal he received when he was inducted into the Cowboy Hall of Fame.**

**"A COWBOY'S LAST REQUEST"**  
LET ME TELL YOU FOLKS  
WHO HAVE GATHERED HERE TODAY  
THAT I'M A PROUD AND THANKFUL COWBOY  
WHO HAS JUST PASSED AWAY

I KNOW IT'S HARD  
BUT, PLEASE DON'T CRY  
FER I'M NOW RIDIN' GOD'S TRAILS  
HIGH UP IN THE SKY

THE HOSS I'M RIDIN' NOW  
DON'T SPOOK, BUCK, OR KICK  
FER GOD STABLES PERFECT HORSES  
AND NOT I HAVE MY PICK

LORD, PLEASE FORGIVE ME OF ALL MY SINS  
FER I HAVEN'T BEEN PERFECT  
BUT I KNOW THAT HE WHO BELIEVES IN YOU  
FOREVER WINS!

I HAVE LIVED A GOOD LIFE  
A COWBOY'S DREAM COME TRUE.  
THANK YOU, LORD,  
FER I'M NOW READY TO RIDE INTO ETERNITY  
ME, MY HORSE, AND YOU.

TERRY IKE CLANTON  
6-15-00

## Robert Powell "Bob" Estes

A fifth-generation Texan and rodeo star, Bob Estes has won practically every major rodeo in the United States, and had 13 consecutive winning seasons at New York City's Madison Square Garden, the big finale for the rodeo circuit. In 1943, he began producing rodeos as well as riding in the major ones. His Lone Star Ranch Rodeo was billed as the "World's Most Traveled Rodeo". He has produced rodeos in 19 states, Europe, Mexico and Canada.

Fifty-one years ago Bob married the daughter of a Texas cattle rancher, Marianne Rich. Marianne was performer for three years in Madison Square Garden as a ranch glamour girl and in Gene Autry's "Flying A. Ranch Rodeo".

In 1991 Bob was inducted into the Rodeo Hall of Fame, a part of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, OK.

Bobby was born December 18, 1920 in Baird in the same house he lived in all of his life until his passing. Monday,

January 2, 2006. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Bertha Estes, one brother, Fred Estes, Jr. and his beloved wife, Marianne. He is survived by his sister Betty Jane Hatchett, B.G. Hatchett his brother-in-law, two nephews Ron and Stan, two nieces, Jerry Lou and Michelle and several great nieces and great nephews and a great grand niece.

Graveside services were Friday, January 6, 2006 at the Belle Plaine Cemetery with Bob Sweeten officiating directed by Parker Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Bill Jay, Jack Watson, G.K. Lewallen, Guy Weeks, Fayette Yates, Art Reed and Steve Murrin.

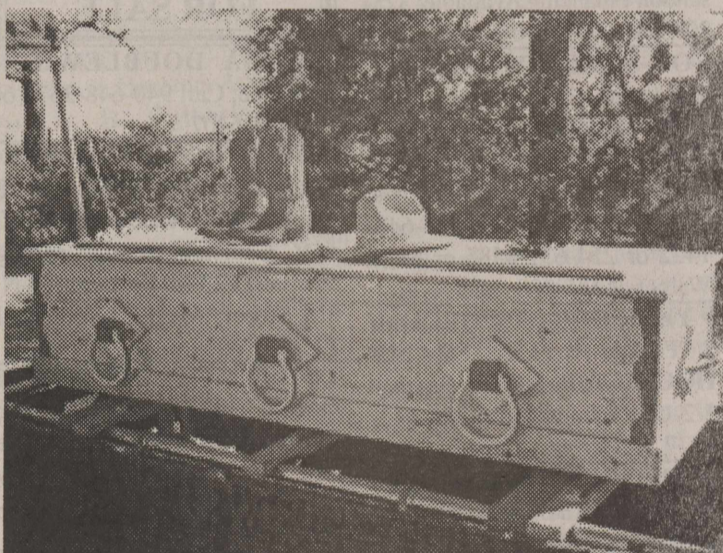
Honorary pallbearers were Lyman Brigham, Jimmy Roy Hatchett, Gene Swinson, Todd Tucker, Ron Estes, Curtis Edge, Byron Hatchett, Rob Harle, Bryan Estes, J.D. Killian and all of the old cowboys who rode with him in his Lone Star Rodeo.



**COWBOY FUNERAL—Bobby was brought up the drive to the Belle Plains Cemetery in this John Deere Green Wagon pulled by a team of paint horses.**



**RIDERLESS HORSE—Jeff Bureson and Red a riderless horse (with the boots in the stirrups turned backwards) closely followed the wagon. A silent tribute to a true horseman & bullrider.**



**COWBOY CASKET—Pictured here is a handmade cowboy casket, trimmed in leather with saddle stirrups for handles. On top are Bobby's boots and hat.**

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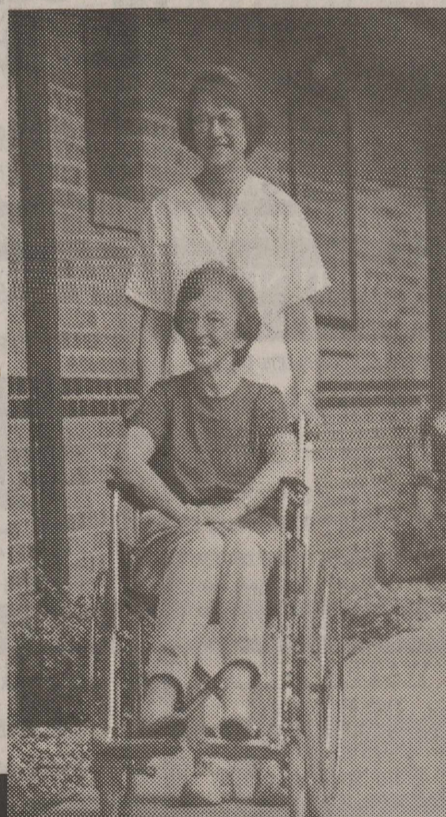
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## Emergency Conservation Program Public Meeting Set for Wed. January 18th

The Callahan County Farm Service Agency will be holding a public meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm at the Community Center in Cross Plains. The purpose of the meeting will be to inform local farmers and ranchers of the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP). The ECP program is being requested for the County to provide cost share assistance to help replace and repair fences damaged by the fires. At this meeting we will discuss the program so that local producers will understand how the program works and give program requirements.

Additionally at the meeting will be Rick Young, Farm Loan Manager from the Jones County Office. Mr. Young will discuss the Emergency Loan Program, which is a low interest loan program for agricultural producers that have been affected by a disaster.

If you lost your fences or are interested in finding out more about the Emergency Loans you are encouraged to attend the meeting.

If you have any questions you can call (325) 854-1049 ext. 2.

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### CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank the Burkett Volunteer Fire Department for putting out the fire near our house. Also we appreciate all of the people in our community who helped. Thanks again.

Marc, JoJo, Katy and Kiley Morgan

### CARD OF THANKS

We want to say thanks again to all of our friends and neighbors that helped out and came by to check on us.

We sustained some loss but nothing compared to 116 other families.

Thanks to Tommy Rogers, Rodney Callaway and John Marcee for putting out fires around the barn and the house.

Thanks to the ones that helped to catch and load my horses - Curtis Cooper, Chad Cunningham, George Watkins and I think there was one or two more there as things were happening awfully fast.

Thanks to the folks that brought feed by-Dennis Traewick, Harold Merrill, Brent Key, Tommy Ames, and Curtis Creach.

Thanks to Jeremy Box and a friend that helped to load things out of the house. Also Jeremy and Debbie and KK lost their home and their truck.

One last thank you to the community and our families and our friends for the out pouring of caring and resources. AEP and Valor along with the Independent Contractors have done a good job getting things back.

Bob and Linda Golson

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**3BR/2BA DOUBLEWIDE** - Very nice; Call 940-648-3676 or 254-725-6407. <sup>43-6tc</sup>

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Article 258.002(c) of the Texas Transportation Code, the Commissioners Court of Callahan County, Texas provides this notice to the public of its intention to convene a public meeting to receive comment upon the adoption of a County Road Map including each road in which the County claims the continued existence of a public interest and a right of access and egress for maintenance of an existing County Road. The roads in which the County claims a public interest have been maintained for many years, beginning some time prior to 1981, have previously been listed in a notice included in the 2005-06 Ad Valorem Tax statement. A proposed County Road Map depicting each road in which the County claims a public interest is available for inspection by the public at the office of the County Judge in the County Courthouse, during business hours, commencing December 1, 2005.

The Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing on January 23, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Callahan County Courthouse. At this time, pursuant to Article 258.002(b), Texas Transportation Code, any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may appear before the Commissioners Court to object or protest the County's claim of its right to continue maintenance of the public roads depicted on the County road map. Any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may also file a written protest with the County Judge at any time before the time and date of the scheduled public hearing. By way of this procedure, the County makes no claim affecting title, acreage, or ownership of the land, but seeks merely to establish and document the right of the County to continue maintenance of the existing county road in its present location and dimension.

Jeanie Bohannon,  
County Clerk

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**DQ OF CROSS PLAINS** now hiring day and night help. Looking for friendly customer service leaders. Smoke and drug free work environment. Drug test required. Apply in person today with new Manager, Bonnie Potter. <sup>42-4c</sup>

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**NEW LISTING--24.5/A** Western Eastland County, Live Oak, Mesquite, good grass, good home site, & small farm, undergrnd water. ONLY \$35,000

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\* 240/A in Callahan County, 2 ponds, 40/A cultivation, Oak, Mesquite, Liveoak, on county road, deer, turkey, dove, hogs, good home sites, some minerals \$1,300/A.

\* 401.682/A approx. 100/A in cultivation & sunflowers, remaining in large mesquite trees, CR access, excellent hunting, deer, turkey, quail, dove, hog & ducks in the winter, very good fences, electricity, old home site, western Eastland County, Possible Owner Finance. \$522,186

\* 465.494/A Eastland County, heavily wooded, mostly Oak & mesquite, several ponds stocked with fish, excellent hunting, deer, turkey, quail, dove, hogs, good home sites, water line on county road, pavement on south side, good grass & fences. Call about Financing if Needed! \$651,169

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\* 93.85/A with 2,624 sq. ft. Brick home, Central H/A, fireplace, wood stove, glassed in sun porch, large trees, on pavement, guest house, 3 barns, creek, low fences, pond, some Coastal, good hunting. Western Eastland Co. \$280,000.

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**NEW LISTING--100/A**, large Live Oak, Oak, Pecan, stock pond, creek, good cattle pens, older farm home, shop bldg., 2 water wells, excellent hunting, very pretty. \$210,000

\* 102.31/A with 3BD/2B, 2,495 sq. ft., brick home, 3 stock ponds, great hunting, deer, turkey, quail, barn, rural water, paved frontage, Oak, Pecan, & Mesquite trees, good fences, 6 miles south of Cross Plains. \$200,000

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48 Ac. - Great location, good soil, good for livestock, may divide, REDUCED	71,280
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**ACREAGE:**

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**ACREAGE WITH HOME:**

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## Commissioners' court minutes from January 6 meeting

Callahan County Commissioners voted to approve a proclamation declaring Callahan County a disaster area during a called meeting of the commissioners' court held Friday, January 6 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The disaster proclamation was due to the ongoing threat of wildfires due to the drought and other related conditions in the county. By approving the proclamation, the Callahan County Emergency Plan has been activated. The disaster proclamation will remain in effect throughout the county until the state of disaster is terminated by the commissioners' court.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and second by Commissioner Doris Grider, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve the proclamation declaring a disaster for Callahan County. The complete proclamation declaring a disaster for Callahan County appears elsewhere in this week's newspaper.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:  
—Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. County officials present included Judge Corn, Commissioners Harold

Hicks, Bryan Farmer, Tommy Holland and Doris Grider, Deputy County Treasurer Jan Windham, and County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon.

—On a motion by Commissioner Grider and second by Judge Corn, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve an Executive Order of the Commissioners' Court. A complete copy of the Executive Order appears inside this week's newspaper.

—On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and second by Commissioner Holland, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the Crime Task Force.

—On a motion by Commissioner Grider and second by Commissioner Holland, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the Crime Task Force.

—On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and second by Commissioner Holland, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to appoint Commissioner Grider as Judge Pro-Tem for the year 2006.

—On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Commissioner Grider, the court voted 5-0 to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 9:30 a.m.

## Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the office filings in the Democratic Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

### For Callahan County Judge Roger Corn

Political advertisement paid by Roger Corn, 532 Poplar, Baird, Texas 79504.

### For Callahan County Clerk Donna Bell

Political advertisement paid by Jeannie Bohannon, PFI 2484 Lot 420, Baird, Texas 79504.

All political calendar advertising for the Tuesday, March 7, 2006 Democratic Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$100.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.

## Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the office filings in the Republican Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

### For Callahan County Commissioner Precinct #4 Larry Tennison

Political advertisement paid by Larry Tennison for Commissioner Precinct #4, Betsy Tennison, Treasurer, 4266 CR 243, Clyde, Texas 79510.

### Reggie Pillans

Political advertisement paid by Suzi Pillans, Treasurer, 8567 CR 419, Cisco, Texas 76437.

### Cliff Kirkham

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### For Callahan Justice of the Peace Burlie W. Taylor

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## Welding, outdoor grilling allowed with precautions Executive Order of Commissioners' Court

### EXECUTIVE ORDER OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued January 6, 2006 the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County declared a state of disaster for Callahan County, resulting from

### THE POTENTIAL THREAT OF WILDFIRES DUE TO DROUGHT AND ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management:

NOW, THEREFORE, the following regulations shall take effect immediately upon issuance of this order and shall remain in effect until the state of disaster is terminated:

1. THE USE OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS IN AN OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT BY ANY PERSON IS PROHIBITED.

2. COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE USE OF ALL FIREWORKS, OUTDOOR MATERIALS USED IN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS WELDING AND ANY OTHER ACTIVITY THAT COULD RESULT IN A FIRE. (INCLUDES ALL TRASH BURNING)

3. PLEASE SEE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS A AND B FOR FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON WELDING AND OUTDOOR GRILLING

In accordance with the Local

Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS THE MITIGATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD POSED BY WILDFIRES DURING THE CURRENT DROUGHT CONDITIONS BY CURTAILING THE USE OF ALL COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS.

ORDERED THIS THE 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2006.

(s) Roger Corn  
Callahan County Judge  
(s) Harold Hicks  
Commissioner Precinct #1  
(s) Bryan Farmer  
Commissioner Precinct #2  
(s) Tommy Holland  
Commissioner Precinct #3  
(s) Doris Grider  
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of water on hand at all times,  
4. Must have water sprayer available for use.

5. Must wet down sufficient area (and rewet as often as necessary.)

The safety precautions must be taken and also, please use common sense and good judgment if the conditions are windy. If the job is not an emergency put it off until another date.

We are in a disaster situation, violators may be charged with a class C misdemeanor, with a maximum fine of \$500. An individual, or individuals, could be liable for damages, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face possible felony charges.

### ATTACHMENT B

Our County and the community of Cross Plains have been ravaged by fire, fueled by high winds and low humidity. These restrictions were put in place for the protection of the Citizens and their property in Callahan County.

### OUTDOOR GRILLING WILL BE PERMITTED IF THESE PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN

1. Individual grilling must attend the grill at all times.  
2. Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.

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89 Chevy Ext Cab,V8, Auto, In good condition (Red)...\$2,375  
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89 F250 Diesel Super Cab,Auto, Pretty nice truck (Blue/White)...\$2,950  
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95 Mercury Cougar XR7,4.6 V8, cold air, runs very good (Purple)...\$2,495  
95 OLDS Cutlas,V6, cold air, Looks,Runs very good(Tan)...\$1,995  
94 OLDS Cutlas,V6, Looks,Runs very good, cold air (White)...\$1,895  
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