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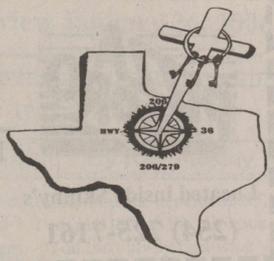
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## Fire Triggers Transitions & Miraculous Discoveries

By Vanda Anderson  
Editor

I'm not sure if anyone can remember what life "before the fire" was like. Don't you feel like we are going through the five stages of grief?

If you are not familiar with these stages, they are as follows:

- \*Shock
- \*Disbelief
- \*Anger
- \*Depression
- \*Acceptance.

They may be experienced in various orders and degrees. The stages may even be repeated until you work it out.

All of us at the Review have been especially sensitive to the some of these characteristics. None of us lost our homes, belongings, vehicles, etc. but having worked so closely with the fire victims, photos and facts, it has affected us, too. After all, the fire victims are either our friends, relatives, etc.

We have noticed that the most recent stage we have felt is frustration and anger. It seems like our level of tolerance is stressed. Now, are you scared to come by the Review????? You should be!!!! Just kidding, you know you will be treated with utmost respect.

This morning we have been doing our own little survey and others seem to be sharing the same emotions. They are spending a lot of time apologizing, too!

So, if you have been wondering what is suddenly wrong with your attitude, you might write it off to Post-traumatic Stress Disorder.

There has been so much physical illness lately, also. If

you think about the chemicals inside the houses that burned and even the chemicals in lawn products, etc. that were in storage buildings, all these released some powerful materials into the air.

I'm wondering if it will ever stop spelling like smoke. If you leave Cross Plains, you can smell the smoky residue as soon as get even close to town.

Thank God we have had some rain and it is not quite so dry now. We are anticipating more healing rains.

We have personally seen so many of the fire victims, that we are trying to share some of their stories with our readers. Each is so unique in its own right, such as the one that follows.

Steve and Kitty Propest lost their brick home east of Cross Plains to the fiery flames. They operate the RVOS insurance agency on Main Street.

Kitty recalls driving to her home the day of the big fire to rest for a while. She was unaware of any imminent danger at that time.

Then Steve came home and told her the fire was at their house. The thick black smoke had already surrounded them. He told Kitty, "Get in your car and drive to the end of the drive way to the 'bump' and turn left. Just keep driving until you can see again."

That is exactly what she did. The smoke was so thick that she could not see anything. She drove slowly down the almost one way dirt road, hoping that she wouldn't meet anyone. Finally she broke through the blackness and was able to get to town. Steve followed a little behind her in the terrible darkness.

All this time, they knew their

homes was going to be lost because the flames had engulfed it.

The next day they saw that the brick walls were standing, but the metal roof was crumpled and had fallen through the center of the structure.

Days after the disaster, Kitty noticed that she didn't have on her favorite earrings. For that matter, she didn't have any jewelry now.

She remembered removing her large hoop earrings, that were a precious gift from her mother, before lying down the day of the fire. She recalled specifically placing them on the chair. "Of all the things I've lost, this was the most dear to me because they were a gift from my mother."

The couple had moved all their insurance files, etc. to safety. They wanted to protect the information for their customers. While they were doing this, their own home was burning.

They had to get things back in order in their office and Kitty was doing some cleaning. To her delight, she saw the special earrings lying on the desk. She couldn't believe her eyes.

What most of our female readers know, that when you wear big hoop earrings to lay down comfortably, you have to take them out. Which is exactly what Kitty had done.

The only explanation left for this mysterious appearance is that an angelic being returned them.

Kitty told a sweet story about her little great-granddaughter,

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GRAND CHAMPION MARKET LAMB  
Rachelle Allen - Cross Plains FFA

## Callahan County Junior Livestock Show Results

The Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show was held at the County Show Barn January 19-21. The results are as follows:

### RABBITS

Jr. Showmanship-Jacob Archa, Eula 4-H  
Sr. Showmanship-Michael Archa, Eula 4-H

### Breeding Rabbits

Colored Bucks  
1st place Hayley Ancinec, Clyde 4-H; 2nd place Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H; 3rd place Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; 4th place Skye Brown, Clyde 4-H; 5th place Michelle Robbins, Baird 4-H.  
Champion Buck-Hayley Ancinec, Clyde 4-H

Reserve Champion Buck-Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H  
White Does

1st place Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H; 2nd place Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; 3rd place Jurnee Thomas, Cross Plains FFA; 4th place Jacob Archa, Eula 4-H; 5th place Nicholas King, Baird 4-H.

Colored Does  
1st place Ben Schaefer, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Allison Robbins, Baird 4-H; 3rd place Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H; 4th place Coby McGonagill, Baird 4-H; 5th place Michael Archa, Eula 4-H.

Grand Champion Doe-Ben Schaefer, Cross Plains FFA  
Reserve Grand Champion Doe-Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H

### Market Rabbits

Fryer Pens  
1st place Summer Hargrove, Baird FFA; 2nd place Mary Seay, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Hailey Biggs, Cross Plains FFA; 4th place Megan Betcher, Baird FFA; 5th place Rainey Bacon, Cross Plains FFA.

Grand Champion Fryer Pen-Summer Hargrove, Baird FFA  
Reserve Grand Champion Fryer Pen-Mary Seay, Clyde 4-H

### BROILERS

Jr. Showmanship-Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H  
Sr. Showmanship-Jud Clark, Baird FFA



JR. BEEF SHOWMANSHIP  
Emma Bennett,  
Cross Plains FFA

### Pen of Three

1st place Jonathan Hopkins, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H; 3rd place Jud Clark, Baird FFA; 4th place Jonathan Hopkins, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Jud Clark, Baird FFA.

### Grand Champion Broiler-

Jonathan Hopkins, Cross Plains FFA

Reserve Grand Champion Broiler-Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H

### SWINE

Jr. Showmanship-Rode Merryman, Clyde FFA  
Sr. Showmanship-Katie Bessent, Baird FFA

### Breeding Swine

Hampshire Gills  
1st place Justin Gray, Eula FFA

### Duroc Gills

1st place Garrett Strickland, Oplin 4-H; 2nd place Kat Johnston, Baird FFA; 3rd place Kelbi Hyles, Cross Plains FFA.

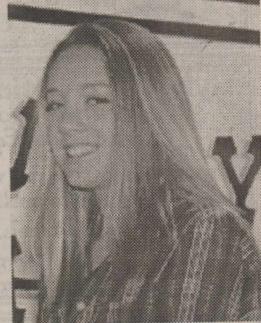
### Champion Breeding Gilt-

Garrett Strickland, Oplin 4-H

### Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt-Kat Johnston, Baird FFA

### Market Swine

Light Weight Black OPB  
1st place Chandler Albergucci, Baird FFA; 2nd place Kirstie Rand, Clyde FFA; 3rd place Preston Clark, Baird 4-H; 4th place Karissa Blackburn, Clyde FFA; 5th place Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H.



SR. SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP  
Emily Harris,  
Cross Plains FFA

### Medium Weight Black OPB

1st place Chandler Albergucci, Baird FFA; 2nd place Brittany Walsh, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Trendon Rouse, Clyde 4-H; 4th place Miles Rand, Clyde FFA; 5th place Kelbi Hyles, Cross Plains FFA.

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WINTERS COMMUNITY SHOWS CARING ATTITUDE—Kim (Hedrick) Jackson (front, left) is presenting a check to Dannes Turner (front, right) for the local fire victims. Others pictured are Superintendent Danny Clack (back, from left), Mike Neal, Belinda Swartz, Janet Cason, Mayor Ray Purvis and David Estes.

## Winters Contributes \$16,408 to Fire Victims

Winters Community Demonstrates Compassion with \$16,408 Check for Local Fire

Wednesday, January 18th, a group of citizens from Winters traveled to Cross Plains to present a check in the amount of \$16,408 to be utilized by the Cross Plains fire victims.

Danny Clack, Superintendent of Winters I.S.D., said, "Several people in Winters decided that a benefit dinner for the Cross Plains fire victims would be a good idea."

He was directed to Helen Parson at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains to determine the specific needs of the fire victims. She indicated monetary assistance was most pressing.

"So after the Christmas break I called a meeting on January 8th after Sunday church services, and about two dozen individuals attended," he commented.

He noted that a key person, his cafeteria director, Janet Cason, and her husband, Tad, were at the

meeting and plans for the dinner began. Mr. Clack made some contacts with some Abilene merchants including HEB, United, and Ben E. Keith, who responded with more than half of the food.

Individuals contributed cash donations, etc. and approximately 95 percent of the meal was donated.

Clack asked Kay Sharpes, who owns The Stitchen Post in Winters, to head up a live and

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## OBITUARIES

### ERMA TRENT

Erma Trent, age 82, of Cross Plains, died Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at Brownwood Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 13, 2006 in Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ed Walters officiating. Burial followed in the Burkett Cemetery under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home, Coleman, Texas.

She was born Erma Crawley on April 24, 1923 in Limestone County, Texas, a daughter of the late Willie and Verna Newton Crawley. She grew up in Mexia and attended school at Cotton Gin. In 1941 she married Ray Trent in Groesbeck, Texas and he preceded her in death on December 23, 1990. Mrs. Trent lived in Denver City from 1944-

1988, moving to Cross Plains in 1988. She was a housewife and a member of Highway 206 Baptist Mission.

Survivors include two sons, Billy Ray Trent and wife Ellen of Crane, Texas and Wayland Trent and wife Lisa of Denver City, Texas; two daughters, Glenda Faye Bunning and husband Ted and Peggy Joyce Birchbauer all of Columbia Heights, Minnesota; 8 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; one brother, Bud Crawley of Mexia, Texas; two sisters, Leta Glass of Mexia, Texas and Lee West of Wortham, Texas; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Highway 206 Baptist Mission, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

### IVON STERLING ODOM, JR.

CROSS PLAINS- Ivon Sterling Odom, Jr., age 56, died Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at the Hendrick Health Center in Abilene after a brief illness. Funeral services were held 3:00 p.m., Thursday, January 19, 2006, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Ronnie White officiating; burial followed in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

He was born January 4, 1950, in Baird, Texas, to Ivon Sterling, Sr. and Joyce Fay (Tabor) Odom. He graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1968. He served in the Army National Guard for six years. He was employed at Western Trailer Equipment in Abilene and was a member of Pioneer Baptist Church.

Ivon was preceded in death by his father in 1989. He is survived by his mother,

Joyce Odom of the Rowden community; two sisters, Virginia Ann Tevey and husband Ralph of Snyder and Nancy Jane Palmer and husband Charlie of Clyde; nephews, David Trevey, Scott Trevey and Michael Palmer; niece Jennifer Stewart; as well as three aunts and numerous cousins.

Pallbearers were Don Harris, Jimmy Harris, Nicky Harris, Gary Odom, Scott Trevey, Michael Palmer, John Stewart, Scott Odom. Honorary Pallbearers were Judy and Bill Steele, Steve Fortune, Bobby Payne, and Classmates.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Cross Plains Fire Dept, PO Box 185, Cross Plains, TX 76443 or the Cross Plains Fire Relief Fund, c/o Texas Heritage Bank, PO Box 699, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

### ALMA ALDONNIE KING

Alma Aldonnie King, age 72, passed away Thursday, January 19, 2006, at the Hendrick Health Center in Abilene after a brief illness.

Alma was born December 14, 1933 in Dawson County, Texas to F.H. Brooks and Ruby Mings Brooks. She married Noel King in Bangs on February 17, 1950. She was a housewife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and the glue that held her family together. She was a member of the Pioneer Baptist Church in Pioneer, Texas and was once named the youngest mother there on Mother's Day.

Survivors include her husband, Noel King of Cross Plains; sons, Billy King and wife, Beth of Olden; Richard King and wife, Kala of Weatherford; two daughters, Ruby Myers and husband, Jerry of Rising Star, and Betty Westerman of Cross Plains; son-in-law, Gary Westerman of Rising Star; two brothers, Buddy Brooks and Jesse Brooks, both of Cross Plains; two sisters, Sis Taylor of Abilene and Jewel Newman of Chilton, Texas; 8

grandchildren, Thomas and Toni Myers, Mandee and Tony Jacobs, Landon Westerman, Mike Keese, Shelly Morelan, Chris Key and Lacy Key; two great-grandchildren, Tyson Morelan and Texas Key. There are also numerous nieces and nephews who considered her a very special Aunt Cricket.

Alma was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Ruby Nell and Gladys.

A very special service was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 21, 2006, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Terry Simons officiating. Burial followed in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Pallbearers were James Apple, Jimmy McNutt, Jackie Pancake, Stuart Sowell, Mark Wilson and Ray Worley. Honorary pallbearers were Tom Hinkle, L.D. Koenig, Ryan Burks, Gregg Williams, Mike Keese, Dustin Smith, Devin Underwood and Josh Odom.

The family request that memorials be made to the Cross Plains EMS or Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department.

### RILEY GENE FALKNER

Riley Falkner, 77, of Abilene, passed away Saturday, January 21, 2006 at a local hospital. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at the Potosi Cemetery.

Mr. Falkner was born on June 4, 1928 in San Angelo, Texas to Henry Valentine Falkner and Macy Laura (Rowan) Falkner. He attended school in Long Branch and served in the United States Army. On December 4, 1953, Riley married Doris Erlene Conder in Haskell, Texas. He was employed by Dowell Service as a mechanic for 28 years. Mr. Falkner was a member of the American Legion, VFW, and the "Burger King Coffee Club". He was a Baptist.

Riley was preceded in death by both of his parents; four brothers,

William Carrol, Vernon, Daniel and John Falkner; and one sister, Shirley Falkner Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Erlene of Potosi; three sons, Ronald G. Falkner of Potosi, Terry M. Falkner of Abilene, and Ricky L. Falkner and his wife Kelli of Rule; one daughter, Sharon D. Falkner of Potosi; two brothers, Henry Elmer Falkner and his wife Florene of San Angelo and Robert H. Falkner and his wife Judy of Diane, Texas; one sister, Macy Louise Boyles and her husband John, of Brady, Texas; four grandchildren, Kyle Pate, Arron Patrick, Joanna Ellen and Taylor Dayne Falkner; and several nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be sent to: [www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com).

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### COURTHOUSE NEWS

**COUNTY COURT**  
Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Virgil Roberts, assault.  
Phillip E. Cerda, assault - family violence.  
Timothy J. Atwood, driving while license invalid (DWLI).  
Gilbert Recio, Jr., driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
Gregory Ce. Valdez, furnishing alcohol to a minor.  
Bryson C. Cannon, possession of marijuana.  
Tripp K. Ashley, possession of marijuana.  
Tyler L. Schultz, possession of marijuana.  
Charles B. Francis, DWLI.  
Isaac Castillo, possession of marijuana.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Michael Ross, plea of guilty to Ct. II - obstruction of a highway, 1 year probation, \$2000 fine, \$251 court costs.  
Zachary P. Brown, motion to dismiss to DWI granted for plea to other charge.  
Bobby L. Pence, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.  
Brian E. Jones, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.  
John W. Freeman, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted, defendant sentenced to prison on other case.  
Billy Joe Moore, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted, defendant sentenced to prison on other case.  
Brandi Colvin, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.  
Linda Cork, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.  
Jimmy Cork, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.  
Ashley Varela, order amending conditions of probation granted.  
Robert Biesenbach, motion to revoke probation granted.  
Kyle Watkins, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50 fine, \$215 court costs, \$69.64 restitution.

Jaime Elizabeth Lynchard, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$100 fine, \$215 court costs, \$218.09 restitution.

Marriage Licenses

Dennis E. Boland and Kelly D. Powell, both of Clyde.  
Jacob D. Barron and Amanda K. Choate, both of Clyde.  
James H. Thomas of Clyde and Karla F. Escobar of Sweetwater.

Marriage Licenses

Dennis E. Boland and Kelly D. Powell, both of Clyde.  
Jacob D. Barron and Amanda K. Choate, both of Clyde.  
James H. Thomas of Clyde and Karla F. Escobar of Sweetwater.

**42nd DISTRICT COURT**  
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Oliphant Financial Corporation vs. Grayson P. Miller, breach of contract.  
Berry Lee Smith and Teresa Francis Smith, divorce.  
Fidelity & Guaranty Insurance Co. vs. Marty Ross, worker's compensation.  
Krisi Lyn Fortune and Jody Jowers Fortune, divorce.  
Button Ray Ancell and Sonya Lyn Ancell, divorce.  
Marylin Wilson and Casey Wilson, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Amy Lynn Cannon, individually and as next friend of Blake Cannon, Heather Tuggle, as next friend of Joseph Bertelson, and Heather Tuggle as next friend of Tanner Logan Tuggle vs. Heather Tuggle, individually, compromise settlement agreement granted.  
Melvin Wayne Price and Lisa Delane Price, divorce granted.  
Patricia Carrigan Ray and Cody Mac Ray, divorce granted.  
Misti Hopkins and James Hopkins, divorce granted.  
Michael Schylor Bright and Tammy Mariann Bright, divorce granted.  
Ryan Thomas Leech and Lisa Kay Leech, divorce granted.

Criminal Information and Complaints

James F. Purcell, aggravated assault.

Criminal Minutes

Kevin Lee Hass, plea of guilty to DWI with child passenger, 5 year probation, \$3000 fine, \$341 court costs.  
Thomas C. Savell, motion to dismiss to theft granted.  
Shane Powell, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 8 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$295 court costs, \$9062 jointly and severally.  
William E. Guest, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation 6 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$290 court costs.  
Carlos Benavides, Jr., 4 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$241 court costs.  
Martin Cerda, Jr., plea of guilty to prohibited substance in correctional facilities, 7 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$250 court costs.  
James F. Purcell, plea of guilty to aggravated assault, 7 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$290 court costs.

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## COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett

### And The Rains Came

All you people out there who prayed for rain lately, stand up and shout "Hallelujah!" And all you people out there who did not pray for rain stand up and enjoy the fruits of the labor of all who did, just know whose side you are on. As the Holy Bible says, "The Lord makes the rain fall on the just and the unjust alike."

R.T. Peevy says that it has not rained at his place since the early days of August last year, with the exception of a couple light showers that produced less than 1/10th of an Inch. My rain gauge is broken, but, I believe R.T. He is the kind of unofficial observer that I like, describing the weather as it goes by, not making any predictions.

### Cottonwood Fire Control Unit Elects New Board Members

Bob Childress, President of the Board of the Cottonwood Fire Control Group, reporting to the assembled Cottonwood community citizens last week, reported that the fire fighters of Cottonwood responded to 13 fires last year.

The month of April witnessed the most fires, three in all, and the month of December had the biggest and most devastating fire on December 27, 2005. The Cottonwood Fire Fighters responded to that fire which started west of Cross Plains and

traveled eastward to engulf the city in flames. Over 30 fire departments from surrounding cities and towns responded to the call, including Cottonwood.

The Annual Fire Meeting of Cottonwood elected three people to fill the vacancies of retiring members. The new members included Tom Bennett, Roger Hinkle, and Garmon Parrish. The members that held over from last year included, Joe Besselaar, Joe Terstegge, and Arnie Smith.

The Board, meeting after the Community meeting, then elected Bob Childress as Fire Chief; Tom Bennett, Assistant Fire Chief; and Dianne Smith as Secretary/Treasurer.

### Cottonwood Quilt Brings Healthy Price At Annual Rehab Auction

The Cottonwood Quilting Club's donation to the annual West Texas Rehabilitation Center's auction brought \$490.00. That's a nice and healthy contribution. Members of the Club were well pleased. All in all, the auction included donations and gifts of livestock, quilts and many items from all over the Big Country.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Unit and the Cottonwood Quilting Club, the Churches, and the Cottonwood Historical Association, all volunteers, are organizations that make

Cottonwood what it is, a closely knit community of people who care about each other and the community; HATS OFF! to all volunteers.

### Cottonwood Students Do Well In Stock Show

All Cottonwood area students going to Cross Plains schools earned ribbons and/or money and gained a lifetime set of memories and experience as they showed animals in the Callahan County Junior Livestock Show this past weekend.

Brock Cooper showed a pig, as did Kelli Sue Bennett, Austin Thomas, Brock Cooper, Zach Bennett, Dakota and Dalton Gilliams, and Garrett Stephens. Rick Snell showed a lamb and Sammy Tollett showed a goat, while Megan Thomas and Emma Bennett showed steers.

The great thing about the annual Stock Show is that it does provide a lifetime of memories and experience the students will never forget, and a few moments of pent-up emotion and intense anticipation for the parents and grandparents.

(To provide informational items and items of fact for this column, call Wallace Bennett at (254)725-7474. E-mail csb5@airmail.net. Snail mail is Box 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas, 76443. Please remember, if I don't know it, I can't print it.)

## PIONEER NEWS

Cowan and Laverne's daughter, Wanetta, and their grandchildren, Travis and Arlene had dinner with them Friday. They all enjoyed a good afternoon and visit after dinner. Travis had finished his school at Wichita Falls and now is teaching back in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he is stationed.

The quilting ladies had a good day Tuesday. We have three quilts in the frame. There's plenty of work and fun.

Mozelle Richardson, Wilma Lawrence, Jean Alexander and May Jones visited with Dorthy Zedlitz. Dorthy is making progress. It was great seeing her.

Jessica's children came to visit Christmas, along with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chisholm, the parents of Andrew, Deanna's husband, and a niece and her husband from near Austin. Everyone had a good time and they were all welcomed and we enjoyed their company.

Vernon's niece, Kathy Phillips Brown brought their dad, Homer

Phillips to see Glenda and family, January 7th. Homer's health isn't good. They had lunch at Jean's. They live near Hico. They couldn't believe the damage of the fire. Glenda and family really enjoyed their visit.

Glenda went with Allen and family, January 14th to see Vernon's brother, Bobby and wife at Eldorado. Bobby is recovering from open heart surgery. It was good to see them. They also got to see one of their sons.

Wanda Nelson has been having lots of pain from a nerve affecting her hip and leg. She is supposed to have surgery on her back, January 24th to take care of it. She will be at Zale Lipsky Hospital in Dallas for several days.

Glenda is still going to basketball games. She planned to go watch Krista show her goats at the stock show. She said it was great to have grandkids to occupy her mind. She is packing Logan up today at school. Janice's grandmother, Dieke from Winters is having hip replacement surgery this week at Abilene Regional.

## It's Worth Crowing About



Tex sez "Have ya' noticed" ..... how the best time to study human nature is in the face of disaster? Have you ever seen a small community the size of ours suffer such a devastating disaster as the recent fire and find such an instant way to cope with it? People from our city officials to the neighbor next door just stepped up to the challenge and figured out how to make the "ugly" go away. Good ole' Texas backbone, ingenuity, cooperation and compassion spell success in any book.

## Public Meeting Held on New Callahan County Road Map

Callahan County Commissioners will adopt the new County Road Map at its February 14 commissioners' court meeting.

The commissioners' court held a meeting Monday, January 23 at the County Courthouse in Baird to take public comments on the proposed County Road Map. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by County Judge Roger Corn.

Bob Bass, representing Allison, Bass & Associates LLP, was presented at the Monday morning meeting to discuss or answer any questions about the proposed county roads. New legislation gives counties from 2002 until 2009 to publish new maps showing the county road system.

Since there was no objections from the public at the hearing, the county commissioners will adopt the new County Road Map at the Monday, February 13 commissioners' court meeting.

The public hearing was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. on a motion by Commissioner Tommy Holland and second by Commissioner Doris Grider with a 5-0 vote.

## LIBRARY NOTES

Check It Out!

Behind The Books

My little mind just continues to be totally impressed with the sense of giving and sharing that I see in this community. My buddies here in the Library created an opportunity for people to donate books that can be given to those folks who lost theirs in THE FIRE.....and here came the books. New books, once read books, books in colorful bags and calls that more are on the way. Ya'll stay tuned to my spot here to see when we are ready for the wonderful give away party.

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### Statistics January 16-26, 2006

Books: 84  
LAP 35  
Lapsit 10  
Other 39

Internet Users: 14

Honorariums: Delmer and Sharon Pope in Honor of Cross Plains Fire Department Volunteers

Memorials: Richard and Mary Ann Chaffin in Memory of Zora Mae Bryant; Mary Bates in Memory of Mattie Faye Wilson; A.M. and H.J. Brown in Memory of George B. Booth; Joe and Jean McWilliams in Memory of Mattie Faye Wilson; Wallace and Carol S. Bennett in Memory of Wilma Tarlton; Jane Bonner in Memory of Zora Mae Bryant and Wilma Tarlton

Donations: Bob and Patsy Pipes; Vincent and Betty Meiron; W.L. and Carmelleta Dehart; Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Stambaugh; Curt and Ginny Hoskins

Donations-Books: 0

### Library Activity Report January 16-26, 2006

Patrons: 58  
LAP 9  
Lapsit 3  
Other 46  
Programs: 40  
Copies: 7  
References: 0  
Books: 22  
Calls In: 3  
Internet Users: 14

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 3

MONDAY - Beef Vegetable Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Pears, Ranger Cookie

TUESDAY - Pinto Beans & Ham, Tomatoes & Okra, Hominy, Peach Cobbler

WEDNESDAY - Chef Salad (Ham - Egg - Cheese), Baked Potato, Gelatin w/Fruit, Crackers  
THURSDAY - Oven Fried Chicken w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Tapioca Pudding, Bread

FRIDAY - Beef Stew, Tossed Salad, Pineapple & Cottage Cheese, Cookie, Crackers

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

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## QUIPS, CLIPS AND COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

Note: Have faith and be in prayer. It has been said and I believe it, that prayer changes things.

### "Shop, Drop and Begin Again"

Now that the holidays have passed, I can begin again. It is fun for me, I really enjoy spending time looking through magazines, ads and catalogues, searching for ideas or for just the right item for someone's Christmas gift for the next year.

By starting early, once I have spotted an item that interests me, I jot down which book it is in according to the page. This enables me to comparison shop.

I spotted an item I wanted and the price was \$11.99. I made my note and then I found the same item in another catalogue for \$8.99. A couple of months later I

found the same item for \$3.99, so I ordered it from the last book.

You can't always get what you want with that much difference in price, but if you watch carefully you will find sometimes a \$3.00 difference.

Usually by October I have all these little stocking-stuffers ordered and in my house. Then all I have to do is go out shopping for the big gifts.

Then we get'em all together, parcel them out and wrap them. The little things sometimes tell the best and most fun stories.

For one of my children I always put a little mouse in his gifts each year. I look all year for that little mouse which different from all the others.

Another child likes those socks with treats on the bottom. No matter what the gift, there is always some of those socks in that one's gifts.

Giving is so much FUN!!!!!!

## RIISING STAR NURSING NEWS

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new LVN - Nurse Chanda Ivy. Welcome aboard Chanda, it is good to have you as part of our team. Also in the laundry department we welcome Dona McIntire as part of this team.

During our Resident Council Meeting last week, the residents voted back Irene Starkey as their President and Volley Joe Williams as their Vice President for another term. They both have done a wonderful job this past year of serving and we look forward to another great year.

This past weekend proved that it can rain. We all need to continue praying for more.

Ava Dodd reports that her granddaughter, Sammie Tollett, did great at the Cross Plains Stock Show. Sammie received close to \$750.00 dollars for the sale of her goat Daisy. Ava said that all five of her grandchildren made the sale!

BEAUTIFUL YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ACTS OF NATURE. BUT BEAUTIFUL OLD PEOPLE ARE WORKS OF ART.

## Elvan Goode seeking Nomination for Callahan County Commissioner

I am Elvan Goode and am seeking your vote for Commissioner of Callahan County - Precinct 4. I have lived in the Cross Plains community for 36 years.

I am a six year Navy veteran and served another six years as a USDA Federal and State inspector. I worked for the Pioneer Co-op as a foreman for 4 years and over 3 years as the manager. For 10 years I was a road maintainer/operator for Precinct 4.

Knowing the county roads in Precinct 4, and I am well aware of the problems. If elected, my main goals and most pressing concerns would be to improve the school bus routes and widen the roads so farmers and ranchers can use the county roads without

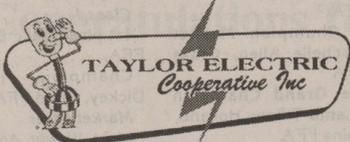


ELVAN GOODE

tearing up equipment. With my experience, I believe I can find funds to add road material to the county roads and greatly improve their quality. I would appreciate your vote.

Political Ad Paid for by Elvan Goode 17041 CR 441, Cross Plains, TX 76443

To get your name on the Birthday Column, send your name and date of birth to The Cross Plains Review, P.O. Box 519, Cross Plains, Texas 76443, There is no charge for this service. To delete a name due to death or other reasons send name and birth date (Month and Day) or Call 254-725-6111



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## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
Cross Plains Church of Christ  
433 N. Main  
(254) 725-6117



Everyone is invited to a SPECIAL SERIES OF SERMONS SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

"WHAT IN GOD'S NAME IS GOING ON?!"

9:45 a.m. — "What is God Doing?"

10:45 a.m. — "Why do You Care About People?"

2:00 p.m. — "Let Me Tell You About Another Survivor"

There will be a noon meal at the Activity Center (617 Hwy. 36 E.), followed by the 2:00 p.m. assembly at that location. Speaker for all three lessons/sermons will be Steve Ridgell, Herald of Truth Ministries.

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.  
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

Confused Sad Overwhelmed  
ARE YOU FEELING?  
Afraid Uncertain Angry

Seek the Lord. He will Deliver You.

"I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears."  
Psalm 34:4



HERALD OF TRUTH  
His Word for His World. Every Day.™

If you would like someone to pray for you by name, for 30 days, with no strings attached, Call us!

(866) 814-HOPE

www.hopeforlife.org

Or visit your local church of Christ

## Junior High Basketball Results

The 7th and 8th girls have played two (2) games since the last report. In the first game the 7th grade girls lost to Baird 39 to 16 (the 16 points is their season high). In this game Delaney Ames and Savana Wyatt had 4 points each. Shana Lewis, Kodi Roberts and Miranda Williams had 2 points each.

In the 8th grade game, the girls lost 37 to 23. The girls only scored 5 points the 1st half. But in the 2nd half they scored 18 points. Scoring for the girls were: Emma Bennett-13, Tiffany Holland-4, Shasta Bacon-4, Amanda Dunaway-2.

The girls games were against Eula and we were defeated 38-14. Scoring were Shana Lewis-6, Delaney Ames-4, Kodi Roberts-2, Miranda Williams-2. The

girls are getting better and are working hard and starting to understand the game of basketball.

In the 8th grade game, the girls played Eula and the game could of gone either way. The final score was Eula 25, Cross Plains 20. For some reason the shots would not fall and the girls scored 0 points in the 2nd quarter. But they came back in the 2nd half by scoring 13 points. Scoring was Shasta Bacon-8, Emma Bennett-8, Tiffany Holland-4. Also playing was Amanda Dunaway, Kayla Lawrence, Melissa Black and Cierra Odom.

The girls next action is Monday at Ranger, then Gorman the following Thursday.

Submitted by  
Coach Atchley

## JV Boys Basketball Results

On January 17, 2006 the Cross Plains JV Boys played Gorman. They ran out of the gates the first quarter outscoring Gorman 12 to 4. The second quarter proved to be much of the same. At halftime the score was Cross Plains 23 and Gorman 10. The second half Cross Plains never looked back outscoring Gorman 19 to 11 making the final score CP 42, Gorman 21.

Scoring for the Buffs: Fili Vesquez-11, Brock Cooper-4, Joe Wyatt-2, Ashton Yates-2, Doug

Holland-10, Markus Maxwell-4, Janathan Hopkins-3, Mitchell Gibbs-6.

On January 20, 2006 Cross Plains JV Boys played Albany. The Buffs seemed to feel the effect of a long week falling to Albany 55 to 29. We were never really able to get anything going, but the kids played hard til the end.

Scoring for the Buffs: Fili Vesquez-7, Brock Cooper-2, Joe Wyatt-1, Doug Holland-1, Markus Maxwell-2, and Mitchell Gibbs-16.

## JV Girls Lose to Stock Show Albany Friday

The JV girls basketball team lost to Albany, 30-27. Mandy Rose led all scorers with 7 points. Terrah Augustine, Starla Schaefer, and Ashleigh Gallaway all scored 6 points each. Betty Mathews added 2 points.

## JV Girls Beat Gorman Tuesday

The JV girls basketball team defeated Gorman, 26-24. Ashleigh Gallaway had 10 points. Starla Schaefer had 6 points. Mandy Rose scored 5 points. Betty Mathews had 4 points and Terrah Augustine added 1.

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## Lady Buff Basketball

Last week was a tough week due to the last second loss to Gorman Tuesday night at home. Gorman led off with leads at the end of the first quarter (9-14) and halftime (26-32) but due to a strong third quarter, the Lady Buffs pulled out to a 48-43 lead going into the fourth. The Lady Buffs outscored Gorman 22-11 in the third thanks to clutch outside shooting by Karen Scott and Emily Harris who both connected for two threes apiece that quarter. As the two teams headed into the fourth quarter the Lady Buffs maintained a four point lead with less than a minute left but unfortunately inexperience caught up with the team as a forced shot led to a Gorman three pointer and the ball was thrown away and stolen by Gorman in time to make a lay up at the buzzer for the 61-62 win. Scoring for Cross Plains: Karen Scott-23, Christina Avants-4, Mykea Douglass-12, Emily Harris-8, Krista Phillips-3, Macayla Cook-5, and Samantha Hutton-6.

On Friday the Lady Buffs faced the Albany Lady Lions at home. Albany jumped out to a 3-18 lead after the first quarter and never had to look back as the Lady Buffs struggled to find a rhythm all night long. The Lady Lions were also helped by tight fouls as the Lady Buffs had three players in foul trouble early in the game. Overall the Lady Lions hit 19 out of 23 free throws compared to only 3 out of 7 for the Lady Buffs. The night ended with Albany taking a 32-63 win leaving the Lady Lions undefeated for the first half of district. The Lady Buffs finished the first half of district at 1-4 with district resuming Tuesday in Baird. Scoring for Cross Plains: Karen Scott-7, Christina Avants-7, Mykea Douglass-1, Krista Phillips-2, Macayla Cook-5, and Samantha Hutton-10.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 3

### BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice  
TUESDAY - Waffle, Sausage, Assorted Juice  
WEDNESDAY - Poptart, Yogurt, Assorted Juice  
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice  
FRIDAY - Breakfast Bread, Assorted Juice

### LUNCH

MONDAY- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Chocolate Pudding  
TUESDAY - Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Meadow Blend, Rolls, Pears  
WEDNESDAY- Chicken Fajita, Salad, Refried Beans, Pineapple Cake  
THURSDAY- Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Cheese Stick, Broccoli, Texas Toast, Mixed Fruit  
FRIDAY- Submarine Sandwich, Salad, Pickles, Chips, Ice Cream

### Heavy Weight Black OPB

1st place Trendon Rouse, Clyde 4-H; 2nd place Rachelle Allen, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Chazney Gray, Clyde 4-H; 4th place Bobby Tackett, Clyde FFA; 5th place Kat Johnston, Baird FFA.

**Champion Black OPB**-Chandler Albergucci, Baird FFA  
**Reserve Champion Black OPB**-Trendon Rouse, Clyde 4-H

### Light Weight Duroc

1st place Rode Merryman, Clyde FFA; 2nd place Kirstie Rand, Clyde FFA; 3rd place BreAnn Strickland, Baird 4-H; 4th place Sara Richburg, Clyde FFA; 5th place Brittany Chesser, Eula 4-H.

### Middle Weight Duroc

1st place Derek Edwards, Clyde FFA; 2nd place Rode Merryman, Clyde FFA; 3rd place Taylor Partain, Clyde FFA; 4th place Kodie Magistro, Clyde 4-H; 5th place Keldyn Atkinson, Clyde 4-H.

### Heavy Weight Duroc

1st place Derek Edwards, Clyde FFA; 2nd place Rode Merryman, Clyde FFA; 3rd place Kat Johnston, Baird FFA; 4th place Jacob Estes, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Kaitlyn Robinson, Baird FFA.

**Champion Duroc**-Rode Merryman, Clyde FFA

**Reserve Champion Duroc**-Derek Edwards, Clyde FFA

### Light Weight Hampshire

1st place Rowdy Stone, Clyde 4-H; 2nd place Kat Johnston, Baird FFA; 3rd place Brentt Nichols, Oplin 4-H; 4th place BreAnn Strickland, Baird 4-H; 5th place Kerrey Russell, Clyde FFA.

### Middle Weight Hampshire

1st place Katie Bessent, Baird FFA; 2nd place Kevin Pickens, Eula 4-H; 3rd place Whitney Richardson, Clyde FFA; 4th place Kerrey Russell, Clyde FFA; 5th place Kat Johnston, Baird FFA.

### Light Heavy Weight Hampshire

1st place Kallie Pruet, Baird 4-H; 2nd place Rode Merryman, Clyde FFA; 3rd place Kelbi Hyles, Cross Plains FFA; 4th place Katie Bessent, Baird FFA; 5th place Jonathan Seabourn, Clyde 4-H.

### Heavy Weight Hampshire

1st place Tyler Orlando, Baird FFA; 2nd place Derek Edwards, Clyde FFA; 3rd place Lauren Orlando, Baird FFA; 4th place Kaitlyn Robinson, Baird FFA; 5th place Kayla Windham.

**Champion Hampshire**-Kallie Pruet, Baird 4-H

**Reserve Champion Hampshire**-Katie Bessent, Baird FFA

### Light Weight White OPB

1st place Janae Rouse, Clyde 4-H; 2nd place Chase Walsh, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Alexis Walsh, Clyde 4-H.

### Heavy Weight White OPB

1st place Jagher Gray, Clyde 4-H; 2nd place Chazney Gray, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Noah Albergucci, Baird FFA.

**Champion White OPB**-Janae Rouse, Clyde 4-H

**Reserve Champion White OPB**-Jagher Gray, Clyde 4-H

### Light Weight Yorkshire

1st place Kat Johnston, Baird FFA; 2nd place Bobby Tackett, Clyde FFA; 3rd place Jonathan Seabourn, Clyde 4-H; 4th place Garrett Scott, Eula 4-H; 5th place Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H.

### Middle Weight Yorkshire

1st place Garrett Scott, Eula 4-H; 2nd place Tyrel Mullican, Eula FFA; 3rd place Cody Smith, Baird 4-H; 4th place KaSarah Seabourn, Clyde 4-H; 5th place Denise Shelton, Clyde 4-H.

### Heavy Weight Yorkshire

1st place Katie Bessent, Baird FFA; 2nd place Rode Merryman, Clyde FFA; 3rd place Bailey Reynolds, Eula FFA; 4th place Kat Johnston, Baird FFA; 5th place Markus Maxwell, Cross Plains FFA.

**Champion Yorkshire**-Katie Bessent, Baird FFA

**Reserve Champion Yorkshire**-Kat Johnston, Baird FFA

### Light Weight Cross

1st place Tyrel Mullican, Eula FFA; 2nd place Kelli Sue Bennett, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Jonathan Seabourn, Clyde 4-H; 4th place Zach Bennett, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Garrett Stephens, Cross Plains FFA.

### Middle Weight Cross

1st place Bailey Reynolds, Eula FFA; 2nd place Garrett Stephens, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Garrett Strickland, Oplin 4-H; 4th place Mykea Douglass, Cross Plains FFA;

5th place Kallie Pruet, Baird 4-H.

### Heavy Weight Cross

1st place Katie Bessent, Baird FFA; 2nd place Jagher Gray, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Bailey Reynolds, Eula FFA; 4th place Garrett Stephens, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Dakota Gilliam, Cross Plains FFA.

**Champion Cross**-Katie Bessent, Baird FFA

**Reserve Champion Cross**-Bailey Reynolds, Eula FFA

**Grand Champion Market Swine**-Katie Bessent, Baird FFA

**Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine**-Rode Merryman, Clyde FFA

### MARKET LAMB

Jr. Showmanship-Breanna Mayfield, Clyde 4-H

Sr. Showmanship-Emily Harris, Cross Plains FFA

### Finewool

1st place Jake Snell, Cross Plains FFA.

**Champion Finewool**-Jake Snell, Cross Plains FFA

**Light Weight Finewool Cross**

1st place Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H; 2nd place Tiffany Holland, Cross Plains FFA.

**Heavy Weight Finewool Cross**

1st place Austin Thomas, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Ty Strickland, Baird 4-H; 3rd place Jae Lynn Stout, Cross Plains FFA.

**Champion Finewool Cross**-Austin Thomas, Cross Plains FFA

**Reserve Champion Finewool Cross**-Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H

### Light Weight Southdown

1st place Garrett Scott, Eula 4-H; 2nd place Garrett Scott, Eula 4-H; 3rd place Sheena Apple, Cross Plains FFA.

### Heavy Weight Southdown

1st place BreeAnn Strickland, Baird 4-H; 2nd place Emily Harris, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Garrett Scott, Eula 4-H.

**Champion Southdown**-BreeAnn Strickland, Baird 4-H

**Reserve Champion Southdown**-Emily Harris, Cross Plains FFA

### Light Weight Medium Wool

1st place Breanna Mayfield, Clyde 4-H; 2nd place Bret Berry, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Sydnee Lindsey, Eula FFA; 4th place Tyler Mayfield, Clyde 4-H.

**Medium Weight Medium Wool**

1st place Tiffany Holland, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Bret Berry, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Hailey Biggs, Cross Plains FFA; 4th place Garrett Stephens, Cross Plains FFA.

### Heavy Weight Medium Wool

1st place Rachelle Allen, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Emily Harris, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Macayla Cook, Cross Plains FFA; 4th place Rachelle Allen, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Garrett Stephens, Cross Plains FFA.

**Champion Medium Wool**-Rachelle Allen, Cross Plains FFA

**Reserve Champion Medium Wool**-Tiffany Holland, Cross Plains FFA

**Grand Champion Market Lamb**-Rachelle Allen, Cross Plains FFA

**Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb**-Tiffany Holland, Cross Plains FFA

### GOATS

Jr. Showmanship-Kinsey Dean, Eula 4-H

Sr. Showmanship-Tyler Orlando, Baird FFA

### Breeding Goats

Junior Does

1st place Ty Rhoads, Baird 4-H; 2nd place Nicki Carroll, Eula 4-H; 3rd place Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H.

### Senior Does

1st place Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H; 2nd place Ty Rhoads, Baird 4-H.

**Champion Breeding Boer Goat**-Ty Rhoads, Baird 4-H

**Reserve Champion Breeding Boer Goat**-Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H

### Meat Goat

#### Class 1

1st place Shala Wilson, Clyde 4-H; 2nd place Whitney Hicks, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Shelby McWilliams, Cross Plains FFA; 4th place Jeremy Hamilton, Eula 4-H; 5th place Savana Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA.

#### Class 2

1st place Lauren Orlando, Baird FFA; 2nd place Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H; 3rd place Whitney Hicks, Clyde 4-H; 4th place Nicki Carroll, Eula 4-H; 5th place Krista Phillips, Cross Plains FFA.

#### Class 3

1st place Ty Rhoads, Baird 4-

H; 2nd place Hailey Biggs Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Payton McIntire, Baird FFA; 4th place Paige Galindo, Eula 4-H; 5th place Jameson Botello Clyde FFA.

#### Class 4

1st place Hayden Wyatt Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H; 3rd place Whitney Hicks, Clyde 4-H; 4th place Joseph Callaway, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Chris Marr, Cross Plains FFA.

#### Class 5

1st place Jurnee Thomas Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Kinsey Dean, Eula 4-H; 3rd place Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H; 4th place Hayley Ancine, Clyde 4-H; 5th place Ty Rhoads, Baird 4-H.

#### Class 6

1st place Jurnee Thomas Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Emily Harris, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Kelbi Dean, Eula 4-H; 4th place Ethan White, Eula 4-H; 5th place Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H.

#### Class 7

1st place Tyler Orlando, Baird FFA; 2nd place Joe Dalton Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Ethan White, Eula 4-H; 4th place Wes Hamilton, Eula 4-H; 5th place Shelby McWilliams, Cross Plains FFA.

#### Class 8

1st place Kinsey Dean, Eula 4-H; 2nd place Whitney Hicks, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Cody Gibbs, Baird FFA; 4th place Lacy Jones, Baird 4-H; 5th place Ty Rhoads, Baird 4-H.

#### Class 9

1st place Kelby Dean, Eula 4-H; 2nd place Ethan White, Eula 4-H; 3rd place Ty Rhoads, Baird 4-H; 4th place Shahala Trammell, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Veronica Alvarado, Baird 4-H.

#### Class 10

1st place Ethan White, Eula 4-H; 2nd place Ethan White, Eula 4-H; 3rd place Kinsey Dean, Eula 4-H; 4th place Hayden Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Mat Graven, Eula FFA.

#### Class 11

1st place Clay Koenig, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Whitney Hicks, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Jachie Hayhurst, Clyde FFA; 4th place Hayden Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Hayden Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA.

#### Class 12

1st place Emily Hall, Eula 4-H; 2nd place Alysa Isenhower, Baird 4-H; 3rd place Shahala Trammell, Cross Plains FFA; 4th place Skyler Hayhurst, Clyde FFA; 5th place Rose Wamsley, Baird 4-H.

**Grand Champion Market Goat** - Tyler Orlando, Baird FFA

**Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat**-Ethan White, Eula 4-H

### BEEF CATTLE

Jr. Showmanship-Emma Bennett, Cross Plains FFA

Sr. Showmanship-Shayla Lee, Clyde 4-H

### Heifers

#### Class 1

1st place Issac Dickey, Baird FFA.

**Champion Heifer**-Issac Dickey, Baird FFA

### Market Steer

**Light Weight American Cross Steers**

1st place Shayla Lee, Clyde 4-H; 2nd place Issac Dickey, Baird FFA; 3rd place Blake Hutchins, Cross Plains FFA; 4th place Samantha Dickson, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Kourtney Russell, Clyde FFA.

**Heavy Weight American Cross Steers**

1st place Amber Clark, Baird 4-H; 2nd place Kandi Anders, Clyde FFA; 3rd place Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H; 4th place Kutter Russell, Clyde FFA.

**Champion American Cross Steer**-Amber Clark, Baird 4-H

**Reserve Champion American Cross Steer**-Shayla Lee, Clyde 4-H

**Light Weight English**

1st place Joe Dalton Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Kourtney Russell, Clyde FFA; 4th place Sterling Rutland, Clyde 4-H.

**Heavy Weight English**

1st place Bronc Dillard, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Justin Dickson, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Shayla Lee, Clyde 4-H.

**Champion English Steer**-Bronc Dillard, Cross Plains FFA

**Reserve Champion English Steer**-Justin Dickson, Cross Plains FFA

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## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **January 26, 2006**, beginning at **6:00 p.m.** in the High School Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

1. Open Meeting
2. Prayer
3. Open Forum
4. Read and Accept Minutes
5. Public Hearing on AEIS

Reports for Cross Plains ISD

6. Discuss and take action on girls softball program at Cross Plains ISD

7. Discuss and take action on old gym heating system

8. Discuss and take action on Waiver Request for the First Day of Instruction (2006-07) for Students at Cross Plains ISD

9. Discuss and take action on Texas Association of School Board Update 77

10. Discuss and take action on Tabled Motion of Employment of Half Time Counselor

11. Executive Session

A.) Discuss Teachers State Pay Raise

B.) Resignation of Bus Driver-Fred St. Peter

C.) Discuss Replacing

Retiring Bus Driver

D.) Conduct Superintendent Jackie Tennison's Annual Evaluation

E.) Discuss Superintendent Jackie Tennison's Contract

12. Take action on Resignation and Hiring of Bus Drivers

13. Take action on Teachers State Pay Raise

14. Take action on Superintendent's Contract

15. Review Financial Report/Pay Bills

16. Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on January 23, 2006, at 11:00 a.m.

Jackie Tennison  
For the Board of Trustees

## SPECIAL THANKS

A belated but very big thank you to all who helped during this football season. It takes many volunteers and many hours to have things go smoothly. I appreciated those who stepped up and supported us by volunteering their time. We could not do it without you.  
Coach Hagler and Coaching Staff

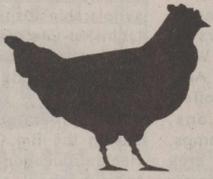
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GRAND CHAMPION BROILERS  
Jonathan Hopkins - Cross Plains FFA



*Light Weight European Steers*  
1st place Chris McBride, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Shayla Lee, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Derek Edwards, Clyde FFA; 4th place Megan Thomas, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Mykea Douglass, Cross Plains FFA.

*Medium Light Weight European Steers*

1st place Emma Bennett, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Blan Scott, Baird FFA.

*Middle Weight European Steers*  
1st place Justin Dickson, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Sterling Rutland, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Lorelee Reynolds,

Eula 4-H; 4th place Tru Avants, Cross Plains FFA.

*Heavy Weight European Steers*  
1st place Kandi Anders, Clyde FFA; 2nd place Issac Dickey, Baird FFA; 3rd place Blan Scott, Baird FFA; 4th place Christina Avants, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Tru Avants, Cross Plains FFA.

*Champion European Steer*-Kandi Anders, Clyde FFA

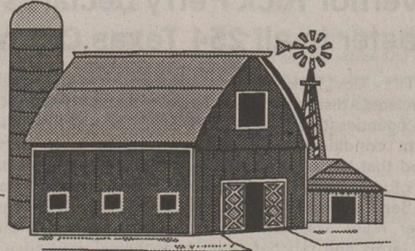
*Reserve Champion European Steer*-Justin Dickson, Cross Plains FFA

*Grand Champion Market Steer*-Kandi Anders, Clyde FFA.

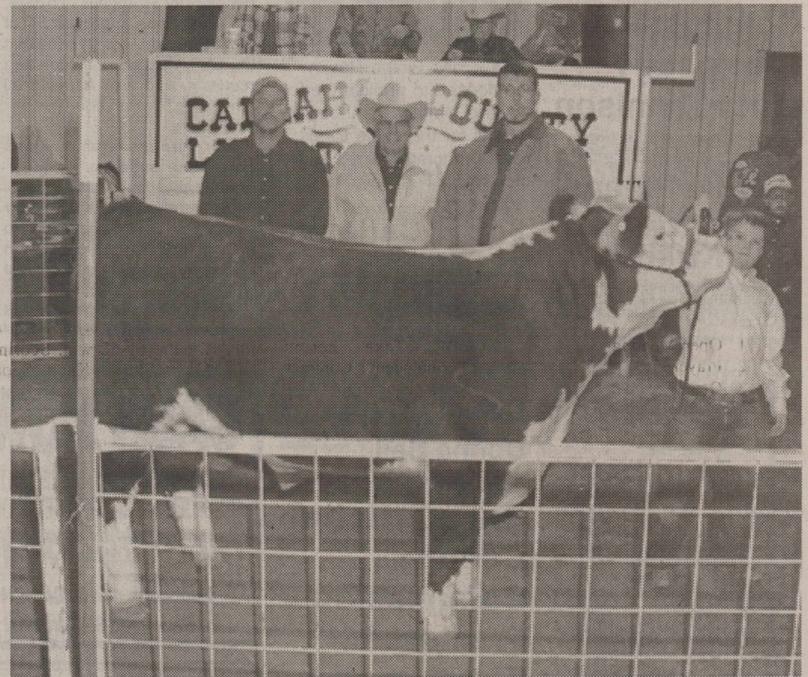
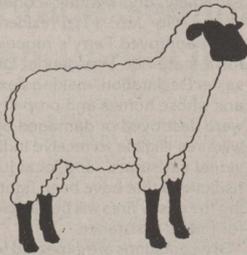
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## Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from January 15, 2006 through January 21, 2006 include:

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 Warnings—89  
 Complaints—93  
 DWI—1  
 Driving While License Invalid—1  
 Disorderly Conduct—1  
 Disregard for a Police Officer—1  
 Fugitive Arrest-Violation of Probation—1

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## 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**

Political advertisement paid by the Cliff Kirkham Campaign Committee, Cornie Kirkham, Treasurer, 20235 FM 2707, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

**For Callahan Justice of the Peace Precinct #4 Burlie W. Taylor**

Political advertisement paid by B.W. Taylor, Jerrri Taylor, 16469 FM 880 South, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

**Bob Hill**

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**Rodger Hart**

Political advertisement paid by Rodger Hart, Regina Hart, Treasurer, P.O. Box 475, Cross Plains, Texas, 76443.

All political calendar advertising for the Tuesday, March 7, 2006 Republican 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.

## Special Series of Lessons to begin Sunday at Cross Plains Church of Christ

Everyone is invited to hear a special series of sermons this Sunday at the Cross Plains Church of Christ, 433 North Main. Steve Ridgell, Director of Herald of Truth Ministries, Abilene, will be sharing this series of lessons entitled "What in God's Name is Going On?!" He will be preaching at the regular Sunday morning Bible Class and Worship hours, 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., then again at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon. Sermons are entitled: "What is God Doing?"; "Why do You Care About People?"; "Let Me Tell You About Another Survivor."

There will also be a meal provided at noon. Due to the church's Activity Center being used to distribute things to fire victims, the meal will be at the Senior Citizens Center.

You are urged to take full advantage of these timely lessons, and enjoy the meal together.

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## 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, PR 2484 Lot 420, Baird, Texas 79504.

**For Callahan County Commissioner Precinct #4 Elvan Goode**

Political advertisement paid by Elvan Goode, 17041 CR 441, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

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## County and district clerks take part in seminar at College Station

Jeanie Bohannon County Clerk and Sharon Owens District Clerk joined over 400 clerks' office personnel for the 34th Annual County and District Clerks' Continuing Education Seminar at the Hilton College Station Hotel and Conference Center on January 9-12, 2006.

Included in the program were sessions on computer security, harassment in the workplace, fraudulent filings, civil and criminal appeals, and inmate filings, and correspondence. There were sessions on the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), anti-government groups and a legislative update.

The annual continuing education seminar at College Station is sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, which is part of Texas

Cooperative Extension. The Institute provides elected county officials with information and technical assistance and helps officials complete state-mandated, minimum continuing education requirements.

"Texas is one of a small number of states that requires all elected county officials to earn continuing education credits," explained Richard O. Avery, Director of the Institute. "The Institute provides education to county commissioners, judges, justice of the peace, treasurers, tax-assessor/collectors and county and district clerks through programs conducted here in College Station and across the State."

Clerks who attended all of the sessions during the seminar received 17.5 hours of credit.

## Governor Rick Perry declares disaster in all 254 Texas Counties

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today declared a disaster in all 254 Texas counties due to severe drought conditions, and requested that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency provide disaster relief assistance for Texas farms and ranches that have suffered economic and physical losses as a result.

Today's action builds upon Perry's ongoing efforts to secure drought assistance for Texas farms and ranches. Since early summer, Perry has requested assistance for 113 drought-affected counties on behalf of local officials. To date, the USDA has approved 54 of those requests. Perry asked that the USDA expedite all pending requests, and also approve all remaining Texas counties for assistance.

"Our farmers and ranchers have been suffering from extremely dry conditions, as well as devastating wildfires," Perry said. "I am asking the USDA to help all farmers and ranchers in Texas who have been affected so they can recover."

If Perry's statewide request is approved, qualified farm operators in all Texas counties will be

eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the USDA's Farm Service Agency. Producers can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production for physical losses, or a maximum of \$500,000. The agency also offers additional programs, such as technical assistance, to eligible farmers.

On Dec. 26, Perry declared a statewide disaster due to the threat of wildfires caused by extremely dry weather conditions. On Jan. 11, President Bush approved Perry's request for a statewide Presidential Disaster Declaration, making Texans whose homes and property were destroyed or damaged by wildfires eligible to receive individual assistance, and local jurisdictions that have been fighting the costly fires will be eligible for public assistance.

Dry conditions are expected to continue in the coming weeks and months. For a list of Texas counties that already have been approved for USDA assistance, or counties that currently have a pending assistance request, please visit Governor Perry's website at [www.governor.state.tx.us](http://www.governor.state.tx.us).

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## Rural Health Education Scholarship Application Available

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Office of Rural and Community Health has opened the 2006-2007 Rural Health Education Scholarship application. The Rural Health Scholarship Program provides approximately \$150,000 in financial assistance annually to students who are committed to returning to a rural community to practice.

The Rural Health Education Scholarship Program is geared to address the shortage of health professionals in rural West Texas by easing the expense of college for rural students.

The Rural Health Education Scholarship program is part of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's rural health initiatives to develop a pipeline of health care professionals to meet the health care work force needs of West Texas.

This pipeline begins with the work of the West Texas Area Health Education Center Program and its regular centers to promote health careers to young people across West Texas. The Big Country Area Health Education Center offers classroom presentations, health careers summer camps, and other activities to area schools in an effort to foster students' interest in health ca-

reers and the opportunities that exist in rural communities.

Entering freshmen, junior college transfers, and current students at Texas Tech University as well as incoming and current students at Texas University Health Science Center, who are eligible for in-state tuition, are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Scholarship recipients must show a substantial interest in health careers in rural Texas. Priority is given to students from rural Texas.

The scholarship amount for undergraduate students is generally \$3,500 per year for a maximum of four years and is renewable providing the student maintains a 3.2 grade point average and participates in rural health-focused activities. The number and amount of awards offered are based on funding availability.

For more information on the scholarship and to submit applications online, visit <http://www.ttuhscc.edu/ruralhealth/scholarships.aspx> or contact Liz Inskip-Paulk in the Office of Rural and Community Health at (806) 743-1338.

For more information about having the Big Country Area Health Education Center come to your school, contact Aaron Ashford at (325) 793-8484.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### JANUARY 28

Eddie Hart  
 Colton Galloway  
 Tommy Brown  
 Mrs. Albert Lovell  
 Chuck Pennell

Mrs. Vernon Bullard  
 Betty Duncan  
 Patty Ruth Carlisle  
 Ellen (Reynolds) Steinle  
 Norman Beck

### JANUARY 29

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 Mrs. Rayola Roberts  
 Kimberly Wilson  
 Douglas Proctor  
 Jimmy Chesshir  
 Ilda Jimenez  
 Lindsey Barnett  
 Heather (Montgomery) Harris  
 Laura (Ricci) Lange  
 Korbin Kennedy McLean  
 Bree Dillard

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 Billy Don Bennett  
 Freddy Johnston  
 Rusty Reed  
 Debby Gillard  
 Harold Ingram  
 Clay Richardson  
 Dan Byers  
 Gretchen Wagner  
 Mrs. Bob Illingworth  
 Kenny Foster

### JANUARY 30

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 Tracy Archer  
 Harry D. Lee  
 Cory Switzer  
 Carol Havens  
 Ricky Rucker  
 Whitney (Kirkham) Odom  
 Holli (Shults) Gaines  
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**FEBRUARY 2**  
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 Wilburn Newman  
 Susan Harris  
 Dale Bishop  
 Robert Callaway  
 Kathy Jo Fussell Kerns  
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 Cynthia (Montgomery) McCaghren  
 Johnny McCaghren  
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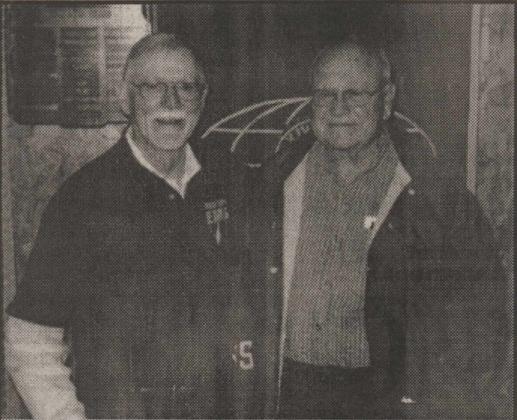
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**KIWANIS CLUB MEETING WELL ATTENDED—** John Adams (right) was the guest of Bob Pipes (left) and other Kiwanians on Tuesday, January 17 at their noon meeting. John shared some very interesting thoughts regarding the life and works of Benjamin Franklin on Franklin's 300th birthday. (John Adams is such a "fan" of Benjamin Franklin, that in choosing some things to save from their house in case the fire got to it, he grabbed a 36-volume set on Franklin's life and works!) John was accompanied by his wife, Betty Sue, and there were several other guests at the meeting, including some from the "Golden K" Kiwanis Club of Clyde. They, in behalf of their club, graciously presented a check to each of the four Cross Plains members who suffered losses of their houses in the recent fire.

**Happy  
50th  
Barbara!**



**We Love You,  
Very Much  
(Really We Do!)  
Phyllis and Edith**

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**Pray For  
Rain**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I wish to express my thanks for those who volunteered to fight the grass fires that brought such destruction upon Cross Plains.

What a gift they gave to Cross Plains; To endanger their lives for others.

My heart goes out to those who lost their homes and some who lost their lives. To replace the loss will be hard and time consuming; but with God's help it will be accomplished. Cross Plains will not die but have a NEW BEGINNING!

Ruby and I looked at our house and East, North and West houses were burning. We prayed, "Lord all this belongs to You, but you give it to us, and its all we have on Earth, but do with it as you will. Ruby and I place it in Your keeping."

With that prayer, we drove off and went to Strawn to our son's house. Trusting in God Almighty who is able to save and do abundantly above all we think or ask.

The next day our daughter in Waco called and said the answering machine answered her call. Ruby called and also got the answering machine.

Praise God for His Mercy!

Prayer Works!

Bob and Ruby Wallace

P.S. The grass was burned all around the house, except in front.

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Dear Editor,

I want to thank the person or persons who stayed by our farm and put out the fires around our house and travel trailer. They would have burned to the ground without them stopping.

May God Bless them every day!

Alta Marie Booth Brown  
Grand Prairie, Texas

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Dear Editor,

We are so impressed with the prompt clean-up after the fire. The town has very dedicated city officials who are willing to work non-stop to bring Cross Plains back.

We believe the town will prove it can survive and even grow. Ron and I know we have made the right decision to come back home when he retires.

Nancy Rhodes  
Brenham, TX

## Forage Seminar set for February 9 in Cross Plains

A special 5-hour CEU Forage Seminar is set for February 9th at the Cross Plains Community Center. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals. These strategies will include management techniques on winter wheat, annual summer forages and existing bermudagrass pastures. Speakers for the Seminar will

include: Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist-San Angelo and Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist from San Angelo, Dr. Ron Gill, Extension Livestock Specialist and Dr. Larry Redmon, Extension Forage Specialist-College Station. Dr. Warrick will discuss Warm & Cool Season Weed Management. Dr. Sansone will discuss Forage Insects and Dr. Ron Gill will be discussing forage utilization and the new animal ID program. Dr. Redmon will discuss election, establishment and renovation of Bermudagrass pasture. Mark Bills with the Texas Department of Agriculture will be on hand to give an hour of Laws and Regulations for pesticide applicators.

The cost of the Seminar and accompanying meal is \$5.00 to those that pre-register by February 3rd. Registration at the door will be \$10.00 per person. This program is presented by the extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman and Eastland Counties. For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

Robert Pritz, County Extension Agent

## Fish Fry to Benefit Carbon Volunteer Fire Department

There will be a Fish Fry and Drawings benefitting the Carbon Volunteer Fire Department at Cooks Fish Barn on Highway 36 on Monday, February 6, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Live music will also be a highlight of the evening.

There will be tickets sold for chances on a 12 gauge shotgun, quilt, \$25 gift certificate from A

Wild Hair, power tools, 4 hair cuts from Susan's, Badger 5 disposal (installed), custom made bookcase, and much more.

Tickets may be purchased at Carbon Agri Center or Carbon Convenience Store.

You do not have to be present to win. The drawing will be at Cooks Fish Barn the same evening.

## Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

**RETARDED  
GRANDPARENTS**  
(thus was actually reported  
by a teacher)

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following:

"We always used to spend the holidays with Grandpa and Grandma. They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Arizona. Now they live in a tin box and have rocks painted green to look like grass.

They ride around on their bicycles and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore.

They go to a building called a wrecked center but they must have got it fixed because it is okay now and they do exercises there but they don't do them

very well. There is a swimming pool, too, but in it, they all jump up and down with hats on.

At their gate, there is a doll house with a little man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out. They go cruising in their gold carts.

Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And they eat the same thing every night. Early Birds. Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out bring food back to the wrecked center and call it pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday, too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out so they can visit their grandchildren.

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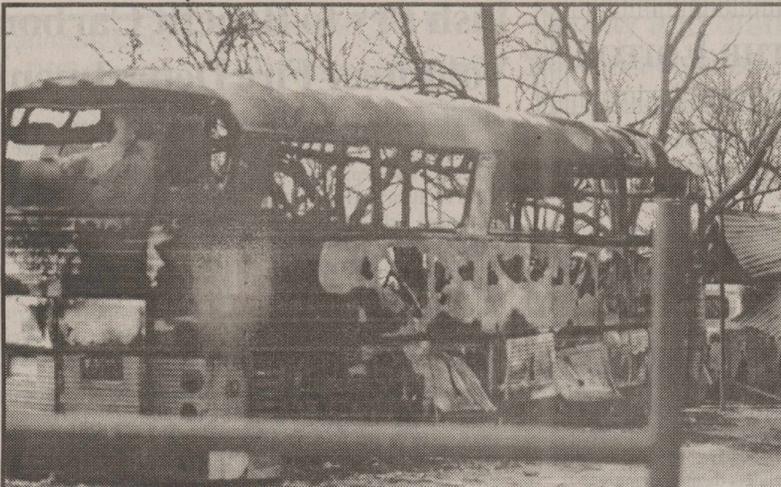
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The bus at Phillip Kitchen's house was burned throughout.



Not much left but the trees at the home of Alan and Diane Key.



The wall of fire destroyed Nora Odom's home off the old Slaughter House Road.



The First United Methodist Church parsonage was destroyed, along with the church. Pastor Jim Senkel and his wife, Janice, were residing there.



It is hard to believe once a two-story house was among the trees. This was the home of Richard and Mary Ann Chaffin. Dr. Chaffin is the retired pastor of FUMC in Cross Plains.



**Thank You God  
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Healing  
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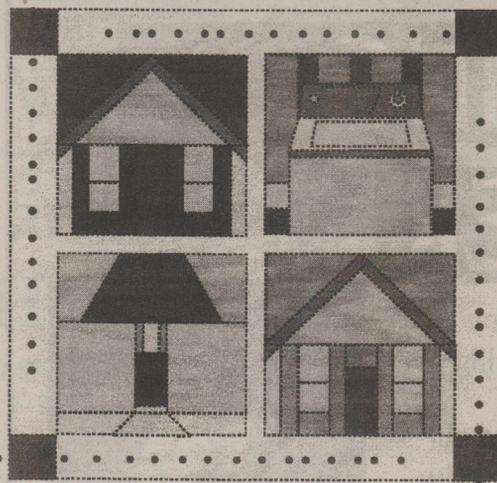
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Fire burned all around some of the buses parked near the practice field.



This is the remainder of the vans used to store CPISD football workout clothes, etc.



Mr. and Mrs. David Holmes lost their home and insurance agency. This is the barn after the fire.



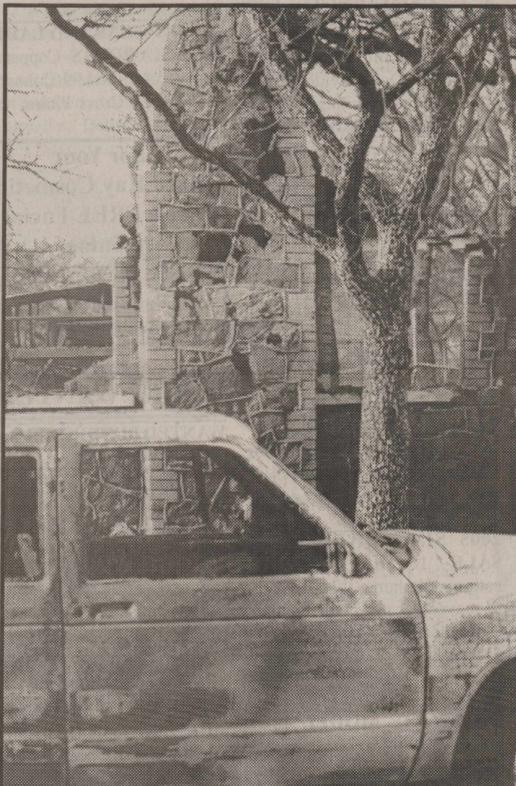
Only a pile of debris and ashes remains of Carol Savell and her son's home just south of Deverl Goode's house (in back).



Howett Wilson's house (the former Jack Scott residence) is shown above.



Larry and Sandra Crockett's home after the fire's destruction. The metal roof appears crumpled.



House and car charred from the intense flames. This was the home of Aubrey and Kayla Stout on North Ave E.

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CARD OF THANKS

To all whom helped us during our loss due to the fire. We want to sincerely give thanks to all of you for reaching out your loving hands.

The Dixson Family

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to say thank you to the Cross Plains, Cottonwood, and Burkett fire departments who came on my street and to our houses the day of the fire. Also to my neighbors who kept the fire out of around my home. Thank you very much.

Also, thank you to all the other fire departments and people who helped. I know there were lots of men in our neighborhood that walked and took care of our homes that day and night. I really do appreciate this.

Betty Baxter  
Joe, Deana and Kathleen Terstege

CARD OF THANKS

We only lived in Cross Plains a short time before the fire devastation on Dec. 27. That burned us totally out, but even though we were here a short time, we loved everything about this small community, everyone so pleasant and friendly, then the fire, our family has been overwhelmed with how people gather together to support each other, their kindness, caring, their prayers, generosity and most of all a strong hand shake and a great big hug.

We have so many Thank-you's for you all, you will never know how our hearts go out to each and everyone of you.

Special Thanks To:

Cliff & Connie Kirkham; Pat Stephens-Dennis & Joanne; My cousin Brandee and Sam Koenig; Amanda Potter; Tim & Denise Coulter; Steve McBride; Bob Pipes; Max Evans; Noah & Bobbie Johnson; Melody Jackson; Palace Drug; Many anonymous donors; Roy Birk-Llano; Jackie Whitney- Llano; Volunteers at the nursing home. Just everyone that made our tomorrow seem a little brighter. We are so blessed to know people (Good people) in a small community, but with Great BIG-Hearts.

May God Bless each and everyone of you.

Martis and Susan Suits  
David, Tiffany & Ryder Cross  
Thank you so very much

Transitions

Katie Marie. When Katie Marie saw the burned house she remarked, "It's broke!" She questioned her grandmother, "Nana, you fix it?" Kitty commented, "Nana can't fix it this time." Little Katie Marie patted her on the cheek and proudly stated, "I fix it for you Nana!" Children seem to have a bright

outlook on every situation. I guess that's what makes them so special.

Several people have asked Kitty if her beautiful yellow rose bush was destroyed (including me). This is not just any rose bush. Her husband, Steve had given it to her. It started out as a miniature that wasn't suppose to grow over

probably 6 to 8 inches tall. Kitty placed it in the yard and it grew up to the top of the oak trees surrounding their home.

She showed me a photo last year and it was absolutely amazing. They had to cut it back, but she thinks that with the recent rain it will survive.

I know there are many other similar stories out there. Each representing the bravery of individuals and the supernatural protection of God, that beg to be told.

100 offered their assistance, including our Student Council and the National Honor Society," Clack reported.

The proceeds from their benefit were given to the United Fund for Fire Relief Victims established at the Texas Heritage Bank.

This is just one of many contributions from neighboring cities. The thoughtfulness of fellow Texans has been extraordinary and I know that our community is appreciative of every kind deed.

Don't you know God is pleased at the human kindness demonstrated throughout this disaster. We will be sure to give Him the Glory!

Submitted by Vanda Anderson

Winters

silent auction. With the assistance of Kim (Hedrick) Jackson, formerly of Cross Plains, and Belinda Swartz, a wonderful auction was organized that reaped \$9,000.

"Our original goal for the entire project was \$10,000," Clack remarked.

Barbara Heathcott, director of the Senior Citizens Center at Winters made arrangements for the donated desserts. He stated that the Lions Club assisted along with the Winters Woman's Club, who served as accountants for the project, and the Red Hat Society ladies cut and wrapped the desserts at the dinner.

"700 were fed at the benefit dinner. I had two shifts of 10 people in place to help with the serving, clean-up, etc. but over

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SHAWNA FAIRCLOTH AND DREW LIVENGOOD  
...Married December 31, 2005 in Eula

## Faircloth and Livengood united in marriage

Shawna Faircloth and Drew Livengood were married December 31, 2005 at First Baptist Church, Eula, Texas by their Pastor, Ben McGraw of Crosspoint Fellowship, Greenville, TX.

The Bride is the daughter of Cecil and Marcia Faircloth of Eula. She is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. C. W. VanDerLinden of Clyde and Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Faircloth of Baird.

The Bridegroom is the son of Steve and Siri Livengood of Stamford. He is the grandson of Fern Livengood and the late Homer Livengood and Willie and Doris Boedeker of Stamford. The Matron of Honor was Kit Newman, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kristmas Moore of Clyde and Jennifer Loewer of Nairobi, Kenya.

The Best Man was Justin Livengood, brother of the groom, of Pasadena, CA. The Groomsmen were Ryan Veenstra of Kalamazoo, MI, and John McKee of Liberal, KS.

Ushers were Johnny Newman, Trance Rosenquist and Grant Hisey. Candle lighters were Melissa & Matt Milner. The Ring Bearer, Jaelin Newman and

James McMahan, & Flower Girl was Rachel VanDerLinden. Worship songs and special music were presented by Tandi Riley, Jennifer Brigman, Steve Roberts, Shelly Dotson, and Travis Sims.

Shawna is a 1997 graduate of Eula High School and a graduate of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas. After graduation she taught and coached at Haskell High School for two years, then led the youth ministry of Common Ground in Stamford. In 2005 Shawna served at Youth With a Mission in Tyler, Texas and has traveled throughout the United States and to Mozambique, Africa with YWAM outreach teams.

Drew is a 1999 graduate of Stamford High School and a graduate of LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas where he received a degree in Computer Science Engineering. Drew is employed by L-3 Communications in Greenville, Texas.

After a honeymoon trip to Nevis Island in the Caribbean, Drew and Shawna will make their home in Greenville, Texas.

## Project Pride Launches Annual Membership Drive

It's once again time to re-new memberships in Project Pride or to join for the first time. This group was organized back in the mid-80's for the purpose of making the community a cleaner, more attractive place to live and to preserve and document the history of the Cross Plains area.

Our annual list of projects include the luncheon for all school personnel in the fall, promotion of the extra big clean-up effort with BFI, maintaining the Christmas yard decorations at the Robert Howard Museum, promoting Cross Plains in newspapers and travel guides throughout the area and state and maintaining the highway welcome signs at the entrances of the city. Project Pride also owns and maintains the Museum which draws visitors from around the world.

In addition to the above on-going projects, this group of civic-minded people put a lot of time and energy into the annual Robert E. Howard Days in June. Members feel this massive effort is definitely worth it as visitors come from all across the nation

to see where Howard lived and wrote. These visitors provide a real boost to the local economy as they participate in the two day celebration.

Everybody is invited to join this group of positive thinking, community minded individuals. Everybody can make a positive difference in the community, so why not join a group that believes in doing just that?

Meetings are held the second Tuesday evening of the month at the Cross Plains Public Library and members are warmly encouraged to attend and to get actively involved.

Annual dues are only \$3.00 per individual and \$5.00 for a couple or a family. Checks made payable to PROJECT PRIDE, along with names, addresses and phone numbers may be mailed to: Project Pride, PO Box 534, Cross Plains, TX, 76443.

For more information, please contact President Era Lee Hanke, 254-725-6562 or Membership Chair Arlene Stephenson, 2540725-4993.

Submitted by  
Arlene Stephenson

## Howard Fans Donate to Fire Victims Fund

Members of the Robert E. Howard United Press Association were in Cross Plains on Sunday afternoon to deliver over \$700 for the Fire Victims Relief. Some of the monies had been raised at a Howard literary event in Fort Worth the night before and the remainder was from office co-workers of Rusty Burke in Washington DC.

The group also met with members of Project Pride to discuss the upcoming Howard

Days in June. This being the 100th anniversary of Howard's birth, the events is expected to draw a much larger crowd and some of the activities will be held in Brownwood.

Making the special journey to show their support for our community were Leo Grin and Rob Roehm of CA, Mark Finn from Austin, Gary Romeo from Dallas, Paul Herman of Plano, Bill Cavalier of IN and Burke.

Submitted by Era Lee Hanke

## Veterans News

**TET REUNION**—Word comes that the Abilene Grunts Association will be sponsoring the annual TET Reunion again this year. It will be held on Saturday, February 4 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds as in past years. Mark your calendars for this good get-together.

**VA PRESCRIPTIONS**—Veterans receiving their prescriptions from VA are receiving a letter which states that they have an arrangement that is better than the new Medicare Drug Program. The letter states that no change is necessary and further cautions Veterans to place the letter in a very safe place. The letter will be needed to avoid penalties if any change is made in the future.

**WIDOW'S PENSION**—A veteran's widow with small income may be eligible for VA pension for at least twelve months following death of the Veteran. Funeral expenses are allowed to lower income, making some windows qualify for help from VA. Call 325-854-5874 on Monday or Tuesday for further word on this benefit.

**TAPS**—Our buddies continue to leave too soon. Recent

losses include: Darrel Lee Black-USA, Eddie Burke-USA, D.C. Cox-USA, Gary Daniels-USA, Lester Wood Early-USA, Horace "Hob" Elliott-USA, Kenneth George-USA, Jimmie Wayne Harrison USAF, Earl Hughes-USA, William H. "Boots" Phillips-USA, Granvel L. Pierce-USA, Thomas Calvin Robbins-USA, W. Leon Shedd-USA & POW, Maurice Springate-World War II. Be sure to thank the WWII Veterans for their service before it is too late.

## 19th Annual "TET" Reunion Announced

The 19th Annual "TET Reunion will be held Saturday, February 4, at Taylor County Fairgrounds Display Building in Abilene beginning at 12:00 noon.

There will be food, drinks, displays, and VSO Show. All veterans and their families are welcome. Bring "In Country" memorabilia.

Remember to Support Our Troops and never forget the POW and MIA.

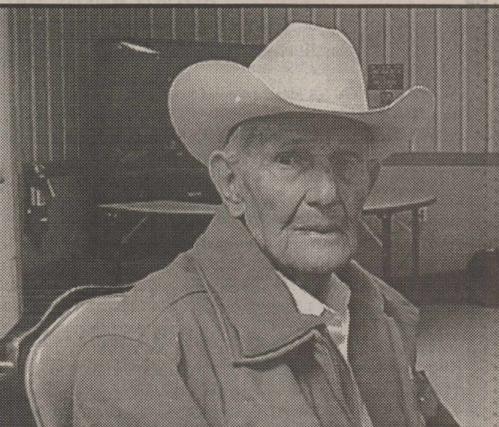
## May VFD to host Benefit January 28th

The May Volunteer Fire Department will host a pancake/sausage supper January 28th starting at 5:00 p.m. It will be held in the May School cafeteria. Chili will also be served to those not preferring pancakes. A pie/cake auction will be held during the supper.

Donations will be accepted at the door and all proceeds will go directly to the May VFD. Tickets on a king-sized hand made quilt donated by Velma Carson will also be available.

We realize that every community is trying to raise money for their departments so any help that you can give is always greatly appreciated by these volunteer fire departments.

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91 YEAR-OLD DOES HIS PART—Fred Coffey collected money for the fire victims at Cross Plains.

## Locally Known Man Raised Funds for C.P. Fire Victims

Fred Coffey, the brother of Mary Bates and the late Pauline Switzer, naturally has close ties to the town of Cross Plains. Plus the fact that he once lived in the Cottonwood community. The 91 year-old felt a strong desire to assist the affected fire victims.

His sister, Mary Bates, was in the Brownwood hospital the day of the fire. She was blessed in that her house did not receive any damage.

Coffey resides at Care Inn nursing center in Abilene and he collected \$194.50 to aid those in

need. He said he donated \$5 to get ball rolling and then a staff member pitched in \$25 and a friend \$50.

The staff at Care Inn responded by sponsoring a garage sale on January 13 that earned \$450. The proceeds were donated to the Red Cross.

Coffey commented, "I'm just an old country boy. I always tried to help people."

This story certainly proves that you can always do something worthwhile if you have a compassionate heart.

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