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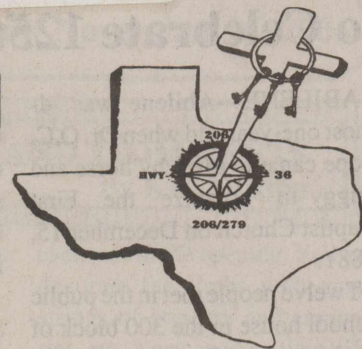
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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Marvin Mosley had his daughter, Allison, bring this by for me to read. It has some fascinating facts that will make you think about the good old days. This lady took some time to think about all the things that have changed.

When my grandchildren were born I discovered very quickly that everything I was told to do for my children had changed. It seemed to almost be the opposite of what we were informed. I've had to relearn just about everything.

Remember when there was no fear of someone harming the children? I recall leaving the house in the morning with other kids on a horse or a bicycle, taking a picnic lunch and being gone all day. Mother didn't know exactly where I was. Now the cell phone keeps everyone in contact.

The following story is quite amazing in its content. **Vanda Anderson**

"To All the Kids Who Survived the 1930's, 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's"

By Janet Williams

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they were pregnant. They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can and didn't get tested for diabetes.

Then after that trauma, we were put to sleep on our tummies in baby cribs covered with bright colored lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottle, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking.

As infants and children, we would ride in cars with no car seats, booster seats, seat belts or air bags. Riding the back of a pickup on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden and NOT from a bottle.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank Koolaid made with sugar, but we weren't overweight because we were always outside playing.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the street lights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. And we were okay. See Down Home Page 12

Love Fund Established at the Bank for Ross Gerking

Ross Gerking was recently hospitalized in Big Spring with respiratory and cardiac problems.

Due to the severity of his condition, he was then transported to the VA hospital in Amarillo. After being in ICU for several days, they were able to get his heart rate under control.

A Love Fund has been established at Texas Heritage Bank to assist him during this time of need. Keep him in your prayers for special healing.



WHAT A RIDE!

Bull Bash Was a SMASH!

It was a beautiful day and a great turn out for the Bull Bash.

It kicked off with 23 Mutton Busters and the results are as follows:

1st Place 75 pts. - **Caiden Croft**, Cross Plains; 2nd Place 53 pts. - **Cameron Harris**, Springtown; 3rd Place 46 pts **Jace Harris**, Springtown; 4th Place 40 pts - **Isaih Skelton (Iceman)**, Potosi. Thanks to Heath Horertz for the sheep.

There was only one qualified ride in the Junior Steers and that was **T. Allen Stewart of Goldthwaite who scored 71 points**. He took home custom made spurs donated by Jess Gorley and a nice paycheck. Our thanks to Jeff Bacon for some outstanding steers!

There were some good bulls and bullriders with a lot of qualified rides. We had 35 bullriders and we paid 6 places as follows:

1st Place with 80 points was **Dawson Woodson**. He won the Champion Buckle donated by

Jason Marks Rockin-U-Bucking Bulls and a nice paycheck.

2nd Place with 79 points went to **Selvin Florez of Guatemala**.

3rd Place and 4th Place split between **Travis Lively of Eldorado and Jeff Tripp of Stephenville, both scored 79 points**.

Will Wilson of Brownwood placed 5th with 74 points. 6th Place went to **Chance Cloacar of Harper with 72 points**.

P.J. Perkins made a qualified ride but didn't get in the money. It was special because it was for his newborn daughter, born the day before the Bull Bash. He entertained the crowd and they loved it. Way to go P.J.!

A couple of our local boys rode including **Dustin White and Shawn Childs**. They drew some salty bulls and didn't make a qualified ride, but sure had a lot of fans cheering them on.

Thanks to the stock contractors: **Rockin-U-Bucking Bulls, Jerry**

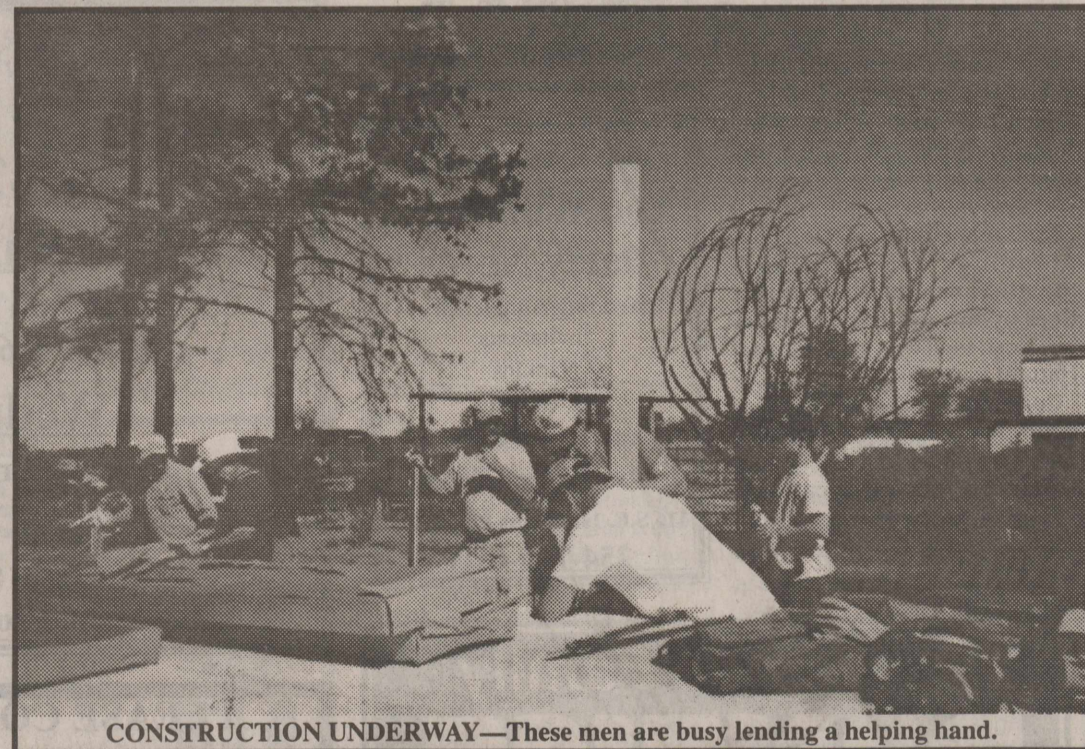
Lindley, Gregg Willingham, Jeff Hubbard, Riley Samford, Jeff Bacon, Heath Horertz and Tommy Owens.

We couldn't have done it without our sponsors: **KEAN 105 and Rudy Fernandez; Blake Fulenwider Dodge; Texas Heritage Bank; Welch Stone; City of Cross Plains; Jones Real Estate; 5D Custom Hats; Jason Bien; Jean's Feed Barn; Hawk Portable Buildings; Johnson's Dry Goods; Hummingbird Coffeehouse; Anna Chesshir; Jess Gorley; Jason Marks; Kenny Horan; Kevin Elkins; Gregg Willingham and the Cross Plains Review**.

What a great job our club members did! Jason Marks was outstanding with the stock and stock contractors, working chutes and even rounding up a bull that tried to escape.

Thanks to **Dustin White, Shawn Childs, P.J. Perkins, Gregg Robinson, Kevin Clark,**

See Bull Bash Page 5



CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY—These men are busy lending a helping hand.

2006 Helping Hearts/Helping Hands Project Completes Twenty-one Jobs

The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative Helping Hearts/Helping Hands annual project was conducted on Saturday, October 28th.

Over 100 volunteers participated in this worthwhile event. The day started at 7:00 a.m. with a delicious meal prepared and served at the Church of Christ Activity Center.

Volunteers were then assigned tasks to complete with each group having a foreman appointed to oversee the completion of these

projects. Volunteers of all ages and experience were utilized, among which were 17 youth participating from the Key Club Organization.

Twenty-one jobs were completed and including such things as painting, cleaning of yards, underpinning a trailer house and minor roof repair.

At noon time the group was served lunch courtesy of Texas Heritage Bank being as this date was in conjunction with their 75th anniversary celebration.

The success of this event is dependent upon the overwhelming generosity of our community. The volunteers who perform the jobs, donations from individuals and organizations and the involvement of the community are always needed. Once again Cross Plains proved themselves up to the task by supporting this endeavor to assist those in our community. We appreciate your help.

Submitted by Roxie Thomas

2006 Cross Plains Public Library Thanksgiving Bake Sale Coming Soon

Don't forget the Annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale at the Cross Plains Public Library on Wednesday, November 22. This is THE PLACE to stock up on goodies for the big day, because we'll be offering pies, cakes, bread, cookies, and candy made by some of the best cooks and bakers in our community. We'll open at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday morning and keep going 'til everything is gone. Come early for the best selection!

We also are offering two fully-cooked 12-14 pound turkeys with stuffing and gravy for just \$35 each. Be sure to call the Library at 254-725-7722 before 5:00 p.m., Friday, November 17, to reserve your bird.

If you'd like to donate an item for the bake sale, you can bring it to the Library before 5:00 p.m. on

Tuesday, November 21, or bring it by after 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday. (Please don't bring anything that needs refrigeration, as we have no way to keep it cold.)

All proceeds of the sale will go to help with the Library's operating expenses—which are not covered by any of the grants we've received. So while we've been able to do a beautiful remodeling job on the existing library, and the renovation of the north building (new children's library) is proceeding, our expenses for electricity, water, salaries, books, etc. just keep right on going.

Thanks to all of you for your wonderful support of our Library, and Happy Thanksgiving!

Submitted by Ginny Hoskins

Community Thanksgiving Service to be Hosted by First Baptist Church in Cross Plains this Sunday

The Cross Plains area churches invite you to a special Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening, November 19th at 6:00 p.m.

We will meet at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains for a time

of worship in song, fellowship, preaching and giving thanks.

Everyone is invited and we hope to see you there!

Submitted by Bro. Matt McGowan

Liveoak Land & Real Estate is Proud to Introduce New Agent Shana Hinyard

Shana has recently completed all state requirements to become a licensed real estate agent in Texas and will be working with Liveoak Land & Real Estate to provide professional service to our community for buying and selling homes and land.

Shana brings a rich rural background, quality business experience, and excellent education back home to live and serve here.

Her faith and dedication to putting your needs first compliment her qualifications to serve you with your most important investment.

Shana is the wife of Dustin Hinyard and daughter of Ron and Lexia Bagley and Jim and Garnette McKoy of Cross Plains. Dustin and Shana have been married since March 25th and reside in Cross Plains. Shana graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1994 and from Tarleton State University in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Hydrology and Water Resources. Shana has been traveling and working for an environmental laboratory for the last five years.

Shana will be working in Callahan, Eastland, Brown, and Coleman Counties. We are glad to have Shana back home and



SHANA HINYARD

know you will enjoy her friendly professional service.

Submitted by Charles Chesshir, Broker Liveoak Land & Real Estate

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First Baptist Church in Abilene to Celebrate 125th Anniversary

ABILENE—Abilene was almost one-year-old when Dr. O.C. Pope came to town by horse and buggy to organize the First Baptist Church on December 15, 1881.

Twelve people met in the public school house in the 300 block of Cedar and the first church building was constructed across the street at North Third and Cedar streets. Purchase price for the lot was \$50. Seventeen are credited as charter members of the congregation. The present church building, constructed at a cost of slightly more than one million dollars, has been located at North

Third and Orange since completion in February 1954. Current church membership totals slightly more than 4,000, including 1,800 resident members.

Members and special guests on Sunday, November 19 will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the congregation during a special morning worship service beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the newly renovated sanctuary and at an evening dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center. Come rejoice with them as they celebrate this special event.

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 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 am
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 Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.
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Bill Armstrong - Pastor

OBITUARY

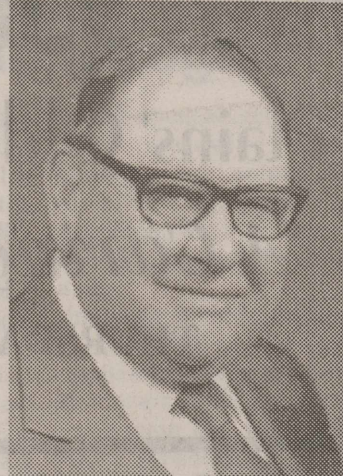
Eldon Collis Eager

Eldon Collis Eager, age 94, went home to the Lord Tuesday, November 7, 2006 at the Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 10, 2006 at the Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Jim Senkel officiating; burial followed in the Cross Plains Memorial Cemetery.

Collis was born October 17, 1912 in Callahan County Texas to George Lee and Lillie May (Pierson) Eager. He was a long-time member of the Presbyterian Church in Cross Plains and served as an elder. Collis was a farmer and stockman during most of his life. He had a deep and sincere love for his siblings and family members. Collis has often been called "the last of the real gentlemen".

Survivors include his nephews, Randy Wiginton of Abilene and Doyle Eager of Odessa; nieces, Mona (Eager) Tappan of Farmington, New Mexico and Wanette Armstrong of Abilene; step-son, Jim Hoyler of Cleburne; as well as numerous great-niece and great-nephews.



Leonard Marion Baum

Leonard Marion Baum, 85, passed away Sunday, November 12, 2006, at an Abilene medical center.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Monday at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Faith, 5701 Hwy 277 South, with Rev. David Black officiating. Interment followed in Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene.

Born in Cross Plains, Texas on February 4, 1921, he was the son of Frances Virginia (Brightwell) and George Thomas Baum. He lived most of his life in the Abilene area, and moved from Cross Plains to Abilene in 1958. Leonard was a U.S. Army veteran and worked for the City of Abilene as a supervisor in the street department.

Leonard married Dorothy Niedecken in Abilene in 1995. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Abilene and enjoyed Abilene's Senior Citizens activities.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Leo Baum, and a sister, Fannie Plowman.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Niedecken Baum of Abilene; a son, Mark Baum and wife, Frances Humphrey, of New Braunfels; and stepsons, John Craig and wife, Janice, and J.T. Craig of McKinney, George Niedecken and wife, Margaret of Abilene, and Terry Niedecken and wife, Kathleen Kay, of Fort Worth; 13 grandchildren, Aaron Humphrey, Rebecca Humphrey, Elizabeth Humphrey, Michael Humphrey, Christopher Humphrey, Dru Niedecken, Carly Niedecken, Lisa Kay Niedecken, Timothy Niedecken, Jill Suzanne Baum, Rebecca Mae Baum, Melissa Brooke Baum and Angela Lindsey; and two great-grandchildren, Banning Lindsey and Samantha Connolly.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Chavez South Park Senior Center, 1022 Cherry Street, Abilene, Texas 79602 or First United Methodist Building Fund, 1318 South 2nd, Abilene, Texas 79602.

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Callahan County SWCD NOW Taking Windbreak Tree Orders

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

These windbreak trees come fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery out of Lubbock, Texas. This year's selection of available trees includes five varieties of evergreens. They are Afghanistan Pine, Eastern Redcedar, Italian Stone Pine, Pinyon Pine and Austrin Pine. These Evergreen Seedlings are being offered for \$15.00 or \$65.00 for a box of 30 per species.

We are sorry to announce that we will not be selling the hardwood trees or the wildlife packets this year due to the relocation of the Texas Forest Service Nursery.

Tree orders will be taken until January 26th, 2007 or until supplies run out, whichever comes first. The trees will be delivered to Baird on Saturday February 17th, 2007, between the hours of 9:00am and Noon. All orders are prepaid with a check or money order. These trees are delivered fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery on that date.

For more information on planning, planting and maintenance of windbreak trees or how to purchase these low cost seedlings contact the Natural Resources

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Leslie Jones, fail to report an accident and fail to present driver's license.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Jocelyn Dawn Davis, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Charles Langdon, order on motion for continuance granted.

Mary Closs Dugan, order discharging defendant from probation granted.
 Tammy Reid, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Lubbock Co. granted.

Miguel Valeriano, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Jonathan Kutej, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Hood Co. granted.

Preston Bartlow, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI) -1st, 10 days in jail, \$400 fine, \$356 court costs.

Jonathan Kutej, plea of guilty to fleeing, 18 month probation, \$500 fine, \$256 court costs.

Linda Mulling, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 1 year probation, \$600 fine, \$356 court costs.

Franklin Gomez, waiver of counsel and application to proceed pro se.

Melissa E. Jaeckel, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.

Bobbie Jo Holland, motion to dismiss to fail to identify granted, sentenced to prison on other case.

Bobbie Jo Holland, motion to dismiss to possession of a controlled substance granted, sentenced to prison on other case.

Kenneth L. Walker, motion to dismiss to driving while license invalid (DWLI) granted, license reinstated.

Jeremy Chavez, plea of guilty to Ct. II, leaving the scene of an accident, 1 year probation, \$2000 fine, \$256 court costs.

David Varner, plea of guilty to theft by check, 2 year probation, \$200 fine, \$306 court costs, \$4,341.14 restitution.

Tammy Reid, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 2 year probation, \$700 fine, \$256 court costs.

Brian Vogt, plea of guilty to theft, 60 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$306 court costs.

Kevin Kohler, Jr., waiver of counsel and application to proceed pro se granted.

Plea of guilty to failure to appear, \$336 fine, \$164 court costs: Elmo Haywood, Jr.; Michael W. Slider; Felipe Trapaga; Frank J. Gutilla; Pete DeLeon; Loy L. Norwood; Paul E. Belyeu; Russell Brewer.

Ashley Varela, motion to revoke probation granted.

Donald A. Dortman, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

Daniel J. Palacio of Baird and Leslie D. McGinnis of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Laura Evelyn Howard and Seth Harrison Howard, divorce.
 Eddy Wyatt vs. Ryan Cory Phillips, damages.

Resurgence Financial, LLC vs. William D. Harris, Sr., default on account.

Civil Minutes

Adela Campos Morris and Tony Allen Morris, divorce granted.

Cisco Junior College's online registration now underway

Cisco Junior College's online registration is now underway for the 2006 December Mini-Mester at the Abilene Educational Center and for the spring 2007 semester at both CJC locations.

Course schedules are listed on the CJC website. First class day of the 2006 December Mini-Mester is December 15, and

spring classes at both locations begin January 16, 2007.

Visit the CJC website at www.cjc.edu; click on Student Information link, then Campus Connect for instructions on using Campus Connect's online registration process.

For more information call the Cisco campus (254) 442-5000 or the Abilene Educational Center (325) 794-4400.

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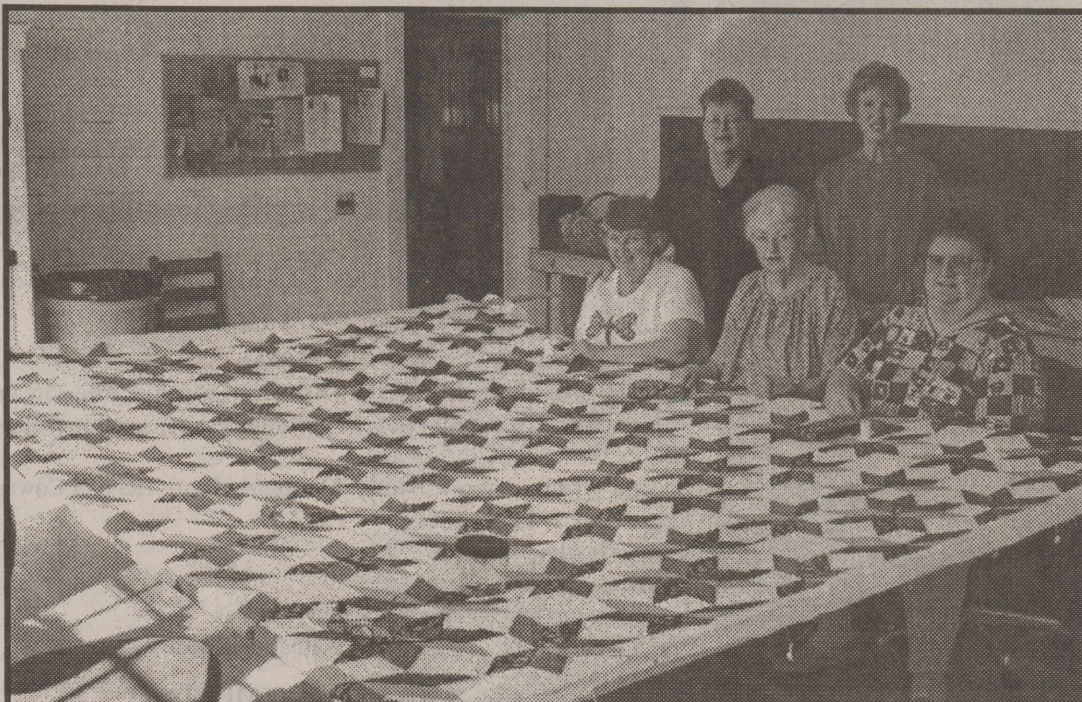
Thursday Jean's Feed Barn

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT



LOOK AT THOSE STARS—Shown with the Rehab Quilt is Jean Draper (back, from left) and Diane Smith; Sue Bennett (front, from left), Jan Marsh and Mary St. Peter.

Quilters Quilt It Up A Notch

The Cottonwood Quilting Club has begun meeting twice a week to complete this year's quilt to be donated to the West Texas Rehab benefit. The annual telethon is held each January to raise money through telephone donations

and an auction. The money raised during the event will go directly to the West Texas Rehab Center to be used for treatment of patients. The quilt, featured in the auction, is titled, "Stars over Cottonwood."

Early Holiday Cheer

The annual Cottonwood Christmas party is slated for Friday, December 1st. So get ready to put on your Santa hat and best smile as much fun is planned to be had. More details on the where's, who's, and how's to come in a future column.

RIISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT



VETERANS—Red Chamberlain (back, from left), L.W. Mitchell and Donald Jaymes; Jack Smith (front, from left), Jake Landess, Volley Joe Williams and Jimmielee Payne.

We had a good turnout at our Veterans Day Ceremony last Friday. Starting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.

Danee Clark welcomed everyone and shared with us how proud he was to be an American. He introduced speaker Donald Jaymes. Mr. Jaymes spoke on the sacrifices and bravery of our past veterans, and stated that because of them, we have the freedom we enjoy today. Being a veteran himself, he could relate to the others. He also talked about our men and women fighting today and expressed his hopes that the war would be over soon.

We recognized our veterans here at the center including: Jack Smith, Air Force 1942-46; Jake Landess, Army 1943-45; Volley Joe Williams, Navy 1943-45;

Harold Mauldin, Navy 1942-45; and Gene Hicks, U.S. Marine Corps 1951-1975. Special guests and veterans were Red Chamberlain, Navy, L.W. Mitchell, Navy and Donald Jaymes, Marine Corps.

God Bless our Heroes and God Bless America! Family members who wish to have Thanksgiving noon meal with their loved one, please contact Angie Fortune at 254-643-2681.

We will be having a Silent Auction on November 24th. All donated items (that are like new) are welcome and appreciated. Proceeds will go toward our Resident Christmas Fund. A pot luck lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. Staff, please bring your favorite dish.

Our appreciation to the First United Methodist Church for the

wonderful Thanksgiving meal they shared with us. God Bless! Many thanks to John and Lou Gregory for the turnips, and to Gene Dillard for the peanut brittle.

A warm welcome to our new resident, Geraldine Richter.

**Lord,
The Closer We Get to Thee,
The Happier We Seem to Be.**

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

VERY INTERESTING

1. The Garden of Eden was in Iraq.
 2. Mesopotamia, which is now Iraq, was the cradle of civilization!
 3. Noah built the ark in Iraq.
 4. The Tower of Babel was in Iraq.
 5. Abraham was from Ur, which is in Southern Iraq!
 6. Isaac's wife, Rebekah, is from Nahor, which is in Iraq!
 7. Jacob met Rachel in Iraq.
 8. Jonah preached in Nineveh, which is in Iraq.
 9. Assyria, which is in Iraq, conquered the ten tribes of Israel.
 10. Amos cried out in Iraq!
 11. Babylon, which is in Iraq, destroyed Jerusalem.
 12. Daniel was in the lion's den in Iraq!
 13. Belshazzar, the King of Babylon saw the "writing on the wall" in Iraq.
 14. Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, carried the Jews captive into Iraq.
 15. Ezekiel preached in Iraq.
 16. The wise men were from Iraq.
 17. Peter preached in Iraq.
 18. The "Empire of Man" described in Revelation is called Babylon, which was a city in Iraq!
- And you have probably seen this one, Israel is the nation most often mentioned in the Bible. But do you know which nation is second? It is Iraq!
- However, that is not the name

LIBRARY NOTES

Statistics
November 6-10, 2006

Memorials: Tom and Arlene Stephenson in memory of Ida Nell Williams; Virginia White Sorrell in memory of Leonard Pillans and Merlin Franke.

Donations: J.P. and Loraine Kilgore.

Donations-Books: Jaeley and Shayla Hicks; Carrie Marsh

Library Activity Report
November 6-10, 2006

Patrons	90
Lap	5
Lapsit	3
Other	82
Programs	40
Copies	7
Reference	3
Books Checked Out	106
Lap	20
Lapsit	12
Other	74
Calls In	8
Internet Users	18

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

NOVEMBER 20-24

MONDAY - Chicken & Dumplings, Buttered Corn, Peas & Carrots, Peaches, Wheat Bread

TUESDAY - Chili, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit, Ranger Cookie, Crackers

WEDNESDAY - BBQ Chicken, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw w/Raisins, Butterscotch Pudding, Bread

THURSDAY - CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY - CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

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

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from November 5, 2006 through November 11, 2006 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—116
Complaints—104
DWI—1
Money Laundering—1
Vehicle Accidents

There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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QUIPS, CLIPS AND COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Comment: Remembering that Rainbow Stew

"Making Christmas Glee"

Very soon the December holidays will be upon us.

Long, long ago, when America was very young, most people with children lived outside of town in the rural areas. Naturally there were a few parents who owned the mercantile store. The children whose parents ran the boarding house and the banker and a few others also lived in town. The pastor and his wife would sometimes have one or two children and they lived in the city. Sometimes there was a barber, a ladies hat and accessory shop, or an attorney office. Other than that, most families lived the rural life.

Not very many ready-made items made it across the seas for Christmas. Only very wealthy people could afford such a thing as that.

Most everything was made at home. There were several different ideas and ways of decorating. Where it was available, they cut down a Christmas tree. People around Texas and Oklahoma tended to cut theirs from cedar and spruce. In New Mexico and Arizona they used spruce and pine.

Small candles were sometimes placed on the tree and then they would be lit at the appropriate time. Strings of popcorn and cranberries are lovely swirled around the tree.

You can cut walnuts in two, remove the meat, stuff both halves of the shell with pretty material or tissue paper, then hang them on the Christmas tree for ornaments.

Some years when there were not many "good size" Christmas trees, so some took a large wooden box and nailed a limb with cedar or pine greenery on

each side of the opening. You can decorate the limbs with small strings of popcorn and cranberries, etc. You can store your gifts in the box. Then place the candles around the top (outside) of the box.

To decorate the windows, cut camels, stars, angels and three wise men. Make Baby Jesus with his halo on, from pretty paper or scraps. Tape one on each window. Large lighted candles or snowflakes adds charm.

When it's dark outside and you turn off your lights on the inside, it creates a beautiful silhouette of Christmas.

Gifts made from things that came from around the house were as follows:

Gifts for Mama - wool scarf for her neck; muff for her wrists and hands; bath saltz poured into a pretty bottle; pin cushion for use while sewing; Epsom saltz which you colored with little bottles of food color then add a small amount of perfume or cinnamon, vanilla or lemon extract. Close with a cork or a nickel or quarter, cover with a small circle of net or tulle. Push sides to neck of the bottle and tie it with a 4 or 5 small flowers and about a 2 inch bow. Cut a square of paper and write on it "Sweet Bath Saltz".

Gifts for Father - knit or crocheted him some house shoes or socks; snow shoes; corn cob pipe; bandana handkerchiefs - a dozen or half dozen in various colors.

Gifts for Girls - Raggedy Ann doll; 2 large peppermint sticks; homemade taffy; rabbit skin vest; wooden combs for hair with sea shells; cowhide coat with fox tail collar and trim

Gifts for Boys - homemade kite; a whittled whistle; whittled boat oars.

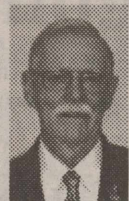
These were the best Christmas — filled with love, restraint and diplomacy.

Christmas is on the agenda for December!!!!!!

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By Bob Pipes
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Jesus wanted people to listen to what He said, saying, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear" (Mt. 11:15; 13:9,43). I'm quite sure that He also wants us to listen to (and notice) others also, like the teen who says, "I'm OK," when he/she is really not at all OK—or the widow who says, "I don't need anything," when she really needs lots of things—or the older person who says, "I'll be OK," when they really need some attention, someone to care and show that they care...

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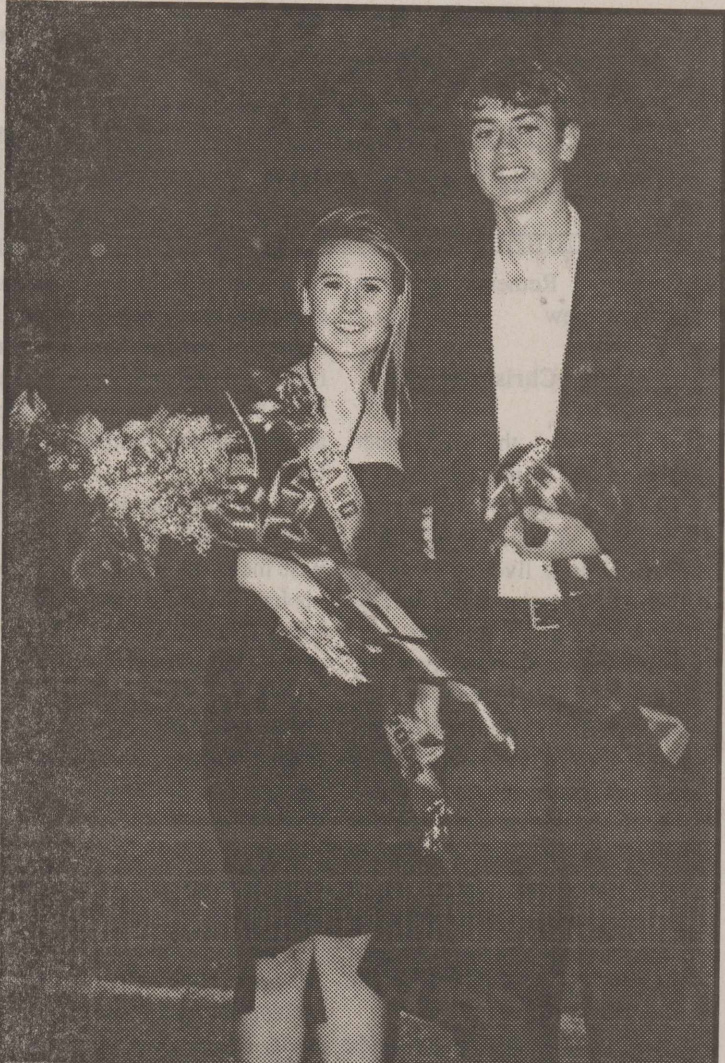
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2006 BAND SWEETHEART AND BEAU—Renee Byars (Sr.), daughter of Billy and Donna Bell, and Jacob Estes (Soph.), son of David and Mindy Estes.



2006 FOOTBALL BEAU AND SWEETHEART—Russell Thomas, son of Jackie and Roxie Thomas, and Karen Scott, daughter of Ronnie and Bonnie Scott and Liz Scott.

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Third Grade: None
Fourth Grade: None
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Sixth Grade: Cheyenne Cowan, Katharine Goode

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First Grade: Wesley Alexander, Morgan Armer, J.C. McDonald, Dawson McWilliams, James Rhyne, Angelia Wahl, Nakadah Walker, Dakota Willis, Shana Yates
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First Grade: Kelsi Tennison, Caleb Townson, Aaron Willis
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Fifth Grade: Brooklin Cantu
Sixth Grade: Victoria Creamer, Dakota Gilliam

**CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL
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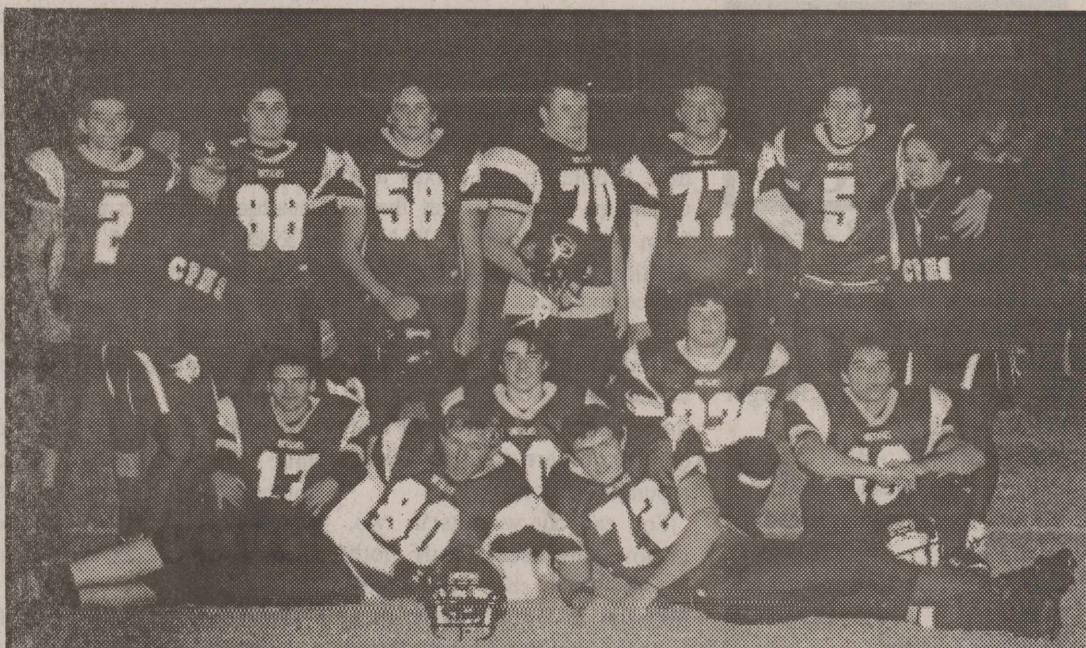
7th Grade: Samantha Dickson, Lana Gary, Lauren Goode, Payton Porter, Rosa Salazar, Katherine Taff, Zoie Walker
8th Grade: Hayden Wyatt, Savana Wyatt
9th Grade: Emma Bennett, Amanda Dunaway, Shera Gary, Tiffany Holland, Kayla Lawrence, Zachary Snell
Sophomore: Jacob Estes, Krista Phillips, Mandy Rose
Junior: Thomas Gary, Tiffany Walker
Senior: Mitzi Anderson, Thomas Estes, Russell Thomas

**CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL
2006-2007 "A" HONOR ROLL
2ND SIX WEEKS**

7th Grade: Rebecca Allen, Shelby Ames, William Self, Austin Thomas
8th Grade: Shelby Champion, Madison Wells
9th Grade: Melissa Black, Cody Sliger
Sophomore: None
Junior: Markus Maxwell
Senior: None

**CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL
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2ND SIX WEEKS**

7th Grade: Jayten Ames, Dakota Bomar, Ryder Foster, Kristin Willis
8th Grade: Delany Ames, Tru Avants, Cody Ford, Justin Golson, Shawna Lewis, Chad Switzer
9th Grade: Emily Foster, Jacob McCutchen, Amber Parker, Ben Schaefer
Sophomore: Sheena Apple, Terrah Augustine, Emily Harris, Nathan Koettel, Acaila Radle
Junior: Hailey Biggs, Macayla Cook, Jerry Simons, Fili Vasquez
Senior: Brock Cooper, Justin Dickson, Mykea Douglass, Jonathan Hopkins, Cody Hyles, Colton Manley, Kaelen Martinez, William Pool



SENIOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS AND CHEERLEADERS—Chris McBride (back, from left), Mykea Douglass, Justin Dickson, Steve Garrett, Zach Bennett, Colton Manley, Thomas Estes and Karen Scott; Jonathan Hopkins (middle, from left), Sean Williams, Cody Hyles and Russell Thomas; Clay Koenig (front, from left) and Dalton Carpenter.

**Buffs Lose to
Bears, 46-17**

De Leon's ground game proved to much for the Cross Plains Buffaloes as they went on to defeat the Bears 46-17. The Buffaloes totaled 12 first downs and 212 yards of total offense. The Bears has 22 first downs and 348 total yards.

Rushing: Thomas Estes 15 carries/86 yards (1TD); Russell Thomas 12/50; Sean Williams 8/36; Fili Vasquez 5/36; Cody Hyles 1/3; JJ Callaway 1/1; Brice Bowden 3/0.

Tackles: Zach Bennett 2 Tackles/6 Assist (1 caused fumble); Justin Dickson 6/1; Jacob Melton 3/4; Thomas Estes 5/1; Markus Maxwell 4/1; Brice Bowden 4/1; Sean Williams 4/0; Steve Garrett 3/0; Cody Hyles 3/0; Russell Thomas 2/1; Josh Radle 1/2; Dalton Carpenter 2/0; JJ Callaway 2/0; Colton Manley 1/0; Clay Koenig 1 fumble recovery (TD).

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE
Thomas Estes, Sr., QB
15 carries for 86 yards (1TD)
DEFENSE
Zach Bennett, Sr., DT
2 Tackles/6 Assists 1 caused fumble
Justin Dickson, Sr., DB
6 Tackles/1 Assist

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November 16, 2006

**CROSS PLAINS
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

November 10, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on November

16, 2006, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

Addendum Requested by Scott Childress Board Agenda Item #4 Revised and #8 Added

- Call Meeting to Order.
1. Prayer
2. Minutes
3. Open Forum
4. Discuss and act upon a facility usage study
5. Discuss the impact of House Bill 1 on Cross Plains School District
6. Discuss and take action on Jr/Sr Prom being held in Abilene
7. Discuss and take action on superintendent evaluation calendar
8. Board's role in improving student achievement
9. Executive Session
 - A. Discuss personnel items
10. Review/pay bills
11. Adjourn.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on November 13, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

By Jackie Tennison for the Board of Trustees.

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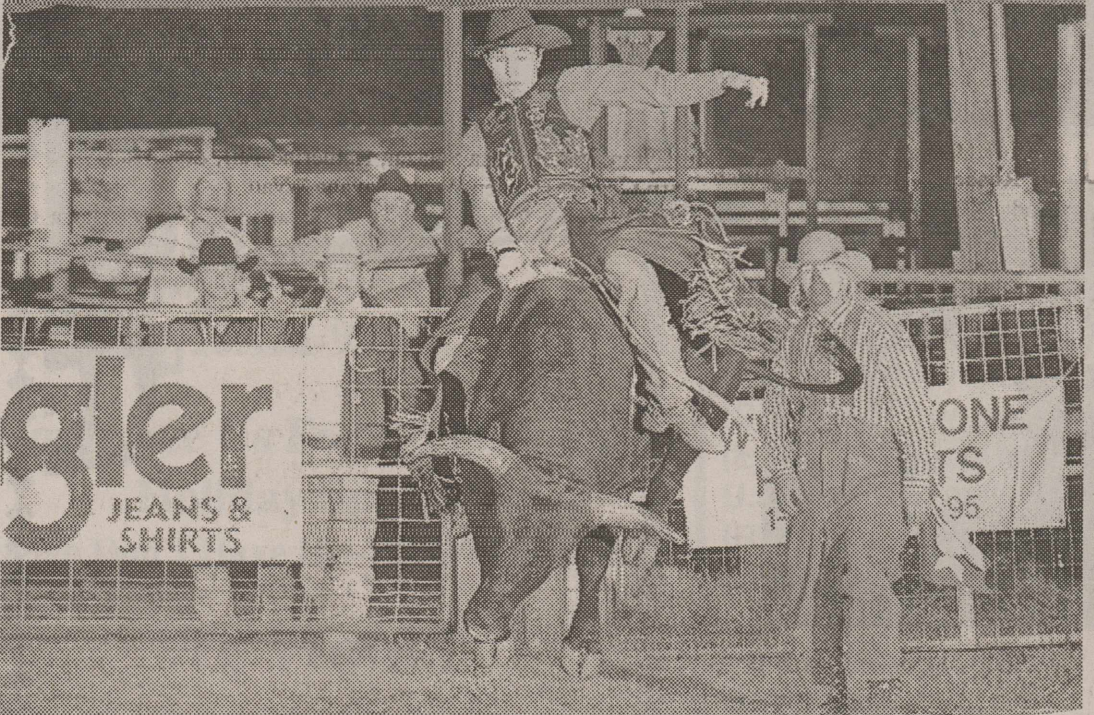
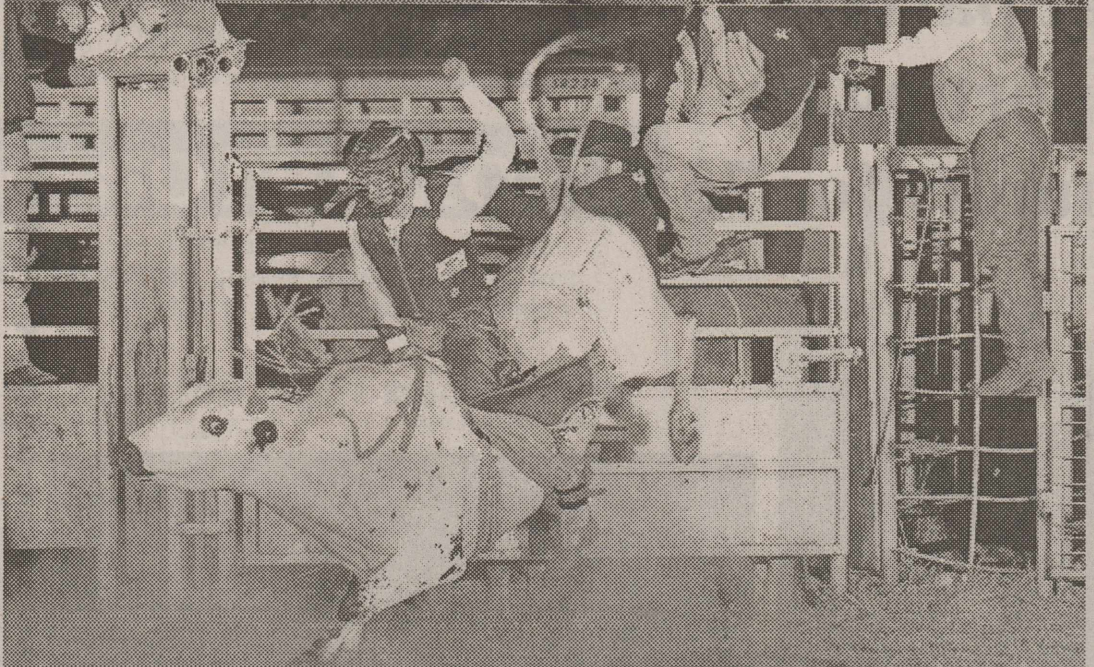
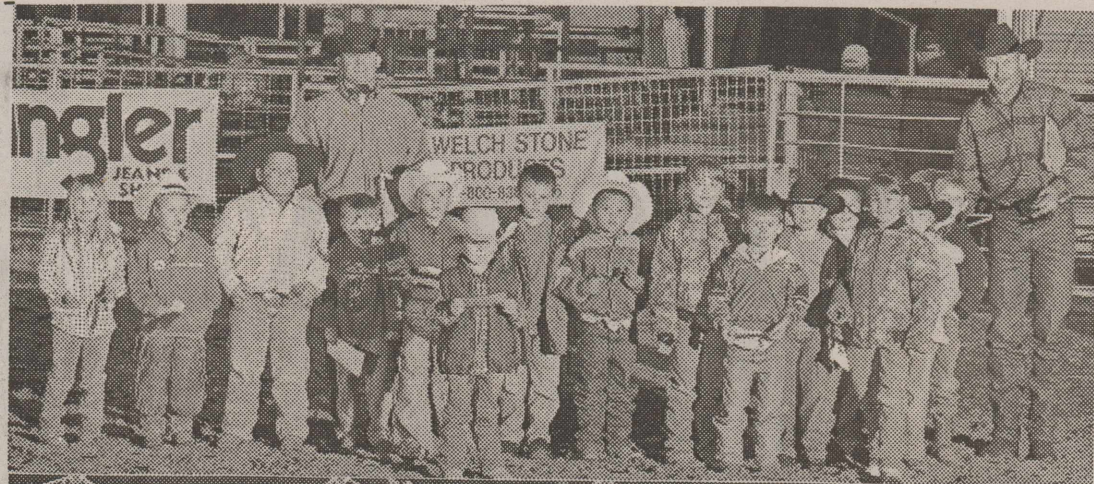
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Bull Bash

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Our appreciation to Ricky Walker, who helped me put all this together and did an awesome job as Arena Director; Tommy Brown, Mark Campbell and Curtis Johnson, who served as judges; and Rod and Clint Middleton were on horseback to make things move smoothly.

How about those Bullfighters—Ross Burroughs and Brian Flanders. We can never say enough about them. They always make it look easy but it's the

hardest job of all!

The secretaries did an awesome job! Sharon Molesworth, we could use a few more just like you. Crystal Messick and Lorna Muniain thank you for your excellent work!

Thanks to Caleb Edwards and Stephine Huff for traveling from Odessa to help us. The ladies in the concession stand, we appreciated the good food and all that coffee and hot chocolate to keep us warm. Neva Middleton, you always go above and beyond what is expected.

Thanks to the gate help, John Eppard, C.J. Molesworth, Tani Santos, and Inez King for standing long hours in the cold.

The presence of the Cross Plains E.M.S., Fire Department and Don Gosnell was greatly appreciated.

The performance of Jamie Richards at the dance, while enduring the cold was fantastic. The crowd said it was worth it to hear your great music.

Submitted by
Dana Hall

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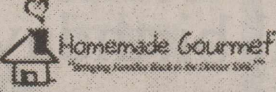
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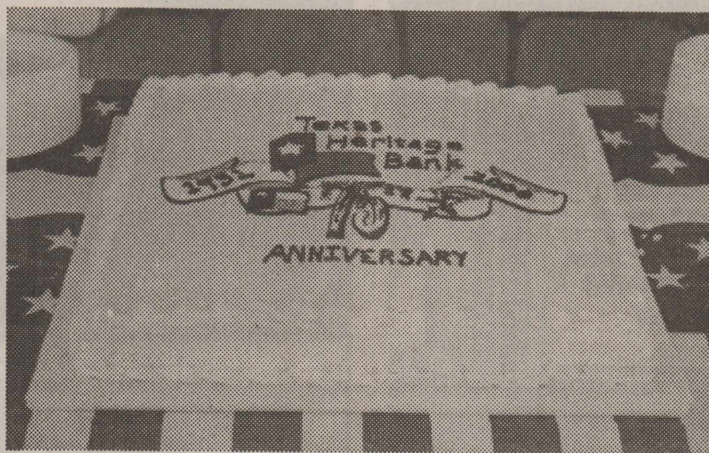
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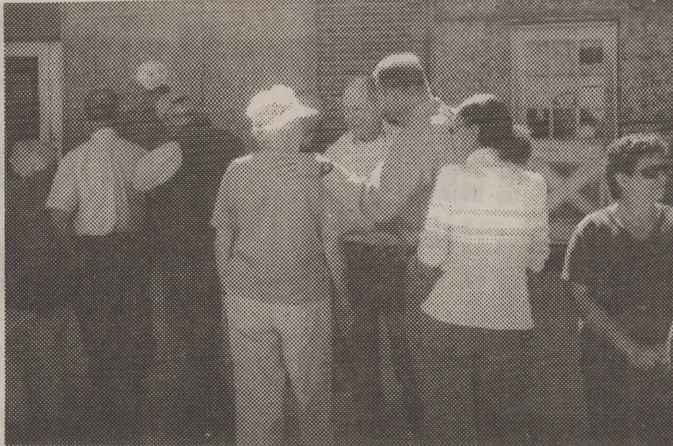
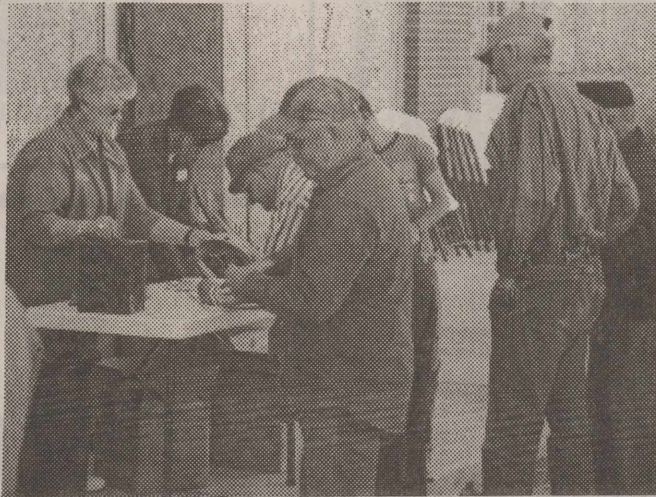
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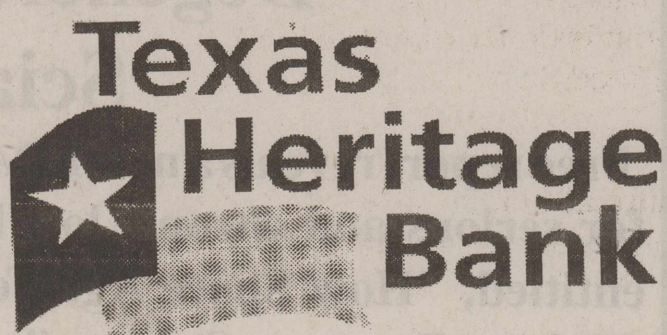


Thank you, Cross Plains
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The weather was great.
The barbecue was great.
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THE CLASS PLAINS CLASS OF 1958 MET AT JOHNNY CARINO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT IN ABILENE ON NOVEMBER 8TH FOR LUNCHEON—Those attending the luncheon were R.L. Smedley (back, from left), Larry Crockett, Jane Bonner, Cecil Wilson, Claud Champion and Bonnie Kirkham Davis; Sandra Crockett (front, from left), Judy McMillan Smoot, Naoma Goble Wilson, Carolyn Tatum Shipp and Jeannie Albrecht Foller. Everyone had a wonderful time and plan to meet more often in the future. (Photo by Frances Thornton.)

Holiday Tips to help you enjoy the season

Balancing work and family is difficult enough on a normal day, but the stress of juggling holiday responsibilities can push anyone to the breaking point. But according to Helen J. Burton, an empowerment and recovery coach, much of the stress is focusing on 'should haves' instead of embracing the moments for what they are.

"Most people are striving for the Currier and Ives Christmas of their childhood, but in reality they're dreading the holidays because they know it won't meet their idealistic view," she explains.

How can you beat back the dread and have the family holiday of your dreams? "Start by lowering your expectations," advises Burton. "Be more realistic about what you can do. This usually involves changing the tradition — it can be equally as good, but it has to be unique to your family."

Burton is a certified coach who helps both addicts and their loved ones work through the pain and develop a plan for a purposeful future. She founded Love Yourself Coaching (www.loveyourselfcoaching.net) in 2001, to meet the ongoing need creating healing and better lives by empowering others.

She offers the following tips to help de-stress and enjoy more of the holiday season:

1. Take a mini-holiday every day. "It's important to focus 10 minutes every day on you by taking time out for yourself," says Burton. She suggests reading, listening to music, meditating, or just doing nothing.

2. Get out and enjoy the season. "Forget participating in the hustle and bustle, watch it go by instead by meeting a friend out for coffee," she says. "It also gives you a chance to connect with someone in a relaxed atmosphere."

3. When you need help, ask. Burton suggests having a list of friends and family who can be "just a phone call away when you are feeling stressed or upset."

4. Send yourself a holiday greeting. "Write yourself a letter which you mail to yourself by the middle of December," says the coach. The letter should include a thank you to yourself for who you are, acknowledging how much you've grown. "Also put in a list of three problems you solved this year and what impact that has made on your life," Burton says.

Burton also suggests sending a similar letter to loved ones, telling them how special they are as well. "It's a great way to connect, and reveal the true meaning of the season."

For more information about Love Yourself Coaching, contact Helen J. Burton at Helen@LoveYourselfCoaching.net.

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Record Number of Abandoned Wells Plugged

The three Railroad Commissioners announced today that the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) has plugged a record number of abandoned oil and gas wells—a total of 1,824 in Fiscal Year 2006—the highest number of wells plugged by the RRC in one year.

The previous record for well pluggings in one year, 1,710 wells, was set in Fiscal Year 2005. Another record was also set this fiscal year, FY06, and involved the most wells plugged in a RRC District. RRC District 1 & 2 (the Central South Texas Region) oversaw 519 well pluggings in FY06 compared to 467 well plugged in FY05 in this same district.

The cost of plugging the 1,824 abandoned wells in FY06 was \$10.7 million. Abandoned well pluggings are financed primarily through the Oil Field Cleanup Fund, which is funded

by industry fees as well as RRC enforcement penalties, reimbursements and proceeds from salvaged equipment sales. The oil and gas industry also plugged 5,708 wells in FY06.

As of Aug 31st of this year, the state had 11,287 wells defined as abandoned or orphaned out of the total 362,950 oil and gas wells in the state.

"This record number of well pluggings represents a continuing trend by our agency to maximize and efficiently use resources available to plug abandoned wells and eliminate pollution threats posed by these wells," said Chairman Elizabeth Ames Jones.

Commissioner Michael L. Williams noted, "Thanks to financial assurance requirements for oil and gas

operators, we are continuing to see a drop in orphan oil and gas wells from a peak of 17,971 in 2002 to 11,287 in 2006."

Commissioner Victor Carillo said, "The RRC uses a prioritized system to make the best use of the Oil Fields Cleanup Fund's industry fees to target wells that pose potential pollution threats. I'm proud of the significant progress we have made over the last few years to minimize the orphaned well count."

In addition to well pluggings, the Commission completed 325 clean activities during FY06, which included 186 routine remediation operations, 53 emergency operations, 85 site assessment investigations, and one abatement.

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Callahan County General Election Results from Tuesday, November 7, 2006

Straight Party, Vote for 1

Republican Party	240	63.32%
Democratic Party	134	35.36%
Libertarian Party	5	1.32%

United States Senator

(R) Kay Bailey Hutchison	775	76.88%
(D) Barbara Ann Radnofsky	224	22.22%
(L) Scott Lanier Jameson	9	0.89%

U.S. Representative, District 19

(R) Randy Neugebauer	649	63.69%
(D) Robert Ricketts	347	34.05%
(L) Fred C. Jones	20	1.96%
Mike Sadler (W)	3	0.29%

Governor

(R) Rick Perry	418	40.43%
(D) Chris Bell	207	20.02%
(L) James Werner	7	0.68%
(I) Carol Keeton Strayhorn	300	29.01%
(I) Richard "Kinky" Friedman	102	9.86%
James "Patriot" Dillon (W)	0	0.00%

Lieutenant Governor

(R) David Dewhurst	698	69.18%
(D) Maria Luisa Alvarado	269	26.66%
(L) Judy Baker	42	4.16%

Attorney General

(R) Greg Abbott	716	71.31%
(D) David Van Os	260	25.90%
(L) Jon Roland	28	2.79%

Comptroller of Public Accounts

(R) Susan Combs	738	72.92%
(D) Fred Head	252	24.90%
(L) Mike Burris	22	2.17%

Commissioner of General Land Office

(R) Jerry Patterson	640	66.18%
(D) Valinda Hathcox	296	30.61%
(L) Michael A. French	31	3.21%

Commissioner of Agriculture

(R) Todd Staples	605	61.86%
(D) Hank Gilbert	349	35.69%
(L) Clay Woolam	24	2.45%

Railroad Commissioner

(R) Elizabeth Ames Jones	636	65.03%
(D) Dale Henry	324	33.13%
(L) Tabitha Serrano	18	1.84%

Chief Justice, Supreme Court, Unex. Term

(R) Wallace Jefferson	687	85.66%
(L) Tom Oxford	112	13.97%
Charles E. Waterbury (W)	3	0.37%

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2

(R) Don Willett	571	59.79%
(D) William E. "Bill" Moody	352	36.86%
(L) Wade Wilson	32	3.35%

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4

(R) David M. Medina	667	83.48%
(L) Jerry Adkins	132	16.52%

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6

(R) Nathan Hecht	676	85.90%
(L) Todd Phillippi	111	14.10%

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8

(R) Phil Johnson	676	85.57%
(L) Jay H. Cookingham	114	14.43%

Presiding Judge, Ct. of Criminal Appeals

(R) Sharon Keller	647	68.54%
(D) J.R. Molina	297	31.46%

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Pl. 7

(R) Barbara Parker Hervey	652	79.32%
(L) Quanah Parker	170	20.68%

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Pl. 8

(R) Charles Holcomb	680	86.08%
(L) Dave Howard	110	13.92%

Member, State Bd. of Education, Dis. 15

(R) Bob Craig	670	84.28%
(L) Brandon Stacker	125	15.72%

State Representative, District 53

(R) Harvey Hilderbran	686	85.64%
(L) B.W. Holk	115	14.36%

Chief Justice, 11th Court of Appeals Dis.

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Justice, 11th Ct. of Appeals Dis. Place 2

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County Judge

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District Clerk

(D) Sharon Owens	662	100.0%
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County Clerk

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County Treasurer

(D) Dianne Alexander	675	100.0%
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County Commissioner, Precinct #2

(D) Bryan Farmer	104	100.0%
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County Commissioner, Precinct #4

(R) Cliff Kirkham	229	65.99%
(D) Elvan Goode	118	34.01%

Justice of Peace, Precinct #1

(R) Roy Chapman	292	100.0%
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Justice of Peace, Precinct #3

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Justice of Peace, Precinct #4

(R) Bob Hill	275	100.0%
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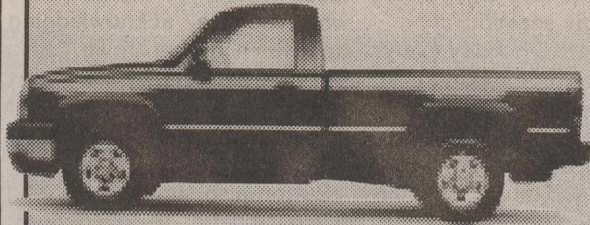
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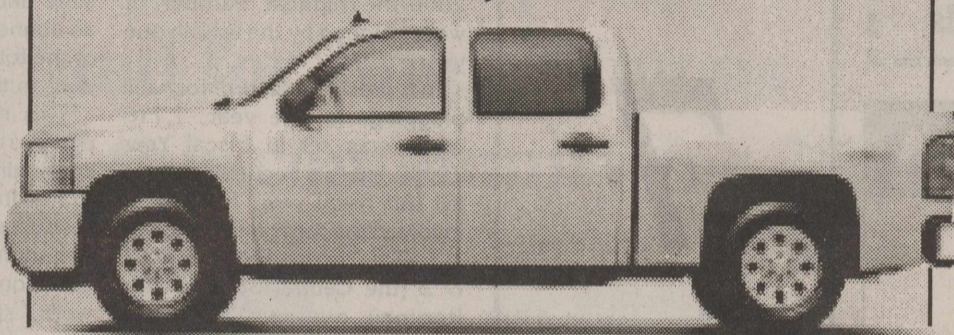
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Clyde Writer Has # 1 Country Song

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By Al Pickett
Special Writer

The number 1 song in country music today had its birth in Clyde, and Elliott Park said he is "still trying to process" the song's success.

Park, a Clyde native who is a commercial artist and songwriter still living in his hometown, found out last week that his song, *I Loved Her First* had reached number 1 on the national country music charts.

Park co-wrote *I Loved Her First*, a ballad about a father giving his daughter away on her wedding day. The song, recorded by the group Heartland, first began receiving play on the radio on June 1st. It then completed the climb to the top on Oct. 17th when it officially hit number 1 on the Radio and Record magazine and Billboard magazine country music charts.

"It is a validation of everything that my wife and friends told me, that my stuff was good enough," he said.

Park said the hit song was actually four years in the making.

"I came up with the idea for the song four years ago," he explained. "I had a couple of lines, the title, a little melody and the chorus. But I didn't do anything with it for nearly two years. I knew it could be a good song, and I wanted it to be a special song."

Park said he signed with a publisher, the Extreme Writers Group, in Nashville in 2003.

In February of 2004, Park said he went to Nashville, and his publisher hooked him up with Walt Aldridge, a veteran song writer originally from Muscle Shoals, AL., who has had half a dozen number 1 hits.

"He's had a lot of success," he said of Aldridge, who co-wrote the song with Park. "He's a veteran. We met in a little writing room that had a piano in it at my publisher's office. When I was sitting there, waiting on him, I was so nervous. He walked in, and he's about 6'5", but he's just a nice guy. He shook my hand and said, 'what do you have?'"

"My publisher had already told me that the way this works, is that the less experienced writer brings the idea to the table. So I opened my satchel and pulled out a couple of ideas. He then asked, 'What else do you have?' The third idea I pitched was 'I



WRITES NUMBER ONE SONG—Elliott Park of Clyde now has the number one song in country music with "I Loved Her

First." The song, co-written by Park and Walt Aldridge, reached number one on the Radio and Record magazine and Billboard

magazine country music charts on October 17th. The song is performed by Heartland, a new group from Alabama

Loved Her First. I told him I pictured it as a waltz, but I know no one wants to record a waltz these days."

Park said he played a little of the melody on the piano for Aldridge.

"He said 'that's a great idea,' and he started running with it," Park said. "He wrote a lot of the first verse, and then I jumped in and wrote the second verse. It was truly a 50-50 co-write. We finished it in four hours."

Park said they then invited Michael Martin to listen to it. "He loved it," Park added. "I still have that on cassette."

It took two years and three months from that initial song-writing session to finally get the song recorded.

"My publisher pitched it to everybody," Park said. "They'd say they liked it, but they didn't want to record it because it made them look old enough to have a daughter getting married. You know image is everything. Finally, Heartland, a new group from Alabama, came along and saw it for what

it is—a good song."

It was Heartland's first single to be released nationally.

"It came out on the radio on June 1st," Park said. "Within a few weeks it caught fire. It's on a little independent label, Lofton Creek. Mike Borchetta (the label owner) is from the old school. He sent out copies of the single, and called DJ's and said just play it and give it a chance. The phones lit up. Within a few weeks, it was the number 1 requested song on the radio in the country. That's what is really neat. The song's success was driven by requests. That is rare these days because the major record labels spend so much money in promoting their songs."

Amazingly, *I Loved Her First* reached number 1 on the country charts even though it is Park's first single, it was his first co-writing session, and it is

Heartland's first single. That is almost unheard of. Heartland's album that includes the hit song has now reached number 3 on the county album sales chart.

Since royalties are collected from radio stations on a quarterly basis, Park said he doesn't expect to receive his first check for *I Loved Her First* until December or March. Park who also serves on the Clyde School Board, said he has no intention of moving to Nashville.

"I have a publisher who believes in me and pushes my stuff there," he said. "I wouldn't trade any success I'd have by moving to Nashville for what I have here. This is home. I know everyone here, and my kids are close to their grandparents."

Besides, Park was living in Clyde when his first song reached number 1 on the national country charts.

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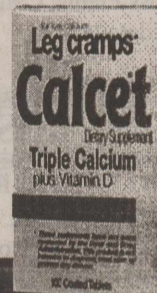
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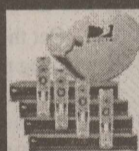


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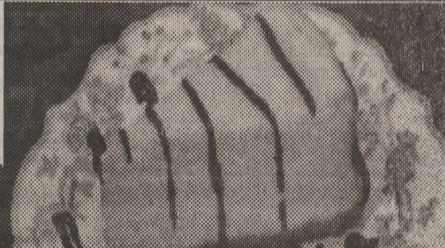
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Texas NRCS sets sign up deadline for 2007 Incentive Environmental Program

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas has set a Dec. 15, 2006, sign-up deadline for the 2007 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). "The funds allocated for EQIP will help farmers and ranchers improve natural resources on private working lands in Texas," said Dr. Larry Butler, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "The program provides cost-share and incentives payments to producers applying approved conservation measures that help solve natural resource problems."

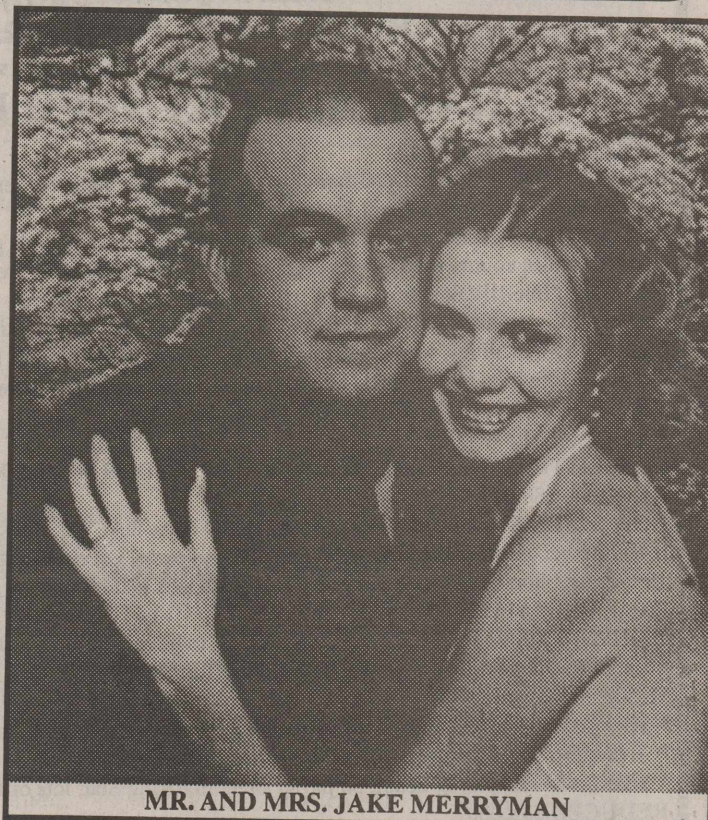
Natural resource concerns are established in each county by local work groups, who identify the most important natural resource issues in the area. Through EQIP, NRCS also funds projects that address special statewide resource concerns recommended by the Texas

State Technical Committee. The 2007 statewide resource concerns are animal waste, invasive species, plant condition, water quality, water quantity, and wildlife emphasis areas.

Immediately following the end of the sign-up period, all applications will be ranked. Producers with an approved application will work with an NRCS conservation planner to develop a contract and a plan and will begin implementing conservation practices next spring.

Local NRCS field offices have complete details for their county and the applicable state concerns. Additional information, including ranking criteria, eligible practices, and cost-share rates for all programs, can also be found on the Texas NRCS Web Site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/.

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MR. AND MRS. JAKE MERRYMAN

Clanton-Merryman Say Vows

Latosha Clanton and Jake Merryman were recently married in Stephenville. Latosha is the daughter of Cheri Hubbard of Brownwood and Tim Clanton of Ft. Worth. Jake is the son of David and Debbie Merryman of Cross Plains.

MORE Medicare RX Plans that Cover the GAP

AUSTIN, TX—Seventeen stand-alone plans that fill the coverage gap in the Medicare prescription drug benefit will be available to Texas' Medicare beneficiaries in 2007, compared to six in 2006.

Plan sponsors nationwide have recognized the importance of making gap coverage available, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which released the information late last week.

While the vast majority of Medicare beneficiaries are not affected by the gap, a recent survey by the Medicare Rx Education Network found that four in 10 seniors in Part D are not sure if their current plan has a gap or not. The same survey found that while 82 percent were satisfied with the benefit, three out of four seniors did not know when the open-enrollment period for 2007 begins.

In response to the survey results, the Medicare Rx Access Network of Texas is stepping up efforts over the next three months to help beneficiaries determine if their current plan does or does not have a coverage gap and if they spend enough annually on prescription drugs to be subject to a gap at all.

The network also is educating seniors about potential options for filling the gap, and letting people know that they can change plans if they want to during the next open-enrollment period.

Options for filling the gap include: selecting a plan that offers gap coverage, applying for extra help through Medicare's low-in-

come subsidy program, and applying for additional assistance from various sources (such as state pharmacy assistance programs, charitable foundations and patient assistance programs offered by pharmaceutical companies).

Open enrollment for 2007 coverage runs from November 15 to December 31, 2006.

To help simplify the enrollment process, the Medicare agency has begun to post information about the 2007 plans on its Web site (www.medicare.gov). Eligible beneficiaries can now review the list of the plans that will be available in Texas next year, including important information regarding monthly premiums, annual deductibles and extra coverage offered in the gap.

In addition, CMS is improving its online Plan Finder tool with several new features, including a means of calculating monthly prescription drug expenditures. This will help people determine if they are likely to hit a coverage gap next year. The improved Plan Finder at www.medicare.gov went into effect October 12, 2006.

Information about 2007 plans in Texas also is available by calling the Medicare Hotline (1-800-MEDICARE) or the Texas Health Insurance Information, Counseling, and Advocacy Program (1-800-252-9240).

Additional plan information will be provided in the *Medicare & You 2007* handbook, which will be mailed to all beneficiaries between late October and early November.

AEP Texas North Company seeks electricity rate increase

AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 9, 2006—AEP Texas North Company (TNC) today filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to increase the transmission arid distribution rates charged to retail electric providers (REPs).

The rate requests include the amounts that are charged the retail electric providers for the delivery of electricity over TNC's transmission and distribution lines. TNC is seeking approval of a \$25 million increase, which includes the expiration of \$6.2 million in billing credits that have been in place since 2000.

If the request is approved by the PUCT, and assuming the REPs pass the full amount on to their customers, the increase for a residential customer using 1,000 kWh a month of electricity in the TNC service area would be around \$1.24 a month, or less than a 1 percent increase on that customer's total bill.

Current charges to the retail electric providers by TNC are not sufficient to cover the companies' cost of delivering electricity, according to Charles Patton, AEP Texas president and chief operating officer. He noted that the 2005 Earnings Monitoring Report filed with the PUCT showed a return on equity of about 6 percent for TNC. Most other investor-owned transmission and distribution companies in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) are earning 10 percent or more.

Additional investment in transmission and distribution facilities, as well as cost increases that have occurred since 2005, have compounded the problem, Patton added.

"We know the overall price of electricity has risen dramatically over the last few years, and it's a major concern for all of us," Patton said. "It is important to remember, however, that TNC does not bill the end-use customer. We bill the retail electric providers through our wires charge. The REPs then consider the delivery charge along with their own supply costs and bill the retail end-use customer. The charges associated with energy

delivery in the TNC service territory is less than 25 percent of a typical residential customer's total bill. While overall prices have increased substantially, the wires charges by TNC have remained essentially constant since retail competition began in 2002."

The requested increase in the proceeding is based on a test year for the 12 months ending June 30, 2006. The test year revenue requirement requested in the proceedings reflects the ongoing level of activity, investment and expenses that TNC will incur to provide safe and reliable transmission and distribution service in their service areas. TNC is requesting a return on equity of 11.25 percent with a capital structure of approximately 60 percent debt/40 percent equity.

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