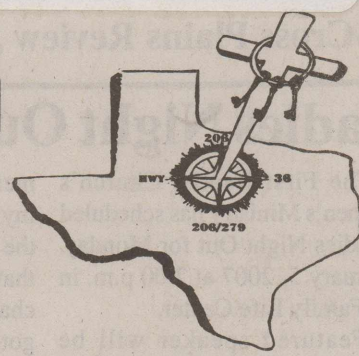


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THURSDAY, January 25, 2007



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#### DOWN HOME

**Editor's Note:** There are some interesting facts included in this list that someone (?) sent me. I learned lots of things. See how much you know. **Vanda Anderson**

#### Did You Know???

1. Money isn't made out of paper, it's made out of cotton.
2. The U.S. Declaration of Independence was written on hemp paper.
3. The dot over the letter i is called a "tittle".
4. A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top.
5. Susan Lucci is the daughter of Phyllis Diller.
6. 40 percent of McDonald's profits come from the sales of Happy Meals.
7. 315 entries in Webster's 1996 Dictionary were misspelled.
8. The 'spot' on 7UP comes from its inventor.
9. On average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents, daily.
10. Warren Beaty and Shirley MacLaine are brother and sister.
11. Chocolate affects a dog's heart and nervous system; a few ounces will kill a small sized dog.
12. Orcas (killer whales) kill sharks by torpedoing up into the shark's stomach from underneath, causing the shark to explode.
13. Most lipstick contains fish scales.
14. Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants.
15. Ketchup was sold in the 1830s as medicine.
16. Upper and lower case letters are named 'upper' and 'lower' because in the time when all original print had to be set in individual letters, the 'upper case' letters were stored in the case on top of the case that stored the smaller, 'lower case' letters.
17. Leonardo DaVinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time....
18. Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out during World War II were made of wood.
19. There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.
20. The name Wendy was made up for the book Peter Pan; there was never a recorded Wendy before!
21. There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with: orange, purple and silver.
22. Leonardo DaVinci invented scissors. Also, it took him 10 years to paint Mona Lisa's lips.
23. A tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion will make it instantly go mad and sting itself to death.
24. The mask used by Michael Myers in the original "Halloween" was a Captain Kirk mask painted white.
25. If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar.
26. By raising your legs slowly and lying on your back, you can't sink in quicksand.
27. The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law, which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.

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## Cross Plains Public Library Featured in Book

The Cross Plains Public Library was chosen to be one of eighty-four libraries in the United States and Canada featured in *Heart of the Community: Libraries We Love*. The Berkshire Publishing Group has honored our Library by choosing it to appear in this beautiful, full-color coffee table book that will be the first to sing the praises of America's beloved libraries.

The key selection criteria were: the library is of historical significance; the library is associated with an important event; the library is associated with an important person; the library is distinguished by its architectural design; or the library is of special significance to its community. Perhaps part of the reason our Library was chosen was because of the Robert E. Howard connection, but probably of equal importance was the fact that our small library does so much with the resources

available. Very few libraries in towns the size of Cross Plains are open every day and have so many programs like LAP (Learn About...Program), Lapsit, summer reading, Meet the Author, the writing contest for students, the genealogy group, the oral history project, computers with Internet access, and of course, books and audio tapes to be checked out. The reason we can do all this is because of the wonderful support we get from our community—both financial support and the help of our volunteer workers.

The publisher has given one copy to the Library, so be sure to come by and take a look at this beautiful book. Additional copies can be ordered if you'd like one to display in your home or place of business. The retail price will be \$49.95, but discounts are available if multiple copies are purchased.

Submitted by Ginny Hoskins

## Cross Plains VFD Responded to Two House Fires Tuesday, January 16th

By Vanda Anderson  
Editor

A house fire on County Road 257 in Pioneer claimed the life of Lorain Merrill, 86, Tuesday, January 16, 2007. Mrs. Merrill was a longtime resident of the community.

Rickey Carouth, fire chief of the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, stated that a call came in after 8 p.m. Tuesday. Carouth remarked, "Someone called and asked if there was a control burn east of Cross Plains and I wasn't aware of any."

Carouth reported that the Eastland County Sheriff's Office paged the local fire department to assist the Rising Star Volunteer Department at the Merrill home.

Upon their arrival, the structure was already destroyed. "We took three trucks out and we provided approximately 10,300 gallons of water to the Rising Star unit, since they were already set up," Fire Chief Carouth commented. He noted that two trucks hauled

water back and forth to the scene. The C.P.V.F.D. also assisted in the search for the victim.

Carouth stated, "The fire is currently under investigation and I haven't heard the final results. The cause will probably be ruled electrical."

Memorial services were held for Lorain Merrill Friday, January 19, 2007 at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

The fire department was also summoned to another house fire in Cross Plains the same night. The home of Bob and Carolyn Morgan suffered a furnace fire. Carouth state that local firefighters had to remove part of the floor to keep the rest of the house from burning.

"From 8 to 12 volunteer firemen were at the scene of both fires," Carouth said. The volunteers returned to their bay around 2:30 a.m.

Hats off to the dedicated volunteers who respond to the needs of this community and surrounding communities.

## Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show rescheduled for January 25th-27th

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 25th - Saturday, January 27th at the County Show Barn in Cross Plains. Starting time will be Thursday, January 25th, at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Frankie Hyles, President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association, said that entries are expected to number about 450 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County.

Other officers of the association are Steven Mitchell as Vice President, Johnny Adkins as Treasurer and Karen Johnston as Secretary.

Superintendents for this year's show are: Beef Cattle-Eddie Riley and Johnny Lee; Market & Breeding Swine-Treva Gambrell; Poultry &

Rabbits-Doug Johnston and Larry McIntire; Sheep & Goats- Steven Mitchell and Angela Mitchell.

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 25th with Scott Anderson of Brownwood Extension office doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m. on the 25th.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 26th, with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Colby Christie, of Haskell will be judging the Swine Show. At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 26th, Joe Raff, of Wichita Falls, will start judging the Market Lambs followed by the Boer Goats and Meat Goat Show. On the afternoon of the 26th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. all steers and

heifers will be classified and weighed. Lee Standley, of Weatherford, will get the judging of the Beef Cattle underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 27th with the heifer show. Mr. Standley will also judge the steer show starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Premium Sale will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction.

Announcers for the three day show will be Jimmy Hargrove, Greg Gerngross, Robert Frost, John Belcher and Doug Johnston.

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

## Pastor Wright Price to be Honored upon his Retirement

Reverend Wright M. Price, who has pastored the Burkett Baptist Church for 16 years, has retired from 43 total years of preaching the gospel.

There will be a retirement celebration honoring him on Sunday, January 28, 2007. The Calvary Singers, a Southern Gospel Group from Dallas, will bring praise entertainment at 11:00 a.m. at Burkett Baptist Church on Sunday, January 28th, with the new pastor, Dwaine Clower speaking.

Following the morning service, a covered dish luncheon followed by words of remembrance, singing and honoring of Brother Price's ministry.

Pastor Dwaine Clower invites all to this special occasion.

## Liveoak Land & Real Estate to have Ribbon Cutting

Liveoak Land & Real Estate would like to welcome you to an open house celebration.

The grand opening of our branch office in Cross Plains will be held on January 29th, located at 116 S.W. 5th street (beside Mexico City Cafe).

You are invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony starting at 11:00 a.m. and encouraged to help us celebrate the opening of the new office, meet our friendly agents and enjoy a few treats and snacks throughout the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there.

Liveoak Land & Real Estate, "Putting your needs first".



PILED UP SNOW INSPIRES CREATIVITY—Texas Heritage Bank employees couldn't resist having a little fun with the snow we received last Wednesday morning, January 17th. Many others in the community were seen taking advantage of this opportunity.

## Cross Plains Veteran's Memorial Park Receives more Donations

The Veterans Memorial continues to make progress during the winter months. Turner Landscaping has installed the electric lines for the flood lights and park lights. A special thanks to an anonymous donor for the wiring and flood light fixtures.

The veterans names have been finalized and the granite has arrived for the etching process. 1700 names of local veterans both past and present will be placed on the monument.

Memorials have been received to honor these local veterans

including:

**In Memory of Jr. Campbell (Korea)** - Robert and Paula Merrill

**In Memory of Glenn Payne (WWII)** - Cross Plains Festival Committee.

Others making contributions include: Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Goble; James and Wanda Goble; Don and Debbie Gosnell; Phyllis Taylor Harris; and Henry and Michele Meadows.

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STUDENT HOLIDAY FOR THE  
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CLASSES WILL RESUME ON MONDAY  
JANUARY 29, 2007 AT REGULAR TIME

## Athletic Booster Meeting

Monday, January 29, 2007  
6:00 p.m.

in Gym Foyer

Come Be A Part



## Ladies Night Out Scheduled

The First Baptist Church's Women's Ministry has scheduled a Ladies Night Out for Monday, February 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Featured speaker will be comedian Chonda Pierce via a DVD message titled "A Piece of My Mind". It's Chonda's use of personal narrative and everyday stories in her comedy that has branded her "The Queen of Clean". Chonda is more than happy to be called the "queen of clean" because her comedy serves a larger purpose. "The punch line is not always the bottom line for

me!" she says. "Comedy is just my opening act. We could leave the night with a good laugh and that's great. But add a bit of life changing information and you've got a night worth leaving home for!"

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors. Bring your favorite salad and join us for an evening that will sure to have laughter, tears and a good time for all.

Child care will be provided, but please call ahead to make your reservation.

Submitted by Linda Slaymaker

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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 832 Ave. E Cross Plains, TX

**Pastor:** Sunday Morning Bible Study...10:00 AM  
 Morning Worship...11:00 AM  
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Services held at 21272 State Hwy 279, Cross Plains  
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**Pastor:** Sunday School...10:00 am  
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 Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
 Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.  
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00

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# OBITUARIES



**Lorain "Nana" Merrill**

Lorain "Nana" Merrill, age 86, of Pioneer went to be with the love of her life on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at her home. Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Cross Plains on Friday, January 19, 2007 with Rufus Wilson officiating. A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Lorain was born April 3, 1920 in Madisonville, Texas to Carl and Effie Teague. She married F.L. Merrill on September 12, 1936 in Mills County. Her greatest love in life was her family.

She was survived by three children, Harold Clyde Merrill and wife Ophelia of Pioneer, Barbara McAnally and husband Larry of Brownwood, and James Richard Merrill and wife Johnnie of Rising Star; 13 grandchildren: Teresa Koenig and husband Lynn of Pioneer, Robin Faucet of Abilene, Cheryl Daniels and husband Rick of Pioneer, Kim Thomas and husband Travis of Cross Cut, Mack McAnally of Abilene, Randal McAnally and

wife Cindy of Brownwood, Kristi White and husband Sean of McKinney, Pam Tankersly and husband Scott of Midland, Judy Faucet and husband Lee of Gordon, John Merrill and wife Heather of Rising Star, Sallie Boyette and husband Donavahan of Moran, Sondra Pope and husband Landon of Burkett, Michael Merrill of Snyder; 31 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren; one brother Glyn Teague of Lampasas; two sisters, Evelyn Teague of Anson and Karlene Wadsworth of Bangs; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and close family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, F.L. Merrill in September 9, 1990; two brothers, Claude Teague of Burnett and Olen Teague of Brownwood.

The family request that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department and the Rising Star Volunteer Fire Department in her memory.

**From football to teeball her kids she did embrace.  
 From the Stockshow to the Fair, Nana was always there.  
 Every time I close my eyes I see her beautiful face  
 And even though it hurts so bad  
 I know she is happy up there with Granddad.  
 Nana I hope you know we will all miss you so,  
 And our love for you will never fade.**

**We Love You Nana**

**Your kids, grandkids and great-grandkids**

Written By: Michael McClure III

**Johnnie Wallace**

Johnnie Lowery Wallace, 98, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Saturday, January 13, 2007.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. at Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Ranger. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Johnnie was born March 18, 1908. She was a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to everyone who knew her. She lived a long and blessed life. She and her husband, Lowe, lived in Ranger from the late 1920's through the 1970's and raised their family there. The past 25 years she also resided in Spring Town, Quartzite, AZ and Cross Plains.

Many friends loved her as she loved them. Johnnie had a

forgiving spirit, sense of humor and vitality for life until her very last day. She was a long-time member of the First Christian Church in Ranger and attended many churches while living with her sons, grandchildren and their families.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lowe W. Wallace, daughter Kathyeen Peterson, son Mickey Wallace and grandson Lowell Lynn Wallace.

Survivors include her son, Bobby Lowe Wallace and wife Ruby of Cross Plains; granddaughters Nancy Doyle and husband Ed, April Hardy and husband Matt, Rachael Kline and Nicole Wallace; grandson David Wallace; great-grandchildren Baylee Hardy and Scottie Tanner.

**J.D. Conlee, Jr.**

J.D. Conlee, 78, of Greenwell Springs, LA passed away Sunday, December 24, 2006. Services were held in Greenwell Springs.

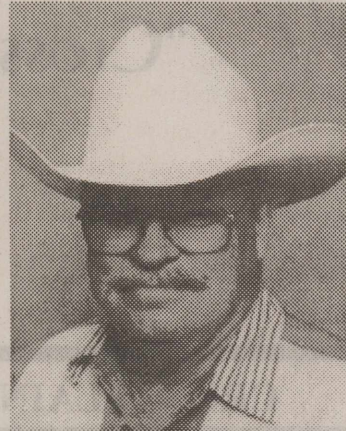
He was the son of J.D. and Mina (Montgomery) Conlee.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Mary Ann Conlee; a son, Pat Conlee and wife Glenda; a

daughter, Debra Jelks Owen; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives in Cross Plains.

Memorial donations may be sent to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 332 N Lauderdale, Memphis, TN 38105 and Alphonsus Catholic Church, 14104 Greenwell Springs Road, Greenwell Springs, LA 70739.



**EDDIE WALTER BELL**

## Eddie Bell

Eddie Walter Bell, 63 of Cross Plains, died Monday, January 22, 2007 at an Abilene hospital.

Services will be at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 25, 2007 at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Billy Sellers officiating. Burial will be in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Eddie was born October 7, 1923 in Baird to Charlie and Jeffie (Nigar) Bell. He grew up and attended school in Cross Plains and Clyde. He married Theresa Payne on August 2,

1986 in Las Vegas, Nevada. They came to Clyde in 1990 from California. They moved to Cross Plains in 2005. He retired from the U.S. Army after 21 years of service. After retirement from the military, he worked as a truck driver for the City of Clyde, Stephens-Martin Paving and Wayne Yates Construction. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Theresa of Cross Plains; five sons, Donny Skiles of Benbrook, Timm Horito of Las Vegas, Charlie Bell of Oregon, and Shane and Rusty Hutchins, both of Abilene; four daughters, Tami Horito of Las Vegas, Tracie Horito of Arkansas, Tina Horito of Arlington, and Melinda Bell of Oregon; his mother, Jeffie Bell of Clyde; four brothers, Charlie and Terry Bell, both of Clyde, Kenneth Bell of Ft. Worth, and Ronnie Bell of Cross Plains; thirteen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his father, two sisters, Wanda Bell and Charlene Tucker, and a daughter, Monica Bell.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

**Harry Bynum Reddick**

Harry Bynum Reddick, age 83, died January 4, 2007 at the University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia, Missouri.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 11463 South Highway 195, Killeen, Texas.

Harry was born February 5, 1923 in Lawton, OK, the son of John C. Reddick and Virgie Mae Snow. He graduated from Williams High School in 1941. Harry served in the U.S. Air Force in England in 1941 with the 305th Bombardment Squadron. While in service he met Iris Eva Gregory of Leicester, England. They were united in marriage December 23, 1944 in the Holy Apostle Church of England. Upon returning to the U.S. he owned and operated a small garage in Rising Star, Texas. Harry also attended Cisco Junior College at this time. The couple moved to Pecos in 1950 where he managed Powell and Sons (John Deere) Tractor Company for 35 years.

Harry was a very devoted

husband and father. His favorite interest was gardening, and he enjoyed playing his fiddle for Senior Citizens activities and other functions.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Michael John Warrick Reddick; two brothers, Roger Henry Reddick of Lake Worth, Texas and Lee Roy Reddick of Pioneer, Texas.

Survivors include his loving wife of 62 years, Eva Reddick; five daughters, Patricia Ann Oden of Pecos, Marilyn Faye Clawson and husband Doyle of Regency, Virginia Marie Graham and husband Gary of Scottsdale, AZ, Andrea Rae Cherry of Hourma, LA and Mary Lou Shipman and husband David of New Bloomfield, MO; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; two nephews, Randall Ray Reddick of San Angelo and Roy John Reddick of Pioneer; three nieces, Karen Smith of Lake Worth, Sharon Crevinston of Irving, and Jessa Gilbreath of Abilene; two sisters-in-law, Mary Lou Reddick of Lake Worth and Jessie Reddick of Pioneer.

**Lillian Lovell**

Lillian LaRue Belyeu Lovell, of Midland, passed away Wednesday, January 17, 2007.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 22, 2007 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services followed at Cross Plains Cemetery in Cross Plains. Arrangements were under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy, Midland, Texas 79701. You may place on-line condolences at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

She was born to Ruben B. Belyeu and Vera L. Jones Belyeu in Cross Plains on August 27, 1925. Lillian grew up in the Abilene area. After moving back to Cross Plains, she graduated from Cross Plains High School. She met Lionel Doyle Lovell there. They became high school sweethearts and were married March 7, 1944 in Cross Plains.

Doyle served in the Armed

Forces in Africa and Italy. After his return, a precious son, Ronnel Duane Lovell was born August 20, 1948 in Baird. The family moved to West Texas when Doyle joined Amerada Petroleum Company. They lived 18 years near Lake Thomas in Borden County. They first moved to Midland in 1971 and also spent 7 years in Big Spring. They returned to Midland in 1989.

Lillian was a wife, mother and homemaker. She was an artist and craftsperson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Doyle, brother, Bill Belyeu, and son, Ron Lovell.

Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Neita Lovell of Midland; grandchildren, Nikki Rice and Neely Blair, both of Midland, and Ryan Lovell of Houston; and great-grandsons, Drake, Brantly and Devin. She loved each of them dearly.

## First Baptist Church

**Sunday**

9:45 am Bible Study  
 11 am & 6 pm Worship

**Wednesday**

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship

**Ronnie B. White, Pastor**  
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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



# Cottonwood News

Written By: Wallace Bennett

## Cottonwood Fire Control Meeting Delayed In Favor Of Moisture

The Cottonwood Fire Control Unit will hold its Annual Membership Meeting this coming Monday night at the Cottonwood Community Center at 7:00 p.m. It was postponed from Monday the 19th of January due to the inclement weather. Which, we have all enjoyed, with some reservations.

This will be an important meeting and every citizen who lives in the Cottonwood Valley is urged to attend. New members for the Board of Directors will be elected or re-elected as the case may be. And, other items of important business will be on the agenda. So please show up for this meeting, as the property your fire department saves, may be your own.

The Cottonwood Quilt, offered at auction during the fund-raising efforts of the West Texas Rehab Center this past weekend was sold for \$460.00; not quite as good as last year but it did mark the 50th consecutive year the Cottonwood quilting ladies supported the center. So, "Hats off!" to our quilting ladies.

Ted Ivy, or "Junior," as he was called in the days of his youth,

visited in Cottonwood this past week. Since the ice and snow was covering the ground, we took our annual sentimental journey through the streets and roadways of Cottonwood by mentally remembering everyone who ever lived in this valley in the 1930's. Apologies, to those of you we "forgot to remember," we'll try to catch you next time around.

A popular movie film named the "Newton Gang" tells of a group of Newton boys who left Cottonwood, Texas to rob trains and banks. Neither Ted nor I, nor R.T. Peevy, could determine if the Newton's we knew, who lived next to the old Cottonwood Methodist church, were part of that gang or not. Todd Newton and his wife had several children that we do remember. Oveta Newton was near Ted's class in school and died of "flu" during that epidemic which swept through this country in the 1930's. Her younger brother, Todd, or "Junior" as we called him, was closest to my age. But, we could not say whether or not they were kin to the Newton Gang, mentioned in the movie.

Ted did say that he remembers a visit from a man named "Skin" Newton who paid a visit to his dad

in the early 30's. The man was wearing a big overcoat and drove a big black automobile, and they went into another room for a private talk. It seemed like a mystery to Ted, however, he has no idea if he was kin to Todd Newton.

R.T. Peevy says there is a name of "Newton" scratched on a slab of concrete covering a couple of graves in the old Cemetery, but he does not know if they belonged to a Newton Gang that lived in old Cottonwood. So, the cloud of mystery hangs over our heads.

I received a telephone call from John Ingram of Midland, Texas. He was interested in the repair of the Old Methodist Episcopal Church, South, since he and his family attended church there. He also sent a check to include his family names on the plaque to be placed inside the church of people who donate \$100.00 or more for that cause. And that reminds me to remind you that the time is drawing near to have those plaques made up, so please send your check in soon if you want your name included.

Please send all checks to the Cottonwood Historical Association, P.O. Box 704, Cross Plains, Texas, 76443

## Rising Star Nursing News

Written By: Linda Merritt



FIELD TRIP TO SEE SNOW—Lori Osborn, A-Don-LVN (from left), Jerry Holmes, Volley Joe Williams, Nikki Perez and Jimmielee Payne. Not pictured Nell Lancaster and Billie Lewis.

Last Thursday was a beautiful winter wonderland sight to behold, with all the snow on the ground and trees. The residents were asked if they would like to go on a tour to see the snow, we had several brave ones who were very excited to go.

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Zelda Milam. She will be long remembered and missed

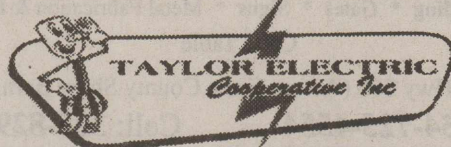
dearly. We also express our sympathies to the family of Elizabeth Chamberlain. She will be missed.

During all this bad weather causing problems on the roads, we would like to say a Big Thank You to Ray Dodd, for transporting some of the aides to work.

With all this freezing weather it is nice and reassuring to

know that if the electricity goes out we have a back up generator here at the Center to keep the residents warm. Appreciation to Danee Clark, our maintenance Supervisor for his expertise in keeping everything working smoothly.

Laughter Is The Sun That Drives Winter From The Human Face



Taylor Electric Cooperative Wishes you the Bright & Safest NEW YEAR!

## BREAKTHRU

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



In the comic strip, *Frank and Ernest*, Frank asks insurance-man-Ernest, "How's business?" Ernest replies, "Tough! I sold disaster insurance to the city of Jericho, flood insurance to Noah and life insurance to Goliath! But I think things are turning around—I just made a big annuity sale to a guy name Methuselah!"

Not to put anyone down, but are you familiar enough with the Bible to know what all this is talking about? Even though Ernest insured some wrong places and people, you have to admit that Mr. Thaves knows his Bible facts! You would only have to read Genesis, Joshua and I Samuel and get the stories of all these people, places and events. It just might "whet your appetite" enough to make you want to read on—and sooner or later you'd read about the One that all these other things were leading to—Jesus, the Christ. (Personally, I enjoy reading from *The Daily Bible*, arranged in chronological order. It's a big help as it unfolds the account as it happened. If you are interested in one, give me a call.)

Come share in periods of life-changing Bible study and worship with us. We really do care about you, too!

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## LIBRARY NOTES

Statistics  
January 15-19, 2007

Memorials: Charles and Lou Rodenberger in memory of Jack Tunnell and Ellen Simpson; Ricardo and Judith Castanuela in memory of Hollis Shults, Sr.  
Books Donated: Jim Wilcox

Library Activity Report  
January 15-19, 2007

Patrons	40
Books Checked Out	53
Copies	10
Internet Users	10
Interlibrary Loans	1

## QUILTING TODAY

By Barbara Powell

Remember a few weeks ago, I told you I would be in California soon and I would bet my son would still be dragging that quilt around that I gave him on his 16th birthday? Well, I guessed right. That red and blue denim quilt is still being used. The lining has a rip on one side. I offered to fix it but his girlfriend sews and has offered to do the mending. So, I got out of that one.

Wearable quilts are very interesting. Some folks take a quilt that has tattered edges, but the body of the quilt is in good condition and serviceable, and make a totally new outfit. It is particularly interesting when new quilted fabric is mixed with un-quilted fabric to make a vest, but jackets or skirts are interesting. Toddlers clothes are especially cut. Picture a child's snow suit, a pair of overalls and jacket, that gives new life to a 'family heirloom'. One of our gifted quilters is Joyce Odom. She continues to amaze us when she arrives at "Quilting" in an unusual garment, sometimes a vest, sometimes it is a yoke of a garment that is quilted, but always beautiful.

Those ideas are not new to everyone but might bring back to mind an old idea:

Use your old cereal boxes to make templates. After cutting the cardboard, use gluestick to glue fine sandpaper on the backs to prevent the templates from slipping. Some people use a thin, good quality cardboard, the type that comes in underwear packages is ideal. Also, paper plates can be used. (Some of these tips I got from *Tips for Quilters* by Rachel T. Pellman.)

Anyone interested in quilting, feel welcome to stop by the American Legion Building on Tuesdays after 9:00 a.m. We would love to have you join us or just put in a few stitches.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 2

MONDAY - Chili Dog On Bun, Pork-N-Beans, Coleslaw w/Raisins  
TUESDAY- Tuna Salad, Tomato Soup, Macaroni Salad, Pineapple, Sugar Cookie  
WEDNESDAY - Baked Ham, Steamed Cabbage, Black-eyed Peas, Gelatin w/Fruit, Cornbread  
THURSDAY - Hearty Chicken Soup, Tossed Salad, Apricots, Cake, Crackers  
FRIDAY - Beef Stew, Pineapple & Cottage Cheese, Pea Salad, Apple Crisp, Crackers  
2nd & 4th Tue., Domino Night (42/84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

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## QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

KAY MOSLEY

Comment: Life is just a bowl of cherries! All my life I've heard that over and over in many different ways. If this is so, then what happened to my bowl, my cherries and my life?

"Life is Sweet—Sweet as Cherry Pie"

If life is as sweet as a bowl of cherries, how come my skin color is light? It's not olive colored. I don't know if my skins light is kind of green or if it's green and fading out to pastel pink and on to red.

So, it looks to me like a drawing will be held. My mother had red hair and my father had black hair. You would think we would have red hair with black patches or black hair with red patches, or possibly striped like a zebra (red and black instead of white and black).

If you want your life to be a bowl of cherries, then live your life and raise your family and conduct your business towards others in a very special way like that veritable bowl of cherries.

It seems that one of the

problems is staying on cue, with the pressure of daily living it is ever so easy to get off track.

I remember a little snitch of a song my mother used to sing at odd moments. It went something like this...."She can bake a cherry pie quick as a cat can blink its eye. She's a young thing and cannot leave her mother." The song is "Billy Boy".

Speaking of cherries, here is a recipe which I conjured up on one of those days that I have from time to time. I spend a lot of time, trouble, ingenuity and integrity just sitting around thinking.

This one I call "Kay's Cherry Jubilee". Take a large casserole or any large round bowl (I prefer glass over plastic) and line the bottom of the bowl with vanilla wafers or graham crackers. Buy a large jar of salad Maraschino cherries. Layer 2 rows of marshmallows and a large cherry between every 2 vanilla wafers, then pour some instant pudding until the cookies are recovered. Add another layer of cookies and layer with two rows of marshmallows. Then follow up with the cherries. Yum! Yum!

## C.P. GARDEN CLUB NEWS

By JOYCE ODOM

The Cross Plains Garden Club held their regular monthly meeting on January 12th at 2 p.m. in the home of Betty Beggs. The title of the program was "Harmony In Nature".

Our program was to have been "Arbor Day—Plant a Tree" but due to the weather conditions it was postponed.

Eva Fleming, president, called the meeting to order and roll call was conducted by Joyce Odom who read the minutes of the previous meeting.

A financial statement was given by Julene Franke. It was repeated again to place orders for trees and shrubs that were lost in the fire. Contact Eva or Julene for ordering.

Refreshments were served by Betty and we made a tour of her comfortable country home. It is located on a knoll and was very relaxing. We viewed her many portraits and landscapes, plus her lovely antiques. Betty is an accomplished artist.

The door prize was conducted by Joyce and it was a set of wind chimes won by Eva.

The meeting adjourned to meet next February 9 at 2 p.m. at Julene Franke's office.

Members present were Eva Fleming, Mary Ella Weaver, Julene Franke, Betty Beggs and Joyce Odom.

We thank Betty for her warm and gracious hospitality and for sharing her home with us.

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## More kids 'on track' in school 1 in 4 gifted reports census bureau

Seventy-five percent of children 12 to 17 years old enrolled in school were academically "on track" (at or above the grade level for peers their age) in 2003, up 6 percentage points since 1994, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's latest report on how kids are spending their days.

A Child's Day: 2003 is the third examination of children's well-being and their daily activities based on the Census Bureau's Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). Nearly 1 in 4 children in the 12- to 17-year-old age group were in a special class for gifted students or did advanced work in an academic subject.

Other highlights:  
— Parents were more likely to impose restrictions on TV viewing in the last decade. For example, about 67 percent of children 3 to 5 had limits on what television shows they could watch, when, and for how long in 2003, up significantly from 54 percent in 1994.

— Eating with a parent was less likely to occur for teenagers

than children under 6. In 2003, 24 percent of children 12 to 17 ate breakfast with a parent every day in a typical week, while 58 percent ate dinner together. Among children under 6, 57 percent ate breakfast with mom or dad, and 79 percent were at the table for dinner.

— About 72 percent of kids under 6 were praised by mom or dad three or more times per day, compared with 51 percent of children 6 to 11 years old and 37 percent of 12- to 17-year-olds.

— Children 1 to 2 were read to an average of 7.8 times in the previous week of the survey, while children 3 to 5 were read to an average of 6.8 times in the previous week.

— In 2003, 18 million children (38 percent) under 12 had been cared for regularly in a nonrelative child care arrangement at some point in their childhood. Nearly half (47 percent) of 3- to 5-year-olds had been in nonrelative child care most likely preschool.

— Children 12 to 17 were more likely than children 6 to 11 to participate in sports (42 percent

and 36 percent, respectively). About one-third of both groups participated in club activities.

— Aside from normal progression within a school system, 24 percent of children 6 to 11 and 41 percent of 12- to 17-year-olds had changed schools at some time since first grade. For both age groups, there was little change in these percentages since 2000, but both were lower than those reported in 1994.

— Eleven percent (2.7 million) of children 12 to 17 had been expelled or suspended from school at least once in 2003. Boys (14 percent) were more likely than girls (8 percent) to have been suspended.

— About 30 million children participated in the National School Lunch Program in 2003, including 1.6 million kids under 6, 15 million 6- to 11-year-olds and 13.4 million children 12 to 17.

Selected tables in the report include national data for whites and non-Hispanic whites, blacks, Asian and Pacific Islanders, and Hispanics.

## Callahan Divide SWCD poster contest deadline is Jan. 28th

Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District is holding a poster contest open to all Callahan County students. Poster entries shall be on standard poster board, cut to half size-22"x14". Artwork on poster entries should be produced with materials which do not readily smear, crack or chip. If necessary, a fixative or lamination may be used. Poster entry artwork should be flat.

Each poster will need an entry form attached to the back of the poster.

Students may choose one of the two themes for this year's contest: #1 "Water Wise," and #2 "Celebration Conservation."

Students will be awarded a ribbon for participation by the Callahan Divide SWCD. Area winners will be presented with a

plaque. A digital photograph will be required of each winner from the County competition to be published in the local newspaper and the SWCD newsletter.

The District will choose three winners from the Callahan County school districts in fourth, fifth and sixth grades. These posters will be submitted to the Area 5 competition. If one of these posters is selected, it will then be sent to the state competition.

All posters must be turned into Callahan Divide SWCD no later than January 28, 2007.

Please contact Judi Winans at Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District at 141 West 4th Street, Suite B in Baird, Texas 79504, phone 325-854-1349, ext. 3.

## Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp and the Bryan Adrian Summer Basketball Camp.

The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply.

Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 States and 17 Foreign Countries attended the 2006 Camp. College American Team. Camp locations include: Commerce, TX; Prescott, AZ; Thousand Oaks, CA; Sterling, CO; Babson Park, FL; Atlanta,

GA; Champaign, IL; Ypsilanti, MI; Glassboro, NJ; Hickory, NC; Mitchell, SD; Lebanon, TN; and Blacksburg, VA.

Registration is also open for the 29th Annual Bryan Adrian Summer Basketball Camp. Boys and girls age 6-18 are eligible. All skill levels are welcome.

Locations include: Prescott, AZ; Thousand Oaks, CA; Sterling, CO; Babson Park, FL; Atlanta, GA; Champaign, IL; Ypsilanti, MI; Glassboro, NJ; Lebanon, TN; Commerce, TX; and Blacksburg, VA.

For free brochures on these Summer Camps, please call 704-373-0873 anytime.

## Taylor Electric Coop Offers Free Trip to Washington DC

Taylor Electric Cooperative would like to invite all area high school students in our 10 county service area, to participate in our **GOVERNMENT IN ACTION—Youth Tour** contest.

Open to any high school student who is currently a sophomore or 16 years of age or older, the essay contest is judged by local educators on the point system. The contest requires "no entry fee" and is limited to the first 30 students who enter. This year's topic is "The Cooperative Difference" which was selected by Taylor Electric and reference materials are provided upon request.

Winners will receive an expense paid trip to Washington D.C. scheduled for June or 2007. The students will fly to D.C. with over 140 others from Cooperatives across the southwest. They will tour our national monuments, the Smithsonian, The FBI, the Capital building, The Supreme Court, the National Cathedral, The Ford Theater, and much more.

The contest deadline is February 28th when submission entries will close at 5:00 p.m. Contest information is available from local school counselors and entry information is also at Taylor Electric Cooperative's main office at 226 CR #287. Call 325-793-8538 for questions, or you may email your request to [connections@taylorelectric.com](mailto:connections@taylorelectric.com).

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

During the recent ice storm, newspapers, radio and television kept reminding us that the weather was causing accidents. WRONG! The weather just is. It doesn't cause accidents. People at home and in bed don't cause auto accidents. Drivers cause accidents. Namely, **incompetent, careless, drunk and just plain stupid drivers** cause accidents.

A good driver will drive at 20, 30, then 40 miles per hour and stomp on the brakes to see how well his tires will grip the road in wet or icy weather. A good driver knows that posted speed limits are for dry conditions ONLY, and the yellow signs by the roadside show how fast one may safely drive around that curve, under dry conditions only.

A typical scenario is an incompetent teen driver who hits water or ice and loses control on a straight highway like I-20 and crosses the median and slams into a car driven by a competent driver headed the opposite direction with his family, killing all in both cars; or loses control while rounding a curve and hits a tree and is killed in a so-called "one car accident". I personally feel gratitude towards that tree for keeping that incompetent driver from crossing into my lane and hitting me head on.

If someone reading this has lost a dear one from such "accident" (incident), I hope they will not take offense, but will get teen drivers to take the course offered to drivers who have been found to break the law, and teach them they are NOT immortal. Whip them, if necessary. A whipping is survivable—death is not!

Also, on next Arbor Day plant a tree by the roadside. You might save innocent lives.

G. Curtis Hoskins, M.D.  
Consulting Pathologist Retired  
Cross Plains

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**SHELTON BLAKE WINDHAM**—pictured with mom Carrie and Dad John (Brandy) Windham. Shelton Blake has been diagnosed with Acute Lymphomatic Lukemia. A fund has been established at the First National Bank of Baird to help with his medical expenses.

## Medical fund established for Shelton Blake Windham

A fund has been established at the First National Bank of Baird to help defray medical expenses for Shelton Blake Windham. Shelton is the 17-month-old son of John (Brandy) and Carrie Windham of Hawley. He has been diagnosed with Acute Lymphomatic Lukemia, and is being treated at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth.

John (Brandy), a life-long resident of Taylor and Callahan counties, worked for fifteen years as Deputy, then Chief Deputy for the Callahan County Sheriff's

Department. He also served as the Baird City Marshal. He is presently employed as the School Resource Officer for the Hawley Independent School District.

Carrie grew up in Hawley. She is a Deputy Sheriff, serving as Jail Administrator for Jones County.

Anyone wishing to contribute may do so to the Shelton B Windham Medical Account (#11051531) at any of the Baird, Clyde or Abilene locations of the First National Bank of Baird.

## DPS Report for 2006

### CASES INVESTIGATED

Warnings: 5,405  
Complaints: 5,399

### ACCIDENTS

152 accidents investigated during the 2006 year

83 Driving While Intoxicated  
1 Driving While Intoxicated with a Child  
19 Driving While License Invalid  
40 Possession of Marijuana  
7 Possession of Controlled Substance  
3 Possession of Dangerous Drug  
11 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
25 Fugitive Arrest  
6 Open Container  
1 Unlawful Carrying Weapon  
1 Unlawful Possession of Body Armor  
1 Fleeing  
1 Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle  
1 Evading Arrest  
1 Disorderly Conduct  
1 Hindering Apprehension or Prosecution

5 Failure to Identify  
1 Disregard for Police Officer  
3 Money Laundering  
1 Tampering with Physical Evidence  
1 Failure to Stop and Render Aid  
2 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol-Minor  
1 Consumption of Alcohol by Minor  
2 Minor in Possession of Alcohol  
21 Public Intoxication

## Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from January 14, 2007 through January 20, 2007 include:

**Cases Investigated**  
Warnings—1  
Complaints—13  
DWI—1  
Reckless Driving—1  
Public Intoxication—1  
**Vehicle Accidents**  
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**JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 2**

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<b>TUESDAY</b> - Breakfast On A Stick, Assorted Juice	<b>TUESDAY</b> - BBQ Chicken Strips, Green Beans, Scalloped Potatoes, Rolls, Honey
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Muffin, Yogurt, Assorted Juice	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> -Chalupas, Salad, Peaches
<b>THURSDAY</b> - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	<b>THURSDAY</b> - Lasagna or Corn Dog, Broccoli, Bread Stick, Fresh Fruit
<b>FRIDAY</b> - OUT FOR STOCK SHOW	<b>FRIDAY</b> -OUT FOR STOCK SHOW

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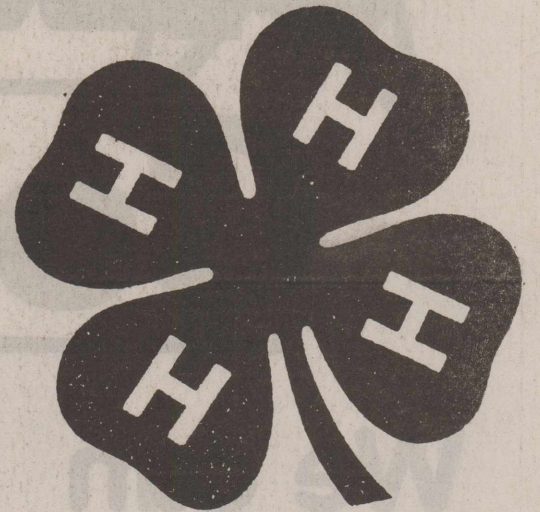
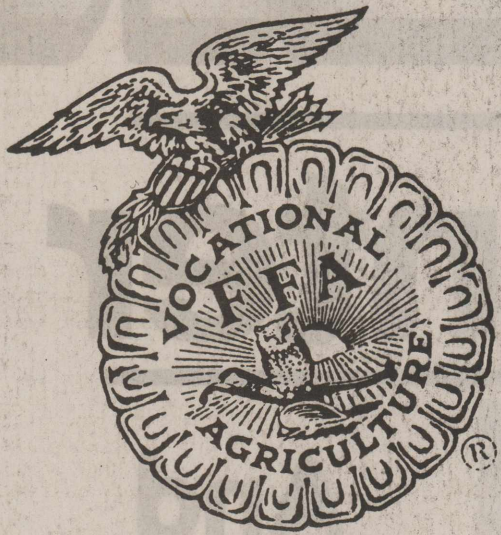
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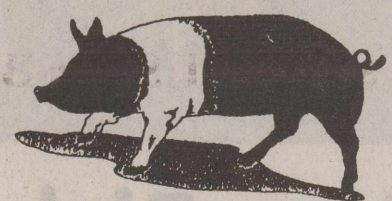
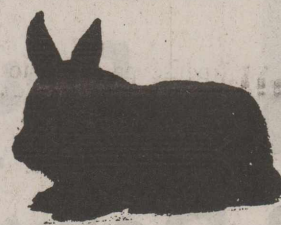
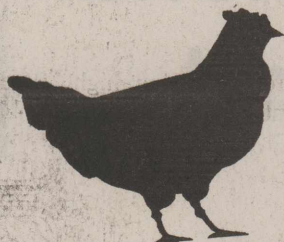
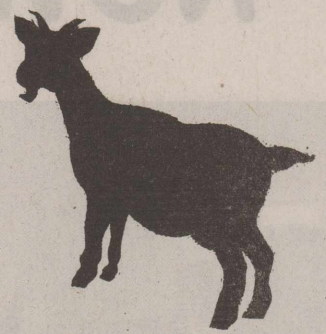
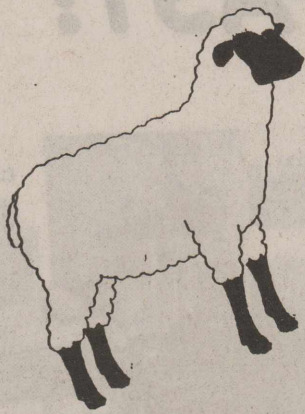


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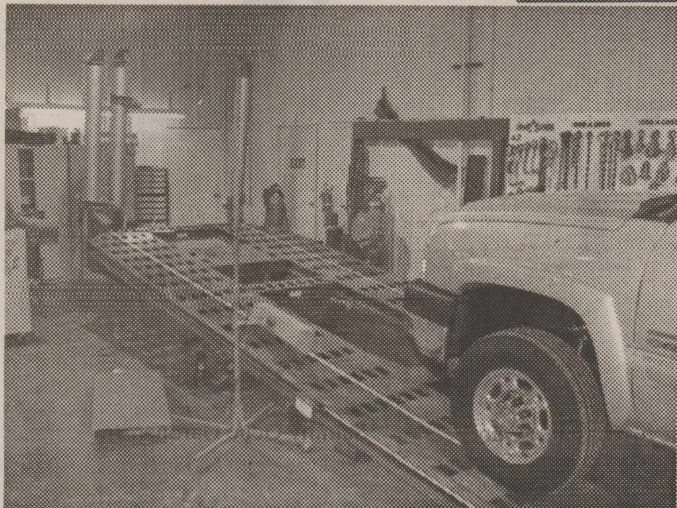
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# PIONEER NEWS

The quilting club had our first meeting of the year. Nearly all our members were present. We elected the officers for the new year. They are as follows: Sandy Hutton-President, Frankie Smith-Vice President, and May Jones-Secretary/Treasurer. Sandy will appoint the committee chairmen and their helpers.

We almost finished Lou Grider's "Wedding Ring", maybe next week, huh! It is very beautiful.

We will be working on Charlene's top and Jean Alexander will put her top in this week also.

The Pioneer community has lost two wonderful ladies recently, Lorain "Nana" Merrill and also Wanda Flippin who passed away after a long illness. Our sympathy goes out to both families.

Charlene Chesshir had a nice visit with Charles and Kathy's daughter, Melanie, and her husband, Andrew, the week before Christmas. Christy came on Tuesday before Christmas and took her out to eat to help her not be so blue on what would have been hers and James 60th Anniversary. Then on Christmas Eve, Christy and Doug picked her up and took her to the Abilene airport for her trip to the Oklahoma City airport. She was met there by John and Margaret Chesshir. They took her out to eat and then to their house. Margaret has really gotten to be a gourmet cook, and she fed Charlene

and her family royally on Christmas Day. Their two daughters and husbands and their little granddaughter all opened gifts together, then had dinner. Charlene spent Wednesday at Amy's house and played with little Mia while John and Amy did some house repairs. John and Margaret brought me home on Friday and we got to see young John and Summer and their two precious little boys. Margaret and John toured Charles and Kathy's new home, then took me home! It was wonderful to go, but always better to be home! Charlene is so blessed to have such wonderful caring and generous children!

Beginning a New Year! Frankie had a very good Christmas at their daughter and son-in-law's. Bobbie retired from teaching and football. They now live at Brownwood. Everyone was present.

Frankie brought Mrs. Lois McDonald to our quilting club. We enjoyed lunch with her at Senior Citizens'.

The home of Earlene Burge and Jessica Stultz was a happy home Christmas. There was twenty-three present and they all had a good time and everyone brought food so there was turkey and dressing and all the trimming.

Glen Dale and Kosta got to come in for the New Years weekend. They didn't go back until Monday afternoon. Sonya and Kendall didn't get to come because of their jobs. Kendall lives in Midland.

Howard's son, Blake, came one Saturday and spent the day. They were all really glad to see him. Glenda said her first grands would be turning twenty years old this month and next month. Glen Dale and Kosta were glad to get to see Krista play basketball in the Richland Springs Tournament Saturday night. They received second place. Glenda was really proud of Krista making the All Tournament team at the Rising Star Tournament.

Allen, Janice, and family, Glen Dale, Kosta and Glenda went to the New Year's Eve party after church in the fellowship hall at Rising Star. Everyone had a great time plus lots to eat. Glenda was glad to have most of her family together on Saturday and Sunday.

Glenda attended the funeral of a classmate at May last week. There was four classmates there. They had twelve to graduate in their class. Glenda said she got to see some others that were in school with her.

Basketball is starting the second half of the season. Let's go out and support our local teams. We have several Pioneer young ladies and men on the Cross Pains teams. They have all worked very hard and have performed very well. We are proud of their efforts and proud of the coaches who have worked with them.

"Go Buffs, Go!"

Hopefully if no ice or bitter cold, we will see you next week!

## Disaster assistance program available to Callahan County small businesses

Sacramento, CA—Small businesses in Shackelford County, Texas, and the neighboring counties of Callahan, Eastland, Haskell, Jones, Stephens and Throckmorton may now apply for low interest disaster loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). "These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by drought, excessive heat and high winds beginning January 1, 2006," announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center - West.

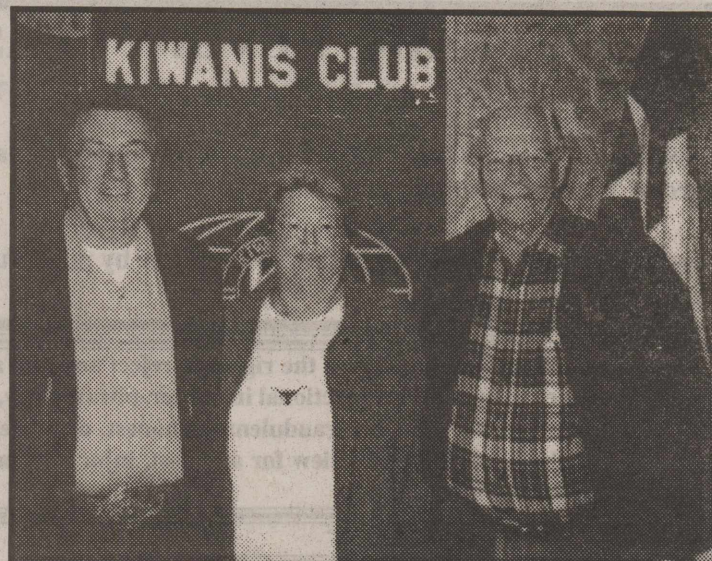
Small businesses may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) of up to \$1.5 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred. "Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 4%, a maximum term of 30 years, and are restricted to small businesses without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Judd said.

By law, SBA makes EIDLs available when the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Mike Johanns declared these disasters at the request of Governor Rick Perry.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are ineligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency (FSA) about the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However, in drought disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

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KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—Local purebred Longhorn cattle breeder, Stan Jernigan (left), discussed the history of the breed at the Kiwanis Club's Tuesday, January 16 luncheon at Jean's Feed Barn. Mrs. Jernigan (center) is also a partner in the purebred operation. Don Clark (right) was program chairman for the day. Kiwanis meets Tuesdays, Noon, at Jean's.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| <b>JANUARY 27</b><br>Billie Helen Pittman<br>Adriana Monrreal   | <b>JANUARY 31</b><br>Leslie Ann Manicchia<br>Mrs. James Alexander<br>Billy Perry<br>Ione Breeding<br>Mrs. Vernon Bullard<br>Betty Duncan<br>Patty Ruth Carlile<br>Ellen (Reynolds) Steinle<br>Norman Beck  |
| <b>JANUARY 28</b><br>Eddie Hart<br>Colton Galloway<br>Tommy Brown<br>Mrs. Albert Lovell<br>Chuck Pennell  | <b>FEBRUARY 1</b><br>Billy Don Bennett<br>Freddy Johnston<br>Rusty Reed<br>Debby Gilland<br>Harold Ingram<br>Clay Richardson<br>Dan Byers<br>Gretchen Wagner<br>Mrs. Bob Illingworth<br>Kenny Foster   |
| <b>JANUARY 29</b><br>Leland Ray Watson<br>Mrs. Rayola Roberts<br>Kimberly Wilson<br>Douglas Proctor<br>Jimmy Chesshir<br>Ilda Jimenez<br>Lindsey Barnett<br>Heather (Montgomery) Harris<br>Laura (Ricci) Lange<br>Korbin Kennedy McLean<br>Bree Dillard | <b>FEBRUARY 2</b><br>Sherri Pillans<br>Wilburn Newman<br>Susan Harris<br>Dale Bishop<br>Robert Callaway<br>Kathy Jo Fussell Kerns<br>Joyce Jones<br>Cynthia (Montgomery) McCaghren<br>Johnny McCaghren<br>Sammy Gene Gardner, Jr.<br>Jonathan Nelson |
| <b>JANUARY 30</b><br>Becky (McKeehan) Bland<br>Michael Dore<br>Charlotte Fleming<br>Tracy Archer<br>Harry D. Lee<br>Cory Switzer<br>Carol Havens<br>Ricky Rucker<br>Whitney (Kirkham) Odom<br>Holli (Shults) Gaines<br>Ketch Miles Thomas               |  |

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## Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

### A BROTHER'S LOVE

Like any good mother, when Karen found out that another baby was on the way, she did what she could to help her 3-year-old son, Michael, prepare for a new sibling. They find out that the new baby is going to be a girl, and day after day, night after night, Michael sings to his sister in Mommy's tummy.

The pregnancy progresses normally for Karen, an active member of the Panther Creek United Methodist Church in Morristown, Tennessee. Then the labor pains come. Every five minutes. Every minute. But complications arise during delivery. Hours of labor. Would a C-section be required? Finally, Michael's little sister is born. But she is in serious condition. With siren howling in the night, the ambulance rushes the infant to the neonatal intensive care unit at St. Mary's Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee.

The days inch by. The little girl gets worse. The pediatric specialist tells the parents, "There is very little hope. Be prepared for the worst." Karen and her husband contact a local cemetery about a burial plot. They have fixed up a special room in their home for the new baby, now they plan a funeral.

Michael, keeps begging his parents to let him see his sister, "I want to sing to her," he says. Week two in intensive care. It looks as if a funeral will come before the week is over. Michael keeps nagging about singing to his sister, but kids are never allowed in Intensive Care. But Karen makes up her mind. She will take Michael whether they like it or not. If he doesn't see his sister now, he may never see her alive.

She dresses him in an over-

sized scrub suit and marches him into ICU. He looks like a walking laundry basket, but the head nurse recognizes him as a child and bellows, "Get that kid out of here now! No children are allowed in the ICU."

The mother rises up strong in Karen, and the usually mild-mannered lady glares steel-eyed into the head nurse's face, her lips a firm line. "He is not leaving until he sings to his sister!" Karen tows Michael to his sister's bedside. He gazes at the tiny infant losing the battle to live. And he begins to sing. In the pure hearted voice of a 3-year-old, Michael sings:

"You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are gray." Instantly the baby girl responds. The pulse rate becomes calm and steady. Keep on singing, Michael. "You never know, dear, how much I love you, Please don't take my sunshine away—"

The ragged, strained breathing becomes as smooth as a kitten's purr. Keep on singing, Michael. "The other night, dear, as I lay sleeping, I dreamed I held you in my arms..." Michael's little sister relaxes as rest, healing rest, seems to sweep over her. Tears conquer the face of the bossy head nurse. Karen glows.

The girl is well enough to go home! Woman's Day magazine called it "The miracle of a brother's song." The medical staff just called it a miracle. Karen called it a miracle of God's love. A few weeks later, Michael's little sister was baptized at the Panther Creek Church.

For with God nothing shall be impossible - Luke 1:37 Author Unknown

This came to me from God's Work Ministries - Dwayne Savaya.

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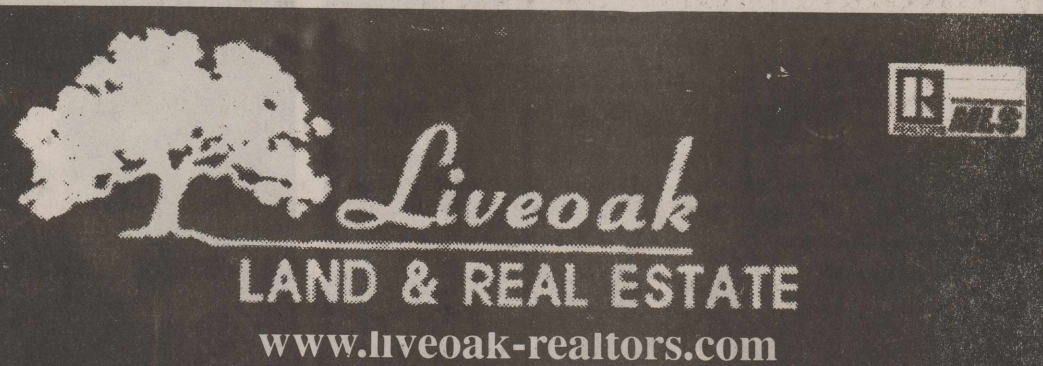
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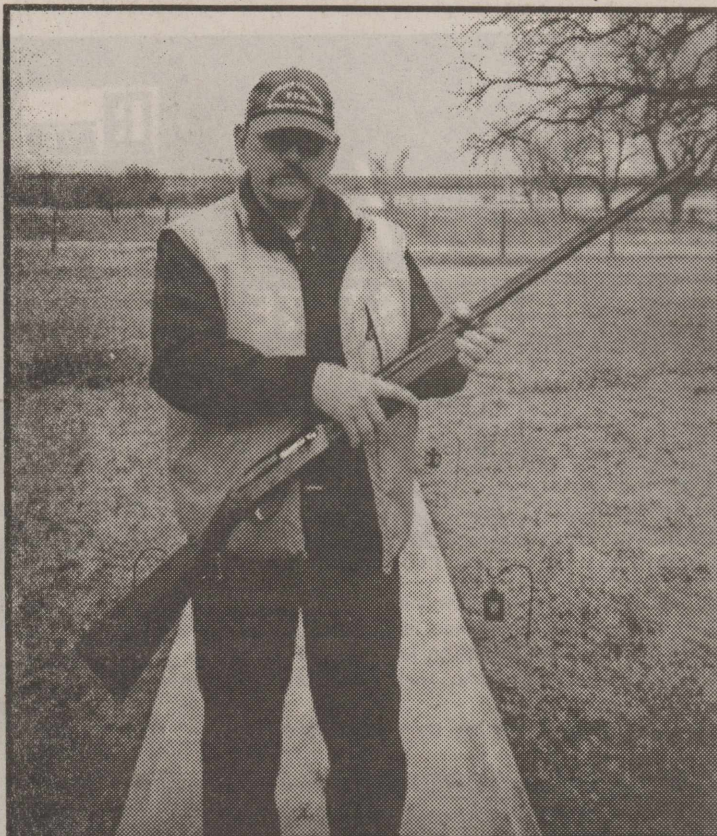
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**SHOTGUN WINNER**—Jim Isbell, of Atwell, was the winner of the drawing held December 15th at Texas Heritage Bank for the Remington 12 Gauge Shotgun. Proceeds from the fund-raiser benefit the American Legion Post 423 in Cross Plains. The American Legion will hold a Chili/Bean Supper Tuesday, January 30th, at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Building on N.E. 1st St. New officers will be elected. All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.



**MAJOR SHANNON RICHARDSON**

## Local Couple's Son Interviewed in Iraq

**Editor's Note:** Bill and Charlsie Richardson of the Cross Cut community were able to watch the interview of their son, Major Shannon Richardson on tape by an Iowa television station. The following is the copy of the actual interview. **Vanda Anderson**

**By Josh Hinkle  
Reporter KCRG-TV9**

**IRAQ**— President Bush announced Thursday that "an Iraq that can govern itself is a noble goal." But soldiers say that possibility doesn't make them lose sight of their mission.

Families of soldiers here in Iowa and across the nation wonder if the announcement means their loved ones might soon come home from Iraq. But soldiers remain dedicated to their service.

Major Shannon Richardson of the Iowa National Guard's 1st Battalion 133rd Infantry, says, "You don't see soldiers with their heads hanging down. They're proud of what they've been doing. They know they've done a very excellent job."

Richardson spoke with TV 9 by phone from Iraq and discussed the Ironman Battalion's mission to protect civilian contractors, who transport food, water and fuel in western Iraq.

He says, "They entrust their lives with us to protect them along these long highways and get them to where they need to go

to dump their stuff and take them back out so they can go get another load."

Since April 2006 the 560 Iowa soldiers in this battalion have driven more than one million seven hundred thousands miles across Iraq.

Richardson says, "Pretty much driving the equivalent of Davenport to Council Bluffs, Iowa (1,000 miles one way) everyday all while searching for IEDs, snipers and other types of enemy activity."

Since the group was deployed, five soldiers have been seriously injured. Two were killed. Those who remain say the support and gifts they receive from Iowa push them every day—especially now during the holidays.

Richardson says, "It's starting to look a little festive. We've got Christmas trees up, and there's some lights decorated around the camp."

He also says he looks forward to returning to his engineering job in Manchester, his wife and his seven kids.

"If there's anyone who wants to do something for us, we ask you to do something for our families back at home, because they're really the unsung heroes."

Though he doesn't have an exact date yet, his battalion should be back home in Iowa sometime next spring. Nearly three thousand members of the U.S. military have died since the start of the Iraq war. 47 of those soldiers have had ties to Iowa.

## Meet the Author to Feature Native Abilene Writer

The popular Meet the Author series sponsored by the Cross Plains Public Library will feature Mark Finn at their next event on Tuesday, February 13. Although Finn, who now lives in Vernon, was born in Abilene, he admits to spending most of his formative years in exotic locations like Sweetwater, Maryneal, Brownwood, and of course, Cross Plains!!

At an early age, Finn discovered the writings of Robert E. Howard and became hooked on his stories just as many of us couldn't wait until the next Hardy Boys or Nancy Drew mysteries hit the school libraries. His interest in reading and writing fledging fictional stories naturally led him into book related retail jobs. In fact, it was at the book store in Heartland Mall of Early that he first met Carlton Stowers, who

was there signing one of his many best sellers.

Finn's interest in Howard's wide scope of characters and the many misleading rumors about the Cross Plains author intrigued him to the extent that he spent the last two years researching the research on Howard. The end result has recently been released—*Blood and Thunder: The Life and Art of Robert E. Howard* and is rapidly being acclaimed as the first book-length biography written on the famous Texan in over twenty years.

Mark your calendars now for Mark's visit on Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 Cross Plains Community Center. Call the library at 254-725-7722 for more information.

Submitted by  
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**RHONDA O'BANION AND BRUCE ROBERTS**

## Engagement and Upcoming Wedding Plans Announced

Rhonda O'Banion and Bruce Roberts wish to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding planned for March 3, 2007. The wedding will be in the Hammons Auditorium at Heart of Texas Baptist Camp on Lake Brownwood at 2:00 p.m. All friends are invited to attend.

Rhonda is the daughter of Frank and Edna O'Banion of Cross Plains. She has been the Executive Director of the Heart

of Texas Baptist Camp since 2001, and was first employed by the camp in 1990.

Bruce is the son of Vernon and Dorothy Roberts of Coleman. Bruce and his daughter, Morgan, currently live in Liberty, Texas where he is employed by Liberty ISD.

Following the wedding, Bruce and Morgan will join Rhonda in Brownwood as she remains executive director for the camp.

## How to report power outages

In response to the severe winter weather alerts in effect for WTU Retail Energy service territories, customers are reminded to contact the area transmission

and distribution service provider, AEP, at 1-866-223-8508 to report power outages and downed or damaged power lines.

## Down Home

28. The first product Motorola started to develop was a record player for automobiles. At that time, the most known player on the market was the Victrola, so they called themselves Motorola.

29. Celery has negative calories! It takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it to begin with. It's the same with apples!

30. Chewing gum while

peeling onions will keep you from crying!

31. The glue on Israeli postage stamps is certified kosher.

32. Guinness Book of Records hold the record for being the book most often stolen from Public Libraries.

33. Astronauts are not allowed to eat beans before they go into space because passing wind in a space suit damages it.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
Roger Corn, Presiding

**Misdemeanor Filings**

Taylor A. Williams, assault.

**Misdemeanor Minutes**

Jimmy Pickett, motion to revoke probation granted.

Larry Boyd Wren II, motion and affidavit of surety and motion for warrant granted.

Taylor Williams, plea of guilty to assault - class B, 18 month probation, \$231 court costs.

End of term order discharging defendant under misdemeanor probation: Terri L. Melton; Ubaldo Gomez.

End of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication: Frank Cerda Jr.; Jimmy Neff; Scott Rentz.

Waylon L. Moore, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$100 fine, \$215 court costs, \$180.50 restitution.

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

**Civil Filings**

Larry J. Rice and Cynthia Lee

Rice, divorce.

In Re: Order for foreclosure, Deborah I. Chrane and 706 Kenned, St., Clyde, Tx. 79510, foreclosure of lien.

Jimmy R. Splawn and wife, JoAnn Splawn vs. Rebekah A. Hawkins, damages.

State of Texas vs. David Anthony Martin, bond reduction.

Kelly J. Young and Venessa L. Young vs. Terry Barr, injunction.

Asset Acceptance LLC vs. Peter L. Pegg, enforce arbitration.

Citibank (South Dakota) N.A. vs. Jennifer S. Lowe, default on note.

**Civil Minutes**

Laura Evelyn Howard and Seth Harrison Howard, divorce granted.

Vanica Lynn Aitchison and Dennis Paul Aitchison, divorce granted.

**Criminal Minutes**

Phillip D. Staten, plea of guilty to theft, 110 days in jail, \$266 court costs.

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