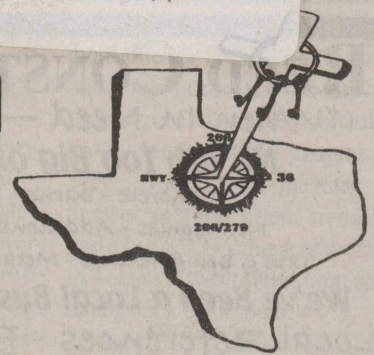


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The Callahan County Voter Registrar's Office recently mailed out over 9,000 voter cards. These cards were sent to valid voters. They are salmon-colored. About 1,000 cards were returned to the Voter Registrar due to incorrect mailing or physical addresses.

These people will be placed on a suspended list, and if the address is not corrected, they will eventually be dropped from the voter's roll.

If you did not receive a salmon-colored voter card, and you feel you should be registered, please contact the Voter's Office (Callahan County Tax Office) at 325-854-5820.

Deadline to register to vote, make any changes or corrections to a voter card is February 4, 2008 to be eligible to vote in the March 4, 2008 Primary.

Bake Sale Jan. 25th to Benefit Cowan Family

A BAKE SALE to benefit the family of Michael and April Cowan is planned for Friday, January 25th in the newly constructed Community Room of Texas Heritage Bank from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Contact any bank personnel to donate a baked item at 254-725-6141.

"Thank You" on behalf of the Cowan Family.

Benefit Bar B Que Planned for Michael Cowan Family

A Benefit Bar B Que is planned for Thursday, January 31st, at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Rising Star.

Your donation is your gift and meal ticket!

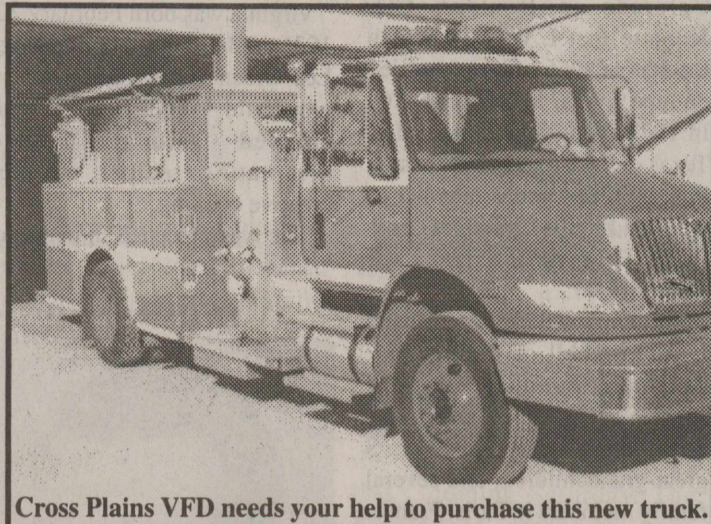
The two communities of Cross Plains and Rising Star are coming together to help the young family of Michael Cowan who was critically injured in a vehicle accident December 19, 2007.

Michael and his wife, April, have two small children and could use your help with medical expenses.

For your donations of money, items for auction or food for this event, please contact Jan Wise, First Financial Bank, Rising Star 254-629-6701 or Skip Ezzell, of the American Legion 817-713-7518.

A "Benefit Fund" account has been established at First Financial Bank, Rising Star and is accepting donations.

Sponsors for the upcoming benefit include: First Financial Bank; American Legion; Rising Star Foundation; Jerry Culpepper; Star Grocery; Cross Plains Citizens; 3 D Ag Services; Hardwick's Nursery; Betty's Quick Stop; Gary McGinn; many Cross Plains businesses; and friends of Michael and April Cowan.



Cross Plains VFD needs your help to purchase this new truck.

Let Us Not Forget

Our Local VFD Needs Your Donations

By Rickey Carouth
CPVFD Fire Chief

As Chief of the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, I would like to thank all of the personnel of the CPVFD who work so hard to keep this community equipped with a Fire Department. I would also like to thank you for all your long hours and endless labor that you do.

CPVFD is always trying to improve the quality of the department. The CPVFD operates solely off of donations, grants and fund-raisers.

We as a department would like to say a special thanks to FEMA, The Texas Forest Service, the City of Cross Plains, Cross Plains ISD, and all of the individuals who donate time and money to the CPVFD.

In the year 2007 CPVFD purchased a new set of Extrication tools (Jaws). This includes one set of Cutters, and one set of Spreaders. With a grant from the Texas Forest Service the department was able to purchase twenty-one new Protective Wild Land Suits and the Cross Plains ISD Ag Program built clothing racks for the new gear. 3M donated 4 air packs, and the Texas Forest Service Helping Hands donated 12 used bunker gear suits. We also received numerous grants for tuition to training schools that help to improve the knowledge and skills of our volunteer firefighters.

Recently CPVFD received an

Assistants to Firefighters grant from FEMA. This grant will be used to replace the current analog radio system with a more current digital system and several new radios. We will also use this grant to purchase ten air packs, thirty air bottles, a new fill station and an air compressor to fill the air bottles. The total cost for this upgrade is \$109,500. Upgrades are very expensive, and most are mandatory as required by the National Fire Protection Association, state, and federal government.

We are asking for your help. With the help of donations CPVFD is trying to replace a 22 year-old pumper. When this truck was purchased it cost approximately \$86,000. The cost today to replace this truck will be \$167,500, later this year the cost will be \$197,000.

We have already had our first donation toward the purchase of this new truck. The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank John Hanke for the first donation of \$2,500. Joe Hanke, John's father, was a long-time member of the CPVFD. Anyone who would like to make a donation, you may do so at the Texas Heritage Bank or mail your donation to:

Cross Plains Volunteer
Fire Department
P O Box 339
Cross Plains, TX 76443.

We as a department would like to thank you in advance for all your support.
Thank you.

Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce to hold First Care Insurance Meeting this Thursday

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be holding a community wide meeting on **Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Texas Heritage Bank Community Room.

This meeting is to help answer any questions that you may have about the new Insurance Program being marketed by TMCC. We will have a representative from First Care (the company that will

provide the insurance) at this meeting. We will also have an insurance agent available to answer any questions about the coverage these policies will provide.

We as the Chamber of Commerce hope that this meeting will be helpful and informative. Please plan to attend this meeting if you are at all interested in this insurance.

Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show to begin Thursday, January 17th

The Annual Callahan County Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 17th-Saturday, January 19th, at the Callahan County Show Barn in Cross Plains. Starting time will be Thursday, January 17th at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Frankie Hyles, President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association, said that entries are expected to number about 450 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County. Other officers of the association are Steven Mitchell as Vice President, Johnny Adkins as Treasurer, and Karen Johnston as Secretary.

Superintendents for this years show are: Beef Cattle-Eddie Riley and Johnny Lee, Market & Breeding Swine-Doug Johnston and Tom Windham,

Poultry & Rabbits-Betsy Robbins 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 17th with Scott Anderson of the Brownwood Extension office doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 17th.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 18th, with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Edward Schneider of Franklin will be judging the Swine Show. At 1:30 p.m. on January 18th, Randy Dunbar of Stephenville will start judging the Market Lambs followed by the Boer Goats and Meat Goat Show.

On the afternoon of Friday,

January 18th from 5:00-6:00p.m., all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. Bob Bailey of Ranger will get the judging of the Beef Cattle underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 19th with the heifer show. Bob Bailey will also judge the steer show starting at 9:00a.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 Grengross, 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.

Council Says It's Time for a Back-up Officer for Cross Plains

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

After the City Council returned from Executive Session, on January 8th, Councilman Jerry Cattle relayed that the Council all agreed it was time to look into hiring a 2nd full-time Police Officer to help Chief Don Gosnell out. It was noted that Chief Don Gosnell would continue to work along side this new prospective officer.

The last time the need for a back-up officer was mentioned was at the October 6, 2006 meeting when former Councilman, Terry Lichty stressed that Chief Gosnell just couldn't do everything that was needed alone, and emphasized the urgent need for another police officer.

At that meeting it was also mentioned that Gosnell would most likely be retiring within the next year to year and a half and Cross Plains would be without an officer if something was not done very soon.

When asked if they had anyone in mind for the job, Mayor Ray

Purvis replied that they haven't asked anyone yet, but do have two people they're thinking of asking to apply for the job. The Mayor assured those present that when someone was picked, he'd let everyone know.

*Nine cats and five dogs have been picked up so far by Animal Control and transported to the Clyde Animal Shelter. It is strongly suggested that pet owners secure their pets to avoid the inevitable. Pick-ups will continue and no advance warning will be given to pet owners. There will be a \$100 fine imposed to redeem each animal that is picked up.

*Discussion continued about the Irrigation System. It was stated that it might be plausible to look into using a refurbished system where the pipe is coated with a special substance so the waste by-products won't eat through it. It was noted that waste matter seems to affect steel pipe more than it does aluminum.

City Employee, Stuart Sowell said that he doesn't have a price yet for the Council to consider

for the system and more measurements need to be taken. Solutions for updating the irrigation system were tabled until a later date.

*The Council decided to allow the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department use the Walter Martin property with its existing house as a fire burning training project. This property is located at NE 5th Street and Ave A. Mr. Martin will donate \$500.00 to the City for the Volunteer Fire Department.

Councilwoman Peg Terrell cautioned that there is a lot of heavy brush and trees on the property and extra care might be needed. No date was set for this burn project.

*At present, the City of Cross Plains has no central location to store all of its working material. Spread out across town, base material is stored next to Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply and the Pony League field, rock for paving next to the Pee Wee Field and tin horns along the

See Back-up Page 3

CPISD Trustees Discuss Upcoming Evaluation and Attorney Contact

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

In a Called Meeting of the Cross Plains Board of Trustees on Monday, January 14th, two items on the agenda were discussed privately in Executive Session. The first was a Summative Evaluation of Superintendent Jackie Tennon. The second was whether or not to Consult with an Attorney on School Matters.

After deliberating for almost 4 hours, the Board disclosed that no action was taken at this time regarding the evaluation, as it was a "discussion only".

At the next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday night, January 16th at 7:30 p.m. however, Mr. Tennon will be told about his evaluation. It will be

decided then by the Trustees whether they take "No Action" or extend his contract for another 1-2 years.

If no action is taken, his running contract is set to expire at the end of 2009. Of course, at the evaluation next year, the Board has the opportunity to extend it then if they choose to do so.

In the other matter of contacting an attorney, the Board voted unanimously in favor of that consultation. Scott Childress made the motion and Tommy Ames seconded the decision.

The School Attorney will be contacted regarding School Personnel Matters pertaining to Harassment. No other details were disclosed.

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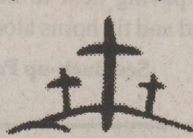
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Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

OBITUARIES

Payton Maxine Bell

Payton Maxine Bell, infant, died Monday, January 7, 2008 in Abilene.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 10, 2008, at the Sabanna Cemetery, Eastland County, Texas.

She was born Monday, January 7, 2008.

Payton is survived by her

parents, Billy Wayne and Donna (Paquin) Bell of Cross Plains; brother, Bobby Don Bell of the home; sister, Renee Byars of Cross Plains; grandparents, Billy Don and Bobby Kay Bell of Cross Plains; and her aunts, B.K. Jackson of Cross Plains, Shawn Taft, Vickie Smithson, and Sandy Gomez all of Eastland.

Jeanne (Jeanette) A. Mitchell

Jeanne (Jeanette) A. Mitchell, department for the University of Colorado in Boulder, CO. Jeanette met L.W. Mitchell in Boulder in 1966 and they married on June 9, 1967 in Lafayette, CO. In 1973 she and L.W. moved to Texas in the Cross Plains, Rising Star area. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains. Her favorite scripture was John 3:16-17.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2008 at Higginbotham Chapel, with Rex Beggs and Pastor Ronnie B. White officiating; burial followed in the Eastland Cemetery.

Jeanette was born on August 18, 1920 in Rems, France to Raymond and Margaret Juncker. She was a trapeze artist in her native country. She moved to the United States in 1946. She worked in the sanitation

Survivors include her husband L.W. Mitchell of Rising Star; daughter, Monique Graham of Johnstown, Colorado; grandsons, Scott and Brian Graham; 3 great-grandchildren; and several family members in Paris, France.

Edwin 'Ed' Williams

Edwin "Ed" William, 81, of Cisco, formerly of Haskell, died Monday, December 31, 2007.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 5, 2008 at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial followed in the Willow Cemetery, under the direction of Holden McCauley Funeral Home, Haskell.

Ed was born in Stamford April 5, 1926, the son of the late Elbert Williams and Lennie Covey Williams. He married Annie Margret McDonald in Haskell June 27, 1943. Ed served in World

War II as a Mountaineer in Italy. He also worked for AT&T, where he later retired and farmed.

Ed was preceded in death by his wife Annie Williams; parents, Elbert and Lennie Williams; and sons, Ralph and Curtis Williams.

Survivors include two sons, Eddie Don Williams of Holliday and Joe Allen Williams of Breckenridge; four brothers, Carl and John Williams of Odessa, Douglas Williams of Austin, and Tony Allen Williams of Haskell; a sister, Milla Dean Lowry of Haskell; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Billy Joe Culwell

Mr. Billy Joe Culwell, 80, died on Monday, January 7, 2008 in Brownwood, Texas.

Funeral Service were held on Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery with Rev. Lynn Garrett and Rev. Frank Hammack officiating.

Mr. Culwell was born on December 21, 1927 to John Thomas and Myra Juanita Culwell in Carbon, Texas. He was a longtime resident of Colorado City and member of First Baptist Church of Loraine. Mr. Culwell served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was also

a member of the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Culwell leaves behind his wife, Bessie Louis Culwell of Lake Brownwood; 2 sons, Tommy Culwell and wife LaQuita Jane of Snyder and Richard Hill and wife Deana of Lake Brownwood; 4 daughters, Cheryl Bradberry and husband, Jim of Henderson, Theresa Alspaugh and husband Pat of Sinton, Sheila Taylor and husband Stanley of Corpus Christi and Lee Ann Posey and husband Stanley of Oregon City, Or; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister, Lillie Marie Dillard of Cross Plains; and a brother, Don Culwell of Seguin.

Virginia Stocker

Bedford—Virginia Stocker, 71, passed away peacefully Sunday, January 13, 2008, surrounded by her loving family.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Lucas Funeral Home, 1321 Precinct Line Road, Hurst. The Rev. Dr. Nathan Finch, pastor of Bedford Baptist Temple, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Troy Lee Russell. Entombment was in Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park in Colleyville.

Virginia was born February 20, 1936, in Baird to Lloyd and Mary Lee Green Gary. She was a wonderful homemaker and enjoyed gardening and originating recipes for her creative cooking.

She was preceded in death by

her parents; and a sister, Ray Nell Duncan.

Survivors include her loving husband of 32 years, Don; son, Bill Spivey of Bedford; daughter, Darinda Powell and husband, Charles of Bedford; sons, Chuck Stocker and his wife, Lisa of Grand Prairie, Steve Stocker and his wife, Brenda of Keller; daughter Michele Chaney and husband, Randy of Bedford; brothers, Bill Gary and wife Nelda of Cisco, A.B. Gary of Cisco, D.A. Gary of Cross Plains; Tommy Gary and wife Sharon of Harrah, Oklahoma, J.L. Gary and wife Mary of Bloomfield, New Mexico; sisters, JoAnn Marton of Cisco and Joyce Marton of Baird; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



JOHN D. ISENHOWER
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John D. Isenhower, age 93, of Putnam, Texas, passed away Wednesday, January 9, 2008, at his home. Services were held Saturday, January 12, 2008, at the First Baptist Church of Baird, Texas. Interment followed at Putnam Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

John D. was born July 30, 1914, in Putnam to William Martin and Ruth Jones Isenhower. He graduated from Putnam High School in 1932 and attended Abilene Christian College for two years from 1932 to 1934. On September 18, 1936, John D. married Roberta Nell Pruet, daughter of Elison and Ruby Gunn Pruet, and to this marriage nine children were born. He was a rancher and a life long resident of Putnam, living on the home place his father bought in 1879. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He served as Mayor of Putnam for several terms. For many years he coached football for the Putnam Panthers, and was on the Putnam School Board for 30 years. He also served several terms on the Callahan County Hospital Board. John D. was one of the founders of The Lower Clear Fork of the Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District, and was on the board for 25 years, where he had served as President. He was named an Outstanding Farmer of the Year by this organization. He had been a NOAA weather observer since 1946.

John D. was a member of the Putnam Masonic Lodge

1047, where he was raised to Master Mason on January 12, 1945. He was District Deputy, Grand-Master of the 74th District during 1948-49. He served as Secretary of the Putnam Lodge from 1953 until it merged with the Baird Lodge #522 in 1979. He became a dual member of the Cross Plains Lodge #627, and remained consistently active in both lodges over the years. He conferred innumerable Masonic Degrees, had taught many brothers in the work, held virtually every Masonic certification and distinction, including the Golden Trowel Award in 1991, and had been Worthy Patron of the Cisco Chapter #461, Order of the Easter Star nine times.

John D. was an honorable and noble man who readily contributed to his family, his community, his Lodge, and to humanity.

He was preceded in death by his brothers C. M. Isenhower and Jodie Isenhower, and his sister Dorris Isenhower Freeman.

Survivors include his wife, Roberta Isenhower of the home; five daughters: Mary, Helen Green and Beth Petty, both of Putnam, Linda Fiore of Houston, Gay McClean of Arlington, and Elaine Reynolds of Abilene; four sons: John Doyle Isenhower of Putnam, James Royce Isenhower of Coleman, David Isenhower of Sherman, and Donald Isenhower of Abilene; 28 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Putnam Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 908, Putnam, Texas, 76469, or to a charity of your choice.

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First Baptist Church

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Wednesday

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Callahan County DPS Report

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Complaints — 45

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

Cottonwood's Quilt Going Strong In West Texas Annual Rehab Auction

The West Texas Rehab Center's Annual Telethon Auction program has 72 quilts entered in the quilt auction which closes this Saturday night at 12:00 p.m. Cottonwood's 2008 quilt, "Texas in Redwork," now stands at # 3 on the list of bids for the top spot which is occupied by a quilt about Texas A&M.

"Cottonwood Quilting Club submitted its 51st annual quilt this year and, as of Monday night with a bid of \$480, is doing quite well in the bidding contest," said Sue Bennett president of the club. "The Quilting ladies have worked very hard on the quilt and we are proud of our record of Support for the Rehab Center."



This is the center block of the Rehab Quilt, such detail.

The quilt is a queen size, 92x82 red blocks of all things Texas. Red bandana print blocks and backing help showcase the redwork. Machine pieced and hand quilted stars are scattered throughout the quilt (See photo). Being a nationally certified non-profit (501 C3) organization, the Annual Telethon program brings in money so the Rehab Centers can serve clients throughout the Big Country. Centers are located in Abilene, San Angelo, and Ozona. Their philosophy of providing

quality care regardless of the patients's financial status distinguishes them from other providers of outpatient rehabilitation care.

The telethon is a five hour variety show that kicks off at 7:00 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center with Charlie Chase M/Cing the program and appearances by Red Steagall and "The Restless Heart," singing its popular tunes, such as, "When She Cries," "The Bluest Eyes in

Texas," and "I'll Still be Loving You."

A complete catalog of items for the auction, donated by citizens and organizations over the Big Country will appear in the Abilene Reporter-News this coming Saturday. The Auction is going on now. www.westtexasrehab.org.

Tickets for the live performance are \$12 at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford St., Abilene, Texas.

RISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

BY NIKKI PEREZ

Hello everybody! It's time to bring out the long johns and heavy jackets again because colder weather is here. Oh! And don't forget the hot chocolate!

January is the month that we recognize our Activity Professionals in the Nursing home. And as everyone knows, Linda Merritt is our Activity Director and she is a wonderful one at that.

She exercises with them and plays games with them too. They play games like basketball, frog toss, and the favorite of the residents, SWAT BALLOON! She also does manicures and the other all time favorite, BINGO! She was presented a gift basket by our administrator, Johnnie, for the excellent job she does.

For Friday, Linda has a special treat for our residents. She will be serving popcorn and coke. That is also another favorite of the residents.

I would like to thank Lewis Fortune and his band members,

Dan Bludworth, Randy Strickland and James Goble for providing entertainment at our resident birthday party on Friday. Thanks a bunch. The band played wonderfully.

We also have some new employees and some new residents among us. The new employees are: Mandy Nixon, she is a CNA. Kathy Brown, she will be our weekend RN. Angela Kerr, as our night shift LVN. Our new residents are: Tommie Harris, Linda Chandler and Patsy Bush. Glad to have each and every one of you.

Linda Chandler celebrated her birthday on Monday. Happy Birthday Linda. We are happy to announce that Mrs. Margaret Chupp is back home with us and is out of the hospital.

We would like to send our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Mrs. Jeanne Mitchell who passed away. She was a lovely lady and will be greatly

missed.

Well I guess that will do it for this edition. Until next time, take care and God Bless.

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Stats
January 7 - 11, 2008

Patrons	65
Programs	22
LAP	3
LAPsit	2
Books Checked Out	93
LAP	4
LAPsit	15
Copies	9
Reference	7
Internet Users	12

Donations: Norma Strahan
Book Donations: Ann Beeler, April Bishop, Thomas Melton and Charles and Lou Rodenberger
Memorials: Mickey V. Freeman Bush, M.D. In Memory of Helen and Hub Freeman; Cottonwood Baptist Church In Memory of Ed Luter; Kenneth and Ann Beeler In Memory of J.D. Haney; Janet Swanson In Memory of Doris Dill Pope

Volunteers: Lavonne Childress, Beverly Ross, Bobby Hinkle, Sue Bennett, Azalee Womack, Arlene Stephenson, Ginny Hoskins, Wilma Lawrence, and Ann Beeler.

C.P. Garden Club News

By Joyce Odom

The Cross Plains Garden Club met for their regular meeting at Julene's office on January 11th at 2:00 p.m.

This was our Arbor Day meeting and the subject was: "Trees, Trees and Trees".

President Eva Fleming called the meeting to order and led the group in repeating the "Club Collect".

Joyce Odom led the roll call. Eva had an African violet that she had rooted and was in full bloom.

Julene Franke had a Christmas cactus that she had in water and

it had a full bloom on it. Mary Ella Weaver answered roll call - Barbara Powell did likewise. Joyce Odom had a container made from a hollow limb mounted on a board, filled with dried and twisted honeysuckle stems and also a unique bottle she had bought.

A "Thank You" note from Roxie Thomas was acknowledged. She had participated in a Dallas Marathon to raise money for breast cancer awareness.

Julene gave a financial report. Trees and shrubs are still

available for those who lost them and their homes in the fire two years ago. See or let Eva or Julene know. Julene did the program on Trees. She used a question and answer method about trees that had a historical value and most are in Texas. It was interesting, some dated back 500 years.

Mary Ella conducted the door prize and it was a Gardening Magazine won by Eva.

The group enjoyed delicious refreshments of crackers, dips, cheese, fruit and cookies furnished by the members.

The meeting adjourned to reconvene on the second Friday in February.

PIONEER COMMUNITY NEWS

The quilting ladies met again on Tuesday. It was very good to see everyone again after the holidays! We began quilting on Barbara Medley's top. It was nice to have running water and hot water if we need it. Now, we do not have to heat the water to wash dishes. One can even drink the water. We have waited nearly 7 years to get this water into our building.

I am sure that a lot of activities went on during the holidays but only a few reported some!

Delayed reports from the Hutton Ranch. In December three of Cowan and Laverne's children; Wanetta, Danny, and Lynn became a year older. Cowan and Laverne celebrated their 66th year of marriage on the 23rd. On Christmas Eve, they helped granddaughter, Brandy, celebrate her birthday at Lynn's and Pam's. On the 26th of December Cowan and Laverne met their granddaughter, Melissa, from Savannah, Ga. at the airport in Abilene. The 27th, Brandy and Samantha came for a visit before Brandy returned home to Texas City. On Saturday the 29th, about 30 members of their family gathered at ranch headquarters for a meal, visiting,

playing games and songs for about two hours. Sunday the 30th, Lavon and Ima Hutton of Brownwood, Ronald, their son of Lubbock, and their daughter Ronda Finch of Brownwood spent the afternoon. Sunday night Wanetta came for church and spent Monday and New Year's, returning home on Tuesday. Their granddaughter, Melissa, returned to Georgia on the 31st. My but Cowan and Laverne did have a great holiday!

Charlene Chesshir had a very good Christmas month! They had a good brunch at Arla Hill's to start the Christmas celebrations. That was for our Lady's Bible Class that meets at Rising Star. The Christmas started on the 22nd with Nancy's family. Nancy and Brian Rogers, Nancy's son, Robby, and his girlfriend, Rye Ann and Brian's daughter, Tasha and husband Joe came over and brought a delicious lunch and gifts! Jim and Fran came and they had supper on the 22nd at Charles's and Kathy's with more gifts. Jim had to work Christmas Eve so they went home on Sunday the 23rd. On Christmas Day, Charlene went to the Dallas' home on Lake Leon. She

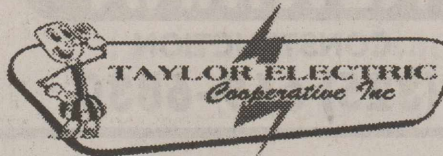
ate with Christy and Doug and grandchildren Jodie and Jake. More gifts! Charlene had enough left over food for the entire week! Charlene has started traction 3 times to help with her back problems. Another great month with family!

The quilting ladies did have a wonderful holiday party at the home of Jean Alexander the first week in December. Nearly all our members were there. We all brought a dish, had lots more than we needed, but it was so good. We exchanged gifts, visited a lot. We thank Jean a lot for having us.

Glenda Phillips, Jean Alexander, and May Jones spent a lot of December going to basketball games. Three of our community girls are on the Cross Plains team, Krista Phillips, Glenda's granddaughter, Allen and Janice Phillip's daughter; Terrah Augustine, James and Angie Ames' daughter; and Kayla Lawrence, Keith and Leslie Lawrence's daughter. It is a lot of fun going and supporting them.

If you haven't been out to see your local team play, you ought to. It can be very exciting! Pray for rain, we need it!!!

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By Bob Pipes
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In the cartoon *Family Circle*, "Grandmother" is reading from the paper, evidently about whether prayers should be allowed in schools or not, and says, "There'll always be prayer in schools as long as there are tests."

And when you think about it, there are some things you can't stop from happening — like someone praying to God. Prayers do not have to be audible. There is no rule about what position one must be in to pray. A law against praying can't keep one from praying. Neglect can. Unconcern can. Self-reliance can. You may think of some other things that can keep one from praying — but laws against them can't!

So don't wait for a "test" or some other "emergency" to pray. Go ahead and live reckless; pray anytime and anywhere you want to!

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JANUARY 21 - 25

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WEDNESDAY-Beef Stew, Pea Salad, Applesauce, Spice Cake, Combread
THURSDAY-Chicken Strips w/ Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Fruited Gelatin, Bread
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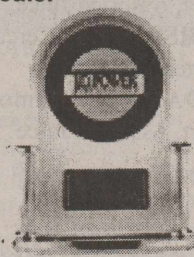
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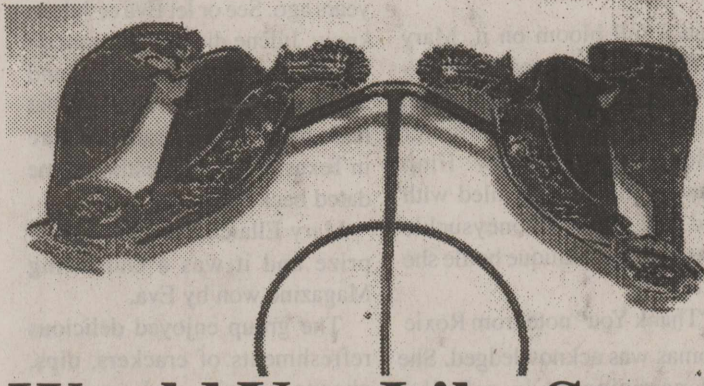


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Boosters. You may also contact Mr. Richey or Mr. Morgan for more information. The drawing for the spurs will be held in conjunction with the Callahan County Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale on Saturday, January 19, 2008.

Junior High Girls Sweep Winters

The Junior High girls played host to the Winters Blizzards Monday, January 7th. After being off for Christmas break and not having any practices, the girls came back and played two good games.

In the first game, the Purple team came out strong, scoring eight (8) points in the first half while holding Winters to three (3) points. The second half was much the same, making their shots and playing good defense. The girls scored twelve (12) points the second half and held Winters to eight (8), making the FINAL: CP 20, Winters 11.

Playing and scoring for the Purple Team were: Maci Whitson 2pts; Kenzie Taff 2pts; Shahala Trammell 6pts; Megan Brown 10pts; Katharine Goode, Renee Robertson, Sammy Tollett, Hunter Moreno, Chelsea Branch; and Donia Gonzalez.

The Gold Team played a tough Winters Team, trying to revenge a loss to them in their first meeting. The girls played a good first quarter scoring twelve (12) points while holding Winters to six (6) points. In the second quarter Cross Plains scored eight (8) points, while Winters scored ten (10). This made the halftime score CP 20, Winters 16. The girls came out strong after the half by scoring two (2) points and holding Winters to two (2). In the fourth quarter our shots didn't fall and only scored two (2) points while Winters scored six (6). The FINAL: CP 31, Winters 24.

Playing and scoring were: Sam Dickson; Lana Gary 4pts; Shelby Ames 4pts; Rosa Salazar; Cheyenne Cowan 6pts; Lauren Goode 13pts; Rachelle Allen; Zoie Walker 2pts; and Charleen Avants.

Submitted by Coach Atchley

Cross Plains 8th Grade Girls Participate in Lingleville Basketball Tournament

The 8th Grade girls played in a tournament this past Saturday in Lingleville. In a way its good training for the girls to have to get up on Saturday and play because they have to once they get in high school. So about 7:30 a.m. the girls showed up and loaded the bus, even Ms. Hunter got up early and went with me and the girls. The girls had to go into the tournament with one loss because we were not put into the tournament the first day.

In the first game the girls played Moran in an old gym and I do mean old, the one with a stage on one end and then during the game a bat began flying around in the gym. It would fly low among the players and then high, but the game went on. The first half the girls played tough man to man defense and held Moran to three (3) points while offensively they made sixteen (16) points. In the second half the girls came out hot scoring fifteen (15) point while Moran got six (6) points. I played the girls in a zone and rotated players to let all the girls play. The FINAL: CP 43, Moran 18.

In the second game the girls had to play De Leon. We all had a chance to watch them play and knew it would be a tough game.

The first quarter we scored eleven (11) points to De Leon four (4). The second quarter which turned out to be a tough quarter, Cross Plains scored two (2) points to De Leon three (3). The score at halftime was CP 13, De Leon 7. In the third quarter De Leon scored six (6), Cross Plains only scored four (4). The score at the end of the third quarter was CP17, De Leon 13. In the fourth quarter De Leon scored four (4) points while holding Cross Plains to one (1). The last minute of the game was tense and exciting and it was goof for the girls to play a game like this. The FINAL: CP 18, De Leon 17.

The girls finished 3rd. The girls total points are for both games. Playing and scoring were: Sam Dickson; Lana Gary 2pts; Shelby Ames 2pts; Rosa Salazar 2pts; Cheyenne Cowan 12pts; Lauren Goode 36pts; Rachelle Allen; Zoie Walker 7pts; and Charleen Avants 2pts.

And just so you will know when you stop at a Sonic and let eight girls fill up with sugar, it can be quite hilarious on the trip home. I wished I would have had a video camera.

Submitted by Coach Atchley

Love Fund Established in Eastland for Livia Busby

A Love Fund has been recently established at First Financial Bank in Eastland for Livia Shy Busby. Livia is the daughter of Shawn and Tiffany Busby and the granddaughter of Fred and Donna Smoot and Sheryl Hall.

Livia is a 4 year old Pre-K student of Cisco Elementary. She was diagnosed with XLH Rickets Sagittal Synostosis

secondary do to XLH Rickets. She will undergo surgery consisting of Palgiocephaly of the head. The family would appreciate your contributions to assist them. Contributions need to be made out to Tiffany Busby for the benefit of Livia Busby. Prayers on behalf of Livia and her family would be greatly appreciated.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

CHRISTIAN WAYS TO REDUCE STRESS

Never borrow from the future. If you worry about what may happen tomorrow and it doesn't happen, you have worried in vain. Even if it does happen, you have to worry twice.

1. Pray.
2. Go to bed on time.
3. Get up on time so you can start the day unrushed.
4. Say No to projects that won't fit into your time schedule, or that will compromise your mental health.
5. Delegate tasks to capable others.
6. Simplify and unclutter your life.
7. Less is more. (Although one is often not enough, two are often too many.)
8. Allow extra time to do things and to get to places.
9. Pace yourself. Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time; don't lump the hard things all together.
10. Take one day at a time.
11. Separate worries from concerns. If a situation is a concern, find out what God would have you do and let go of the anxiety. If you can't do anything about a situation, forget it.
12. Live within your budget; don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases.
13. Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.
14. K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut). This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.
15. Do something for the Kid in You everyday.
16. Carry a Bible with you to

- read while waiting in line.
17. Get enough rest.
 18. Eat right.
 19. Get organized so everything has its place.
 20. Listen to a tape while driving that can help improve your quality of life.
 21. Write down thoughts and inspirations.
 22. Every day, find time to be alone with God.
 23. Having problems? Talk to God on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bud. Don't wait until it's time to go to bed to try and pray.
 24. Make friends with Godly people.
 25. Keep a folder of favorite scriptures on hand.
 26. Remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a good "Thank you Jesus."
 27. Laugh.
 28. Laugh some more!
 29. Take your work seriously, but not yourself at all.
 30. Develop a forgiving attitude (most people are doing the best they can).
 31. Be kind to unkind people (they probably need it the most).
 32. Sit on your ego.
 33. Talk less; listen more.
 34. Slow down.
 35. Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe.
 36. Every night before bed, think of one thing you're grateful for that you've never been grateful for before.

GOD HAS A WAY OF TURNING THINGS AROUND FOR YOU. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

Happy New Year!
From the Internet

Get Your questions answered VETERANS SEMINAR Saturday, January 26th

A Veterans Seminar is set for Saturday, January 26th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the American Legion Post 196, 2710 Crockett, Brownwood (across the street from the Brownwood Medical Center).

There will be representatives from: Dept. of Veterans Affairs Waco Regional Office; Central Texas Veterans Healthcare System; Texas Veterans Commission; Texas Land Board;

Brown County Veterans Service Office And More.

There will be an opportunity for a veteran or other claimant that

has a claim pending to be able to talk one on one with a counselor.

To talk to a counselor, call the Brown County Veterans Service Office at 325-646-0335 to leave your information so the VA Regional Office can bring the information. You need to call the Brown County CSO by close of business January 17, 2008.

This is an opportunity for any person who has questions concerning Veterans Benefits to have their questions answered. You do not have to be a member of any veterans service organization to attend this seminar.

For more information, call 325-646-0335.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **Wednesday, January 16, 2008**, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

1. Open Meeting
2. Read Forum
3. Read and accept minutes
4. Executive Session
 - A. Conduct Superintendent Jackie Tennison's Annual Evaluation
 - B. Discuss Superintendent Jackie Tennison's Contract
 - C. Discuss Custodian position/other personnel
5. Take action on Superintendent's Contract and other Executive Session items

6. Review Financial Report/Pay Bills
7. Adjourn

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

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Act on **January 11, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.**

Jackie Tennison
For the Board of Trustees

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

JANUARY 21 - 25

- | BREAKFAST | LUNCH |
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| MONDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice | MONDAY- BBQ on Bun, Corn on Cob, Pickle Spears, Strawberries & Bananas |
| TUESDAY - Breakfast on a Stick (Sausage wrapped Pancake), Assorted Juice | TUESDAY - Oven Fried Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Honey |
| WEDNESDAY - Poptart, Yogurt, Assorted Juice | WEDNESDAY - Fiesta Salad (Chili Beans, Salad, Rice, Cheese), Peaches |
| THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice | THURSDAY-Fish or Hot Pocket, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Coleslaw, Mixed Fruit |
| FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice | FRIDAY- Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Baked Fries, Rice Krispie Treat |

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Billie Knott
Billie Mathews
Neil Belote

- Robert Burks
Donna Illingworth
Kristi McAnally
Suzanne (Cowan) Havelka

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Jaden Marie Kennedy
Landon Hart
Bobbie Johnson
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Darryle Letney
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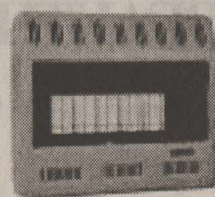
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Livestock and crop disaster program 2007 eligibility date extended

Change includes livestock losses prior to Dec. 31, losses on crops planted for entire 2007 crop year

(Baird, TX) — Jan. 14, 2008 — The eligibility criteria for 2007 livestock and crop year losses has been expanded, for farmers and ranchers who suffered recent livestock and/or crop losses caused by natural disasters, announced Robert Frost, Executive Director for the Callahan County Farm Service Agency (FSA).

On Dec. 26, 2007, President George W. Bush signed the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (2008 Act). The 2008 Act amended the previous Feb. 28, 2007, date and now allows for crops planted for harvest prior to Dec. 31, 2007, to be included for loss purposes under the Crop Disaster Program (CDP). Similarly, under the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), the 2008 Act extends the date livestock and livestock feed losses could have occurred in a primary or contiguous county named in a Secretarial or Presidential disaster declaration to Dec. 31,

2007.

"This date change does not make 2008 crops planted in 2007 eligible for CDP, however it does benefit farmers in that it expands the eligibility criteria to include crops planted in 2007 that were intended for harvest in the same crop year, and it adds 10 months to the amount of eligible time livestock losses can be considered for the new programs," said Frost.

Producers should visit their local USDA Farm Service Agency office to apply for benefits under these new disaster assistance programs, added Frost.

Sign-up for livestock disaster assistance under LCP and LIP began Sept. 10, 2007. Sign-up for crop disaster assistance under CDP began Oct. 15, 2007, and applies to farmers who suffered quantity losses to their crops. Ending dates for the sign-up period have not yet been determined.

For more information about LCP, LIP and CDP, contact the Callahan County FSA at 325-854-1049 ext 2 or online at [HYPERLINK http://www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov); under "Disaster Assistance Programs."

Genealogy Meeting this Friday

The Cross Plains Genealogy Society will meet at the Library at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. We will have an open discussion meeting. Please join us for an enlightening discussion of genealogy ideas and solutions.

Submitted by Sylvia King

Genealogy Group Seeks Books

The Cross Plains Genealogy Group is seeking a copy of the Volume 2 History of Coleman County for the genealogy section of the Cross Plains Library. If you have a copy you would like to donate, it will be greatly appreciated.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Angela S. Kerr, theft by check.
Richard D. Pratt, theft by check.
Winfred Morgan Trammel, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Lorenzo Powell, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 15 days in jail, \$281 court costs.
Rhonda West, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Tarrant Co. granted.
Jeremy Franke, order amending conditions of probation granted.
Dawn Perkins, order amending conditions of probation granted.
Benjamin Strahan, order amending conditions of probation granted.
End of term order discharging defendants under misdemeanor probation: John W. Anderson; Melissa L. Sones; Linda Mulling; Amy Shiree Cox; Scott Garner Free; Kyle Kelly.

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Alan Starr; Jody Harris; Michael Oliver; Bryant Kimbrough; Ricky Holloway; Russel Parks.

Robert Munoz, Jr., plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 18 month probation, \$500 fine, \$293 court costs.

Marie L. Alcantar, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.

Patricia A. McNabb, motion to dismiss to driving while license invalid (DWLI) granted for plea to other case.

Daniel Moreno, motion to dismiss to leaving the scene of accident granted for plea to other case.

Keith Belair, plea of guilty to Ct. II - obstructing highway, 3 days in jail, \$2000 fine, \$410 court costs.

Patricia Campbell, plea of guilty to theft, 15 month probation, \$200 fine, \$285 court costs, \$300 restitution.

Kyla Menking, plea of guilty to furnishing alcohol to a minor, 9 days in jail, \$400 fine, \$310 court costs.

Cameron L. McRae, motion

to dismiss to DWLI granted for plea to other case.

Cameron L. McRae, motion to dismiss to possession of prohibited weapon granted for plea to other case.

Robert Kyle Stewart, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Jessie W. Robinson, order amending conditions of probation.

Joshua Kitchens, order extending probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

John D. Gilliam of Clyde and Shanna D. Seals of Abilene.

42ND DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

State of Texas vs. Yedidiyah Kohanimyah Hawkins, bond reduction.

Glenda Diann Russell and Danny Gayland Russell, divorce.

In Re: order for foreclosure concerning Gayla Mendez and Ben Mendez and 424 Poplar St. Baird, Tx. 79504.



A GRAND CELEBRATION—This five generation photo was taken at a recent get together to celebrate the birth of Braxton Beeler who was born December 21st, 2007. Shown are Braxton Beeler (from left) and Ryan Beeler of Midland, Scott Beeler and Polly Beeler of Cross Plains and Edgar Helms of Kermit.

This Week in Texas History

By: Bartee Haile

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: A new weekly series starts this week in the Cross Plains Review. It is "This Week in Texas History," which is the most widely-read column of its kind in Texas. I hope you enjoy it.

DON TABOR

FROM THE COTTON PATCH TO GRIDIRON GLORY

By: Bartee Haile

DECEMBER 19 - 25, 2007

Stamford won the battle of the Bulldogs on Dec. 21, 1956 beating Brady 26-13 for their thirty-second victory in a row and second straight Class 2A state championship.

At age 42 Gordon Leneer Wood had accomplished what most high-school football coaches achieve only in their dreams. But he would prowl the sidelines for 29 more seasons and collect a record nine state titles.

The youngest of eight children was born into cotton-patch poverty in 1914 and grew up on hardscrabble land around Abilene. Chores always came first, even before education, causing the baby of the brood to miss the first three months of every school year.

Young Gordon played in the first football game he ever saw. The seventh grader took the chant "fight team fight" too literally and on every snap of the ball punched the opponent he was assigned to block.

But the future gridiron genius had to overcome the objections of his father, who had an even lower opinion of sports than book learning. After three years of pleading, the elder Wood finally gave in and allowed him to go out for football at Abilene High.

The catch was that the boy could not shirk his responsibilities around the farm. The workload at home on top of football practice, studies and the long bus ride to and from school soon overwhelmed the youngster.

Although he never again put on the pads in high school, Gordon found time for basketball and track and excelled at both. His speed attracted the attention of a coach at Hardin-Simmons, one of Abilene's three church colleges, who decided to take a chance on the eager farmboy.

Starting out with a partial scholarship, Gordon earned room and board with his gutty performance on the football field, basketball court and cinder track. He even boxed for his alma mater winning 30 of 33 bouts.

By the time he received his diploma in 1938, Gordon Wood knew he wanted to make a career of coaching at the high-school level. In his first job at the Panhandle community of Spur, he was an assistant in football, in charge of basketball and track, taught classes and drove a bus.

When the head football coach retired after the 1939 season, Wood jumped at the chance to take his place. The school board offered him the position but ended up giving it to a more experienced applicant.

Two counties to the east at Rule, the head coaching job was going begging and with good reason. The high school had lost its last 20 football games. That did not matter to the 26 year old, who only wanted the opportunity to prove himself.

Wood did not have a storybook beginning as a head coach. His undermanned squad lost eight of ten in 1940 and showed only slight improvement the next year with a record of three wins, three losses and two ties. The high point of the 1941 campaign for the struggling coach was a 27-point upset of Spur, the school that spurned him.

World War II cut short Wood's stay at Rule. When he returned to civilian life in 1945, it was as principal, math teacher, bus driver and all-sports coach at Roscoe near Sweetwater.

Wood taught the Fighting Plowboys the new Wing-T formation, his bread-and-butter offensive for the next four decades. His Roscoe elevens went 16-2-2 before he moved onto Seminole not far from the New Mexico line.

With the invaluable assistance of Morris Southall, who would spend 31 years at his side, Wood turned Seminole High into a district champion in 1947 with nine regular-season triumphs. After the victory total slumped to six in 1948 and then to four in 1949, he relinquished the reins to Southall and tried his

luck at Winters, which wound up a single-season stopover on his way to Stamford.

It was with the Bulldogs that Wood took a giant step into the elite coaching ranks. The whole pigskin world sat up and took notice, when his Stamford teams rolled to 80 wins in seven seasons, including a phenomenal streak of 35 that produced back-to-back state titles, while losing a grand total of six games.

By 1958 high schools from every corner of the Lone Star State were beating down Wood's door. Victoria won the bidding war for his services, but the West Texan was never happy on the Gulf Coast. He bemoaned the lack of passion for the sport he loved and after two so-so seasons, at least by his high standards, went home for good.

The rest is well-known history. In his inaugural season at Brownwood, Wood took the 1960 Lions, who had advanced to the playoffs once in 40 years, to the 3-A finals and won. He did it three more times that decade, twice in the 1970's and one last time in 1981.

In Gordon Wood's 26 years at the helm, Brownwood won 82 percent of its games and tasted defeat on average just twice per season. The boy from the cotton patch retired at the end of the 1985 season with more career victories (396) than any high school, college or professional football coach.

Tex Ritter, Van Cliburn, Chill Wills, Linda Darnell, Dan Blocker and 20 others in "Entertainers". "Best of This Week in Texas History" Vol. VII now available for \$10.95 plus \$3.25 postage and handling from Bartee Haile, P.O. Box 152, Friendswood, TX 77549 or order online at www.twith.com

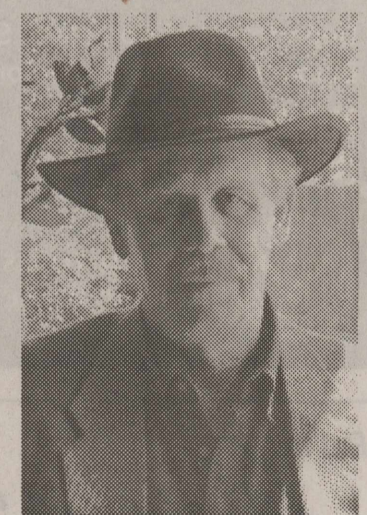
About the Author

Born in Dallas at the close of the Second World War, I am a fourth or fifth generation Texan. Impossible to be more precise because my ancestors, like most nineteenth-century Texans, were lousy record keepers.

I attended public schools in Dallas, San Antonio, Tyler and Richardson before going onto Southern Methodist University for my college education. After years of beating my head against the middle-management brick wall, I finally decided, with the encouragement and support of an extraordinarily understanding wife, to take the writing plunge.

In the summer of 1983, I introduced This Week in Texas History which 25 years and 1,275 columns later is the oldest most widely read feature of its kind appearing in dozens of papers from the Rio Grande to the Red River.

Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains readers might be interested to know that my roots run deep in



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West Texas. My father was born at Crosbyton, to a mother from the Roby/Rotan area and a father from Comanche County, and grew up in Littlefield. My mother's birthplace was Wichita Falls, and she was raised in Lubbock. So even though I live in the Houston area, I certainly am no stranger to West Texas!

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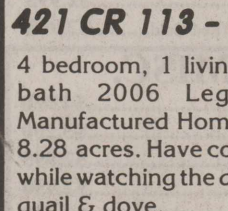
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Don Gosnell withdraws for Precinct #4 Constable

Heather Allen Guthrie files for Democratic County Chairwoman post

Heather Allen Guthrie of Baird was the final candidate to file for a place on the upcoming March 4th Democratic Primary Election ballot, while Cross Plains Police Chief Don Gosnell withdraws his name from consideration for the Precinct #4 constable position. Candidate filing for the Democratic Primary Election in Callahan County ended Wednesday, January 2nd.

A total of six candidates have now filed for the March 4, 2008 Democratic Primary Election. Allen Guthrie filed for the vacant position of Democratic County Chairperson after the death of longtime Democratic County Chairman Jon Hardwick. Hardwick passed away on Monday, December 31, 2007.

Allen Guthrie resides at 641 West 5th Street in Baird. She grew up in Baird and graduated from Baird High School. She recently moved back to her hometown of Baird. Allen Guthrie said she went to school at Baird when former County Chairman Jon Hardwick's daughters went to school there.

Allen Guthrie is currently taking one year off from teaching. She has 18 years of teaching experience, including 11 years at Callisburg, Texas. Allen Guthrie is a descendant of Callahan County educators. Her father, Bill, had previously taught in Eula, Clyde and Baird. He passed away in 1986. Her mother, Johnnie Allen, taught for 37 years, including the final 17 years at Baird ISD. Johnnie Allen died in April 2005.

William "Bill" Young is now the only candidate to announce for the Cross Plains Precinct #4 constable position, after Cross Plains Police Chief Don Gosnell withdrew his name from the ballot on Monday, January 14th.

Young, 72, has resided in the state 72 years and in Callahan

County 20 years. Young lists an address at P.O. Box 428 in Cross Plains.

Gosnell, 64, has resided in the state all his life and in Callahan County 35 years. Gosnell lists an address of 12650 County Road 416 in Cross Plains.

Harold Hicks filed for his Commissioner Precinct #1 (Clyde) position on Tuesday, December 18th. Hicks is currently serving his fourth four-year term as Clyde's commissioner. Hicks, 67, has lived in the state 63 years and in Callahan County 63 years. He resides at 1472 FM 604 North in Clyde.

Incumbent Sheriff Eddie Curtis filed Monday, December 3rd for re-election to the sheriff's position. Curtis, 56, resides at 541 Chestnut in Baird. He has lived in the state 52 years and in Callahan County 52 years.

Incumbent Tax Assessor/Collector Tammy T. Walker announced for re-election to the tax assessor/collector post on Monday, December 3rd. Walker, 46, has resided in the state 35 years and in Callahan County 35 years. She resides at 532 E. Third in Baird.

Also filing for re-election to the Callahan County Commissioner in Precinct #3 (Baird) is Tom F. Windham. Windham, who was appointed by the Callahan County Commissioners to fill the post vacated by Tommy Holland after Holland's death. Windham, 56, has resided in the state and in Callahan County all his life. Windham resides at 1871 U.S. Highway 283 North in Baird.

The offices of County Sheriff, Tax Assessor/Collector, Commissioner Precinct #3 (Baird), Commissioner Precinct #1 (Clyde), Justice of the Peace in Cross Plains and County Constable Precinct #4 (Cross Plains) are up for election on the Democratic Party Primary ballot.

Country Musical

The Anson Opera House Country Musical Show will be Saturday, January 19, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Opera House located in Anson, weather permitting.

Door prizes will be given away, and there is no

admission charge. There will not be any bar-b-ques for the months of January and February.

For additional information call Marlon Smith at 325-823-3523. Leave a message.

Grand Ole Oplin Line-up Told

The Grand Ole Oplin is happy to introduce a new band to our line-up schedule. On Friday, January 18th, Herman Hearn and the Yellowjackets will be joining us here at the Grand Ole Oplin playing the good old country dancing tunes that we all enjoy so much. The Yellowjackets have been around the Abilene area for some time having somewhere between six and eight band members.

So come on out and give this band your support and let them know you enjoy their music!

Also returning to the Grand Ole Oplin on Friday, January 25th, Muddy Creek will be playing some more of your

favorite dancing tunes.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center located at the intersection of FM 604 S. and FM 2926. Everyone is encouraged to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our functions. Our dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Admission to our dances is still only \$4.00 per person.

So gather the family and all your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of good music and dancing. We'll see you there.

Super 'Full Bowl' Sunday

The youth from the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains will be out and about on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. collecting for the local "Full Bowls" program.

"Full Bowls" is a local organization that collects monetary donations and/or donated pet food for the senior citizens of our community that need help caring for their companions. We have volunteers that sack the food monthly and it is delivered weekly by the Meals on Wheels program.

Monetary donations can be mailed to Full Bowls, P.O. Box 340, Cross Plains, Texas 76443 or you may take your donated food to the Senior Citizens' Center on Main Street before 1:00 p.m.

Volunteers will pick up the donated food at Village Market, Dollar General, Lawrence Farm and Ranch and Winfrey's Grain and Peanut on a regular basis.

A big THANK YOU to all who have given to this worthwhile program in 2007 and we ask for your continued support in 2008. Remember YOUR GIFTS keep our program helping our SENIORS AND THEIR COMPANIONS! For more information contact Connie Kirkham 254-725-6500 or 725-6318 or Jane Bonner 254-725-6257.

And a bigger THANK YOU for supporting our youth who are out helping our Seniors give their furry friends a full bowl on Super Bowl Sunday!

2008 Project Pride Membership Drive Underway

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

In addition to owning and maintaining the Robert E. Howard Museum that draws visitors from around the world, the annual list of projects include the luncheon for all school personnel in the fall, promotion of the extra big clean up effort with BFI, maintaining the Christmas yard decorations at the Museum, sponsoring downtown Christmas window decorations, promoting Cross Plains in newspapers and travel guides throughout the area and state and maintaining the highway welcome signs at the entrances of the city.

This group puts a lot of time and energy into the annual Howard Days in June. Members feel this all-out effort is definitely worth it as visitors come from all around the world to see where Howard lived and wrote. Some of these folks have been visiting at least once a year since 1986 and have come to feel that Cross Plains is their second home. They are some

of our best ambassadors as they tout our little friendly town at every opportunity.

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

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

Meetings are held the first Tuesday evening of the month at the Cross Plains Public Library and members are warmly encouraged to attend and to get actively involved. Meetings start at 6:00 p.m. and generally last about an hour.

Officers serving the organization for the coming year are Arlene Stephenson, President; Era Lee Hanke, Vice President; Susan McNeel, Secretary; and Tom Stephenson, Treasurer.

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

Submitted by Arlene Stephenson

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Seven Republican Party candidates file for six offices

The Republican Primary Election candidate filing deadline ended Wednesday, January 2nd with four candidates filing for three separate positions, according to Republican County Chairman Reggie Pillans.

So far, seven candidates have announced their intention to seek six Republican Party Primary offices according to Pillans.

Two candidates have announced for the position of Republican Precinct #2 (Eula) Chairman position, including Cody Marshall and Roxanne Schoen.

Marshall, 31, resides at 7683 County Road 241, Clyde. He has resided in the state 30 years and in the county one year. He is employed as a Civil Engineer.

Schoen, 54, has also filed for the Republican Precinct #2 Chairman position. Schoen resides at 10616 FM 603, Abilene. She has resided in the state 54 years and in Callahan County 14 years. She is self-employed.

Ed C. Duncan, 69, announced his intention to seek the Cross Plains Precinct #4 Constable position. Duncan resides at 18028 Highway 206 in Cross Plains. He has resided in Texas 68 years and in Callahan County 11 years. Duncan is retired from law enforcement.

Filing for the Republican County Chairman is Reggie Pillans, 60. Pillans lists an address of 8567 County Road 419, Cisco. He has resided in the state all his life and in Callahan County five years. Pillans is re-

tired.

The Republican Party of Callahan County has seven candidates running for six public offices, including incumbent County Attorney Shane Deel who has re-filed for the office of County Attorney. Deel, 35, filed for the Republican spot for County Attorney on Tuesday, December 4th. Deel has resided in the state and Callahan County all his life. He lists an address of 601 West Second in Baird.

John Windham has announced his candidacy for the position of County Sheriff. Windham, 38, has resided in the state 28 years and in the county seven months. Windham lists an address of 4093 Private Road 1195 in Baird. He is employed as an equipment operator and filed for County Sheriff on Monday, December 3rd.

Also filing for the unexpired term of Precinct #4 Justice of the Peace is incumbent Justice Burle W. Taylor. Taylor, 72, has resided in Texas 27 years and in Callahan County seven years, nine months. Taylor lists an address at 16469 FM 880 South in Cross Plains. He filed on Monday, December 10th. Taylor is running for the unexpired term of the late Cross Plains JP Bob Hill.

Other positions open in the county are: County Constable, County Commissioner Precinct #1 (Clyde), County Commissioner Precinct #3 (Baird), and Tax Assessor/Collector.

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management techniques on existing bermudagrass pastures as well as native pasture management.

Speakers for the seminar will include: Dr. Billy Warrick, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Agronomist-San Angelo; Dr. Bill Thompson, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Economist-San Angelo; Dr. Gerald Evers, Regents Fellow and Professor, Forage Management-Texas AgriLife Research-Overton; and John Tate, NRCS Natural Resource Manager-Albany.

Dr. Warrick will discuss the basics of forage and soil sample management. Dr. Bill Thompson will discuss the economics of forage production and Dr. Evers will be discussing bermudagrass management. Mr. John Tate will discuss native and improved grass selection. Jon Hatler with the Texas Department of Agriculture will be on hand to give an hour of Laws and Regulation for pesticide applicators.

The cost of the Seminar and accompanying meal is \$5 to those that preregister by February 1st. Registration at the door will be \$10.00 per person. This program is presented by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman and Eastland counties.

For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at 325-854-5835.

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