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SURROUNDED IN SMOKE—The home of Bob and Carolyn Morgan suffered severe damage from fire last Sunday.



RESPONDING TO THE HOUSE FIRE—Local firefighters are entering the back door of the Morgan home which is engulfed in flames. (Photos courtesy of Joy Gerking.)

Cross Plains coaches pleased with new UIL realignment

BY: AL PICKETT
Special Writer

The University Interscholastic League's decision to divide Class A and 2A into two divisions next fall prior to the playoffs could be good news for Cross Plains football, according to head football coach athletic director Kevin Bryant.

The biennial UIL realignment, that was announced Monday, Feb. 1st, puts former district foes Cross Plains and Baird in the five-team District 9-A Division II in football along with Gorman, Meridian and Ranger.

"I think it did what the UIL wanted, to make it where everyone could compete with people of like size," Bryant said of the realignment. "It will increase travel a little, but it will give people a chance who didn't before because of size."

The Buffaloes, who were 4-6 overall and 2-3 in district last fall, have been in the same district the past two years with state runner-up Albany and Winters, both of which have nearly twice as many students as Cross Plains and Baird.

"Baird turned in 96 and we turned in 102," Bryant added. "I think Albany had over 190 students."

Bryant said he has already tentatively set the Buffaloes' football schedule for next fall. Cross Plains will play Valley Mills, Menard, Winters, Miles, Rotan and Bronte in non-district games. He noted that the determination of whether

District 9-A Division II

Football Only

Baird

Cross Plains

Gorman

Meridian

Ranger

District 11-A Division I

Basketball

Albany

Eula

Cross Plains

DeLeon

Ranger

Santo

games will be at home or on the road won't be decided until after the district meetings.

Cross Plains was placed in Division I for basketball, however, joining District 11-A

along with Eula, Albany, De Leon, Ranger and Santo.

The top two teams in each district in both football and basketball will advance to the playoffs.

Local Couple's Home Destroyed in Fire

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

The home of Bob and Carolyn Morgan, longtime residents of Cross Plains, was destroyed by fire Sunday, February 7th.

Joy Gerking, their neighbor to the south, noticed the smoke coming from the roof and under the eaves as she returned home from work around 2:00 p.m.

"At first I thought it was just fog, then I realized it was smoke. I immediately called 911 to report it," Joy remarked.

"I checked to see if anyone was in the house and thank goodness no one was at home," she noted.

Bob and Carolyn were in Stephenville attending the baptism of their 10 year old grandson. Carolyn noted that it was a beautiful and joyful services, and then someone called to tell them about their home.

"This is very difficult, but we had some good memories over there. Whatever the Lord has in store for us, it will be used for His glory. What is important is still with us, our family and our friends," Carolyn commented.

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department arrived shortly, along with the Cross Plains E.M.S. Fire Chief Rick Carouth stated the

fire appeared to originate in the utility room near the dryer and furnace area.

"It had already burned through the floor when we arrived and the flames vented through the roof totally engulfing the east end of the structure in a couple of minutes," Carouth explained. He mentioned it only takes 18 minutes for a mobile home to burn down. For the firefighters to be able to save the walls was an accomplishment.

"Severe smoke and heat damage melted the televisions, etc. in the west end of the house, as it was a very hot fire." Fire Chief Carouth commented.

Three fire trucks and 15 firemen responded to the house fire. Blake and Kyle Foster wore air packs and went inside to check things out. A total of six firefighters utilized the newly purchased air packs that proved useful.

The Fire Chief stated there was a good water supply since a hydrant was located within 75 feet of the house.

The greatest destruction was to the southeast side of the home, but smoke, heat and water damage ruined the majority of the interior.

Connie Kirkham reported Bob

and Carolyn were able to retrieve a few family photos, some clothing, and a couple of pieces of furniture, while the remainder of their household goods were destroyed.

Currently the couple is residing with Carolyn's sister, Sharolyn Walker. Their most urgent needs include personal items, clothing, food and monetary aid. They do not have a place to store furnishings, etc. at this time, and the items mentioned above are more timely.

A Love Fund has been established at **Texas Heritage Bank, P. O. Box 699, Cross Plains, TX 76443**, if you would like to donate monetary funds.

If you would like to purchase clothing for the couple call Connie Kirkham 254-725-6500 (home), 254-725-6318 (shop), or (325) 665-0154 cell phone or the *Cross Plains Review* 254-725-6111 for their sizes and further information.

A Community Shower will be planned and details announced directly. As always, our "Caring Community" will organize to assist Bob and Carolyn as they re-establish their home. Please pray for them during this difficult time.

Two Candidates Have Already Filed for City Council Seats

The upcoming general election for the Cross Plains City Council and the Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees is just around the corner. Candidates could file as of Monday, February 8th in both elections.

The 2-year terms of Councilmen Bob Kirkham and Jerry Cassle and Mayor Ray Purvis are

expiring. Incumbents, Jerry Cassle and Bob Kirkham, have already tossed their hat in the ring.

The 3-year terms of school board trustees, Tommy Ames, Hoyt Foster and John Fred McWilliams are expiring. No one has filed for trustee at this time.

Anyone interested in seeking

election has until March 8, 2010 to file. School board candidates must file at the superintendent's office and city council candidates must file at the Cross Plains City Hall during their regular office hours.

The election will be held May 8, 2010.

Cell Phones for Soldiers Program Started Locally

Two drop off locations for recycling cell phones, MP3 players and iPods have been established locally. Texas Heritage Bank and Lawrence Farm and Ranch will be collecting the items that will be used to purchase prepaid calling cards for American troops.

Since starting Cell Phones for Soldiers in 2004, teens Brittany and Robbie Bergquist have raised millions of dollars to help our troops call home.

Please gather your old cell phones, MP3 players and iPods and donate them to this worthy cause.

To send cell phones please:
1. Deactivate phone(s) and turn off power.
2. Keep battery attached to phone. If battery is not attached, please tape over terminal ends.

Over two million Americans have already answered the call to Help Our Troops Call Home. Visit the website www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com to read letters from the troops, and learn about more ways you can make a difference.

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2010 Massage Event at Senior Center Thursday, February 25th

Would you like to receive a chair, hand, or foot massage at no cost to you???

Well, you can, thanks to the Area Agency on Aging and a grant award from the Massage Therapy Foundation.

Your massage is just a phone call away. Call the Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-928-2262 or the Cross Plains Senior Center 254-725-6521 to sign up for a massage or for further information.

You must be 60 years or older, a family caregiver or care recipient. Some paperwork will be required

to be completed prior to massage and all information is kept confidential. Call, sign-up and enjoy the benefits of a free massage.

The Massage Event will be held Thursday, February 25th, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Senior Center, 108 North Main, Cross Plains.

Special thanks to the Massage Therapy Foundation, the Massage Therapists involved and the Senior for allowing "Massage Does a Body Good" event to take place.

Free Childhood Immunization available

FREE Childhood Immunizations will be Available for children 2 months to 18 years of age.

Seasonal Flu shots will also be available for children 6 months to 18 years of age.

H1N1 vaccines will be available FREE for Children and Adults.

The immunization clinic is sponsored by: Abilene Care Van & Caring For Children Foundation of Texas.

The Immunization clinic will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., at the Medical Care Mission, 1857 Pine, Abilene, TX.

*Please bring your child's immunization record
*Child must be accompanied by parent or guardian
*VFC Eligible

For additional information please call 2-1-1 Texas A Call for Help or visit www.carevan.org

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

Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599

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Wednesday Worship.....7:00 PM

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Every Sunday at 10:30 am

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(CJS Ranch, on the left just past the 279/206 split)

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Sunday School...10:00 am

Pastor: Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

Billy Smith Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.

254-725-6268 Wednesday Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley

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Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz

Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

Bible Study...10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

CROSS PLAINS COWBOY CHURCH

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PSALM 55:17

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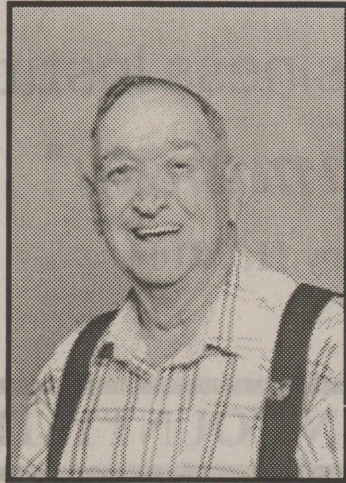
Rev. Harris Worcester

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:45AM

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Obituaries



Larmon L. McMillan

Larmon L. McMillan, age 84, passed away Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at his daughter's home in Brownwood. Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 5, 2010 at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Dick Williams officiating; burial followed in the Cross Plains Cemetery in Cross Plains, Texas.

He was born on April 6, 1925 in Doole, Texas to John Martin and Lillie Mae (Williams) McMillan. Larmon married Clyda (Frazze) and they had four children. He worked in the oil fields for most of his life after serving a stint in the U.S. Army. He was also known for growing a beautiful garden, which he shared with his friends.

He is survived by his two sons, Thomas McMillan of Coleman and Robert McMillan of Oregon; step-son, Mack Alford of Brownwood; sister, Ernestene Alford of Rising Star; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three wives; one son, Clayton; a daughter, Annelle; two brothers and one sister.

Naida L. West Williamson

Our precious mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Naida L. West Williamson, walked into the arms of Jesus on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Services were held Friday, February 5, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Eastland with Raymond Hamrick and Dr. Shawn Brewer officiating. Burial was in Eastland Cemetery.

Naida was born on May 25, 1930, in Cross Plains, Texas to Henry and Billie Tatum West. She attended schools in Cross Plains and Haskell. She married M.F. Williamson in Albany, Texas on June 11, 1957, and lived in Eastland for the past forty years. Naida spent her time as a homemaker, taking care of her husband and family.

Preceding her in death were her husband, her parents, one brother, R.D. West of Leuders, and two grandsons, Alan Gentle of Abilene and Michael Carter of Denton.

Survivors include a daughter, Pat Carter, Eastland, daughter and son-in-law, Linda and George Ervin, Abilene; son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Mallie Williamson, San Angelo; son, Bobby Williamson, Eastland; daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Jason Smith, Edom; grandchildren, Derriel and Tina; Kelly, Kathlinda and Naida Lynn; Ginger, Malcom, Amanda, Jodie and Cassie; Dustin and Deana; Timmy Shannon, Missy and Bradley; 31 great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Dalton and Katie West, San Diego; sister, Patsy Williamson, Abilene, sister and brother-in-law, Tillie and Paul Griggs of Hawley; sister, Jan Couch, Abilene; brothers-in-law, S.L. Williamson, Albany and Dub Williamson, Eastland; sisters-in-law, Virgie Beutel, Abilene, Lillie Patton, Syble Hamrick and Hattie Williamson, all of Eastland, Shirley Notgrass, Alvarado, and Vonceil Williamson, Ranger.

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MARY STARR APPLETON

Starr Appleton

Mary Starr Appleton, 63, passed away on Monday, February 1, 2010. She was born on January 15, 1947 in Abilene, Texas to Martha Jean Scott and James Doss Alexander, Jr. Starr attended Clyde Schools for several years where her father James Alexander was a Principal.

Starr received a B.S. from Abilene Christian University in 1969. She worked as a teacher for 30 plus years with the Corpus Christi Independent School District. Starr was a member of the American Federation of Teachers.

She is survived by her parents, James and Jean Alexander of Cross Plains; her beloved husband of 36 years, Kenneth Appleton of Corpus Christi; daughters, Heather Bardwell of Huntsville, Alabama and Andrea Dysput of Richardson, Texas; granddaughter, Candace Nicole Bardwell and brother Jim Alexander of Richardson, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 2010 at the Seaside Funeral Home Chapel, interment followed at Seaside Memorial Park in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Anyone wishing to make donations, please make them to the Cross Plains Public Library, 200 Main Street, Crossw Plains, Texas 76443.

To view guestbook, leave condolences and share memories please visit www.seasidefuneral.com.

Fay Fleming

Funeral services for Fay Fleming, age 82, of Brownwood, were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, February 7, 2010 at the Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Ms. Fleming died Thursday, February 4, 2010, in Brownwood. Fay was born on November 22, 1927, in Santa Anna to Charlie and Katie (Tennison) Dillard. She was married to L.J. Fleming in the Pioneer Community in 1948. Fay worked for J.C. Penney, Montgomery Ward and Wal-Mart before retiring.

Survivors include her son, Charles Fleming and wife, Regina, of Brownwood; two sisters, Olene Falkner and Oleta Pinkston, both of Brownwood; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, L.J. in 2008; three sisters, Gladys Smith, Virgie Baugh and Minnie Fore; and two brothers, Charles Dillard and Vernon Dillard.

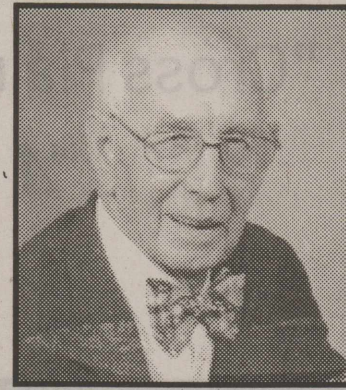
New Gardening Ideas

Learn how to grow food in **God's natural ways**. Grow a garden in your yard or any small space. There will be a discussion time after a viewing of a DVD on this subject.

Two times: Monday, February 22, at 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday, February 23, at 8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains. For more information, call 254-725-7629.

"...unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." John 12:24

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Raymond Hounshell

Raymond Hounshell, 92, of Cisco passed away February 3, 2010, in Eastland. Services will be Friday at 2:00 PM in the Kimbrough Funeral Home Chapel officiated by Gary Hounshell. Burial will follow in the Oakwood Cemetery under the direction of Kimbrough Funeral Home.

Mr. Hounshell, better known as Ray, was born October 2, 1917, in Brown County, Texas, to Lafayette and Blanche (Brown) Hounshell. He attended school at Burkett and Cross Cut, and served in the Army Air Corps during WW II. On May 8, 1943, he and Helen Elizabeth Tapken were married in Dodge City, Kansas. They have celebrated 66 anniversaries together.

For many years Ray was self-employed as a mechanic in the Oil and Gas Exploration Industry. He was a man of few words. He loved working with his horses, and more than anything else, he loved being with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the National Rifle Association. He spent many hours in his later life visiting with people all over the world on his computer.

Survivors include his wife, Helen, of Cisco; daughter, Sheila Rae of Austin, sons, William and wife, Sarah, of Cisco, and David Allen and wife, Nancy, of Pittsburg, PA; brothers, Elmer of Lake Brownwood and Charlie of Cisco; sister, Evelyn Pitts and husband, Richard, of Alamogordo, NM, 9 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. A brother, J. W. and sister, Sarah McCowan, preceded Ray in death.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

The family asked that memorials be made to the charity of choice.



ELIZABETH A. GERNGROSS

Elizabeth Gerngross

Elizabeth Gerngross, 92, of Rowena passed away Monday, February 1, 2010 at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

She was born October 1, 1917 to Henry and Lydia (Schindler) Schraer in Shiner, Texas. Elizabeth and Rudolph Leonard Gerngross, Sr. were married January 31, 1938 in Rowena where the couple made their home. Mr. Gerngross preceded her in death August 17, 1989. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Olfen. She was also a member of Christian Mothers of St. Boniface.

Preceding her in death were her parents and husband; daughter, Loretta Michaelwicz and her husband, Don; and daughter-in-law, Lucille Gerngross.

Mrs. Gerngross is survived by her children, Greg Gerngross and wife, Mary Jo, of Baird; Natalie Lange and husband, Steve, of Rowena; Rudy Gerngross, Jr. and Mary Lou Gerngross both of San Angelo. Also surviving are her 10 grandchildren including Jody Gerngross and wife, Wendy of Baird and Jason Gerngross of Wellington, Texas, 17 great-grandchildren, four step grandchildren, and nine step great-great-grandchildren.

Rosary and visitation were Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at Lange Funeral Home Chapel in Ballinger. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 4th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Olfen with Rev. Chinnapparaj (Fr. Paul) Mariasavary officiating. Grandsons served as pallbearers. Burial followed in St. Boniface Cemetery.

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February 11, 2010

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Service 9:00 AM

Music- Connie Swift

& Betty Lewis

Lead Singers: Rhonda Swift

Amanda Sowell

Matt Sowell

Pastor Kathy Monroe

208 N. Ave. D

First Baptist Church

Sunday School

9:30 am

Sunday

Morning Worship

10:45 am

Sunday

Evening Worship

6:30 pm

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship

Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm

Children Choir 6:30 pm

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

(254) 725-7629 3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BEVERLY BROWN

Mailboxes on a section of FM 880 were vandalized over the weekend. If you see anyone damaging mailboxes, please report it to the Sheriff's department.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will meet on Wednesday, February 17th, at 7 p.m. at the Cottonwood Community Center. All firefighters need to be at the meeting as pictures will be taken.

Paul Weaver of Austin visited with his aunts, Dena Nickerson, Billie Kelly and Mary Ella

Weaver. Paul works for UPS and was up in this area for business. Paul is the son of the late Warren Weaver.

Jerry and Martha Crawford of Lubbock visited with Beverly Brown on Saturday evening. Martha is the daughter of Lucy Hall of Lucy's Little Acres.

The fundraising group for the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group got together last Thursday afternoon to brainstorm ideas. The group still needs to raise about \$4,700 for the new

firetruck.

Speaking of the fundraisers, the Fire Control Group will be having a **Bake Sale on Saturday, March 13th** in front of Village Market. If you'd like to help out by baking a cake, pie, cookies or other goodies, please let me know.

Mark your calendar now for **March 27th—the date of the Chili and Stew Night and Country Musical** at the Cottonwood Community Center. Plan to come out to Cottonwood to enjoy good food and good music.

LIBRARY NOTES

February 1-5, 2010

Patrons:	157
Programs:	40
LP	7
LS	3
ASAP	11
Other	19
Books Checked Out:	127
Copies:	95
Reference:	7
Internet Users:	74
Interlibrary Loan:	1

Donations:
Elzie and Evelyn Wilson
Mildred Aiken

Book Donations:
Bob Childress
Frankie Smith
Texas Sanders

Volunteers:
Suzy Stiver-Nash
Arlene Stephenson
Sue Bennett
Beverly Ross
Lavonne Childress
Wilma Lawrence
Ginny Hoskins
Helen Parson

Cross Plains Area Genealogy Society meets at the Library every first and third Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

Chili and Stew Night and Country Musical

Saturday, March 27th has been named "Chili & Stew Night" in Cottonwood, as the Cottonwood Historical Association will be serving up homemade Chili and Stew, along with a Country Musical for an evening of good food and good music.

Area musicians are invited to come out to Cottonwood and play at the event, the proceeds of which will go towards repair and maintenance at the Cottonwood Community Center.

Musicians that performed at Cottonwood Musicals in the old days and musicians that are new to Cottonwood are both welcome to come and play. Call Cookie Robinson at 254-725-4127 or Beverly Brown at 254-7369 if you'd like to be on the program.

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SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 15th- Center Closed, No Activities.
Tuesday, 16th- Mexican Train Dominoes 10am. 11am Exercise Class. Game Night 4:30-8pm. Pool Tournament 5:30pm. Potluck Finger Foods 6:15pm. Bingo 7pm.
Wednesday, 17th- Sing Along with Jacque & Gail. February Birthday's Celebrated. Free Foot Care Clinic by Girling 12:30 pm.
Thursday, 18th- 11:00 am Exercise Class. Washer Tournament 10:00 am.
Friday, 19th- Bingo 12:30pm.

Senior Center Needs
A few items the Center could really benefit from...
ROASTER OVEN - LARGE CROCK POTS

Cross Plains Senior Center News

What a great week we had at the Senior Center! We welcomed Alain, from near Toronto, Canada. Alain Gamach is visiting the Carters, who are related to him by marriage.

Also joining us were the members of the Senior Adult Ministries, known as S.A.M. What a great time we had with these personable, fun folks. We look forward to seeing all of them again soon.

That clinking sound here on Thursday was a determined group pitching washers. Teamed up were R.L. Barnett, Charles Waggoner, Roy Hanke, Tom Stephenson and Bobby Jack McCowen. Everyone is invited to join us soon in this fun activity every other Thursday.

Make a note on your calendar for Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the Massage Event you must call for your time slot, as there are limited spaces. Be sure to call well in advance, Amber

Thomas 725-6521, at the Senior Center.

This will be well worth it, let someone massage those aching backs, necks, hands or feet, and get those sore spots rubbed out.

DID YOU KNOW???? As anew feature, we will showcase each week a Cross Plains Citizen and/or a regular at the Senior Center.

Today we feature **Ernie Parker**. Did you know Ernie worked about 45 years as a machinist, producing aircraft parts. The majority of his time was in St. Louis, Missouri.

The **Volunteer of the Week** is Roxie Thomas. She began delivering meals 15 years ago. She does this during her lunch break at the bank. What a dedicated person! She is always a cheerful person for our home bound. Way to Go, Roxie!!!!

Submitted by
Charla Fowler

RISING STAR NURSING CENTER

DONA MCINTIRE



PREPARING BEANS AND FIXIN'S—Dona, James Lewis, and Karolyn (left to right) preparing food for an employee lunch.

We are looking forward to warmer weather in the near future but staying warm and toasty here until that happens.

We had some excitement with the tornado warning two weeks ago, but we tried to make lemonade from lemons. Staff and volunteers moved the residents into the hallways and we had a songfest while we waited out the storms. Even after we had an "all clear" many of the residents moved into the living area and enjoyed a sing-a-long led by Mike McGinn at the piano.

We are proud of the new television in the living/dining area. IT is a large flat screen made possible by an anonymous donation. We were able to track the movement of the inclement weather and are looking forward to movies and popcorn. Kay Justice volunteers that she has some "oldies but goodies".

Our long term employee, Ava Dodd, reports a milestone in her work career by completing 20 years as a nurse aide at nursing home in Cross Plains and Rising Star. She has worked in other facilities in our area, and actually started as a nurse aide thirty-nine years ago. We believe this will call for quite a celebration next year. Hang in there with us. Ava, we love and appreciate you!

Irene Starkey is the proud winner of the monthly Bingo Champion winner for January. What a way to start the new year! She attributes her success to the lucky beads she wears when she comes to play.

We have a new resident to welcome, Ronald Phillips, who has been in an assisted living facility in Sweetwater. Failing health brings him to us. Mr. Phillips has family in Cross Plains and we are glad to have him with

us. We also are glad to have Alma Simpkins back from a stay in the hospital.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Jean Fore. She was a unique, feisty little lady and we will miss her.

On Thursday of last week, we had a special treat when the residents prepared lunch for the employees. We had three crock pots of pinto beans, all seasoned individually with suggestions from the residents and additions of smoked sausage and ground meat. Our dietary department also provided slaw and cornbread and the meal was topped off with chocolate cake. We were all in agreement that it was perfect for a cold day and our hats are off to the residents for helping with this.

Until next time, stay safe, warm and dry.

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BREAKTHRU

By Charles Chesshir
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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Good News

The legal system, moral code of our law, our work ethic, and social customs in America (meaning the U.S.) have until the last 50 years been solidly rooted in Judeo-Christian ideas. This means simply a foundation of Biblical principal. That bold claim is still being echoed in some circles of American culture but the evidence of reality points to the unnerving conclusion that we have slipped into the 21st century as a post-Christian nation. Immorality is considered normal. Choice has been elevated to deity. Contraceptives have become the answer to promiscuity; abortion the answer for unwanted pregnancy; divorce for troubled marriage, and violence for frustration. Churches in "panic" mode have sought to win cultural battles with political might and are losing the fight. That is the bad news.

If America ends up on the ash-heap of human history as other great empires before us, the central truth of all history as revealed in Jesus Christ will stand as the blueprint to rebuild from ashes. His words and His insight into the human heart will never grow out of style. The message of forgiveness, healing, and love from the Cross of Calvary will still be the central event of history for every human soul and a little place like Cross Plains can be a beacon of hope and sweet aroma to and America rebuilding from ashes because His ambassadors live here. There will always be good news.

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

It's A Boy!

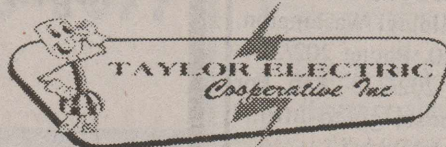


Jeremy and Brittany Torres are proud to announce the arrival of their new baby boy

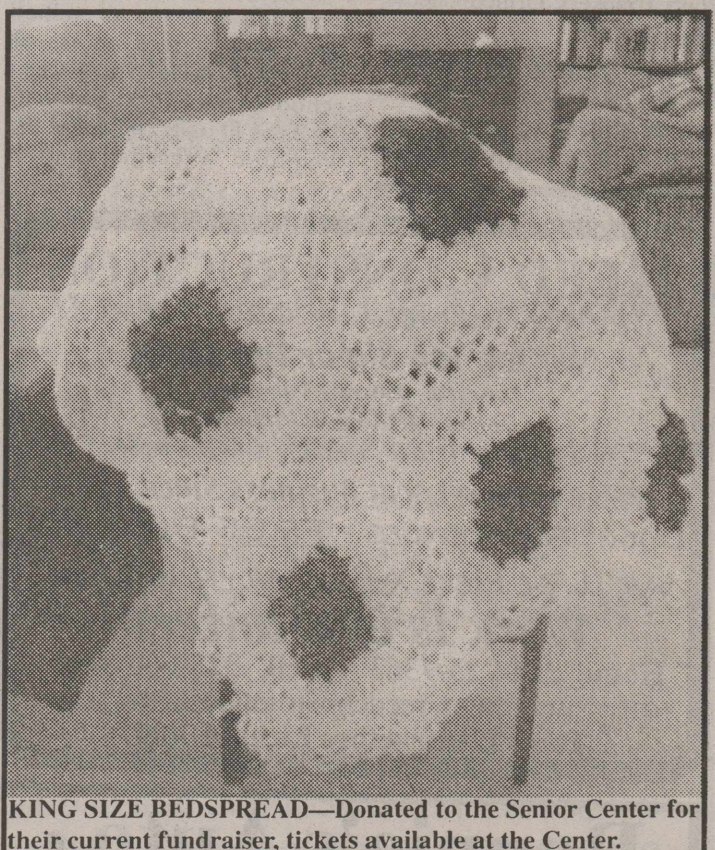
Tucker Ryan Torres

Tucker was born on December 26, 2009 at 6:43 AM. He weighed 7lbs 11 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are
Kala Stout of Cross Plains and Aubrey Stout of Cisco.
Paternal grandparents are
Joe Ray and Mindy Torres of Cedar Park.
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Drawing will be held March 31, 2010 at the Senior Center at 11:45 am.

All money donated to benefit the CP Senior Center to purchase the following items: Wii Fit (exercise activity), Big Screen TV (for exercise and movies), Copier, new lights, and new ceiling tile.

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Cross Plains Elementary G/T News

Nominations for student participation in gifted education are now being accepted for students in grades K-6. Parents and community members are invited to nominate any child they believe exhibits intellectual

characteristics that exceed those normally seen in children of the same age.

You may nominate a child by coming to the elementary office and completing nomination forms by Friday, March 12, 2010.

Any parent is welcome to come by the office and pick up a Parent Handbook on Gifted Education. For information regarding gifted education, you may call Margie Sowell or Pat Stephens 254-725-6123.

2nd 4-H Vet Science Meeting

The 2nd 4-H Vet Science meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 15, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted at the Callahan County Vet Clinic. 4-H members are encouraged to mark this on your calendars.

The last Vet Science meeting will be held on Monday, March 8th so mark your calendar. If you have any questions please call The Extension Office (325) 854-5835.

Hope to see you on February 15th.

Submitted by: Hoss Sasin, CEA - Ag

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

FEBRUARY 15-19

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

TUESDAY-Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

WEDNESDAY-French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

THURSDAY-Honey Bun, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

FRIDAY-Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY-Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Tater Tots, Mixed Fruit, Milk

TUESDAY-Salisbury Steak, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Roll, Peaches, Milk

WEDNESDAY-Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Salad, Spice Cake, Milk

THURSDAY-Vegetable-Beef Soup, Crackers, Grilled Cheese, Oranges, Milk

FRIDAY-Submarine Sandwich, Salad, Pickle Spears, Chips, Ice Cream, Milk

Have a great week!

EARLY OUT!

February 19, 2010 will be the end of the fourth Six Weeks at Cross Plains I.S.D.

School will release at 2:30 p.m. on February 19th. Buses will run at 2:40 p.m.

School will resume on Monday, February 22nd at regular time.

NOTE: Enrollment Deadline Nears for Prepaid College Tuition Program

(AUSTIN)—Families have until Feb. 28th to lock in college tuition and required fees at current rates for the state's public colleges.

"The Texas Tuition Promise Fund helps put higher education within reach for all families," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Whether it's a four-year degree or career training at a community college, saving for college will help our children gain the skills they need for well-paying jobs."

The state's pre-paid college tuition program allows families to prepay for undergraduate tuition and required fees. They can prepay for a four-year degree, a two-year degree or for just a few classes or semesters, at prices based on 2009-10 academic year costs for the state's public colleges:

- Type I units, priced for tuition and required fees for up to the most expensive public four-year school in Texas, cost \$103.40 per unit.

- Type II units, priced at the weighted average of tuition and required fees across all Texas public four-year schools, cost \$71.75 per unit.

- Type III units, priced at the weighted average cost of

tuition and required fees across all Texas public two-year schools, cost \$17.78 per unit.

Under the plan, 100 units equal one academic year of tuition and required fees. Families can buy up to six years (600 units) worth of undergraduate education. The plan offers several payment options, including lump-sum payments, pay-as-you go or the installment payment option, which includes an annual interest rate.

While benefits are geared toward Texas public colleges and universities, the plan value can also be used toward the cost of private or out-of-state schools. Unused units can be transferred to another qualified beneficiary or refunded.

After Feb. 28th, the Texas Tuition Promise fund will close enrollment until September, when the program will re-open with new contract prices based on college costs for the 2010-11 academic year.

For information about the prepaid tuition program, including a college cost calculator, go to www.TuitionPromise.org or call (800) 445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.



STUDENTS MAKE VALENTINE BOXES—Students who attended the February After School Adventure Program, or ASAP, at the Cross Plains Public Library made Valentine boxes to give to the special people in their lives. Sue Bennett and Helen Parson assisted the children with decorating and folding the boxes, and filling the containers with candy. The children had several choices of shapes and colors for their boxes. Greeting card materials were also made available to decorate with the Valentine theme.

Naval Academy accepting applications for STEM Program

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—Applications are being accepted Feb. 1st through April 1st for the United States Naval Academy (USNA) Summer STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) Program 2010. STEM is held in three sessions: June 7th-12th, June 14th-19th and June 21st-26th.

The academy's Summer STEM Program is an overnight academic camp designed for rising 8th-11th grade students in good academic standing who have an interest in math and science.

The STEM Program gives students the opportunity to experience real-life applications of math and science principles through hands-on practical learning. Students will learn from distinguished Naval Academy professors in world-class lab facilities that provide a unique learning environment outside the traditional classroom. The academy's current students, known as midshipmen, help run the Summer STEM Program and act as camp counselors and tutors to students.

Students and parents with questions about the Summer STEM Program and the application process should call (410)293-1858 or visit www.usna.edu/admissions.

The deadline for applications is April 1st.

Applicants will be notified of their application status in the month of May.

Each session of STEM will include the following scheduled activities:

MONDAY: Travel and Check-in

TUESDAY: Air and Space Museum/DC Tour

WEDNESDAY: So What Really Happened to the Titanic? Challenger? the Ford Pinto?

The tragedy of the Titanic, as well as other engineering disasters have served to foster many technological discoveries and innovations. As you learn more, you will break steel and investigate crash mechanics. You'll examine Material Fingerprints to characterize technical crimes. You will visit the USNA Hydromechanics and Fluids Laboratories to study hull designs and structures and in the Aero Laboratories, you will investigate the forces of nature.

THURSDAY: Cryptography, Computers and Code, Forensics and Fingerprints

Can you break the code? Learn how mathematics, computer science, and engineering have been used throughout history to keep

messages hidden and cryptic. Create and program your own video game to solve a crime in 3-D. Use chemical analysis to solve crime and investigate fingerprinting of physical phenomenon.

FRIDAY: Biometrics, Electronics, Robotics

Learn how technological advances in engineering assist in catching criminals, spies and other bad guys. Build and program your robot to master the maze. Wire and solder your own electronic device for voice modulation. A tour of the USNA Biometrics Laboratory will find you performing iris scans and facial recognition techniques.

SATURDAY: Open House and Demonstrations.

Share your new skills with your parents and friends. End the week by putting your projects on display.

Approximately 200 total students from around the U.S. will be invited to STEM. All students selected to participate will receive a full scholarship to attend this academic summer program.

For more information about the Naval Academy STEM program, visit www.usna.edu/admissions. For more information about the Naval Academy, visit www.usn.edu. (USNA)

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Here are their addresses:

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Rick Perry, Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX. 78711.

Harvey Hilderbran, State Representative, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910. Phone 512-463-0536.

Troy Fraser, Texas Senate District 24, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711 or call 512-463-0124.

Washington

Barack Obama, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000 or call 202-456-1111. www.whitehouse.com

Randy Neugebauer, Congressman, 19th Texas District, 429 Cannon HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515. Phone 325-675-9779 or 325-675-5038 for Fax. For email access, go to <http://www.house.gov/neugebauer> and click on the appropriate link.

John Cornyn, 517 Hart Senate Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Phone 202/224-2934. Fax 202/228-2856. For email access, go to <http://Cornyn.Senate.gov>

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Early voting begins Tuesday, February 16th at Cross Plains JP Office

Early voting in the Democratic and Republican Party Primary elections will get underway on Tuesday, February 16th at three locations in Callahan County, according to County Clerk Donna Bell.

Early voting will take place at the Callahan County Courthouse located at 100 West 4th Street in Baird. The early voting will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16th through Friday, February 19th in Room 102 at the Courthouse in Baird. Early voting will also take place from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February

22nd through Friday, February 26th.

Branch early voting will be held at the Clyde Justice of the Peace office located at 208 Oak Street in Clyde. Early voting will be held Tuesday, February 16th through Friday, February 19th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and again from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Early voting will also take place Monday, February 22nd through Friday, February 26th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The Democratic Party Primary Election and the Republican Party Primary Election will take place from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2nd in Callahan County.

Justice of the Peace Office located at 424 South Main in Cross Plains. Early voting will be held Tuesday, February 16th through Friday, February 19th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and again from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Early voting will also take place Monday, February 22nd through Friday, February 26th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

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Cross Plains Roping Club News

The Cross Plains Roping Club had their beginning of the year meeting, and elected new officers. The new officers are as follows: President Bo Buchanan; Vice-President Wes Ashlot; Secretary JoLee Williams; Treasurer Sarah Buchanan; Reporter Brenda Smith.

The Roping Club voted that meetings will be the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the local Dairy Queen.

There will be a scheduled workday on Saturday, February 20th, at 1:00 p.m.

Anyone who is a member or wants to be a member needs to contact Sarah Buchanan at 254-725-4459 and pay their dues to her. The dues will be \$25.00 per year.

Texas Farm, Ranch, Wildlife Expo set for Feb. 23rd-24th in Abilene

ABILENE—The annual Texas Farm, Ranch, Wildlife Expo is set for Feb. 23rd-24th on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center. The center is located at 1700 State Highway 36 in Abilene. Show hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Feb. 23rd and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Feb. 24th.

The event is sponsored by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

The show features educational seminars, equipment exhibits, product demonstrations, the Town and Country Women's Fair, the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association's annual meeting, and the Abilene Chamber of Commerce's annual membership luncheon. Highlight of the luncheon is the naming of the Taylor County Farm Family of the Year.

Eighteen Texas Department of Agriculture continuing

education units are offered during the educational seminars.

The women's fair starts at 9:00 a.m. Feb. 23rd in the Modern Living Mall.

The show's agricultural-related educational programs begin at 8:00 a.m. Feb. 23rd with the seminar Big Country Range Management in the Extension Classroom.

The Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association's annual meeting followed by their membership luncheon starts at 10 a.m. in the Big Country Hall.

The afternoon's sessions begin at 1:00 p.m. and include Cotton Production in 2010 in the Big Country Hall and a "Wildlife Habitat Management Seminar" in the Western Heritage Ranch House.

Concurrent programs on Feb. 24th include an 8:00 a.m. Texas Department of Agriculture re-certification course in the Big Country Hall,

a Prospective Wine Grape Producer Seminar at 8:00 a.m. in the Extension Classroom and a Tools VI—Technology as a Tool for Managing Range, Livestock and Wildlife in the Western Heritage Ranch House also at 8:00 a.m.

SEQ CHAPTER—The Texas Farm Ranch Wildlife Expo will once again be offering a Hunter Safety Education Course. This will be a two day course and will take place in the Extension classroom each day starting at 5:00 p.m. Participants must attend both sessions, and pass the end-of-course exam to receive credit and certification.

The chamber of commerce luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 24th in the Big Country Hall. Keynote speaker will be humorous story teller, Tumbleweed Smith.

For Additional information Robert Pritz, 325-672-6048, pritz@tamu.edu

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Like a soft lilting melody of a far rung bell.

If she gave you a smile, you would store it in memory, then bring it back to behold.

Like a cherished secret treasure more precious than silver and gold.

I shall not name this woman for as yet she is not mine to have and hold.

But I pray some day I'll have the courage to say what my heart has never told.

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(s) Donna Bell
Signature of Officer

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Location(s) of polling places: 108 N. Beech.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at 201 S. Main between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 26, 2010 and ending on May 4, 2010.

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows: May 6, 2010, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., May 7, 2010, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Debbie Gosnell, P.O. Box 129, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

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Commissioners approve deputation of four men

The Callahan County Commissioners approved the deputation of four Sheriff's Deputies during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, February 8th.

The commissioners' court took the action at the court meeting held at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

With Callahan County Sheriff John Windham present at the commissioners' court meeting, Commissioner Bryan Farmer made a motion and Commissioner Harold Hicks seconded the motion, the commissioners' court approved the deputation by the Sheriff's Office on Michael Bennett, David Wright, Ronnie Broadus, and Michael Marlow.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the regular commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Those present included Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter, and County Clerk Donna Bello. Also attending the meeting were Sheriff John Windham, Clyde Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1 Roy Chapman, County Attorney Shane Deel and Randy Bruton with Community Super-

vision and Corrections.

—Minutes from the previous commissioners' court meeting were signed.

—Under public comments, there was none.

—After some discussion, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to have the County and the City of Clyde work on an agreement for the Clyde Municipal Court to use part of the County-owned Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 office in Clyde. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Michael D. Wolfe, Director of the Taylor, Callahan & Coleman Counties Community Supervision and Corrections Department gave a presentation on the Court Supervised Release Program. After the presentation, Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to approve the use of the program in Callahan County. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion, which carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

ROBERT E. HOWARD WESTERN STORY SERIAL

MEET CAP'N KIDD *Continued*

With a joyful whoop I swung onto Cap'n Kidd, headed him west and tickled his flanks with my spurs. Them trappers in the mountains which later reported having seen a blue streak traveling westwardly so fast they didn't have time to tell what it was, and was laughed at and accused of being drunk, was did a injustice. What they seen was me and Cap'n Kidd going to Bear Creek. He run fifty miles before he even pulled up for breath.

I ain't going to tell how long it took Cap'n Kidd to cover the distance to Bear Creek. Nobody wouldn't believe me. But as I come up the trail a few miles from my home cabin, I heard a hoss galloping and Glory McGraw bust into view. She looked pale and scart, and when she seen me she give a kind of a holler and pulled up her hoss so quick it went back onto its haunches.

'Breckinridge!' she gasped. 'I jest heard from yore

folks that yore mule come home without you, and I was just startin' out to look for oh!' says she, noticing my hoss and elegant riggings for the first time. She kind of froze up, and said stiffly: 'Well, Mister Elkins, I see yo're back home again.'

'And you sees me rigged up in store-bought clothes and ridin' the best hoss in the Humbolts, too, I reckon,' I said. 'I hope you'll excuse me, Miss McGraw. I'm callin' on Ellen Reynolds as soon as I've let my folks know I'm home safe. Good day!'

'Don't let me detain you!' she flared, but after I'd rode on past she hollered: 'Breckinridge Elkins, I hate you!'

'I know that,' I said bitterly, 'they warn't no use in tellin' me again'

But she was gone, riding lickety-split off through the woods towards her home-cabin and I rode on for mine, thinking to myself what curious critters gals was anyway.

The end.

Courthouse News

COUNTY COURT- HOUSE NEWS

Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Joseph Michael Howell, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Jason C. James, criminal mischief.

Marvin Thompson, driving while license suspended (DWLS).

Lupe Cardenas Jr., DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Manuel J. Cantu III, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Steve John Cox, request for extension of probation granted.

Donald L. Stallones, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Renee R. McGrew, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, completion of PTD Program.

Kenneth R. Bodine, motion to dismiss to DWI granted for plea to other case.

Jessica E. Parsons, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Antonio F. Arreola, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Antonio Zaragoza, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Ryan M. Wilson, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Ricardo T. Soto, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

Steven K. Perkovich and Dawn L. Harris, both of Clyde.

Jeremiah L. Johnson and Tamsey D. Frazier, both of Clyde.

Jerry G. Hickerson and Cindy H. Ashburn, both of Baird.

Steven N. Cloud and Julie M. Cooper, both of Baird.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictments

Zachary Meehan, burglary

of a building.

Criminal Minutes

Zachary Meehan, plea of guilty to burglary of a building, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$303 court costs, \$615.40 restitution.

Christina S. Utley, plea of guilty to arson, 10 years in prison, \$268 court costs.

Aubrey A. Tatum, plea of guilty to unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, 7 years in prison, \$285 court costs.

Civil Filings

Charlie Patrick Grider vs. Stephen E. Haynes and The Haynes Law Firm, P.C., damages.

U. S. Music Corp. vs. Jimmy Johnston and Jayme Dee Johnston, both individually and d/b/a, J J's Guitars and Boards, default on note.

Penny Ann Ayala and Luis Fernando Ayala, divorce.

Civil Minutes

RF Production, Inc. vs. Donald D. Bowne, order granting joint motion for dismissal regarding Donald D. Bowne.

Teodora Mendez AKA Teodora Moreno Mendez and 316 Stella Avenue, Baird, Tx. 79504, and Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, default home equity foreclosure order granted.

Roxeanne R. Stagers and Ruben Antonio Castro, divorce granted.

Jennifer Susan Parker and Jeffrey Allen Parker, divorce granted.

Tiffany Sevanna Phillips and Ryan Cory Phillips, divorce granted.

Byron Hatchett and Ronda Hatchett vs. Texas Department of Transportation and Earth Builders Management, L.L.C. d/b/a Earth Builders, Inc. and Earth Builders, L.P. d/b/a Earth Builders, Inc., order for nonsuit without prejudice granted.

John Dale Rouse, Jr. and Ashley Nicole Rouse, divorce granted.

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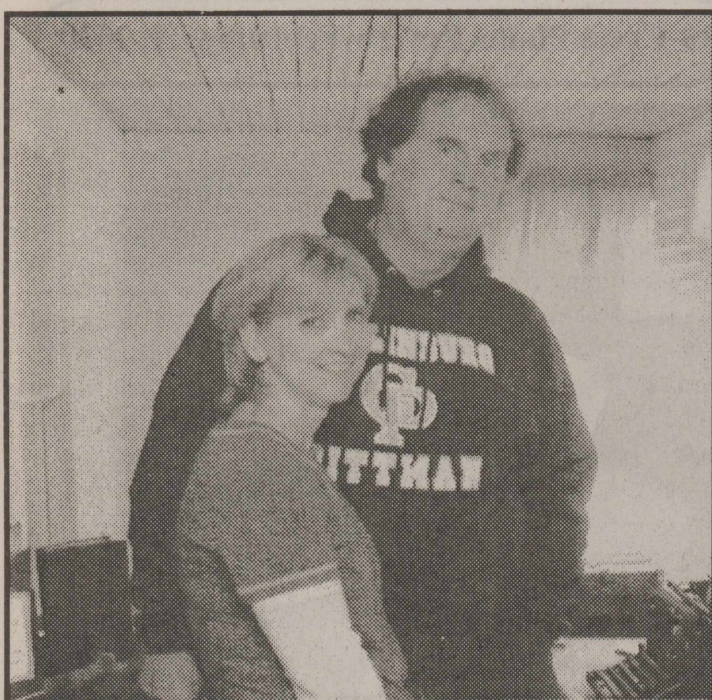
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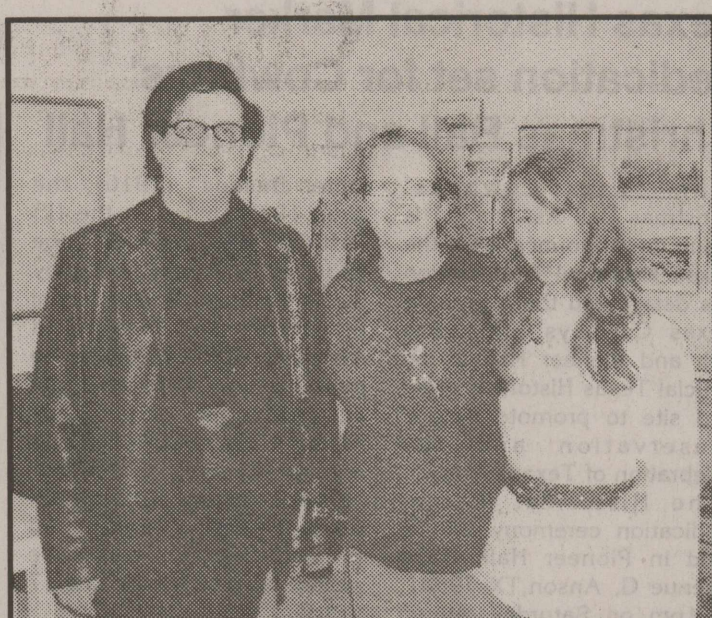
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VISITORS TO MUSEUM CONTINUE THROUGH BAD WEATHER—Ian Turpen, a film post production technician, from Los Angeles, CA is shown above with his mother, Julia Crow and 7th grade sister, Caili from San Antonio. The group was in town recently to spend the day at the Robert E. Howard Museum and the Cross Plains Public Library. Ian, a serious Howard fan and collector, enjoyed taking lots of pictures of areas that Howard was known to frequent.



DAVID WRIGHT
...New Jailer for Callahan County Sheriff's Office
David Wright new certified jailer for Callahan County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff John Windham would like you to meet David Wright of Baird, Texas, newest certified Jailer for the Callahan County Sheriff's Office. David just completed the West Central Texas Law Enforcement Academy's Basic Jailer course and received his jailer license from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Education and Standards. David brings his youth, positive work ethic, and energy to the department, and Sheriff Windham is proud to have him as our newest member of the staff.

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COWBOYS' CHRISTMAS BALL

IN 1885, M. G. RHODES HOSTED A WEDDING PARTY AND DANCE AT HIS STAR HOTEL IN ANSON. ONE GUEST WAS LARRY CHITTENDEN, SALESMAN AND WRITER VISITING HIS UNCLE IN JONES COUNTY. HE WAS SO INSPIRED BY THE DANCE HELD THAT NIGHT FOR THE COWBOYS AND LADIES THAT HE COMPOSED A POEM, "COMMEMORATING THE OCCASION, 'THE COWBOYS' CHRISTMAS BALL.' THE POEM, FIRST PRINTED IN ANSON'S TEXAS WESTERN NEWSPAPER IN 1890, ALSO APPEARED IN CHITTENDEN'S 1893 POETRY COLLECTION RANCH VERSES. OVER THE YEARS THE POEM WAS REMEMBERED AND ANTHOLOGIZED MANY TIMES IN PRINT AND SONG.

IN 1934, LEONORA BARRETT AND HYBERMIA GRACE REVIVED THE HISTORIC BALL AND ITS FOLKLORE. THEIR GROUP PERFORMED DURING THE 1936 TEXAS CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION IN DALLAS AND AT THE NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IN 1938, WHEN THEY DANCED ON THE WHITE HOUSE LAWN, ANNUAL INTEREST INCREASED. THE GROUP COPYRIGHTED THE EVENT AND NAMED A BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TEXAS COWBOYS' CHRISTMAS BALL ASSOCIATION. A NEW VENUE, PIONEER HALL WAS BUILT IN 1938-40 WITH HELP FROM THE WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION. THE DANCE HAS BEEN A THREE-DAY EVENT SINCE 1940, AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR JENNE MAGGARD'S MURAL IN THE ANSON POST OFFICE DEPICTED THE HISTORIC "COWBOY DANCE." CHITTENDEN'S POEM RECORDS REAL PEOPLE AND RANCHES OF 1880s JONES COUNTY, ALONG WITH OBSERVATIONS OF DRESS AND CUSTOMS WHICH INFLUENCE SOME OF THE FORMAL DRESS AND DECORUM OF THE BALL TODAY. LADIES MUST WEAR DRESSES AND GENTLEMEN MUST CHECK THEIR HATS, AND SOME ATTENDEES DRESS IN PERIOD CLOTHING. THE EVENT DRAWS NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL VISITORS. WHILE SOME PARTICIPANTS ARE DIRECT DESCENDANTS OF THOSE IMMORTALIZED IN THE POEM, WITH SUCH 19TH CENTURY DANCES AS THE GRAND MARCH, WALTZ, COTTON-EYE JOE, POLKA, VIRGINIA REEL AND SCOTTISCHRE, THIS ANSON TRADITION HELPS PERPETUATE AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF LIFE IN FRONTIER TEXAS.

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Texas Historical Marker dedication set for Cowboys' Christmas Ball and Pioneer Hall

The Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball Association is proud to announce that the Texas Historical Commission has designated the legendary Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball and Pioneer Hall as an Official Texas Historical event and site to promote historic preservation and the celebration of Texas history.

The Historical Marker Dedication ceremony will be held in Pioneer Hall, 2300 Avenue G, Anson, TX 79501, at 1pm on Saturday, March 6th. The public is invited and welcome.

The Ball originated in 1885 to honor area cowboys, their ladies and families. That first Ball was held in Anson's Star Hotel, which was later destroyed by fire. Pioneer Hall in Anson was built for the Ball with construction started in 1938 and completed in 1940. The Ball has been there ever since.

The Ball is memorialized by the famous Larry Chittenden poem "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball" (Ranch Verses, Knickerbocker Press/New York, 1893), the poem put to music and published in the John and Alan Lomax classic book "Cowboy Songs and

Other Ballads" (1910), the large 1930s mural in the US Post Office in Anson, and the 1936 water color painting by the late Maxine Walker Perini on permanent display in Abilene's Grace Museum, to name a few. It is also the acknowledged genesis for Michael Martin Murphey's annual "Cowboy Christmas" concerts throughout the US. Cowboy singer Murphey and his Rio Grande Band have played the Ball for the last 17 years.

The annual re-enactment of the 1885 Ball is always held the Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights before December 25th, and is open to the public.

The Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball Association maintains Pioneer Hall and conducts the annual 3 day Cowboys' Christmas Ball. It is a non-profit corporation organized in 1937 under Texas law, an Internal Revenue Code section 501(3)(c) tax exempt public charity, and composed of non-paid members who volunteer their time, service and resources. The website is www.ansoncowboyschristmasball.com.

Submitted by: John Compere



BRITTANY NICOLE CHANCE AND JARETT WAYNE KNOWLES

...Plan February 13, 2010 wedding in Baird

Engagement Announced

Steve and Jamie Chance along with Wayne and Cindy Knowles of Baird are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Brittany Nicole Chance and Jarett Wayne Knowles. Brittany is a graduate of Clyde High School and attends Hardin Simmons University. She is employed at Lowes. Jarett graduated from Baird High School and TSTC

firefighter academy. He is employed with Sweetwater Fire and Rescue.

Brittany's grandparents are Lynn and Barry McHalek of Abilene and James Schaffrina of Baird. Jarett's grandparents are Louella and Grady Boyd of Lake Brownwood and Walter Smith of Coleman. A family wedding is planned for February 13th in Baird.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from January 31, 2010 through February 6, 2010 include:

- Cases Investigated**
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- Vehicle Accidents**
- There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

Ennis Czech Music Festival Set For February 13th.

Ennis, TX –If polka dancing and music is your passion, then you will find all you're looking for in Ennis, Texas at the Ennis Czech Music Festival. This will be the 4th annual music festival, and the Czech polka bands of Ennis invite you to come enjoy the fun! This is a great way to extend your support and appreciation of the Czech music and heritage.

The event will take place on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at the Sokol Activity Center, located at 2622 E. Hwy 34 in Ennis. The time of the event is 2:00 pm until 11:30 pm.

This event features five polka bands: Czech and Then Some, Ennis Czech Boys, Jak Se Do, Czech Harvesters, and Jodie Mikula Orchestra. The cost is \$5.00 per person and children 14 and under are free. The dress is casual but feel free to dress in your kroj (Czech costume.)

The kitchen at the Sokol will be open for sandwiches, etc. and there will be door prizes and raffle prizes.

Ennis has many fine accommodations to stay at after the festival. Please visit www.visitennis.org for Ennis hotels, events and activities. Visit www.ennisczechmusicfestival.com or call 972-878-4748 for more information on the festival.

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