

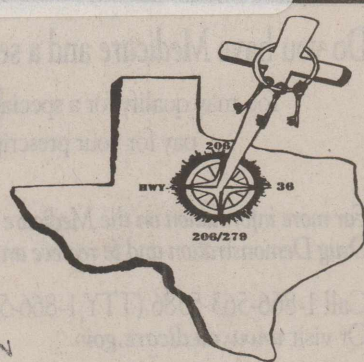
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"Fond Memories of Prof Edmondson"

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

The mention of O.B. "Prof" Edmondson's name simply brings a smile to your face. Just think about it, you never saw him that he wasn't pleasant and smiling. Wow, what a wonderful quality!

He enjoyed life to its fullest and his enthusiasm seemed to be contagious—laughter and happy chatter surrounded him. Prof taught all his students how to have fun, besides all the agricultural knowledge he shared. Every student has their very favorite "Prof Story" that will be forever cherished.

My aunt, Joe Watson, said, "Prof was a teacher students truly loved. He made everyone feel special."

Back in my days, girls didn't take ag classes so I never had the privilege of being his student, but I remember him keeping study hall. What a hoot he was!!!!

After he retired, I often saw him at the Post Office in the mornings. He would come bouncing in all energized, and one day I asked him how he accomplished that feat. O.B. grinned mischievously and whispered, "Maybe you don't know what I put in my coffee every morning!"

He loved the game of golf and kept active physically. In case, they say he never waited for the golf cart to stop, he always bailed off anticipating the next shot.

Here are a few O.B. and Bobbie stories that are priceless and are actually true:

O.B. and Bobbie were eating at the former Odom's Cafe, when O.B. went to pay for the meal while Bobbie was talking to someone. He went on to the car and drove home. Bobbie called him on the telephone and asked, "O.B. did you forget anything?" He replied, "No, I don't think so." Bobbie then stated, "Well, you left me at the cafe."

Then there was the time O.B. wore Bobbie's blouse to the city council meeting. It seems she always laid his clothes out and her freshly ironed blouse just happened to be on the bed near his pants, so he put it on. Surely it didn't have lace or frills????

Then O.B. couldn't hear a rattle in their car that Bobbie kept telling him about. Prof decided to climb into the trunk and have Bobbie drive around until he located the sound. Only O.B. would go to such extremes.

Prof loved to dance and he looked forward to the Homecoming dances. He never missed a set. If you haven't danced with Prof, you haven't really danced.

O.B. was crazy about his son, Eddy Don, his two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. What a wonderful legacy! His long and happy marriage to his lovely wife Bobbie serves as a wonderful example for everyone.

O.B. was a "fun guy" who knew how to live. His sparkling personality will forever be remembered by all of us who love him.



O.B. EDMONDSON

Memorial Services Held Friday, November 19th, for Retired Ag Teacher, O.B. "Prof" Edmondson

A 61-year resident of Cross Plains passed away peacefully at Christopher House in Austin, Texas early Wednesday morning, November 17, 2004. O.B. Edmondson, "Prof" to many of his former students, taught in the Cross Plains Independent School District for 35 years and influenced the lives of those who lived in Callahan County.

O.B. was born December 11, 1910 to Joseph Edward Edmondson and Nancy Jane Franks in Slocum, Texas. He married Bobbie Lee Westerman in 1940 and together they built a long and productive life in the Cross Plains area.

He attended Sam Houston State where he received his B.S. degree and furthered his education at Texas A&M University where he received a Master of Science in Agricultural Education. He joined CPISD in 1941 and began developing one of the strongest Future Farmers of America chapters in Texas. He was recognized numerous times by the Texas Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association for his outstanding work, receiving their Distinguished Service Award in 1967, 1972 and 1976. He was most proud of the achievements of the students in the FFA chapter which he sponsored. Under his guidance, the chapter won many awards in leadership contests in district, area and state competitions, placing 1st in district during ten consecutive years. In 1950, the Cross Plains chapter had the distinction of having more degreed Lone Star Farmers than any chapter in the state. The school and his students named a new vocational agriculture building on the Cross Plains High School campus in his honor. He also served as Senior Class sponsor for 29 years.

O.B. believed in civic engagement and remained active in the Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, Lakewood Recreation Center and Athletic Boosters Club. He served from 1976 to 1982 as mayor of Cross Plains and was instrumental in the city receiving a sizeable grant that was used for city services improvements. He joined the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains in 1941.

He was a delight to all who knew him. He was appreciated for his favorite sayings like "It's nothing but rocks, chalk and marbles," his love of dancing and golf, and his determination to enjoy life.

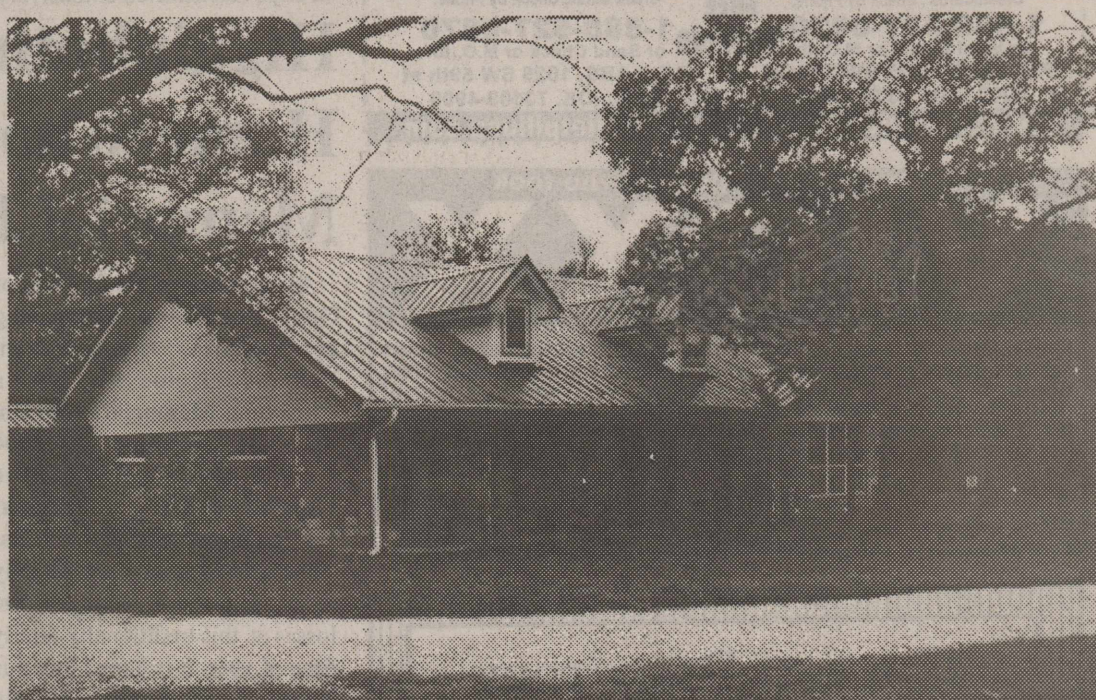
His wife Bobbie of 62 years, preceded him death in January of 2002.

He is survived by his son Eddy Don Edmondson and his wife Gayle Pickering of Austin; his grandson Corbin Edmondson of Austin; granddaughter Colie Edmondson Hudson and her husband Wade of Dripping Springs, Texas; and two great-grandchildren, Lily and Luke Hudson. Of his five siblings, his surviving sister is Myrtle Flint of Palestine, Texas.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 19, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains. Interment followed at the Cross Plains Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Cecil Barton, W.G. McCoy, Dale Bishop, Leo Thompson, Don Clark, Harold Garrett, Rolan Jones and Dick Vestal.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be made to either the Cross Plains EMS or the Cross Plains Cemetery Association.



THE HOME OF REGGIE AND SUZI PILLANS

A Beautiful and Festive Evening is being Offered to You Saturday, December 4th

Are you interested in a relaxed, special evening with friends or your spouse or significant other? How about a sit-down dinner while being served a five course meal by the ladies of Beta Sigma Phi? This wonderful event will take place in the warm, hospitable and seasonally decorated home of Reggie and Suzi Pillans.

You will be served a delectable menu of food consisting of various appetizers such as green chile and cheese bake squares, quiche, cream cheese and jalapeno jelly, Itza cheese ball, followed by a comforting dish of tortilla soup before feasting on the main course, which will be Reggie's special marinated, mesquite grilled chicken accompanied by spinach salad, cheese potato casserole, green beans and homemade rolls "to die for"! Finish the evening's dining experience off with a choice of homemade pumpkin roll or pecan pie. And to drink, you will be served iced tea or special blends of Swiss coffee.

As if the scrumptious meal is not enough, you will be invited and welcomed to tour the Pillan's new home, share some of the history of the place, watch their

herd of beautiful and prize winning Boer goats graze the pastures and even sight an "oddy" among the herd...an Alpine deer. The historic white Leuders stone home is surrounded by huge 100 year old oak trees which were once the sites of the milk cooler, basketball games and pea thrashings!

Their herd of gorgeous prize winning Boer goats are raised as a source of meat, but the Pillans are doing very well showing these stunning animals. And surprise! We learned that we don't refer to these goats as "billies and nannies"... they are Bucks and Does! Reggie and Suzi, being the friendly and outgoing couple they are, will be happy to answer your questions about the Battle Creek Boers operation, the construction of their new retirement home and its special features—both historic and innovative—such as the geothermal heating and air conditioning system which services the house with no outside condenser coil. They especially enjoy revealing the historic value of a place which was homesteaded in 1860 and has remained in the Pillans family for

several generations.

Other points of interest you may find of great interest will be one of the first hand dug water wells in Callahan County, the authentic and restored car shed built by Nona Pillans Belote, John Coleman Pillans and their mother, Nona Pillans in the early 1940's, a kitchen sink that came into being when electricity was introduced to the home in 1949 and many other items of local history.

This dinner and home tour is being offered on a "first come—first serve" basis and will be limited to **only 28 individuals** who make their reservations for **Saturday, December 4**. Two seatings will be offered and if you get your reservation in early, you may choose the 5 p.m. dinner or the 7 p.m. time slot. Cost of this evening is **\$15 per person** and all proceeds will go to the scholarship fund of Beta Sigma Phi which assists local young people with their education.

To make your reservation contact Carol Bennett at 254-725-0011 or Gail Ransdell at 254-725-4440. Directions to the Pillan's home will be given when you make your reservation.

Submitted by, Mary Ann Chaffin

Help "Santa at the Bank" Sponsored by CPHS Key Club

The Key Club of Cross Plains High School is sponsoring "Santa at the Bank" and asks you to join in and help share your blessings of Christmas with the children of the community.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Texas Heritage Bank with ornaments telling the gender and ages of children throughout Cross Plains.

Just stop by and pick one out and return to the bank by Wednesday, December 15th. The gifts will be delivered by the Key Club for you.

A reasonable price to spend on the gift would be around \$20-\$25. If you wish to just give money, then you may do so and we will buy the gifts for you.

Some gift ideas include: cosmetics, hair accessories, perfume, sweaters, hats, gloves and purses for older girls, and video games, sports related items, sweaters or hats for older boys. Younger girls might enjoy dolls, sweaters, jewelry, purses, backpacks or stuffed animals, while the younger boys might like Legos, trucks, cars, action fig-

ures, etc. Christmas is a time for giving and kindness. Please help us make Christmas bright for the children of our community this year.

Submitted by Pat Stephens

Texas Heritage Bank

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Want to Improve Your HEALTH? Check this out!

Do you need to improve your health, start a low fat diet, exercise and make life-style changes? If so, you are invited to join others each Thursday, at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Family Life Center. There will not be a meeting November 25th due to the holiday.

determined and addressed. There will be shared group time featuring better health choices, followed by beginners exercise classes or walking to improve your physical activity level.

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Ladies Night Out "Salad Supper"

The First Baptist Church will be hosting a Ladies Night Out Salad Supper to be held on December 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Guest speaker for the event will be Bettye Greenwood. She will be speaking on "Work'n Out What's In". Bettye currently resides in New Braunfels, and attends the Tree of Life Church there, after having lived 18 years in the Cross Plains area.

Higginbotham Funeral Home to host Christmas Memorial Program

As a service to the families of Cross Plains and surrounding communities, Higginbotham Funeral Home will host a Christmas Memorial Program, Tuesday, November 30, 2004 from 6:00-7:00 PM, in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel of Cross Plains. The holiday period is especially painful for those reflecting on past losses at this traditionally family time of year. It is hoped that this Memorial Program will help people reach out to each other and provide comfort and healing at this holiday season. Our speaker this year will be **Burlie Taylor**. If Higginbotham Funeral Home

CTO Noted for Helping People

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. Community Services recently had an on-site review of Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) in accordance with the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (LIHEAP) and the 2004 CEAP Service Delivery Plan. Monitoring took 3 days which included a review of Financial Reporting, Vendor and Contract Agreement, Procurement, Personnel and the Management of the Service Delivery Plan Components. No Action was required in any of these areas. What does all this mean to Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, McCulloch, and Runnels Counties? It means Central Texas Opportunities, Inc has delivered CEAP service to each county in accordance to the law. Still asking, "What is CEAP?"

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Misdemeanor Filings

Matthew Moreno, possession of marijuana.
Ivanna L. Pena, possession of marijuana.
Jared C. South, possession of marijuana.
Jerry Lee Bennett, driving while license invalid (DWLI).

42ND DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Stephen Marturano and Kathy Hime, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Ford Motor Credit Company vs. David Williams, order of partial non-suit granted without prejudice.
Ford Motor Credit Company vs. Elizabeth Barton, default judgment granted for plaintiff to recover \$21,425.97 from defendant.
The State of Texas vs. Teddy G. Merryman, et ux, et al, judgment of court in absence of objection granted, damages awarded to defendant for sum of \$22,500.00.
Green Tree Servicing LLC f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp. vs. Chester D. Chapman and Nancy J. Chapman, order of dismissal granted.
John Windham and Amy Lynn Windham, divorce granted.
Bonnie Joann King and Justin Wayne King, divorce granted.
Jeremy Scott McGhee and Kendra Mishea McGhee, divorce granted.
Judith Ann Porter and Billy C. Porter, order of dismissal granted.
Crystal Michelle Boles, and John Allen Boles, divorce granted.
Miranda Dawn Chambers and Dennis James Chambers, Jr., order of dismissal granted.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Have you seen Apple Orchard Annie around lately? I was fortunate enough to see her just this afternoon. She was wearing her cap and rocking back and forth in her happy old rocking chair. She was working on some plaid apples as gifts from the apple orchards she visits. Children don't forget to wave to her when you pass the apple orchard. It really makes her day.

"Of War and War"

One thing is very certain, war means calamities, tragedies and other atrocities. War strategists need to try to come up with less vicious ways to settle disputes. We can't solve all the world problems, but we might solve a few if we really put our minds to it. Of course they'll have to want their problems solved. It's a cinch we can't just go in there and take over and start changing things. They didn't find Saddam's weapons of "self-destruction" or was that "mass destruction"? Some things I just can't get correct.

This year I'm in the Rising Star Nursing Home, so I can't do much for the war effort, but every night between now and New Years, I'm gonna look out my windows at the stars, close my eyes and pray for our troops and also pray for

the enemy, that GOD will lead them in the light and to a better view.

How are things in your world? The days come and go so fast I can't keep up or maybe I'm just slowing down.

I'm sure you heard about the big snow in Lubbock and 10 inches in Amarillo. My children, in-laws and grandchildren all live in Lubbock now. Snow Cream to go anyone?

Just a thought—when I grow up, I think I'd like to be a snapping turtle just for a change. Perhaps we all should try harder to instill in our children and grandchildren to have consideration and love for others, to teach them to settle differences instead of fighting. Arbitrate instead of eliminating the enemy. That would be a start.

I was born December, 1938 and my sister was born in January 1941. We were just little things when WWII happened. We lived in Cross Plains, then moved to Rhome, Texas and then Fort Worth. While in Fort Worth, my daddy and I listened to Edward R. Morrow on his radio broadcast about the war.

My mama worked in her father's service station and my sister, Ann, and I stayed home and played in the dirt after we moved back to Cross Plains.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Cottonwood Buzzing with Holiday Festivities

Cottonwood is humming with holiday activity. As you are reading this column, the Thanksgiving festivities are almost over, and everyone is saying, "I ate too much, and I'm not going to do that anymore."

But, the opportunities are unlimited to do just that. The Christmas Dinner at the Cottonwood Baptist Church will be held on December 5th, just after the morning worship service. Everyone is invited. "Just bring a covered dish (something to go with turkey and ham) and your appetite," said Beverly Brown.

New Folks Moving to Cottonwood

I am always amazed at how Cottonwood is growing. The Texas Almanac lists Cottonwood with a population of 65, but I'm

sure there must be more. All of the old farms seem to be active again and people are moving in and setting up for country living.

In fact, I was introduced to a new family by the Dean of Cottonwood, Don Draper. They are Lee and Amber Thomas, who live north of Cottonwood about two miles on a new place called "Mossy Oak". They have three children, Shelby, Hunter and Justin. Lee works in Abilene at a used car lot with his father and Amber works at the First Baptist Church in Abilene. Shelby, Hunter and Justin have already made friends at school in Cross Plains and are happy about life in the country.

(Please contact Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474 for news or personal items for this column. E-main is csb5@airmail.net Snail mail is 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.)

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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In our current adult Wednesday night study on "Prayer," one of the things of which we noted that prayer consists is "Thanksgiving." Paul wrote, "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in every circumstance, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess. 5:16-18).

Today, Thanksgiving Day, is a special day set aside for thanksgiving. But who in their right spiritual mind would limit giving thanks to just one day a year? But then we might ask, who in their right spiritual mind would limit it to once a week, or once a day? Paul's admonition is, rather than remaining "on our knees with our heads bowed" 24 hours a day, to always, every awakened hour, be in the frame of mind of thankfulness, and to be regular in our expression of that thankfulness to God in prayer.

We have so many things for which to be thankful, a listing of which would be long. I doubt if we could even exhaust the list, certainly not here and now. Perhaps this Thanksgiving Day will give us opportunity to begin to think along these lines more so.

I/we encourage you to share with us in all the times of Bible study and worship as we meet together, as we hear and learn from God through His word—which makes us more thankful. We really do care about you...

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

MA & PA

By JAMES NICHOLS

A Baptist Uprising!

Inez Walters, Vondean Hutchins' mother, who resides at the Sears Methodist Center in Abilene, got herself into a predicament here a few weeks ago. It seems like her son or maybe one of her son-in-laws, was prepared to take her to the (Baptist) church. This particular Sunday was a bright sunny day and it was decided they would travel the short distance by wheelchair.

Upon arriving, the wheel chair was placed at the end of a pew.

Mrs. Walters looked around and stated, "This doesn't look just right." "Well, maybe they did some remodeling," came the reply.

Still not sure, Inez turned to the lady sitting next to her and asked, "Is this the Baptist church?" "NO!!! This is the Church of Christ," came a staunch reply.

Well, seeing that Inez was married to V.D. Walters, a well known Baptist preacher in these here parts, a hasty exit was made.

I would nearly bet that the tires on that wheel chair were smoking on the way out.

PIONEER NEWS

The Quilting ladies did get finished with the Rehab Quilt. It is very pretty and hopefully it will bring the Rehab a nice amount of money. It is always a pleasure to donate to the Rehab.

The girls are also working on Earlene's top and Christy's top.

Grasson and Myrtle Harlow of Atlanta, Texas returned home after several days visiting with Vi Harlow of Cross Plains and Jean Fore. They always have a very good time when they get together. They helped Jean with some jobs around the house and to get ready for the winter months. Jean is so thankful to have them come to visit.

Sunday, Sandy, J.D., Cowan and Laverne Hutton had dinner with Danny, Trisha and Anthony. They all had a very enjoyable visit.

Frankie Smith traveled with Jo Medley to Brownwood for their Cross Timbers meeting. They

had some great singers from Brownwood. They had a great preacher from Louisiana. Frankie traveled to Ranger Sunday afternoon to visit her sister Mrs. Dorothy Rogers and children. Then she visited with Mrs. Robert Martin and son David.

Glenda Phillips went to Baird with Allen and Janice to watch Krista play basketball. They have improved since their last game. The girls were really happy that they beat Baird. That makes the rest of us happy, too. Good going girls!!

We have really had a lot of rain lately. The creeks and water falls were really moving on. Everything still looks green around here. Our trees are sooo pretty right now. The drive from Rising Star to Abilene is worth seeing!

Everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving! Please stay safe!

Cross Plains Review Deadlines

Ads Noon on Tuesday
Articles Noon on Monday

Local Golfer Makes "Hole in One"

Jim McKoy of Cross Plains was playing golf at Shady Oaks Golf Course when he made a hole in one on the #7, a 138 yard hole.

His playing partners in the five-some included Frank Sheffield, Jody Beal, Will Clump and Preston Yarbrough.

This was Jim's first hole in one at the Baird golf course.

LIBRARY NOTES

Behind the Books

Cookies and cakes and pies, oh my!!! What a wonderful, tantalizing aroma drifting around "my home" earlier this week. 'Twas our annual fund-raising bake sale and I just couldn't believe all the goodies that were donated by all the neat, caring people in this area.

Pecan pies to die for and chocolate cakes just oozing delectable calories. All those plates of Brownies, cookies, nut breads, candies, etc., etc., etc.

The sale is over, the goodies are all gone, the money has been counted, the furniture has been moved back into place—now I can just "kick" back and enjoy myself with the lingering aroma and memories.

Thanks to everybody who helped us by donating goodies and by purchasing goodies—it was a great day.

BW

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RISING STAR NURSING NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT

Employees and residents have enjoyed so far two delicious Thanksgiving meals. We would like to express our appreciation to the first United Methodist Church for sharing the Lord's Acre with us and to the First Baptist Church for their wonderful meal. God's Blessings to you all.

A warm welcome for our new resident Frances Fortune.

Some of our ladies enjoyed mixing together ingredients of cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves along with their special touches and made eight pumpkin pies for their Thanksgiving meal. Family members are invited to come and eat with us during the noon meal.

Dorothy Shook, Ellen Simpson, Lorene Jennings, Thora Walker and Tommy Hairren

look very pretty with their new perms.

Congratulations to the Rising Star Wildcats on a successful football season. We are proud of you all. Our best wishes to the girls basketball team. Go Lady Cats.

I do believe the Lord has blessed us all with plenty of rain. We will have a beautiful Spring to look forward to.

Thoughts and prayers for Lorene Jennings who is in the hospital.

The psalmist mentions reasons we should praise and give thanks to God the Creator. Three of these reasons are because He forgives, He gives hope and He abundantly provides for His own.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

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What: Sit-down Dinner & Home Tour
When: Saturday, December 4, 2004
Where: Home of Reggie & Suzi Pillans
Time: 1st Seating - 5:00 PM
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Tribute to Dorothy

Some 27 years ago, I moved to Cross Plains with my two children to be near my Dad & Mother, Elder & Mrs. L.M. Handley. About a year later, I was introduced to an amazing woman, Dorothy Mitchell. Having met the love of my life, her son Dale, my children and I were invited to meet Duke and Dorothy.

I had heard from mutual friends what a wonderful person Dorothy was. She was active in her church, in teaching Sunday School to children and giving thanks for all of God's blessings. Doing for others was a way of life for her.

Dorothy soon acquainted me with her many talents. She had begun taking painting lessons from a local art teacher. She so enjoyed demonstrating the beauty that God showed her every day in the paintings she did. The old and simple structures that dotted our countryside caught her fancy and she duplicated them on canvas. Her memory of a time growing up, filled with hardships, had taught her that every thing on our beautiful earth was a gift of our Father and we should respect it and remember from whence our blessings came. The early morning of a sunrise, the afternoon shower that left drops of moisture on the petals of her many lovely flowers. A young deer just rising on shaky legs from its bed of moss, curious about the object quietly watching it. As she and Duke were out cutting firewood to sell and help pay their living costs, her opportunities were many to observe nature in its finest dress. The wild flowers were of great interest to her. All of the colors God combined in each plant, making them so very lovely, were filed away in her memory to paint when the opportunity came about.

Her dedication to her family was obvious to all who knew her. There was always something good to eat on the table. Usually, a veritable banquet of the bounty of her vegetable gardens and always a delicious dessert and homemade bread or cornbread. Her greeting to all who came to her door, "Come on in and sit down, I'll put on another plate, there's always plenty" became a well known invitation. No one was ever turned away from her door. She passed out love the same way she passed out welcomes. Usually with a hug and in a quiet way, you knew she considered you someone special.

Her quilts were a great pleasure to her. As she hand pieced each pattern and formed the blocks, she completed the whole lovely top that would eventually become one of her Masterpieces. During a lot of these times, while at her quilting frames, she suffered great pain from past illnesses and once told me she had to stay busy to get her mind off of her pain. Little did I know, that each and everything she told me would become a life lesson for me.

Her acceptance of my two children from a previous marriage was such a great blessing to me. Dale had become Dad to them and she and Duke welcomed them into their family with great love. As God would have it, He wasn't through with me yet. On September 18, 1980, we were blessed with another daughter, Mindy. It gave me great joy to watch our families enjoying the new one.

It was obvious that God had some plans for Mindy. She became the instrument for Duke to quit his problems. He came back to church, becoming a deacon once more and serving our Lord. Isn't it amazing that "a little child shall lead them"?

Dorothy taught our son, Justin, to fish as she had taught Dale when quite young. Her love for the sport was well known to many, even on her many journeys to the hospital. Nurses and doctors would say "we have to get you well so you can go fishin'" and her response was always the same, "that sounds good to me".

My space is short so I must finish this, my love letter to our precious Dorothy. In closing, I just want to thank God for blessing me and my family and all whose lives she touched. I treasure each and every minute I was so richly blessed to spend with her.

Myrna Mitchell

C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

Junior High Girls Basketball Report

The Cross Plains Junior High Girls A Team traveled to Baird and defeated them 27-13.

The girls played much better defense and executed on offense much better. The Baird team really struggled to score in this game and the girls kept them at bay with solid play.

Girls on the team are Christine Shipman, Emma Bennett, Emily Harris, Krista Phillips, Ashleigh Gallaway, Mandy Rose and Terrah Augustine.

These girls are really dedicated to improving and practice quite a bit after school on their own.

That's the kind of commitment that we need and I really enjoy coaching them.

The B Team also played against Baird but struggled as the Baird team was really strong. The final was 45-4.

Players on the team are Emily Foster, Tawni Nichols, Tiffany Holland, Kayla Lawrence, Sierra Odom, Amanda Dunaway and Melissa Black.

These girls also have a good attitude and just need to continue to work hard in practice to improve.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

November 18, 2004

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Susan Schaefer, Donnie Dillard, Bryan Bennett, Jim Cook, Monty Richards and Reggie Pillans.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tennison, High School Principal Jimmie Cearley, Elementary Principal Margie Sowell, and guests, David Estes of Texas Heritage Bank, and Wade Thompson with Coastal Securities.

Prayer was led by Monty Richards.

Minutes were approved as read. Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Pillans that the

Housing Initiative be allowed to use the auditorium for the Texas Fiddlers on March 5, 2005. For 6 Against 0

Executive session was held, out at 8:12 p.m.

Motion was made by Donnie Dillard and seconded by Cook to take refinancing of school bond off the table. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bennett to accept Samco Capital Markets refinancing of bond subject to the superintendent's counsel and approval. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Schaefer that to make addendum to employee contracts for 2004-05. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cook to adjourn. For 6 Against 0

Immunization Clinic Schedules for County

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold the following Immunization Clinics in Callahan County:

Monday, Dec. 13th
Baird Cafeterium
400 West 7th
10 a.m. - 12 noon
and
Cross Plains Housing Authority
233 North Main

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 8th
Clyde First Baptist Church
216 Austin
10 a.m. - 12 noon
and 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
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SCHOOL MENU

NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 3

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY - Eggs, Biscuit, Assorted Juice	MONDAY - Pizza, Salad, Glazed Carrots, Rosy-Applesauce
TUESDAY - Pancakes, Sausage, Assorted Juice	TUESDAY - Chicken Nuggets w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY - Muffin, Yogurt, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY - Beef-Cheese Nachos, Salad, Corn, Fruit Crisp
THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	THURSDAY - Chicken Pot Pie, Crackers, Broccoli, Apricots
FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice	FRIDAY - Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie

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Second Grade: Taryn Estes

Third Grade: Wyatt Gambrell, Shelby Thomas

Fourth Grade: None

Fifth Grade: Lauren Goode, Zoie Walker

Sixth Grade: Shawna Lewis

CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY 2004-2005 "A" HONOR ROLL 2ND SIX WEEKS

First Grade: Caden Creach, D.J. Land, Hunter Thomas, Chance Thompson, Charles Thompson, Shyler Tillery

Second Grade: Kristen Bland, Cheyenne Bomar, Bronc Dillard, Kelbi Hyles, Brenna Kleiber, Kaitlyn Koettel, Morgan Manley, Korbin McLean, Rebecca Parrack, Kaylee Potter, Keifer Steinle, Jurnee Thomas, Mikera Walker, Allanta Wheeler

Third Grade: Lindsey Ames, Brooklin Cantu, Blakelyn Hennington, Christa Potter, Meagan Roberts, Tristen Stephenson

Fourth Grade: Cheyenne Cowan, Victoria Creamer, Katharine Goode, Joe Holland, Riley Lawrence, Griff McConal, Samantha Regula

Fifth Grade: Rosa Salazar

Sixth Grade: None

CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY 2004-2005 "AB" HONOR ROLL 2ND SIX WEEKS

First Grade: Elissa Cantu, Autumn Kelly, Sarah Perry, Landon Posuk, Larry Roberts

Second Grade: Gaven Faries, Misty Ivie

Third Grade: Colton McWilliams

Fourth Grade: Preston Posuk, Glenn Shipman

Fifth Grade: Rachele Allen, Shelby Ames, Ryder Foster, Kenzie Taff

Sixth Grade: Savana Wyatt

CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL 2004-2005 PRINCIPAL HONOR ROLL 2ND SIX WEEKS

7th Grade: Emma Bennett, Melissa Black, Kayla Lawrence, Benjamin Schaefer

8th Grade: Jacob Estes, Mandy Rose, Krista Phillips

9th Grade: Hailey Biggs, Macayla Cook, Tiffany Walker

Sophomore: Thomas Estes, Russell Thomas, Michaela Wallace

Junior: Travis Golson, Jesse Norris, Jeremiah Snell, Chance Watkins, Levi Wooten

Senior: Thomas Dimitri, Lori Hail, Brandon Horton, Karen Ross

CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL 2004-2005 "A" HONOR ROLL 2ND SIX WEEKS

7th Grade: Amber Parker, Tiffany Holland, Cody Sliger, Zachary Snell

8th Grade: Emily Harris

9th Grade: Mitchell Gibbs

Sophomore: Colton Manley

Junior: None

Senior: Christopher Beaty, Dayna Bennett, Stephanie Edington, Kali Phillips, Kelsey Richards, Liana Rickenbacker

CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL 2004-2005 "AB" HONOR ROLL 2ND SIX WEEKS

7th Grade: Emily Foster, Nathan Creamer

8th Grade: Sheena Apple, Terrah Augustine, Tawni Nichols, Christine Shipman

9th Grade: Cody Baker, Christiana Burrhus, Summer Byrne, Joseph Callaway, Markus Maxwell, Starla Schaefer, Jerry Simons, Filigonio Vasquez, Joseph Westerman, Brett Wheeler

Sophomore: Dalton Carpenter, Mykea Douglass, Jonathan Hopkins, William Poole, Karen Scott, Christina Ward

Junior: Brittany Adams, Rainey Bacon, Vecy Carpenter, Forrest Creamer, Naomi Isbell, Ryan Payne, Maria Vasquez

Senior: Mitchell Byrd, Jimmie Cook

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GARDEN TIPS

By JAMES NICHOLS

As you travel through this country's southwest you would be amazed by the vast palette of colorful, vibrant perennials, shrubs and trees that are native to our Sonora, Chihuahua and Mojave deserts.

Plants that present a softer, gentler vision of desert landscapes. A true desert landscape is a combination of many types of plants, a large percentage of which are very stunning and put on a dazzling display of color.

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Most of all the ones listed below can be found at a good nursery: Blackfoot daisy (white), Calylaphus (yellow), Chyuasarosa (red), Desert marigold (yellow), Parry Sage (blue and purple), Globe mallow (orange, red, magenta), Parry Penstemon (pink), Goodlings verbena (lavender, blue), and Sierra Cenizo (deep purple).

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Tribute To Early Country Women

Some wonderfully enlightening information was sent to me by my friend, John Poole. It came from "A Texas Anthology of Lone Star Literature by Robert Caro.

WATER: Anything which required the use of water was WORK Windmills which could bring water up out of a well into a storage tank were expensive. And if the wind didn't blow, the windmills didn't pump.

The source of water could be a stream or a well or a cistern. Water was carried from the source into the house in great amounts, usually a bucket at a time.

So much water was needed. An average farm family of five people used 200 gallons each day. A farmer would do as much pumping and hauling as possible and have his sons do much of it before they left for school. From the age of nine or ten, children were assigned the task of carrying water. While men were in fields and children were in school, guess who carried the water? A bucket of water held about 4 gallons and weighed around 32 pounds. Water was required for cleaning, cooking, washing etc.

A joke about water. "Of COURSE we had running water-I ran for it."

To heat water involved a stove, which was another source of hard work for the country woman. Again, the farmer would try to keep a supply of wood in the house. But if the woman was out of wood she knew where to get it. (Remember my great-grandma with the pistol in her apron pocket?) In snake country this was not unusual.

Cooking with a wood stove was a warm task. Often the kitchens were small and would get almost unbearably hot. The

wood stoves were hard to get started and had to be watched carefully. The stove had to be lit and often went out. Meals were from scratch. No microwave or crock-pot for her. More wood had to be added to the stove from time to time which was not a pleasant task. Wood was dirty and sparks flew. Speaking of dirty, ashes would escape through the grating. Eventually, ashes needed to be carried out which was another chore. The wind could blow them all over making a real mess. Women were often very hot and they did NOT want them please let me know. I stand in awe of those women. In addition to just existing, they made their clothes and bedding, canned and baked. Just doing the family laundry was a gigantic task, and ironing was the work of a separate day to itself with more bonding to the stove.

Needless to say, the life of a country woman was hard. I wonder when they had time for the heirloom handwork which is so precious to us. I have material for two or three more columns to do about country women in pioneer days. If you do NOT want them please let me know. I stand in awe of those women. In addition to just existing, they made their clothes and bedding, canned and baked. Just doing the family laundry was a gigantic task, and ironing was the work of a separate day to itself with more bonding to the stove.

Life was difficult then for the men also. When I finish with women, I will touch on some of the men's tasks. There were community projects as well. After you read these columns, get a glass of something cool with real ice in it, get a good book and praise the Lord that you live today! You didn't have to chip the ice from a block carved from the spring during the winter or carry the water from there either.

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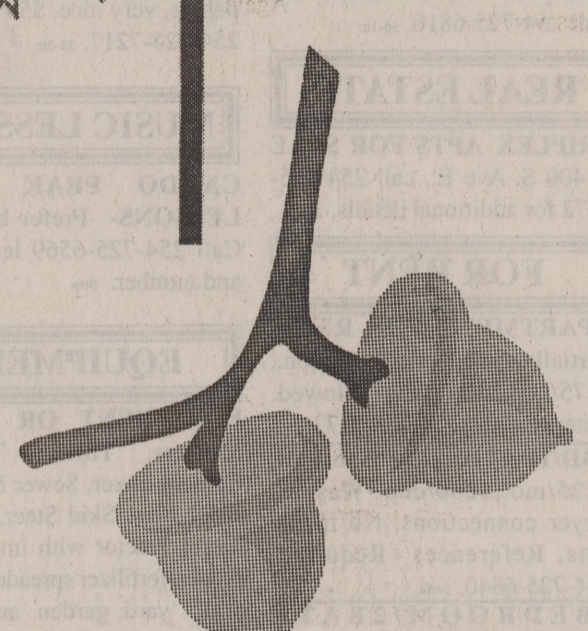
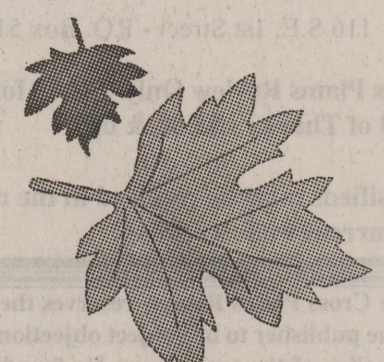
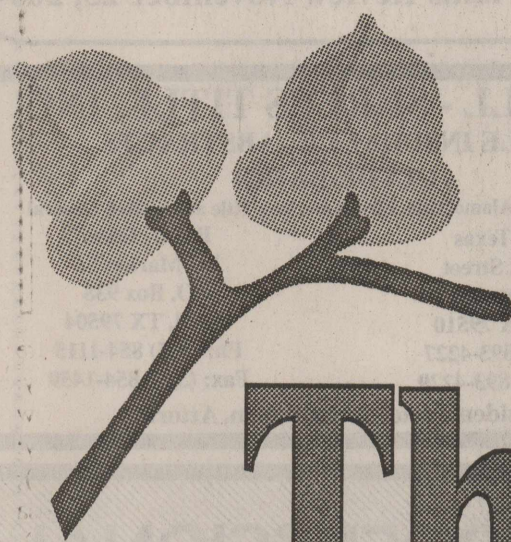
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Bill and Shirley Strickland

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Lots of appreciation for all of the caring and love shown the grateful family of Dorothy L. Mitchell. Your every deed made our loss a little easier to bear. She was our precious Mother, Grandmother and friend to many and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. She cast her bread upon the waters and was returned in many, many ways. God Bless each and everyone of you.

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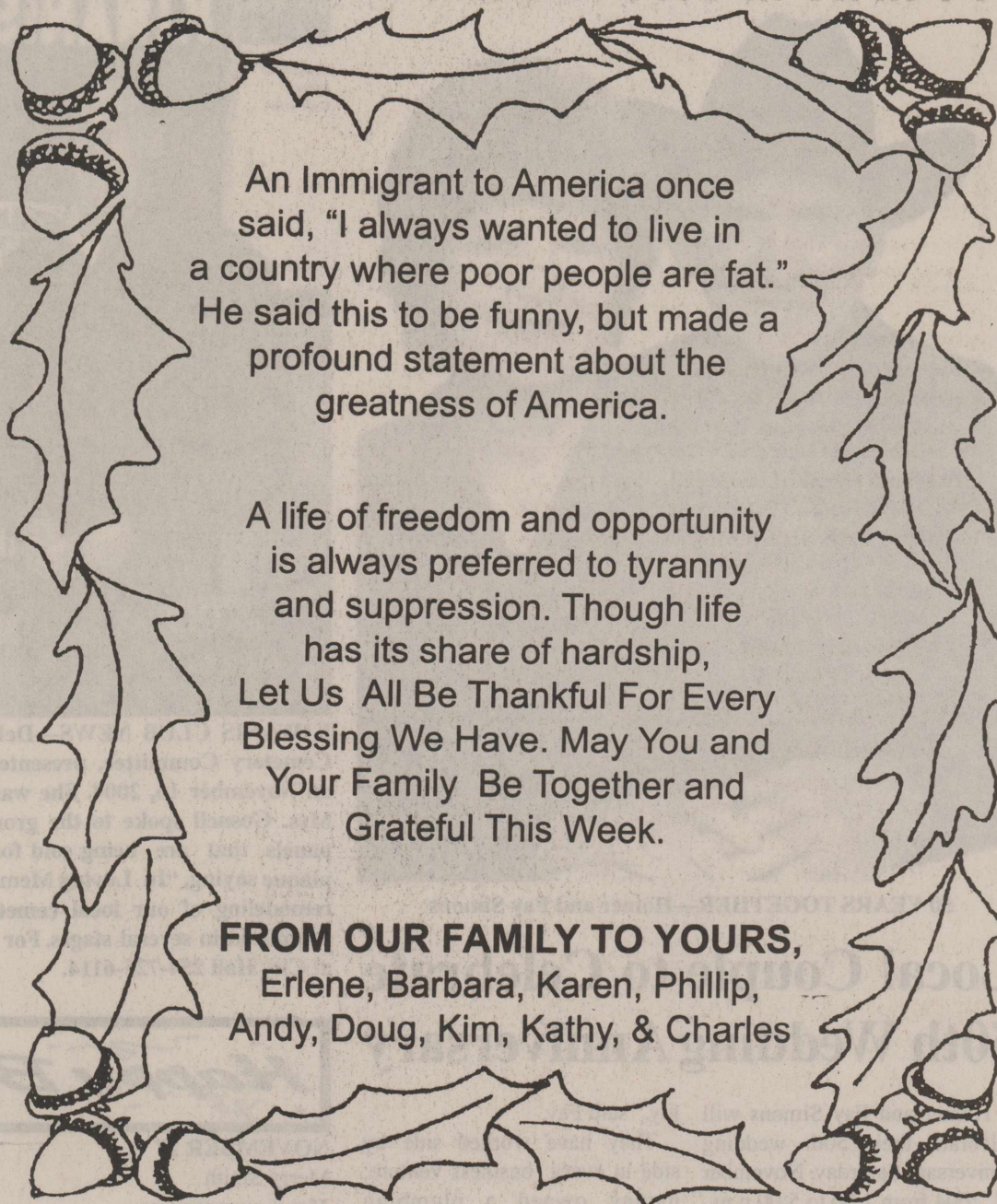
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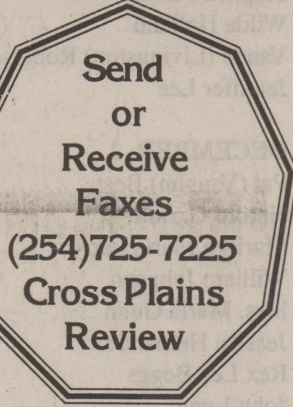
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Homer and Fay Simons will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, November 27, 2004 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the Community Center, 100 N. Beech Street in Cross Plains. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the reception.

Homer and Fay were married in Waxahachie, TX on the 30th of November in 1954. They have made Cross Plains their home, loving the simple life and good people. For eighteen years Fay has been the pastor and Homer the music minister of the Revival Center in Cross Plains. "Having made the Lord the center of our life has brought us great

joy," said Fay.

They have worked side by side in every business venture; having owned a plumbing business for many years as well as a backhoe business today. They have enjoyed traveling from coast to coast throughout the country and Canada, and have always had a little place near Cross Plains with a few cows for a close "get away".

Homer and Fay's love and commitment to each other serve as a continuing inspiration to their family and friends. Please join us for this special celebration hosted by the couple's family.

Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District now taking windbreak tree orders

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their Annual Windbreak Tree Program. Each year the District offers these trees to the general public on a first come first serve basis at a very inexpensive price. These windbreak trees come fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery out of Lubbock, Texas.

This year's selection of available trees include three varieties of evergreens. They are Afghanistan Pine, Eastern Redcedar, and Italian Stone Pine. These Evergreen Seedlings are being offered for 5 for \$10.00 or \$50.00 for a box of 30 per species.

In addition to the Evergreens, several varieties of bare-rooted hardwood seedlings are being offered this year. The list includes Fourwing Saltbush, Catalpa, Green Ash, Russian Olive, Shumard Oak, Aromatic Sumac, Sand Plum, Hackberry, Lacebark Elm, Desert Willow, Honeylocust and Smooth Sumac. These hardwood seedlings are offered in bundles of 10 for \$10.00 per species.

We are also introducing four

wildlife packets this year. Each packet comes with four different species of trees. The packets include 100 trees 25 of each type of tree. Packets for Deer, Squirrel, Quail and Pheasant, and Turkey are available. Contact the Natural Resource Conservation Service in Baird for information on which trees are included in a certain packet. Wildlife packets sell for \$55.00 per packet.

Tree orders will be taken until February 4th, 2005 or until supplies run out, whichever comes first. The trees will be delivered to Baird on February 18, 2005. The trees will be delivered to Baird on February 18, 2005. All orders are pre-paid with a check or money order. These trees are delivered fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery on that date.

For more information on planning, planting and maintenance of windbreak trees or how to purchase these low cost seedlings contact the Natural Resource Conservation Service office in Baird, Texas at (325) 854-1349 Ext. 3. The office in Baird is located at 141 W. 4th, Suite B.



KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—Debbie Gosnell, representing the Cemetery Committee, presented the program for the Kiwanis on November 16, 2004. She was introduced by Ronnie White. Mrs. Gosnell spoke to the group about the approximately 10' panels that are being sold for \$200.00, which will include a plaque saying, "In Loving Memory of _____", to complete the remodeling of our local cemetery, a five year project to be completed in several stages. For further information, call Debbie at City Hall 254-725-6114.

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State agency staff to monitor water wells in Callahan Co.

Staff from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) will be visiting several Big Country counties, including Callahan County, to measure water levels from water wells completed in the aquifers within those counties.

The water well visits will take place Monday, November 29 through Friday, December 3.

The TWDB's Groundwater Monitoring Section will be visiting Erath, Eastland, Callahan, Palo Pinto, Jones, Shackelford, and Stephens Counties to measure water levels from water wells in the aquifers within those counties.

This information is also stored in the TWDB's groundwater database. The database is available by county on the TWDB's Water Information Integration and Dissemination (WHD) website at <http://wuiddev.twdb.state.tx.us>.

The TWDB conducts an active groundwater resource assessment program to collect data on the state's aquifers for water resource planning. This information includes the occur-

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The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources, and administering cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control and agricultural water conservation projects.

If you have any questions or comments about the program, please contact Janie Hopkins at 512/936-0841; Radu Boghici at 512/463-6543; Gary Franklin at 512/936-0847; or Roger Quincy at 512/936-0833. They are available for specific public inquiries about information in the database.

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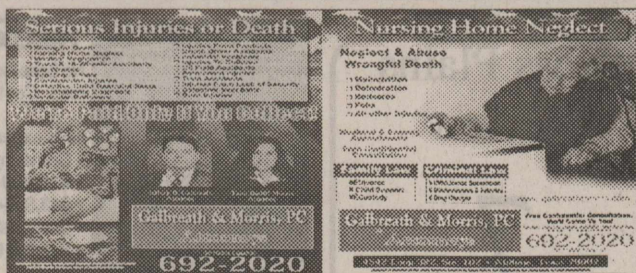
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