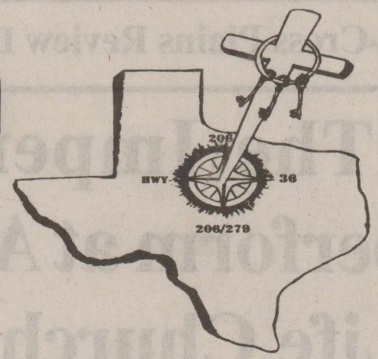


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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: With the anniversary of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 2005, right around the corner, the following story written by former resident, Joe Coppinger, is very timely. Joe pours his heart out in this essay and I loved his beautiful message. Thank God we have individuals who are bold enough to state the truth.

Joe noted that seventeen Longview area residents entered the fifth annual Senior Essay Contest sponsored by the Pilot Club of Longview and the Longview News Journal. Writers addressed the theme, "What it means to Be an American". Anyone 55 years or older could enter. The contest was timed for Veterans' Day. Joe Coppinger was the 2nd place winner in the essay contest. Below is his entry that also appeared in the Longview News Journal on Sunday, November 13, 2005.

Joe sends his regards to everyone in his hometown.
Vanda Anderson

"What It Means To Be An American"

Watching someone being interviewed who has just become a naturalized citizen of the United States can be quite fascinating. A glowing pride in their new identity can always be detected, and you sense that they have left behind in some other country a life that doesn't measure up to what they have now attained. Being an American really is special whether one has been born here or has recently been naturalized. When I personally think about what it means for me to be an American, I believe I can sum it up with three profound significant concepts. These are the realization of the high cost of our freedoms, the biblical foundation of our country, and the perpetual patriotic American spirit that keeps on getting passed from generation to generation in this great land.

First, we have many freedoms which are as common as the air we breathe. However, I must hasten to add that these freedoms have been won for us and assured to us at a heavy cost. Two of my uncles paid that ultimate price: one in Europe during WWI and one in the Pacific in WWII. Bart was third from the oldest and Stanley was the youngest in a family of fifteen children. My paternal grandparents were among the very few here in America who gave up a son in both wars. Their losses were extremely painful. The news about my Uncle Stanley came to me in a unfortunate manner. A classmate at school had gone home for lunch and heard the news from his parents. He came back and told me. I was nine years old. While I was sitting at my desk only a few minutes later, my teacher noticed something was wrong and asked me to come to her. I can still remember after sixty years my head drooping low over her desk and seeing my tear drops stain some papers as I sobbed out the heart-wrenching news I had just heard. My heart

See Coppinger Page 8

Applications for Democratic Primary available Dec. 3

Callahan County Democratic Party Chairman Jon E. Hardwick announced that applications for candidates to file for a place on the March 7, 2006 Democratic Primary Election ballot will be accepted beginning December 1, 2005.

Interested persons may obtain information and applications by calling Jon Hardwick at (325)

854-1256. Applications will be available at his home office at 613 Cherry Street in Baird.

Applications will be accepted through January 2, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. The filing fee for Justice of the Peace is \$375.00 and all other county offices is \$750.00.

Applications for county or precinct chairs are available now, and no fee is required.

Filing for Republican ballot begins December 3

Callahan County Republican Chair Pat Chrane announced that applications for candidates to file for a place on the March 7, 2006 Republican Primary ballot will be accepted beginning December 3, 2005.

Interested persons may obtain information or applications by

contacting Pat Chrane at 325-529-3428, or Betty Johnston at 325-529-3396. Applications will be accepted through January 2, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

The filing fee for Justice of the Peace is \$375.00 and for all other county offices is \$750.

Cross Plains Cemetery Association Meeting Thursday, December 1

The Cross Plains Cemetery Association will meet Thursday, December 1st, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cross Plains City Hall.

This is a regular meeting where they will be discussing Phase I and Phase II of the recent cemetery improvements.

Everyone is welcome to attend and offer suggestions.

Improvements have already started in the Cross Plains Cemetery. Drive by and see the new gates, panels, etc. Your input and support on this project is important.

Buy Tickets for Celebration Park and Benefit Cross Plains High School Project Graduation

Experience a unique West Texas Christmas by visiting Celebration Park. Enjoy a mile long winding road of Christmas lights and animated scenes from the comfort of your own vehicle.

Come inside Santa's igloos for the "FREE" Laser Show and refreshments.

In the Gift Shop you will find lots of unusual gifts and Christmas decorations with a country and western flair. There are many handmade items for that special person on your gift list.

Visit Santa and have pictures made.

Be sure and enjoy roasting smores at Santa's campfire and grill.

Project Graduation will be selling tickets for \$5.00 and then you will pay additional \$10 gate admission at the park (regular admission is \$15.00 for a car of 6 people). Your advance purchase will benefit Project Graduation 2006, so see Lurene McNutt for tickets.

Celebration Park is open every evening through December 30, 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. It is located on I-20, 3 miles east of Abilene.

Local Sorority Offers Afternoon Entertainment

Popular Event - "Afternoon of Music" December 11 - 3:00 P.M. Family Life Center First Baptist Church Cross Plains Sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority

Remember to include into your holiday plans and festivities the "Afternoon of Music" — a time you will remember throughout this and many holiday seasons to

come. "The Celebration Singers" concert is an event which will leave you happy and light of heart. You'll be treated to homemade desserts at festive holiday tables—prepared and served by women of the sorority at intermission.

Full story will appear in next week's issue of the Cross Plains Review! Please mark your calendars now.

IT IS TIME AGAIN TO WRITE YOUR SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

All pre-school children and students through 3rd grade may send your wish lists to the Cross Plains Review by noon on December 14th. The children's letters will be forwarded directly to Old Saint Nick at the North Pole.

Watch for publication in the December 22nd issue.



Mail To: Santa Claus
c/o Cross Plains Review P.O. Box 519
Cross Plains, TX 76443



Kiwanis Stew Supper to take place this weekend

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains will be serving stew, cornbread, desserts and drinks at the Senior Citizens' Center Friday night, December 2, beginning at 4:30 p.m. — all this for the low price of \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 12 and under.

The Kiwanis Club urges you to participate in this fund-raiser as it is a primary source of revenue for the club to help children of the community in several different

ways. The stew supper is in lieu of what has been an annual golf tournament for the past several year, but which was unable to be continued this year due to circumstances. The equivalent of the \$1000 to \$2000 that has been raised with the golf tournament needs to be raised with this effort. Donations above the stated price for the stew supper meal will be accepted and greatly appreciated — and used in a worthy way.

Each person who buys a

ticket for the stew supper will receive a ticket for the drawings for turkeys and cash at the Christmas program that follows the stew supper. We hope to complete the stew supper by 6 p.m. in order to get the annual Christmas program under way at that time. Please come early for the meal, then stay for the arrival of Santa and the program that is especially for the kids.

Submitted by Bob Pipes

Santa Claus Comes to Town This Friday Night!!

The Annual Cross Plains Kiwanis Christmas Program is this Friday night (December 2). Santa anticipates meeting all the children and adults at the Senior Citizens' Center as he arrives in Cross Plains on the fire truck.

Every child present will be able to visit with Santa and have his/her picture taken with him. In addition to the visit and free photograph with Santa, each child will receive a sack of candy and one (1) number for drawings at the end of the program. (Additional photographs may be purchased for \$1 each.)

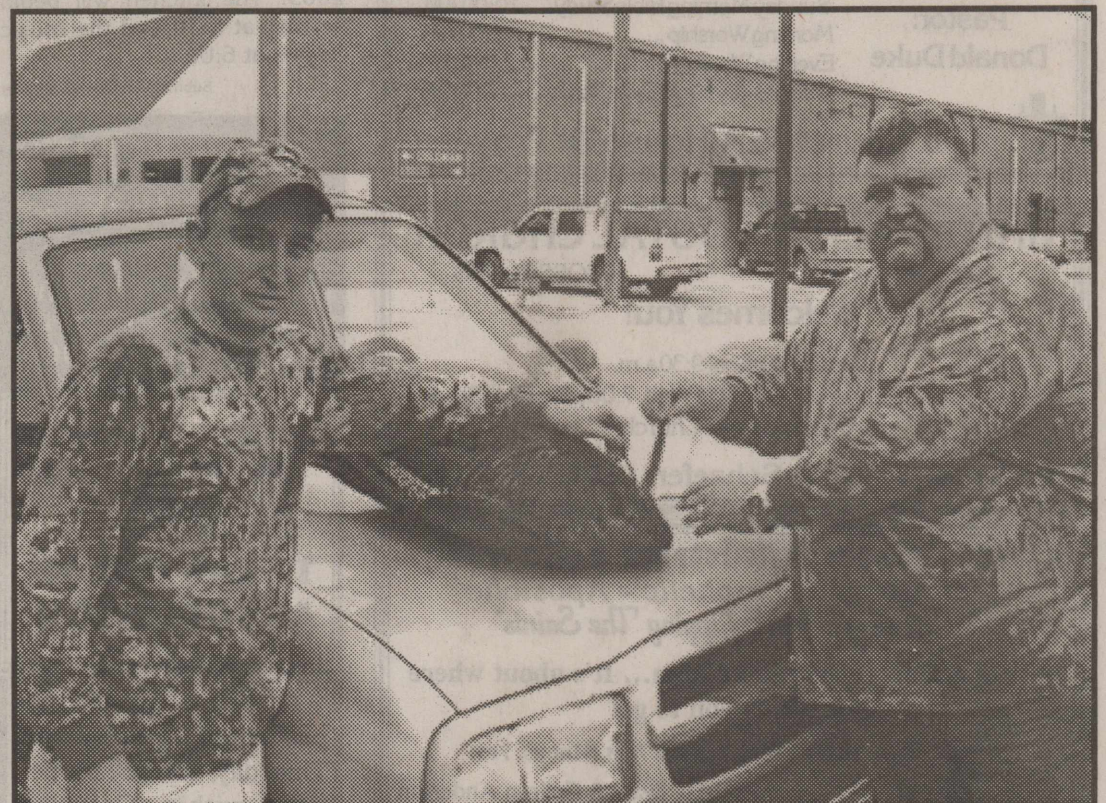
There will be drawings for twelve (12) turkeys and eight (8) gifts of \$25 cash each. Drawings will begin immediately after the children are finished visiting and taking pictures with Santa. There will be live and taped music to be enjoyed during the children's picture taking time. There is no general registration this year for the drawings so the only recipients will be the children (and those who purchase tickets for the stew supper fund-raiser). You must remain and be present in order to receive the prizes.

We are combining a STEW

SUPPER Fund-Raiser with the Christmas program this year. This fund-raiser is in lieu of our usual fall Golf Tournament that is our major fund-raiser of the year. We really need your help in order to match the \$1000 to \$2000 that we normally raise from the golf tournament.

The Kiwanis Club encourages everyone to attend, participate and enjoy Santa's visit to Cross Plains. Remember, Friday night, December 2, beginning at 6 p.m.!

Submitted by Bob Pipes



THREE BEARDED TURKEY—Tim Moody, of Irving (right), killed this unusual bird 8 miles west of Cross Plains. The 20 pound turkey had three beards, one measuring 11 inches and two 6 inches. They felt like he was an older turkey. Brandon Moody (left) is Tim's son. Moody plans to have this unique turkey mounted. (Photo courtesy of Vanda Anderson)

"COWBOY UP" Fun Day at the Cross Plains Roping Arena

The Cross Plains Roping Club is having a Fun Day this Saturday, December 3 at high Noon.

This is not your average playday. Here are just a few of the events: The Shovel Race, Stick Horse Race, Horse Relays, The Rescue Race, and we are even having a "Dress Up Your Horse" costume contest. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded to the winners of each race, while the costume contest will be judged for the "Most Outrageous," the "Funniest," and the "Most

Original." Depending on the experience of our young riders, we will be having classes to suit them too.

Admission is free if you would like to come watch, and the concession stand will be open. Each event will be \$5, or \$15 for 6 events, or the family package which is \$30 for 3 riders in 6 events.

So far, the weather is cooperating, and they say it'll be in the high 70's on Saturday. So come on out and join the fun!

Submitted by Tani Pointer

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"The Imperials" to perform at Abundant Life Church Dec. 4th

Sunday, December 4th, the four time Grammy winner Christian music group, "The Imperials" will be in concert at Abundant Life Church in Brownwood.

There will be two distinctively different concerts provided. The first concert is a "Hall of Fame" concert that will be held at 10:30 a.m. This concert will feature Christian Contemporary Gospel music with select songs from the group's historic classic hits.

The second concert, performed twice at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., is a special "Winter Wonderland Christmas Production". The Abundant Life Church auditorium will become a virtual "Win-

ter Wonderland" with winter scenery, snow, lights and Christmas trees. The concert begins in a life size sleigh and proceeds through the Christmas story, and ends by standing together to worship Jesus. Each person will go home feeling as if they have spent a winter's night around a warm fire place celebrating the birth of Jesus with their family and friends. You are invited to join in a Christmas celebration to remember.

These concerts are free and open to the public. A "love offering" will be received. Childcare will be provided for infants only. For more information please call (325) 643-4738 or visit www.abundantlifebrownwood.com

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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

OBITUARIES

Jessie Mae Woody Case

Jessie Mae Woody Casey, 99 years, 3 months and 7 days, passed away Wednesday, November 23, 2005, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center in Brownwood. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 27, 2005 at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Cross Plains with Charles Chesshir officiating; burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery.

Jessie was born August 16, 1906 in Potosi, Texas to James Anthony and Mary Mollie (McBride) Woody. Jessie graduated from high school in Cottonwood. She married Frances Casey on December 25, 1926 in Cottonwood, Texas. Jessie was a woman of many talents; she was a homemaker, a licensed plumber, she could do electrical work and was an avid quilter. Jessie was a member of the Cross Plains Church of Christ. Survivors include four sons, James U. Casey of Buffalo, MO; Jesse L. Casey of Idaho; Elmer Casey of Weatherford; and Thomas Casey of Cisco; one daughter, Frances Whitely of Cross Plains; a brother, Chuck Woody, of Abilene; 19 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 1 grandchild, 6 brothers and 3 sisters.

Patsy Ruth Smith Hill

Patsy Ruth Smith Hill, 79, of San Angelo went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, November 15, 2005, in San Angelo, Texas. She was surrounded by her family as she passed after a long battle with cancer.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, November 17, 2005, at Harris Avenue Baptist Church with the Rev. A.J. Kennemer officiating. Interment was at 3 p.m. in Cross Plains Cemetery in Cross Plains, Texas, under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home of San Angelo.

Patsy was born on Christmas Day, December 25, 1925, in Callahan County, Texas, to her parents, Earl and Lillian Swafford Smith. She grew up with her two brothers and three sisters, attending public school in Cross Plains. She graduated from Cross Plains High School and was a high school athlete, lettering in basketball.

She married Brooks T. Hill on November 8, 1945, in Cross Plains, and together they made their home on East Harris Avenue in San Angelo since the early '50's. She devoted her time to raising her children and working in the nursery in her church home, Harris Avenue Baptist Church.

Patsy was a devoted mother, sister, wife and grandmother who especially loved being with her grandchildren and watching them play sports. Patsy enjoyed watching sports and rodeos on television and spending time enjoying the sights and wildlife at their cabin at Oak Creek Lake in Blackwell. She had a way of making everyone she met feel special and always enjoyed spending time visiting with friends and relatives. Her laughter and friendship will be dearly missed by all those who had the honor and pleasure of knowing her.

Patsy was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Ray Smith; sister, Marie Hogan; and brothers-in-law, Ernest Clark and M.L. Hughes.

Survivors include her husband of 60 years, Brooks T. Hill; her children and their families, Don and Deb Hill of San Angelo, Mark Hill and Susanne Shimek of Anchorage, Alaska, Jane White of Sacramento, California and Vernon and Peggy Hill of San Angelo; grandchildren, Shane and Amy Hill of Christoval, Jennifer Hill, Allison Hill, Haley Hill and Raenne White, all of San Angelo, and Taylor White of Sacramento, CA; and two precious great-grandchildren, Hannah Avery Hill and Riley Garrison Hill of Christoval; two sisters, Earlene Hughes of Baird and Lou Clark of Granbury; one brother, Donald Smith of Little Rock, Arkansas; brother-in-law, Bobby Hogan of Brownfield; aunt, Mosell Helberg of San Angelo; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Elbert and Dorothy Hill of Snyder; sister-in-law, Imogene Glenn of Nebraska; and numerous other family members.

Pallbearers were sons, Don, Mark and Vernon Hill; grandsons, Shane Hill and Taylor White; and family friend, Frances Brashear. Harris Avenue Baptist Church deacons served as honorary pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Marget Edna Parrish

Marget Edna Parrish, age 74, passed away at Nolan Nursing and Rehab Tuesday, November 29, 2005, following a courageous battle with Alzheimer's.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 1, 2005 at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Rodney Bell, Edna's nephew, officiating; burial will follow in the Cross Plains Cemetery. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Edna was born May 14, 1931 in San Angelo, Texas. She married Alvin Parrish on December 18, 1947 in Cottonwood, Texas.

Survivors include her husband, Alvin Parrish; two daughters, Linda Linebaugh of Sweetwater and Melissa Parrish of Ranger; two sons, Allen Parrish and his wife, Pat, of Big Spring, and Harold Parrish of Sweetwater; two sisters, Oneta Bell and her husband, David, of Eula, and Effie Jo Sheppard and husband, Edward, of Odessa; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Henry and Marget Ellenard (Willey) Carrell; a sister, Madlene Slate; and two brothers, Wylie Carrell and Richard Carrell.

Edna has many friends and family in Big Spring, Cross Plains and Sweetwater. She will be greatly missed. She will live in our hearts forever.

The family will receive friends and relatives Wednesday, November 30, 2005 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. for a time of visitation at the funeral home.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, Presiding

Marriage Licenses

Caleb A. Chapman of Farmersville and Jennifer M. Freiman of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Minutes

Phillip J. Granger, plea of guilty to injury to a child, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$286 court costs.

Jimmy L. Hare, Jr., plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 10 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$246 court costs.

Brian J. Tingle, end of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from November 20, 2005 through November 26, 2005 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings—79
Complaints—112
DWI—3
Possession of Controlled Substance—1
Fugitive Arrest-Violation of Probation—1

Vehicle Accidents

There were six vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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Scranton Musical set for Dec. 3rd

The Scranton Musical will be held Saturday, December 3 at the community center. All area musicians are invited to play. You may call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group. Mark Ray will be the emcee. Your support is appreciated. We hope that a lot of you will come to the last musical in the year 2005. The kitchen will begin serving at 5:30 and the music begins at 6:00.

Submitted by Joanie Shrader

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett

Hats Off to Cottonwood Farmers and Ranchers

Richard and Sharon Parr's Longhorn cow, Ghost Dancer, won a blue ribbon at the 1995 Longhorn Horn Show held recently in Fort Worth at the Will Rogers Coliseum show arena. Ghost Dancer won the top prize in the 4-year old class for sporting horns 79 inches long from tip to tip. That means she has long horns, longer than another Longhorn in the 4-year old class in the whole world and the horns are still growing. Hats off to Richard and Sharon.

Bob and Lavonne Childress Deliver Christmas Trees to Austin

Observing an established tradition, Bob Childress, president of the Texas Christmas Growers Association, and his wife, Lavonne, delivered three Christmas trees to Texas officials, Governor Rick Perry, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst and to the Speaker of the House Tom Craddock.

During the last part of the journey the Childress family,

including two grandchildren, Blakely Elderkin (5 years old) and Jordan Elderkin (9 years old), rode in a horse-drawn carriage up to the Capital Building where Tom Craddock's wife graciously received the trees for the Texas officials who were busy elsewhere.

Mrs. Craddock thanked the Christmas Tree Growers Association and stated that one of the trees will be used as an angel tree. It will be decorated with the names of disadvantaged children. People will pick a name from the tree and replace the name with an appropriate gift for that child.

Then Mrs. Craddock took the Childress family on a tour of the Capital that included the Lt. Governor's apartment which is in the capital building. "It was a very nice experience and we did enjoy the day," said Bob.

Bob and Lavonne and Scott and Jacque Childress are partners in the farming business and not only raise Christmas trees but also raise pecans, peaches and other fruit.

So Hat's Off to the Childress

Family!

Community Christmas Party

The Cottonwood Community Christmas Party is set for the 15th of December. Everyone in the community is invited. Bring finger foods, expect to sing Christmas carols and enjoy the beginning of the Christmas season with friends and neighbors. 7:00 p.m. is the time, so be happy, be safe and BE THERE!

Quilting Days for December

The Cottonwood Quilting Club has announced that there will be only two quilting days for December—the 1st and the 8th. The Rehab quilt will be delivered to the Rehab Center and auction officials during the month of December. Announcement will be available next week.

(To place personal or news items for this column, please contact Wallace Bennett at (254) 725-7474; e-mail csb5@airmail.net; snail mail - 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.)

Remember this, please, I can't print it if I do not know about it.

LIBRARY NOTES

Check It Out!

Behind the Books

Stories, and even movies abound, about the questions librarians get this time of the year—What are the names of Santa's reindeer? Can you recite the words to the poem "The Night Before Christmas"? In the popular song—what comes after "Frosty, the Snowman...." ?

But ya' gotta' love our West Texas questions!! I was perched on the shelf watching all the action with the Bake Sale last week when I overheard a patron ask a classic—"Do you have a book on knots? I need to see how to tie a bowline?"

Without missing a beat, a board member came to the rescue and with an invisible rope, demonstrated how to tie the knot. I was following along OK, until I heard something about a rabbit coming out of hole, running around a tree and back into the hole!!!! But the patron was nodding in agreement and with a big grin of recognition, said, "Yes, that's the way I learned it in Brownie Girl Scouts. Thanks a lot."

Betcha' we can answer your questions, too. Come check us out.

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November 21 -25, 2005

Books:	48
Interlibrary Loan:	1
Internet Users:	10
Memorials:	
Claire Jordan Edwards -	
In Memory of Virgie Fulton and Theodosia Joseph Anderson Ayers	
Donations:	
Amber Thomas	
Wallace and Carol Bennett	
Charles and Kathy Chesshir	
Helen Groves	
Curt and Ginny Hoskins	

Library Activity Report

Patrons:	62
Programs:	44
Copies:	13
References:	0
Check In/Out Books:	10
Calls In:	4
Internet Users:	10

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December 1, 2005

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Subject: Pastor with Guts

This Pastor has guts! Thought you might enjoy this interesting prayer given in Kansas at the opening session of their senate. It seems prayer still upsets some people. When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities but this is what they heard:

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionist and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem.

We have abused power and called it politics.

We have coveted neighbor's possessions and called it ambi-

tion. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!"

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In 6 short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Reverend Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calling responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa and Korea.

Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, "The Rest of the Story" and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired. With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire to that we can be called "one nation under God."

"If you don't stand for something, you will fall for everything."

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

Note: According to Apple Orchard Annie, "Boy, I've been typing for quite awhile, I think its time for 'Toast and Apple Butter, yum-mmmmm!"

"The Year I Wasn't There"

For nine months I wasn't at home. At the age of five years, I was away from my family which to the best of my remembrance was 1945.

My father and mother were at home, as well as my sister, Ann. Though I wasn't there, but I sure wanted to be home.

I had been ill and my parents took me to a doctor in Baird. A few days later, my uncle, Wayne Dennis, drove mother, daddy and myself to San Angelo. There we spent the night with mother's cousin, Gracie, and her husband and little girl, Belita. We had left Ann with Aunt Wilda.

We got up real early the next morning and it was somewhat dark outside. We didn't eat breakfast 'cause we left so early. A little later we stopped and they had coffee and mama bought me a hamburger 'to go'. She broke it into and fed it to me a little at a time with some milk. I didn't like the pickles in the hamburger, so Mama picked all the pickles out and I ate all the hamburger.

Not long after that we arrived at our destination. We went inside and they filled out and signed papers admitting me to "The McNight Sanitarium for the Tubercular". They stayed as long as they could, but the time came when they had to leave. That's a lonely feeling when you're just 5 years old, and suddenly you realize that you are totally alone and away from your entire family. I cried a lot over the next month. I learned a lot during that 9 months; some good, some bad and probably some ugly, too.

I spent my first year of school there. I first heard Spanish spoken

there! I got some licks for picking Blue Bonnets, the state flower. I learned to play croquet; got a small pox vaccination; tasted my first slimy boiled okra (Moma always fried it up crisp). We learned to sing "When the Caisson's Go Rolling Along". I got in trouble one day in class and had to stand at the chalkboard with my nose in a ring.

One or the other of my parents came to visit me once each month. They had to ride the bus. Times were hard. They were only able to afford one visit per month.

Once Mama had Daddy ask me what kind of Easter dress I wanted, evidently my eyes were bigger than Daddy's pocketbook, even then. I told Daddy I wanted either a gold or a silver one. Daddy carried the message back home. Next month Mama didn't come she sent Daddy, because she was at home sewing. She sent me a message that she couldn't find any gold or silver material, so she wanted to know if blue silk would be alright for my Easter dress. It sounded beautiful to me, so I said yes. I got it and I loved it.

It was only able to see my sister Ann one time in all those 9 months, because tuberculosis is spread by germs and no one under the age of 16 years could visit me. So one time some of the family drove up and I got to wave to my little sister from across the street.

Eventually time passed and I was released to go home. I suspect it must have been the month of April, as Mama said it was about six weeks before school was out. She decided not to enroll me in school because I had been gone so long. The next year she enrolled me in Cross Plains second grade, my teacher, Mrs. Roy Acker, and I shared the same birthday, December 23. In third grade my teacher was Betty Browning and fourth grade, Mrs. Clifton. After that we moved to

SANTA at the Bank

Help Make a Child's Christmas HAPPIER!!!

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 bank with ornaments telling the gender and ages of children throughout Cross Plains. Just stop by and pick one out and return the gift to the bank by December 14, 2005.

The gifts will be wrapped and 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: cos-

metics, hair accessories, perfume, sweaters, hats, gloves and purses for older girls. Video games, sports related items, sweaters, or hats for the older boys. Younger girls might enjoy dolls, sweaters, jewelry, purses, backpacks or stuffed animals, while younger boys might like Legos, trucks, cars, action figures, etc.

If you know of a child in need, please contact Pat Stephens at (254) 725-6123 school or (254) 725-6819 home.

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

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

DECEMBER 5 - 9

MONDAY - Sloppy Joe on Bun, Potato Wedges, Pickle Spear, Coleslaw, Rosie-Applesauce
TUESDAY - BBQ Brisket, Pinto Beans, Potato Salad, Banana Pudding, Bread
WEDNESDAY - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Normandy Blend, Cheese Cake, Bread
 2nd & 4th Tue., Domino Night (42/84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

THURSDAY- Tuna Salad, Potato Soup, Peaches, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Crackers
FRIDAY - CHRISTMAS DINNER: Baked Ham w/Hot Cranberry Sauce, Dressing & Gravy, Green Beans, Yam Patty, Fruit Salad, Bread

Jimmielee Payne, Irene Starkey

BREAKTHRU

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



Though I've never played handball, I know it's a grueling game, one that requires "all out"! Run into the wall! Slide on the floor! Go 110% full-steam! But an older and wiser player who consistently beats younger players explained, "There are some shots that are just not worth going for. You must learn this. When you make a point at the price of complete fatigue or injury, the point is just not worth it. You may make the point and yet lose the game — perhaps lose even more..."

Each of us needs to learn this lesson in respect to areas of life and living. The Galilean taught that we should always count the cost (Luke 14:25-33), whether in building a house (tower), fighting a war — or becoming one of His disciples. Regarding some things, if the price is too high and one does not have to sacrifice principle, then negotiate. But if it's in regard to becoming a disciple, no price is too high! Just realize the price and "pay" it, remembering the high price that Jesus paid... Read, also, Matthew 16:24-26.

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

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

Unique Experience for Cross Plains Elementary School

On Wednesday, December 9th the elementary students of our school will have a unique experience. Through the cooperation of Texas Education Telecommunications Network and 19 Education Service Centers, they will be participating in a statewide video conferencing event designed for grades 3-5.

It is called "Texas Connects: Sun, Moon, Earth." Most of the program will be with elementary schools across the state, but the highlight of the day will be several live presentations from NASA. One will feature Dr. Leroy Chiao, an astronaut who

recently worked aboard the International Space Station.

Our 5th grade G.T. students have been selected to do a live presentation during the Texas Connects event. Cheyenne Cowan, Kathryn Goode, Joe Holland and Riley Lawrence will be presenting a 10 minute play about the "Incredible Quest to Outer Space".

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students at Cross Plains I.S.D., as one of 5 schools selected from the Big Country area.

Submitted by
Kathy Purvis



EACH STAR REPRESENTS 500.00

Local Veterans Memorial Fund Continues to Grow

The fund-raiser for the Veterans Memorial is progressing as the following have recently contributed to the worthy cause: Aubrey and Virginia Childers; Jessie Bodine; Keith Coburn; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Thrasher; E.G. Walker; Era Lee Hanke; Jerry R. Brown; Bill and JoVeda Watson; Cross Plains I.S.D. Faculty and Staff for Bill Boyd and Family In Memory of Irvin Boyd WWII; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fry; Brent Key; Dena (Cox)

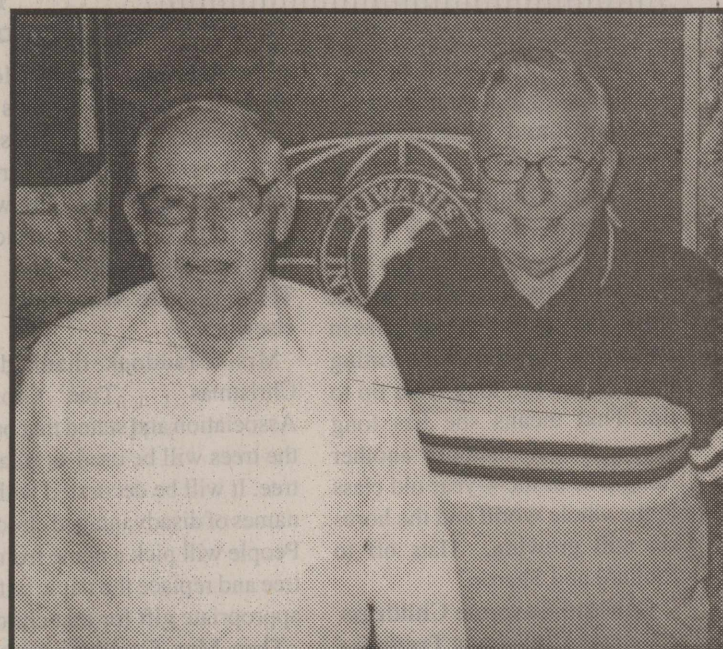
Bordelen; Zella Erwin; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis; Margaret Ann and Susan McNeel; Marciel (Rich) Carthen.

You may send Veteran names and donations to:

Cross Plains and Area
Veterans Memorial Fund
P.O. Box 711
Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated, as this project will honor the service of Veterans.

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KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—Dr. Richard Chaffin (right), retired United Methodist Minister, was the featured program at the meeting of the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, November 22, 2005. Dr. Chaffin shared some thoughts on Thanksgiving with the group. John Kilgore (left) was the program chairman for the meeting. H.D. Weaver brought the closing thought with a poem of Thanksgiving. The Cross Plains Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at Jean's Feed Barn at noon. Membership is open to anyone who is interested in becoming a part of this vibrant community organization.

Attorney General Abbott calls on Texas Congressional Delegation to reject child support funding cuts

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today voiced his strong opposition to proposed federal legislation that dramatically slashes funding for child support enforcement. In a letter to members of the Texas congressional delegation, Attorney General Abbott expressed his alarm that the budget reconciliation bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives contains provisions that will result in a loss of hundreds of millions of dollars to run the Texas child support program. Reduced funding will lead to nearly \$3 billion drop in child support collections and will hurt a million Texas children who receive child support.

"Many Texas children and families who depend on child support to furnish the basic necessities of life will suffer if these drastic measures make it into law," Attorney General Abbott said. "Texas children don't need a lump of coal from Congress this Christmas. This bill will seriously undermine the Texas child support program and Washington lawmakers need to fully understand the harm this legislation, if passed, will cause Texas children and families."

The House-passed budget reconciliation bill, otherwise known as H.R. 4241, reduces federal financial participation in child support programs from 66 percent to 50 percent by 2010, and precludes the use of performance incentive payments as a match to obtain additional federal funds. On the other hand, the Senate's budget reconciliation bill does not make financial charges to child support programs. A conference committee consisting of House and Senate members will reconcile differences between the two versions of the bill.

The proposed cuts for child support mean that Texas will lose more than \$400 million for enforcement between 2007 and 2010. At a minimum, the cut in federal funds will require the Attorney General's office to reduce child support enforcement staff over a four-year period by more than half, which will lead to the nearly \$3 billion drop in child support collections during that time.

Attorney General Abbott added: "Most Texans agree that it is important for the federal government to trim its budget deficit, but Texas children should not be the target of budget cuts. The proposed cuts would take food off the tables of children and clothes off their backs."

Abbott pointed out that the child support cuts will not achieve the House's goal of saving taxpayer dollars. In the state fiscal year that ended August 31, the Office of the Attorney General collected more than \$1.8 billion in child support that benefited Texas children. Proposed funding cuts to child support enforcement programs will increase government spending because the loss of child support will force many needy families to seek public assistance.

The Attorney General's Division for Families and Children is directed by state and federal law to assist families who currently receive or have received public assistance and families who request child support services. Approved services include locating absent parents; establishing paternity for children born to unmarried parents; establishing, enforcing and modifying child and medical support orders; and collecting and distributing child support payments.

SCHOOL MENU

DECEMBER 5 - 9

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Breakfast on a Stick (Sausage Wrapped in Pancake), Assorted Juice

TUESDAY - Poptart, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Juice

THURSDAY - Cereal, Graham Crackers, Assorted Juice

FRIDAY - Donuts, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

Have A Nice Week!!

LUNCH

MONDAY- Corn Dog, Pickle Spear, Baked Beans, Apple

TUESDAY - Sloppy Joe on Bun, Tator Tots, Carrot Sticks, Peaches

WEDNESDAY-Beef-Veg Soup, Crackers, Grilled Cheese, Diced Peas

THURSDAY-Turkey Dressing w/Gravy, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, Fruit Salad

FRIDAY-Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce-Tomato-Pickles, Fries, Rice Krispie Treat

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER 3

Amanda Dunaway
Jeremy Box
Mary Frances Walker
Dana Jean Dimitri
Mrs. J.D. Moore
Bobby Porter
Darin Apple

Katerina Ring
Shawn Weathermon
Christi Burrhus
Dana Miller

DECEMBER 7

Mamie Webb
Imo Jean Clark
Mrs. Anne Burris
Michael Dean Wilson
Roy Richey
Estaline Gilmore
Allan Clark
Glen Lawrence
Mimmie Reynolds
Lovey Reynolds
Christopher Michael Wheeler
Ann Marshal Burns
Frankie Hyles
Nancy Pancake

DECEMBER 4

Michael Duane Franke
Paul Perkins
Rhonda (Wilcoxon) Fritz
Wayne Bishop
Scott Odom
Larry Blankenship
Judy Casey
Lynn Hutton
Clifton Bay Kirkham
Shelby Jean McWilliams

DECEMBER 5

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Bobby Harris
Darwin Breeding
Annette Roberts
Kathy Sohns
Jenna Kay Teague
Cheryl (Franke) Hollis
Jimmy Glenn Kelly
Mary Ann Reed
Mindy Melissa Watson
Jeffery Calhoun
Delany Ames
Britton Dukes

DECEMBER 8

Johnny Glenn Clay II
Judy (Gibbs) Steele
Neva Joyce Dillard
L.L. Morgan
Mrs. Perry Jennings
Elmer Casey
Garrett Stephens
Juanita Smith

DECEMBER 9

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Bill Gunn
Rhonda (Jackson) Hinten
Bud McCorkle
Gerald Holcomb
Dalene Dillard
Gaye Archer
Dale Hunt
John Ingram
Bruce Region
Mrs. A.H. Ringhoffer
Tiffany Bush

DECEMBER 6

Brian Crouch
Joe Wyatt Jr.
Debbie (Havens) Clements
Johnny Johnson
Debbie Jean (Potter) Gosnell
Phillip Perry
Frances Mote

IT'S A BOY!

Briana would like for everyone to know about the arrival of her new baby brother

Austin Riley Lee

Austin was born on

Friday, September 30, 2005.

He weighed 7 pounds and was 19 inches long.

Austin is being welcomed home by his parents

Jodi Eberhardt and Michael Lee of Bangs.

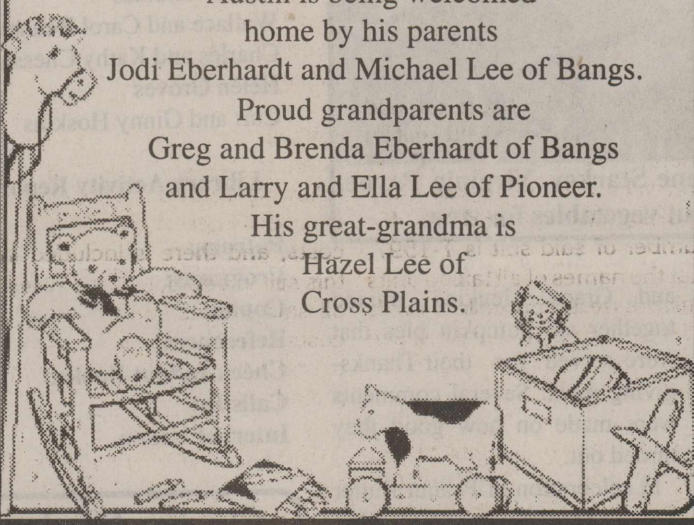
Proud grandparents are

Greg and Brenda Eberhardt of Bangs

and Larry and Ella Lee of Pioneer.

His great-grandma is

Hazel Lee of
Cross Plains.



To get your name on the Birthday Column, send your name and date of birth to *The Cross Plains Review*, P.O. Box 519, Cross Plains, Texas 76443, There is no charge for this service. To delete a name due to death or other reasons send name and birth date (Month and Day) or Call 254-725-6111

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To Those Who Prayed,

Thank you for the power of your prayers for Jeremy Kimbell, who has brain cancer. We truly appreciate everyone's concern and prayers for our brother, son and uncle.

Christy and Boys
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bradley
Midland, Texas

Vanda,

When I received my first copy of the Cross Plains Review I enjoyed it very much. We live way down in west central Mexico, south of Guadalajara, and it takes about three weeks for mail from the U.S. to reach us. No matter, we're used to it.

I moved away from Cross Plains after graduation from CPHS in 1955, but have kept somewhat in touch through old friends and an occasional chance to read the Review.

I am grateful to Patsye Robison for arranging with you to begin our subscription.

Thanks! It's nice to renew a connection to "home." God Bless!

Best regards,

Don Hutson
Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico
donhutson2000@yahoo.com

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My First Term in Review

Dear Friends,

I want to thank and assure you. This term as city councilman has been just as expected. Some tough decisions, but most of the time the yes or no of an issue was clear.

We have made progress and I want to thank the other council members. At the time I took office, the city had thousands of dollars in uncollected ticket revenue. With help, we are now beginning to receive these fines from several years back.

During the budget meetings for 2005-2006 I asked the city begin this year, to include depreciation and police comp time. We did that. I have asked the council to add a second police officer. We are in the interview phase right now. This city can not ask one police officer to cover the needs of this community day and night without backup.

The state says our water storage tank needs to be replaced and we are getting bids. I continue to look for a pharmacist. We need one.

At the next budget meeting in 2006, I will ask the other council members to rank issues of importance facing this city. I would like us to create a short and long term template. A list of the cities' priorities.

Finally, thank you for your help, your ideas and your criticism, too.

Sincerely,
Terry Lichty

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CALLAHAN

In the name and by the authority of the state of Texas, notice is hereby given as follows: To

Jeff E. Fox, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 11, Central Addition, Town of Cross Plains, Callahan County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 59, Page 326 of the Official Public Records, Callahan County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$287.82, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the County of Callahan, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on May 17, 2005, in a certain suit styled the County of Callahan et al vs. Jeff E. Fox, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Callahan County, Texas, 42nd Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is T-1597, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 2nd day of January, A.D., 2006, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Callahan County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all

interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Baird, Callahan County, Texas, this the 23rd day of November, A.D., 2005.

(s) Sharon Owens
Clerk of the District Court,
Callahan County, Texas,
42nd Judicial District

(s) Bill Young
Callahan County
Constable

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COUNTY OF CALLAHAN

In the name and by the authority of the state of Texas, notice is hereby given as follows: To

T. G. Morgan, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: 5 acres, more or less, out of Abstract 114, being a part of the A. Clements Survey #1, Callahan County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 52, Page 202 of the Deed Records, Callahan County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$883.71, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the County of Callahan, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on May 17, 2005, in a certain suit styled the County of Callahan et al vs. T.G. Morgan, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Callahan County, Texas, 42nd Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is T-1596, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF
REQUIREMENT TO
COMPLY WITH THE
SUBDIVISION AND
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POLICY OF CALLAHAN
COUNTY WATER SUPPLY
CORPORATION

Pursuant to Chapter 13.2502 of the Texas Water Code, Callahan County Water Supply Corporation hereby gives notice that any person who subdivides land by dividing any lot, tract, or parcel of land, within the service area of Callahan County Water Supply Corporation, Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 31238-C, in Callahan County, into two or more lots or sites for the purpose of sale or development, whether immediate or future, including re-subdivision of land for which a plat has been filed and recorded or requests more than two water service connections on a single contiguous tract of land must comply with the Developer, Subdivision and Non-Standard Service Requirements under "Subdivision Policy" contained in Callahan County Water Supply Corporation's tariff.

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Payment of reasonable costs or fees by the developer for providing water supply service capacity;

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Payment of costs of any improvements to Callahan County Water Supply Corporation's system that are necessary to provide the water service;

Construction according to design approved by Callahan County Water Supply Corporation and dedication by the developer of water facilities within the subdivision following inspection.

Callahan County Water Supply Corporation's tariff and a map showing Callahan County Water Supply Corporation's service area may be reviewed at Callahan County Water Supply Corporation's office, located at 218 North Access Road of Interstate 20-Clyde, Texas; the tariff and service area map also are filed of record at the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in Austin, Texas and may be reviewed by contacting TCEQ, c/o Utility Rates and Services Section, Water Utilities Division, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.

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SIGNS WITH ACU—Courtney Clark, senior at Eula High School, signs her national letter-of-intent to attend Abilene Christian University where she will play softball for the Lady Wildcats. Courtney's parents, Keith and Linda Clark are pictured with Courtney.

Courtney Clark signs to play softball at ACU

Eula High School senior Courtney Clark signed her national letter-of-intent Monday, November 14 to attend Abilene Christian University in the fall of 2006 and play softball for the ACU Lady Wildcats.

She signed before family and classmates in the Eula High School Library.

Courtney, daughter of Keith and Linda Clark of Eula and granddaughter of W.D. Clark of Cross Plains, has helped to lead the Eula High School varsity softball team to three straight District softball titles since starting as a freshman. In fact, Eula has captured the past eight consecutive District softball championships.

Courtney has received a number of honors while playing short stop for the Lady Pirates. She was named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-State team as a freshman, sophomore and junior.

During her freshman year,

Courtney was the 2003 Most Valuable Player in softball at Eula High School. She was the District 8-AA Newcomer of the Year and helped lead the Lady Pirates to a 19-9-3 record and the Class AA regional finals.

As a freshman, Courtney batted .413 for the Lady Pirates with a .505 slugging percentage and fielding average of .808. Her on-base percentage was .495 her freshman year. She stole 25 bases, had 45 hits, scored 32 runs and drove-in eight in 109 at-bats her freshman season. She had the fourth highest batting average, was first in hits, fourth in runs scored and third in stolen bases as a freshman, according to the Fort Worth Star Telegram Final Area Leaders in Class A through Class AAA.

During her sophomore season, Courtney was the first team All-District player at short stop and was the EHS Offensive MVP. She helped lead the Lady Pirates to their first-ever trip to the Class

AA State Softball Tournament when the team went 26-5 on the year.

Courtney batted .432 during her sophomore season with 47 hits on 111 at-bats and had a slugging percentage of .550. Her on-base percentage was .982 and her fielding percentage was .940. She scored 29 runs, drove-in 18 runs and stole 35 bases in 2004.

During her sophomore year she was second in hits and third in stolen bases on the Fort Worth Star-Telegram's Final Area Leaders in Class A through Class AAA.

A switch hitter, who throws right-handed, Courtney helped lead the Lady Pirates to a 23-5-1 record her junior year. She was named as a first team All-State infielder by the Texas Sports Writers Association after her junior season. Courtney was the District Defensive MVP her junior season and was the EHS Offensive MVP in softball. The Lady Pirates reached the Class A re-

gional finals her junior year.

Courtney batted .453 in the 2005 season with 53 hits on 117 at-bats. She scored 46 runs, drove-in 20 runs and stole 42 bases as a junior. She had a .607 slugging percentage, .949 on-base percentage and .951 fielding percentage in 2005. Courtney is ranked fourth in her senior class. She has been named to the high school's A honor roll in 2003, 2004 and 2005. She received an Academic Achievement Award and was named to the Who's Who Among American High School Students. She was class president of her freshman, sophomore and junior classes.

Courtney said ACU will be offering her a \$10,000 plus books scholarship to attend the university. She remarked that ACU has a very nice campus with a good softball program. The ACU Lady Wildcats are coached by Chantel Wilson and assisted by her husband, Casey. Courtney hopes to remain at the short stop position while playing for ACU.

As a child, she started by playing baseball in the boys leagues at Eula and Clyde and switched to softball when she was 7, because her parents didn't want her to get hurt playing with the boys. While playing softball, she pitched and played second base. She only moved to the short stop position when she entered high school.

Miss Clark hopes to study physical therapy while at ACU and wants to become a physical therapist so that she can help athletes get back into the game.

Eberhardt-Lee Say Wedding Vows

Jodi Lea Eberhardt of Bangs and Michael Allen Lee of Bangs were united in marriage on November 5, 2005, at the Heartland Church in Brownwood. Jodi is the daughter of Greg and Brenda Eberhardt of Bangs. Michael is the son of Larry and Ella Lee of Pioneer.

A SOLDIER'S THOUGHTS

BY JERRY P. BIGGERSTAFF, JR.

A Scared Child

I was sitting on the couch this evening wondering what it would be like to be home. Home with my wife and kids. Home seems so far away yet we are one day closer to being there. In all this I came to the realization that I have some type of fear of going home. The lines below list some of that fear and from the thoughts of fear of coming home I turned it into a poem of sorts. Some of the things listed in the poem are fiction but some of the thoughts are real. Hope you enjoy. We have been so busy lately that I have not had time to write. Almost there.

I feel like that kid in school who went out one night and acted a fool. As he puts the quarter in the slot he wonders about broken rules. He makes the call to his dad and when he hangs up he feels oh so bad.

He cries:

Daddy I'm scared to come home. There are people in here but I am alone.

Before you come and get me can I ask you one thing When you were my age did you do any of the same?

As he loads the last suitcase in the car,

He turns and looks back at his home from a far

Mom and dad I love you and gone

He calls:

Daddy I'm scared and alone, I've been thinking of coming home.

I feel so alone can I move back in?

On the plane gone to fight over the sea

Thoughts of home bring fears to light for me

Soon my dream will come true

He writes:

Daddy I'm scared to come home,

I've been away for too long.

What if when I get there I cannot remember who I am?

As the sharp pain fades from his thoughts

His eyes focus on the joys that they ought

He sees the light in his eyes

He prays:

Father take me home, There are people here who are all alone

Before you come and get me can I ask you one thing

Does it hurt knowing you gave your son for our shame?

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still grieves when I hear of our young men losing their lives on foreign fields. But our nation has gone to the aid of "others" for over 100 years, and both our country and the world are better places because of this sacrifice. When we are busy enjoying our freedoms, we need to pause and do a reality check from time to time and ponder the cost of our privilege.

Another thing that makes America special to me is its biblical foundation. However, you can rest assured that other religions of all types have the freedom to worship here as they please. This is important to all our citizens. There is no church, denomination, or belief system that is privileged over others. Having said that, I do want to focus attention on the historical fact that our country does have

a foundation based on Judeo-Christian beliefs and ethics. Contrary to what some secularists espouse, there was a deep respect for God and the Bible on the part of many of our founding fathers. It is not the purpose of this essay to "persuade" although I do possess adequate quotations and documentary evidence to support the above statement. What I do wish to convey in this point is that our country could well have resembled the former USSR with its KGB if it had been founded by secular atheists following their extreme agenda. Of course, not all Christians nor all churches have been without fault through the years; however, the countless blessings that our great nation has perpetually enjoyed have come in large part from those who know and love God and from God

Himself. To give a very timely example, the Texas judge who was overseeing the Katrina evacuees that flooded into Houston's Astrodome made the statement that the first thing he did when he realized the magnitude of the situation was to start calling churches and enlisting their help. You see that is where you go to find compassionate hearts and helping hands. That is the foundation of this country. Take it away and watch our nation crumble.

The last point I wish to make is difficult to put into words. There is just something about this country that makes you proud. I guess you could say, it is a spirit, yes, an indomitable spirit that rises up among us and in us when the crunch is on. When bad things come to us, and an area of our country gets socked in the

stomach, so to speak, it never ceases to amaze me how the rest of our nation rushes to render aid. Texas firemen and many, many others worked tirelessly on unfamiliar New York streets shortly after 9-11. New Yorkers were no longer "damn Yankees," but instead, brothers in need. When Flight 93 was racing toward Washington D.C., at least three young Americans refused to let the terrorist hijackers fulfill their horrible plan. What they did that fateful day came from the same spirit mentioned above which somehow grows within so many of our young people of every generation. Maybe we should just go ahead and call it a spirit of patriotism and love and loyalty and when needed—sacrifice. This is not limited to our homeland but will go to the other side of our earth when necessary, and it will give and give and give until there is nothing left to give.

I assure you that it was not my original plan that all three points I have attempted to make would include some measure of giving or sacrifice. But, why should I be surprised? This is America! So, on to the question one last time, "What does it mean to be an American?" It means that we can all worship freely, and that our currency still bears the inscription "In God we trust," and our pledge of allegiance still has "one nation under God" in it. It means that the good ole American spirit still burns in the hearts of so many across this great land, and when needed, we are ready to pay the price, even the ultimate one. It means that "others" just seem to be more important to us than ourselves, whether they are across our continent or across our world. I'm so proud to be an American!

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