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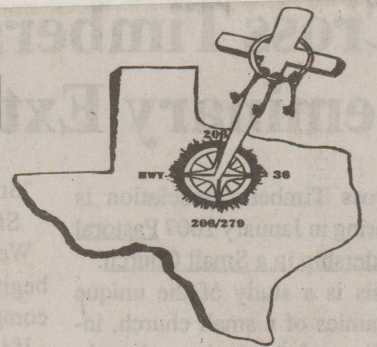
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## Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile to be at FBC in Cross Plains on Tuesday, January 2

The first blood drive of 2007 will take place on Tuesday, January 2. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at First Baptist Church from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The blood drive that took place on November 7 resulted in twenty-three pints of lifesaving blood.

"This is an important blood drive because it will take

place after a three day holiday weekend," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter for Meek Blood Center. "The need for blood never takes a holiday. Each pint of blood donated represents the gift of life to someone. I am asking the donors of Cross Plains to come out and save lives by giving blood."

Donors will receive a mini-physical which includes a check of blood pressure, pulse

rate, temperature and hemoglobin level. A complimentary total cholesterol test is included with each donation. Cholesterol results are usually available three days after donation. Donors will also receive a long-sleeve T-shirt.

Those who have questions regarding donor qualifications may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at [www.meekbloodcenter.org](http://www.meekbloodcenter.org).

## County burn ban lifted

Callahan County has lifted its outdoor burn ban effective Wednesday, December 20th by County Judge Roger Corn.

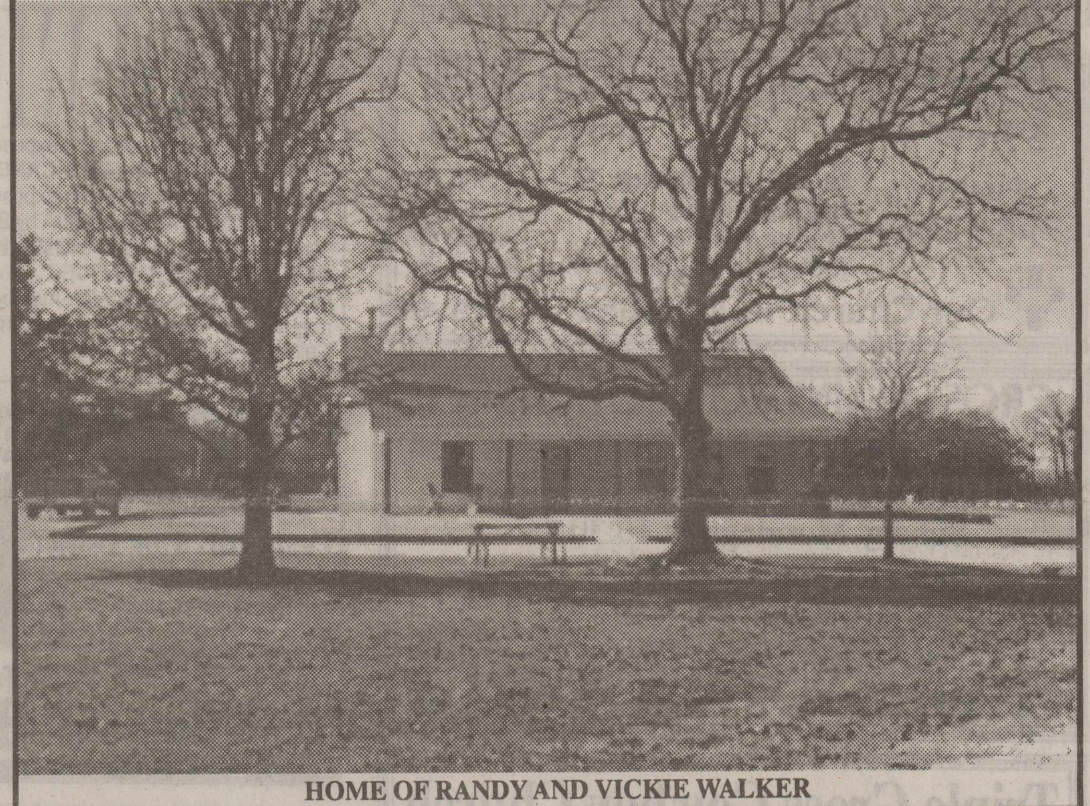
The item will be discussed and considered on the next Commissioners' Court meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, December 28th.

## Swearing in of new Callahan County Officials

Callahan County will hold a reception and swearing in of elected officials on January 1, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. The reception will be held in the County Courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse.



HOME OF LINDA SLAYMAKER



HOME OF RANDY AND VICKIE WALKER

## A Day We Will Never Forget Tuesday, December 27, 2005

By Vanda Anderson

365 days can make all the difference— from tragedy to triumph, especially in Cross Plains. It is difficult to imagine a year has passed since the destructive firestorm changed the landscape and lives of local residents.

7,700 acres were burned. The citizens of Cross Plains were thankful to the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department and 29 area fire departments who responded. Their dedication and the individuals who stayed to save their homes kept our entire town from being destroyed.

The tragic loss of two lives, Mattie Faye Wilson and Maudie Shepard, will always be remembered in our hearts.

The resilient spirit of Cross Plains people rose to the challenges ahead. The cooperative efforts of so many transformed a devastating disaster into a productive renewal of our community.

The 116 homes, the First United Methodist Church, and David Holmes Insurance Agency were destroyed. The devastation left one fifth of our town homeless. Within two months, the majority of the huge cleanup was completed. Some 15,960 cubic yards of debris was removed to a landfill at a cost of \$169,000 to the city of Cross Plains. Approximately \$94,000 has recently been reimbursed to the city by FEMA for these expenses.

The Mayor, City Councilmen, and employees of the City of Cross Plains were instrumental in this amazing process. Their dedication to revitalizing our city was outstanding. Callahan County employees and various individuals also contributed to the success. The work gangs from two area prisons were pivotal to the cleanup. Once again they came to our rescue, as they did in the aftermath of the 1994 tornado.

City officials used the labor force and the opened dump to clean off an additional 25 to 30 abandoned homes that were not burned but needed removal. This project improved the overall appearance of the city.

Lunch was served daily at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, where congregations from Cross Plains, Brownwood and Abilene took turns cooking. Volunteers served meals for over six months to those who needed a good meal.

A multitude of clothes, furniture, appliances and much needed household supplies came in by the truckloads. The Cross Plains Fire Victims Resource Center was set up by volunteers and opened daily to meet the needs of the community.

Over \$1,000,000.00 flowed into the area in the form of donations from other communities, organizations, businesses, and individuals to the victims fund, the volunteer fire department and the churches. Just to mention a few, the Dodge

Jones Foundation in Abilene gave \$250,000; residents of Winters sent \$16,408; a church in Oplin of about 25 members donated \$5,000; just one of the benefit concerts, "The Brazos Boys" of Abilene, raised \$6,140. The outreach and caring was overwhelming.

Each family who lost a home received \$8,500. The amount was split equally between the landlord and tenants on rentals.

Twenty homes have been rebuilt plus several modular homes have been set up. Ten homes were constructed by church volunteers during their annual mission trips.

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SERVERS AT THE SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTER CHRISTMAS DINNER—Kathy Anderson, Center Director (from left), Gene Dillard, Therennie McCrohan, and Frankie Smith.



ENJOYING THE LUNCH—Larry Crockett (from left), Sandra Crockett, Noel King and Troy Crockett. (Photos courtesy of Vanda Anderson, Editor.)

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## Cross Timbers Offering Seminary Extension

Cross Timbers association is offering in January 2007 Pastoral Leadership in a Small Church. This is a study of the unique dynamics of a small church, including suitable styles and methods of leadership. Textbooks: "Leading the Small Church" by McCarty

"Small Churches are the Right Size" by Ray. We will meet at Breckenridge beginning January 18th and complete the course by May 17th. If you would like to take part in this study or would like to see about any class forming in your area, contact Baylis Pope at 254-725-7749 by December 28th.

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## Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

### Happy New Year

As we begin our new year, I have two items of good advice. Desiderata is one of my all time favorites. It was reported to have been found in the walls of an old church.

### Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble. It is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let not this blind you to what virtue there is. Many people strive for high ideals and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself, especially do not feign affection. Neither be cyni-

cal about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years. Gracefully surrender the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune, but do not distress yourself with dark imagining. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a creation of God. You have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore, be at peace with God. And whatever your labors and inspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace in your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful and strive to be happy.

### Ten Good Rules

1. Keep your faith in God.
2. Be patient.
3. Be consistent.
4. Get "nourishment" in things other than food.
5. Think positive.
6. Take pride in accomplishment.
7. Take control of and responsibility for your own life.
8. Be physically active.
9. Forgive yourself.
10. One day at a time.

The author of this is unknown.

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## COURTHOUSE NEWS

### COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Roger Corn, Presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings

James R. Williams, open container.  
Joe Walsler, failure to appear.  
Larry Henger, failure to appear.  
Joe Leal, failure to appear.  
John Hunter, failure to appear.

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Jake A. Freiman, motion to dismiss to disorderly conduct granted for plea to other case.  
Anna Zamora, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI) - 1st, 18 months probation, \$800 fine, \$356 court costs.  
Michael Bushell, plea of guilty to deadly conduct, 18 months probation, \$750 fine, \$256 court costs.  
Bobbie Jo Monsey, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$200 fine, \$306 court costs.  
Ricky Holloway, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$700 fine, \$256 court costs.  
Kyle Kelly, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 1 year probation, \$400 fine, \$356 court costs.

### Marriage Licenses

Charles N. Stephenson and Brenda H. Rivard, both of Cisco.  
Kerry L. Tounget of Clyde and Frances M. Early of Abilene.  
Kane G. Peters and Jessica M. Walters, both of Clyde.  
Tony L. Epperson of West Augusta, VA and Ashley V.

Melton of Tacoma, WA.  
Tony F. Held, Jr. and Ginger R. Lesley, both of Clyde.

### 42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

### Civil Filings

First National Bank of Baird vs. Fernando V. Ibarra and Linda Ibarra, default on account.  
Robert T. Simon and Rhonda Jeanette Simon, divorce.  
Gary Allen Calhoun and Tammy Jo Calhoun, divorce.

### Criminal Indictments

Boyd E. Sybesma, possession of a controlled substance.  
Frederico E. Murphy, Ct. I - money laundering.  
Chad A. Williams, Ct. I - theft, Ct. II - securing execution of a document by deception.  
Rebekah A. Hawkins, injury to a child, 2 counts.  
Siyon Newman, tampering with a governmental record.

### Criminal Minutes

Adam J. Carroll, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$700 fine, \$256 court costs, \$140 restitution.  
Siyon Newman, plea of guilty to tampering with a governmental record, 9 month probation, \$256 court costs, \$548 restitution.  
Amelia D. Kinser, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$249 court costs.

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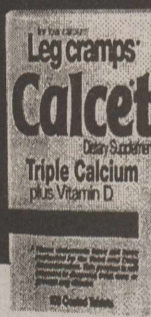
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# COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

## Merry Christmas To All And Happy New Year!

This is the last column of 2006 and here is hoping that you and your family have had a Merry Christmas. My prayer for you is a very happy and prosperous year in 2007.

Carol and I have had a great Christmas and have quietly celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. We are very thankful and look forward to another fifty. The great gift we have received is that all our children and grandchildren have been home and we are very thankful for each of them.

Jeff and Mary have come from Alpine, Gregg and Evelyn have come from Lakewood, Colorado, their son, Sgt. Jonathan Wainwright Bennett has been visiting with us and them the past week. Jonathan W. is in the Army and is a Special Forces instructor at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Granddaughters, Ashley and Dayna, came from Austin. John and Michelle have come from Arlington with their children. Michelle and her son, Rhett, have had some misfortune in the death of Rhett's grandmother. But other than that we are thankful and

happy. We are always thankful for our son, Bryan, and daughter-in-law, Debi, and granddaughters who live here and only travel "down the road" to get here.

We know that many of you, our Cottonwood friends, have been visiting or enjoying the visits with your family and we are thankful for your good fortune and happiness, also.

Christmas "gifts" have not been as important this year, only the good health and joy of celebrating the birth of Christ Jesus has been the important thing.

However, I will tell you about two gifts of the other kind I have received this year. One is a book, which I will enjoy reading all year entitled, "Uncle John's Bathroom Reader Plunges into Texas," published by the Bathroom Reader's Historical Society, copyrighted by Portable Press, San Diego, California.

The other is a Texas University baseball cap, given to me by Ashley Bennett, a UT student and my granddaughter.

Now I don't really "cotton" to UT paraphernalia, being a "Half Baked" Aggie and having a son and a brother with a "bona fide" degree from Texas A&M. But

my granddaughter makes a difference, and my dilemma is explained on page 182 and 183 of the said book.

Both Universities have "yells" and "cheers" (Texas A&M "yells" at football games, UT students "cheer") which bespeaks of the eternal dog-fight between the two schools. Texas A&M is going to "saw ole varsities' horns off, and pokes fun at UT's School Song, "The Eyes of Texas."

The UT "cheer" makes fun of Texas A&M's school song. The book asks, "Which song will you sing next year?"

I suppose I will have to yell for Texas A&M and wear my A&M cap, then cheer for University of Texas. And wear my granddaughter's (given) UT cap.

That's it for this year, have a happy one from now on and send all donations for the renovation of the Old "Methodist Episcopal Church, South" to Cottonwood Historical Association, P.O. Box 704, Cross Plains, Texas, 76443.

Remember to call or send any personal or news items to Wallace Bennett, 254-725-7474, or 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. If I don't know about it, I can't print it.



FELLOWSHIP WAS WONDERFUL AT THE SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTER CHRISTMAS DINNER—Charles Waggoner (from left), Mary Ella Weaver, Wilma Lawrence, Mozelle Richardson, Becky Odom, Tommie Harris, Dorothy Odom and Barbara Black.

## LIBRARY NOTES

Library Activity Report	
12-11-06 through 12-21-06	
Patrons	105
Lap 5	Lapsit 4
Others	96
Programs	38
Copies	20
Reference	2
Books Checked Out	67
Calls In	6
Internet Users	28

### Honorariums:

Charles and Lou Rodenberger - In Honor of: Jane Bonner, Sandra Ingram, Sharon Pope, Janet Swanson and Eddie Walt  
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In Honor of: Mary and Cecil Barton

### Memorials:

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In Memory of: Sam Odom  
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In Memory of: Jack and Kathryn Tunnell  
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## QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

KAY MOSLEY

Comment: Coming soon to an area near you—New Years 2007.

### "Resolutions 2007"

Things are beginning to develop now, to penetrate my brain lines, etc. It is telling me to start getting things together for the upcoming holidays.

First on the list is to buy enough cranberries from the grocers and freeze them to make plenty of homemade cranberry sauce. Second is to make pies ahead and store them in the freezer.

Christmas is a great time for pies, probably pumpkin, pecan and rhubarb pie. Buy the turkey and fresh sweet candied potatoes. Now that will take care of most of

the dinner.

Make the cranberry sauce about 2-3 weeks in advance. I think two salads are nice; a green salad and a nice big carrot and raisin salad. Anyone make their New Year's resolutions lately?

#1. I resolve to try to turn my thoughts more toward God, peace and the Bible.

#2. I resolve to try and help those less fortunate than I.

#3. I resolve to be a better person this year and forevermore.

#4. I resolve to forgive those who transgress against us, now and forever more.

\*Father, forgive her, for she knows not what she's done or is doing.

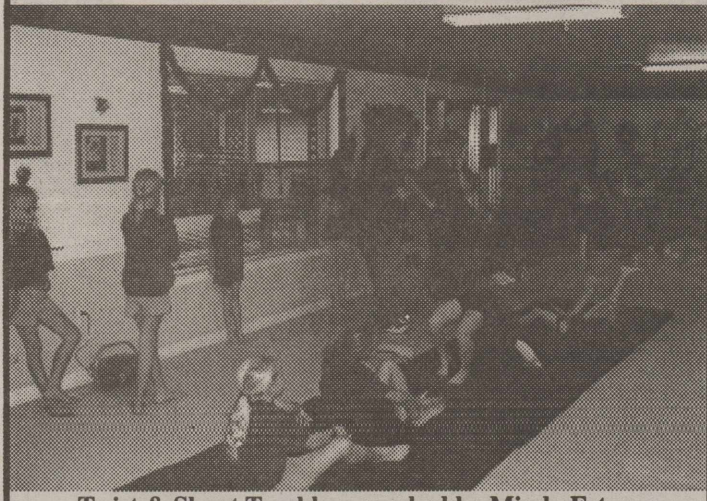
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## RIISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

BY LINDA MERRITT



Lillie Turner and Eula Mae Grisham



Twist & Shout Tumblers coached by Mindy Estes.

We would like to send out a big "Thank You" to our judges, Eula Mae Grisham and Lillie Turner for judging the residents' doors that the employees decorated. Our winners were: 1st Place-Darla Moore; 2nd Place-Carol Meador; and 3rd Place-Sharlet Wallace. Congratulations to the winners. Appreciation to all who took part.

The residents and staff enjoyed having Mindy's Tumblers here performing for us. They were a very talented group of young ladies. Keep up the good job, hope to see you all again soon.

Residents birthday party is Thursday the 28th at 2:00. Residents who have birthdays are Volley Joe Williams, Irene Starkey and Pauline Regian. Jim Walker will be providing the entertainment for us. All family and friends are welcome to come.

Friday the 29th we will be having an early New Years Party. Blackeyed peas and cornbread, and wine (grape juice) will be served, in celebration of the new year, 2007.

As another year draws to a close, we would like to thank each and every family member for their friendship, support, and trust in us in caring for their loved ones. Wishing you a beautiful Holiday Season and a New Year of Peace and Happiness.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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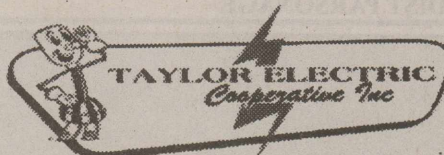
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## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
Cross Plains Church of Christ  
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It doesn't seem like it's been a year since the destructive fires of Dec. 27, '05—then in some ways it seems longer than a mere year, doesn't it? A lot has been accomplished in the way of clean up and rebuilding in that short length of time, yet some remains to be done.

The way things were destroyed so quickly that day reminds me of when some were admiring the buildings of the temple in Jerusalem, and Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down" (Matt. 24:1-2). Jesus had also said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it." The first statement referred to the physical temple in Jerusalem and its destruction that came in AD 70, the later statement referred to the spiritual temple, His body/life, and its resurrection on the third day, AD 33.

While we continue to rebuild the physical things around us in AD 2007, let us continue to build on the spiritual temple that we are as Christians (1 Cor. 3:16-17, 6:19-20)—much more than mere "things"!

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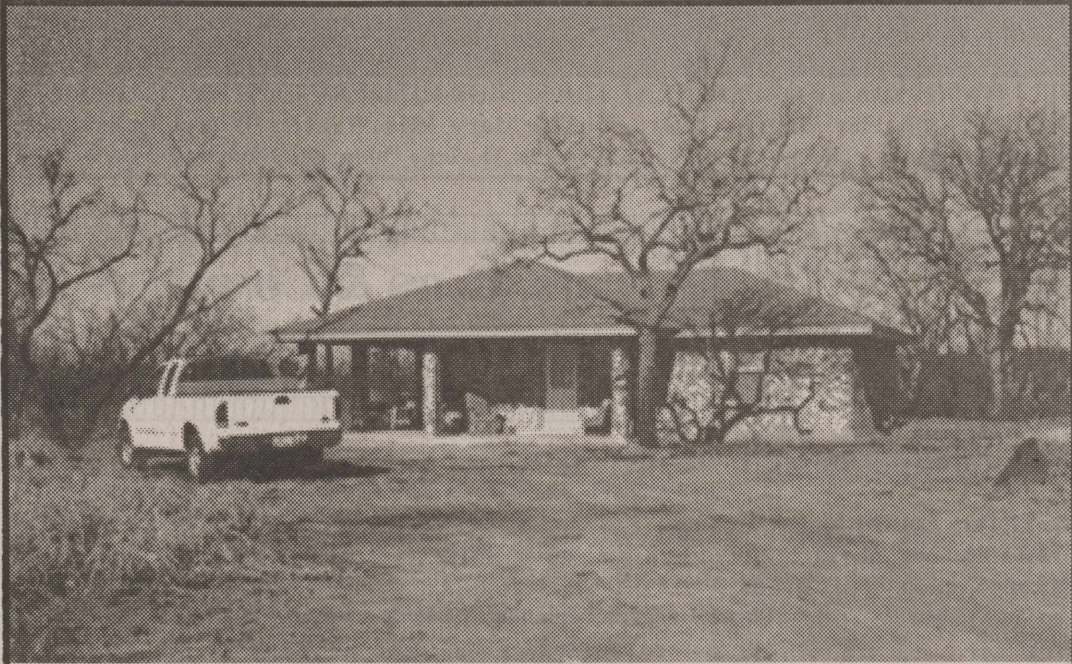
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Have a safe & Happy New Year!

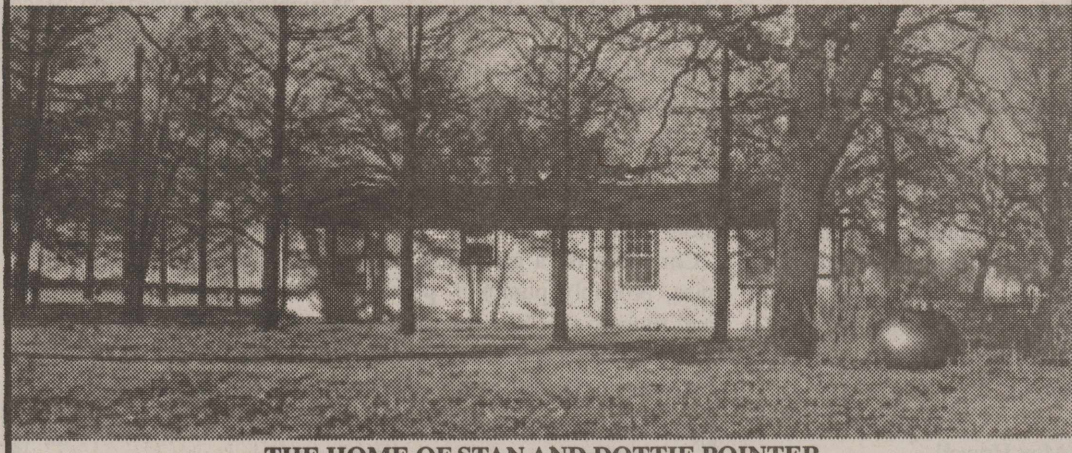
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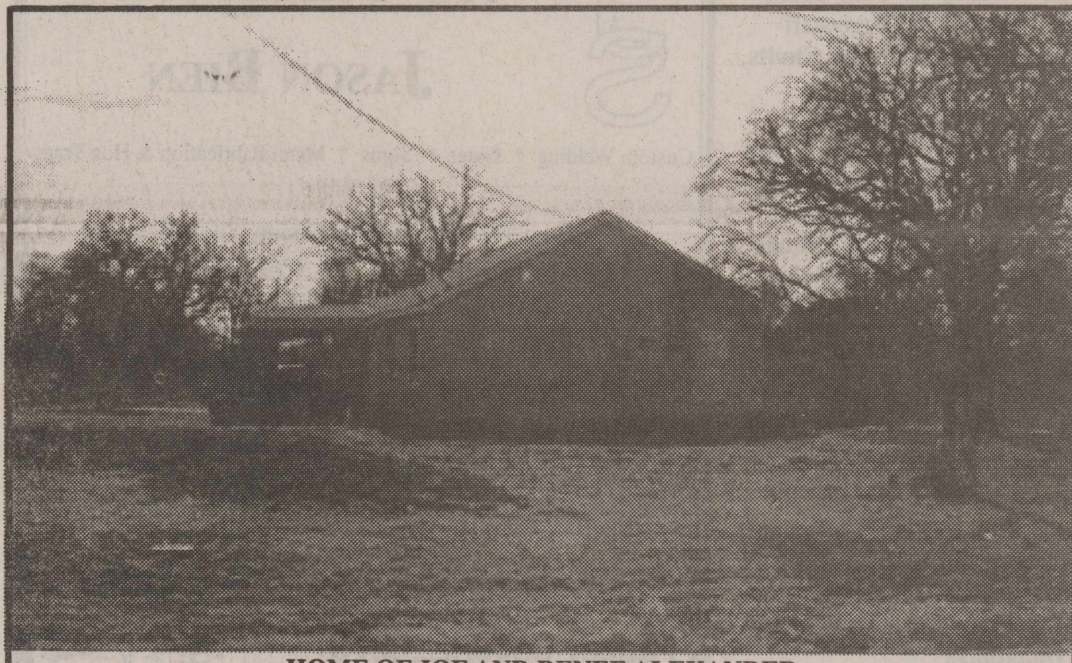
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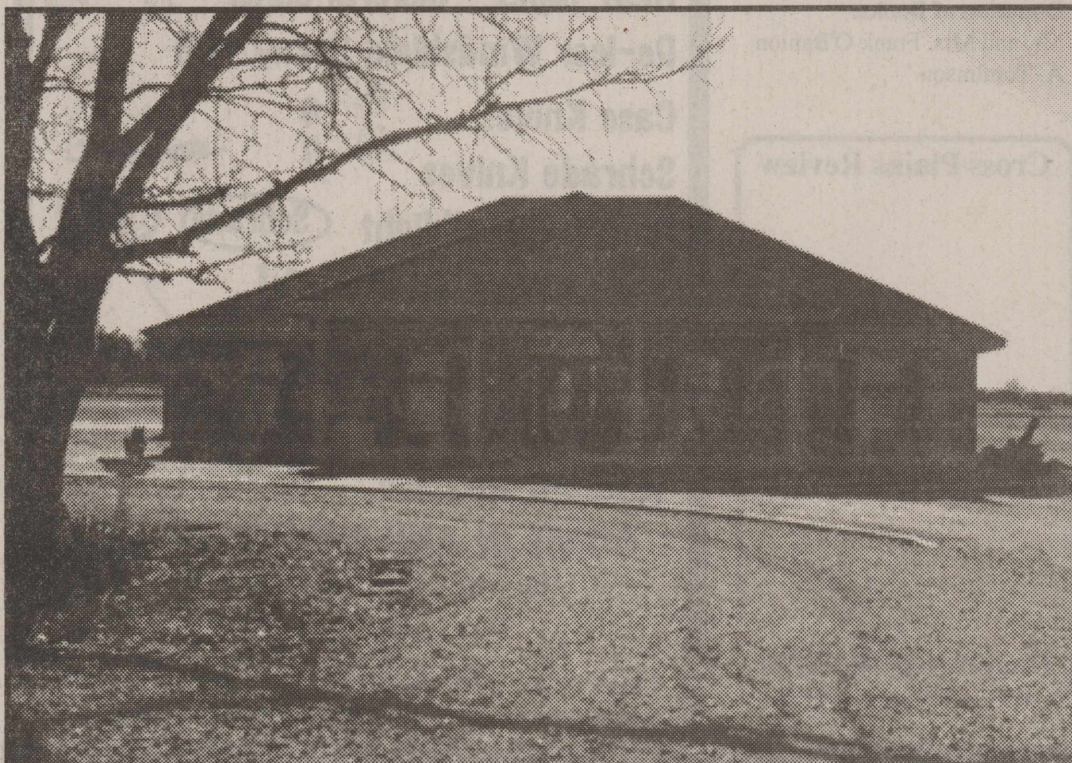
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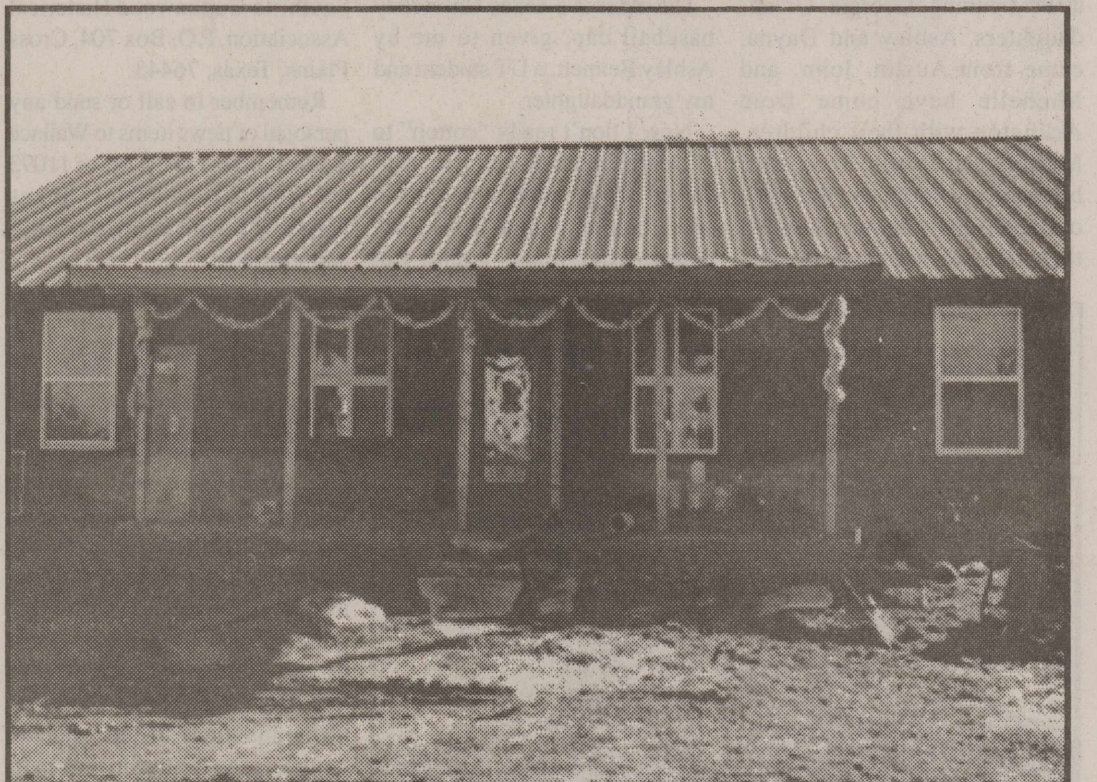
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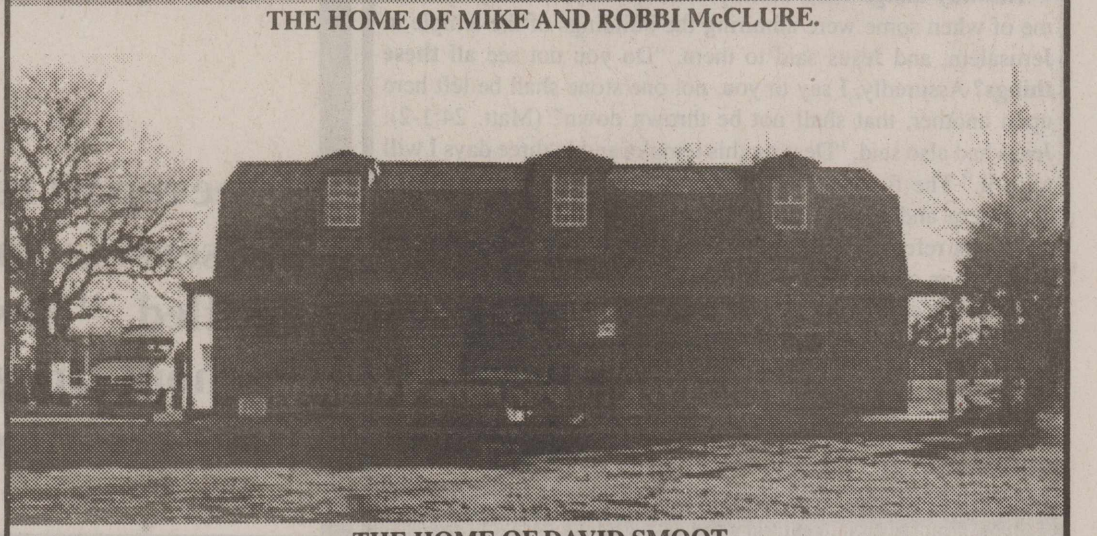
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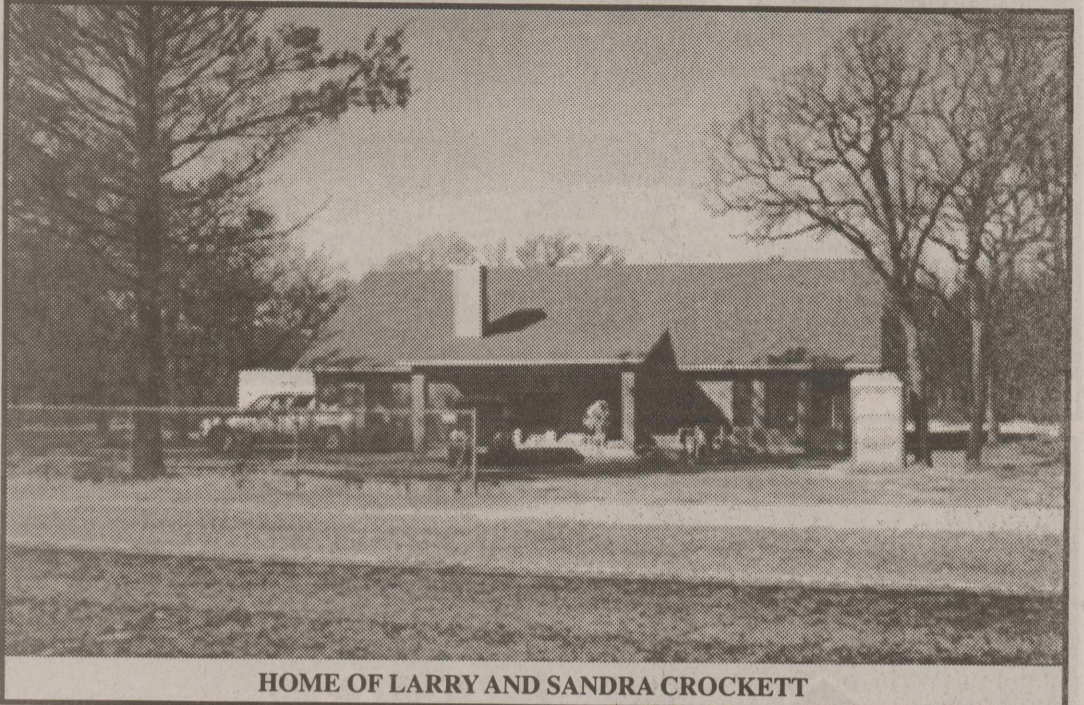


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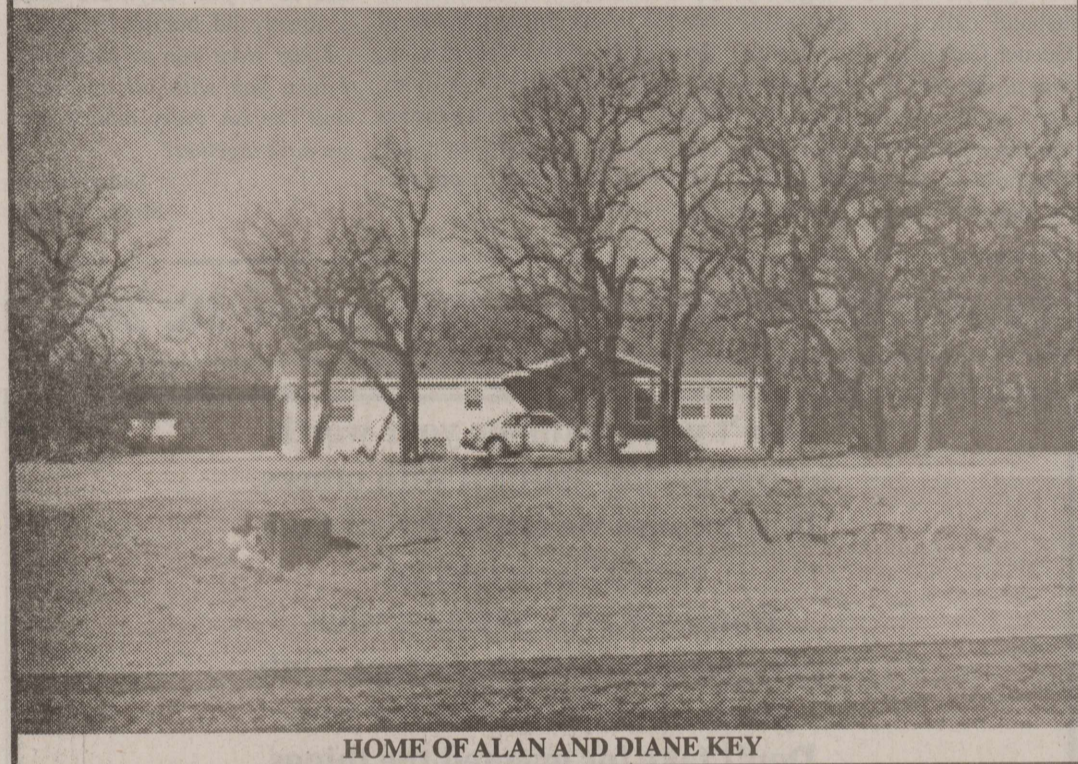
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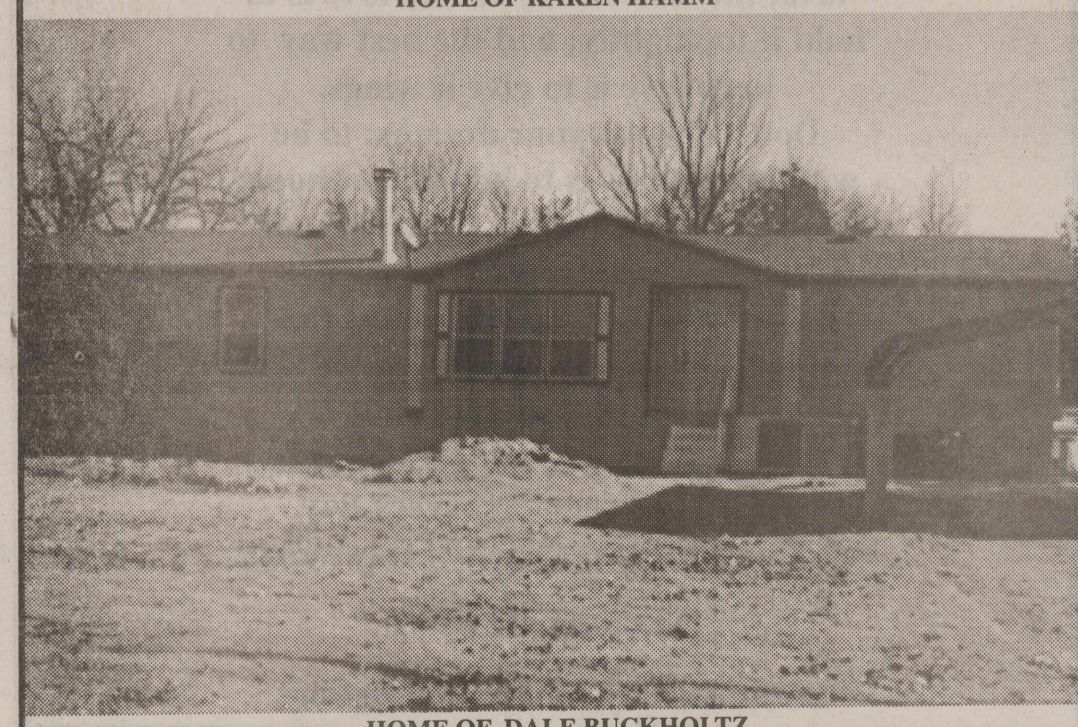
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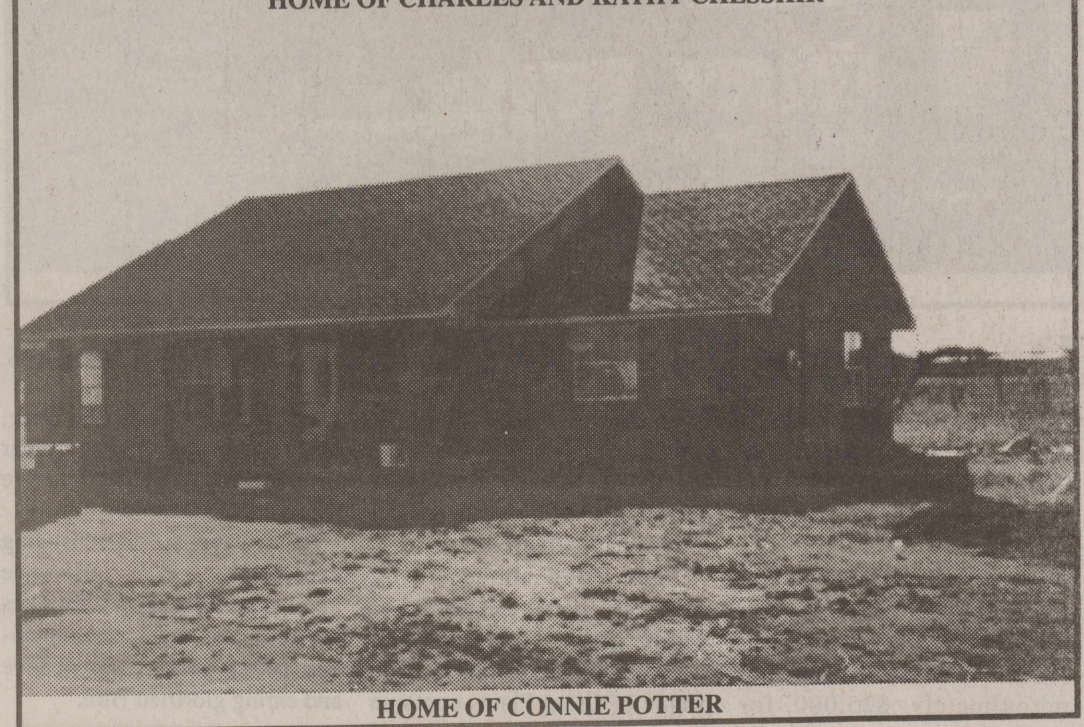
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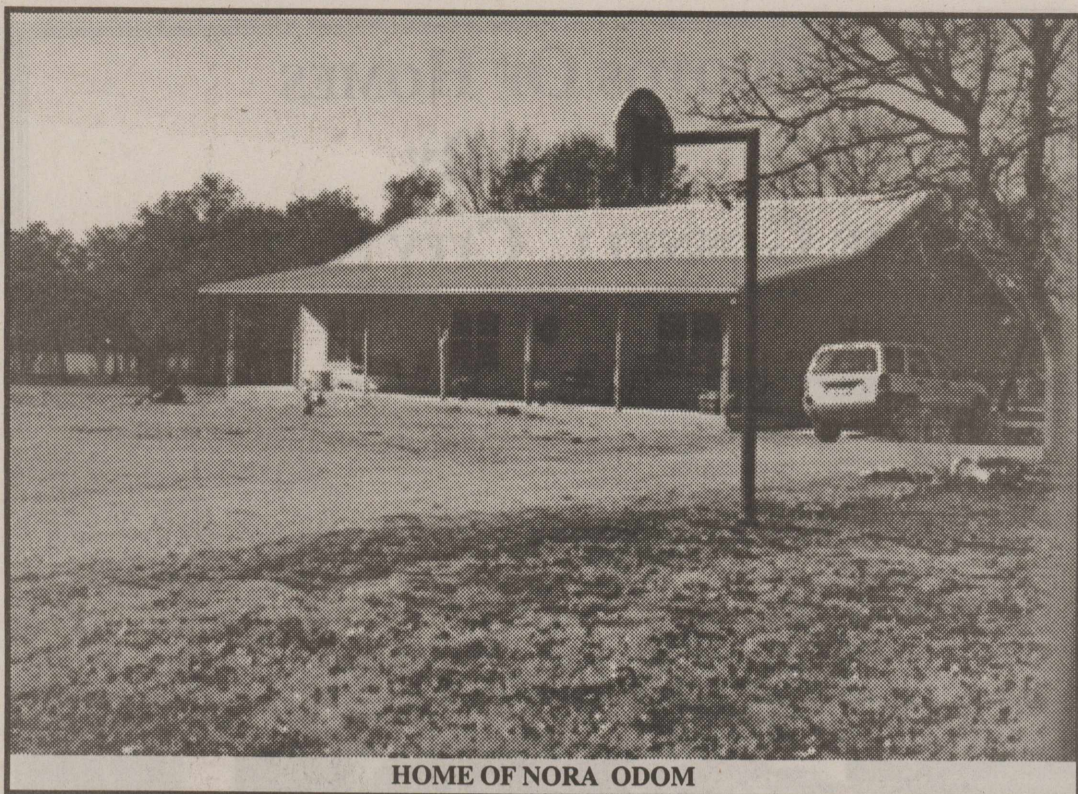


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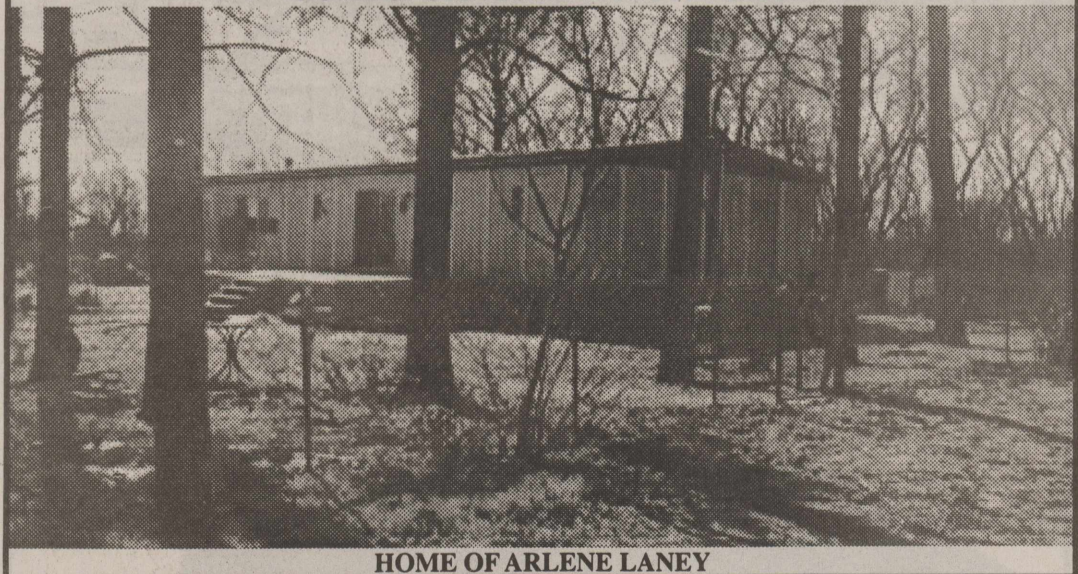
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The First Baptist Church of May built Carol Savell's home. They provided the materials and constructed it with volunteer labor.

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The First Baptist Church of Brenham donated \$2,000 and the Clyde Cowboy Church raised \$3,100 at a roping event to help Jed Pointer with his house.

Those listed above are by no means all of the people or organizations who helped bring healing to our community. The people of Cross Plains continue to talk about the huge hearts of

everyone who took the time, money and effort, giving us their love. You have blessed us more than you'll ever know.

This was a life-changing experience for everyone involved. God drew families together, as well as communities, as the various acts of love and caring glorified Him.

### "Our Hero"

This is for my husband, who in the eyes of me, our two children and one little boy that I keep, is our hero. A year ago during the fire, we believe that he saved us. He tells me that we would have been fine, but I am not so sure.

I am sure, like a lot of people, that that day is never too far back in our minds. We had been keeping an eye on the smoke. My husband was working north of town and I was at our home, which is just outside of the city limits, on the north side of town, with our two children and one little boy that I keep.

The smoke blew north for a long time. Then I noticed it blowing north east, putting smoke in the front of the house. We spoke about where we thought the fire was, and that it had not reached Hwy. 880 yet.

A few minutes later, the smoke was all around the house. I called again, and we decided it was time to leave. My husband was watching with a couple of people from his shop, which is only a 1.2 mile north of the house.

I had just gotten our four month old to sleep, so I put her in her car seat and covered it with a blanket. I told the other two kids to get their shoes on. I asked my five year old if she would be okay while I took our two dogs out to the car, she said, yes.

As I gathered the two dogs, my husband called out and said, "Get out. Get out now!" I told him I was trying, and as I grabbed the dog, I saw the fire coming across from the west, less than 100 yards from the house. I dropped the dog and looked to the east, and there

was our hero flying down the road. I told the kids to get out and grabbed the baby.

Both kids stepped on the porch and then ran back into the house. I, with the baby, ran back inside and grabbed them both by the hand and took them outside.

By this time, my husband was running across the yard. He grabbed the two kids and ran towards the pickup. As we were running, we could see the fire on three sides of the house. I had to dodge one of our neighbors, who had just driven through the fire. I finally made it to the truck and jumped into the bed with the baby.

We drove in reverse as fast as we could, until we were able to turn around. I glanced back and saw our dogs chasing us, but there was no time to stop. We made it to safety. My husband asked if we were okay, and we were because we all were alive and unharmed. I then asked if he had closed the front door and he shook his head no. I said, "Good, because Annabell, one of our dogs was still in the house." At least she would have a chance.

As we thanked God that we were alive and well, we prayed that our friends and neighbors were okay.

I had no way of getting hold of the little boy's mom, because she was out of town, and I had left her number in the house. I decided I just wanted to leave, so we headed to my in-law's house in the country. As we were driving, we passed the little boy's mom. She did not see us, so we turned around. Just as she got out to ask onlookers what had happened, she saw us all.

All I could say was, "I'm sorry" over and over. His mother was just happy that we were all safe and not hurt. We made it out to my in-laws and my husband and his dad went back to town. I told him to keep checking in.

About an hour later, he called and said that our house was fine, a little smoke damage, but that was it. I couldn't believe it. Then he told me that we lost my car, the storage building and the well house. I asked about the dogs. He said they were fine, just a little shook up. I was never so happy that we were all alive and only lost a few things.

A couple of days later, the little boy and his mom came by so she could show him that the house and the dogs were okay. He asked his mom, "How did Jason fix the house so fast?" She said, "He didn't have to because it didn't burn." He said, "I saw it momma, it was on fire!" He was so relieved that the dogs were okay, but it took him awhile to believe the house really didn't burn.

A few days after that, I took his shoes to his momma and she told me he said, "Jason was our hero, because he saved us!" I told her, as I was crying, "Yes he did!"

And to my husband, you will always be my hero. I didn't think that after 10 years of marriage and two children that there was anything that could bring us closer, and make me love you anymore than I already did, but this fire did.

*I just want you to know that I love you with all my heart and cherish every minute that we have together!*

Submitted by  
Stephanie Bien

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Don't underestimate your worth by comparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each of us is special.

Don't set your goals by what other people deem important. Only you know what is best for you.

Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart, cling to them as you would your life, for without them life is meaningless.

Don't let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past or for the future. By living your life one day at a time, you will live all the days of your life.

Don't give up when you still have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying.

Don't be afraid to encounter risks. It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

Don't shut love out of your life by saying it's impossible to find. The quickest way to receive love is to give love; the fastest way to lose love is to hold it too tightly; and the best way to keep love is to give it wings.

Don't dismiss your dreams; to be without dreams is to be without hope; to be without hope is to be without purpose.

Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you've been but where you are going.

Life is not a race, but a journey to be savored each and every day. May God bless you each of those days.

Author Unknown

Submitted by, Charles Waggoner

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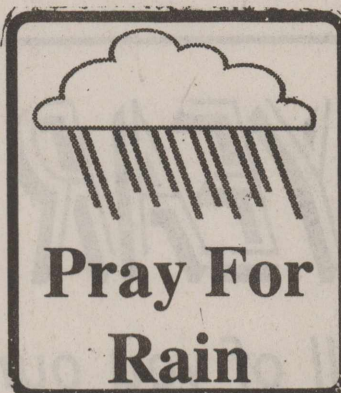
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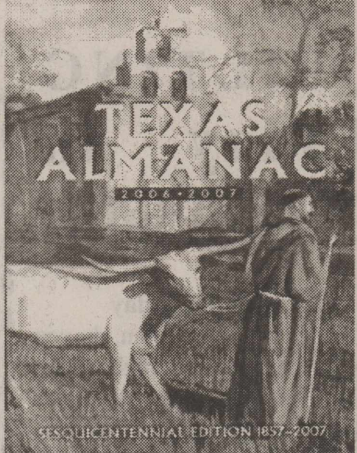
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# Our Best Friends say Thank You for a Year Well Done

The volunteers of **Our Best Friends** wish to thank everyone who has supported the **FULL BOWLS** program this year, and we eagerly look forward to 2007. We especially appreciate the Meals on Wheels volunteers for delivering the donated pet food and also Cross Plains merchants Village Market, Lawrence's Farm and Ranch, and Cross Plains Grain and Peanut who have provided a means for shoppers to purchase and donate cat and dog food on the spot. As you have heard by now, **FULL BOWLS** volunteers collect the donated pet food and repackage it for weekly deliveries to needy disabled and senior citizens who have asked for our help in caring for their furry

companions. Contributions by check may be mailed to PO Box 340, Cross Plains, TX 76443, and will be acknowledged by return mail. Donations made in honor of/in memory of will be acknowledged to the honoree or a family member as well as to the donor. If you require a receipt for pet food purchases to comply with the new charitable contribution documentation rules, please mail your name, address and purchase details to PO Box 340, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

Pet companionship can be so important to less mobile individuals, especially in our later years. The **FULL BOWLS** program is making a difference in

the lives of many of our human and animal friends.

**NEW for 2007:** For those who shop out of town, bags of cat and dog food may be dropped off at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center weekdays between 9 a.m. and noon.

Contact one of the organizers if you would like to help or get more information: Dana McDade 254-725-7401, Peg Terrell 254-725-0077, Jane Bonner 254-725-6257, Connie Kirkham 254-725-6500, or Roylene Wilson 254-725-6321.

Join us in helping those whose only companion may be their **Best Friend**.

Submitted by  
Peg Terrell

# Would You Like to Make a Donation??

The Cottonwood Historical Association would like to thank everyone who has sent in a donation to help with the repairs on the old Methodist Church. Donations that have come in within the past couple of weeks: Bob Childress, R.T. Peevy, Herman Weaver, Vivian Bush, Lonnie and Sherry Meador, David E. Pierce, Cottonwood Cattle Land & Ranch, Jane Garrett, Sherry Hargrove, Kenneth R. Foller, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Reid, Janet Purvis, David Strahan, Robert and Marsha Ossowski, Melvin Placke, Chris and Carla Retman, Billy and Tamara Bennett.

If you would like to help with the repairs on the Methodist Church, there's still time.

For those donating \$100 or more, your name or family name will be inscribed on a plaque that will be displayed in the Methodist Church. Your family members could go in together and make your space on the plaque a lasting memorial to a loved one. What a wonderful way to remember Grandma and Grandpa!

All donations—whatever the amount—are appreciated and will be used to restore this historic landmark. Send donations to: Cottonwood Historical Association, P.O. Box 704, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

# QUILTING Today in Cross Plains

**Quilting Today**  
Ladies and Gentleman, do you feel a need to get out of the house and do something creative? Well, I've got a deal for you! Come and quilt with us. If you have never quilted, we can teach. We have a lot of patience.

"Cross Plains Quilters" provide a perfect outlet for you. We meet at 9:00 a.m. each Tuesday at the American Legion Building on First and Beech Street. (This used to be the Multipurpose Building). We are taking holiday break right now, and we will start back on Tuesday after January 1st.

There are "cheater quilts" available. This is fabric with a design stamped on it. We have quilted a few of those. I used a cheater fabric to make a "throw". It's OK, but I don't think I would do it again. It doesn't have the charm of a quilt that is made from scratch. And, you have missed the satisfaction of doing it yourself.

I keep referring to quilters as "ladies". Well, let me tell you, men are just as good at quilting, if not better. My husband, Bob's stitches are much prettier than mine. His stitches aren't as small, but they are more rhythmic. A few years ago we had a gentleman stop by. We invited him to join us, but he never came back.

So if there are any men out there who enjoy quilting, come and join us. I promise we won't bite.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

**JANUARY 1 - 5 BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY - HOLIDAY  
TUESDAY-STAFF WORK DAY  
WEDNESDAY - French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Assorted Juice  
THURSDAY - Cereal, Graham Crackers, Assorted Juice  
FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice  
**LUNCH**  
MONDAY-HOLIDAY  
TUESDAY-STAFF WORK DAY  
WEDNESDAY-Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Peaches  
THURSDAY-Fish or Hot Pocket, Blackeyed Peas, Coleslaw, Combread, Mixed Fruit  
FRIDAY- Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Potato Wedges, Rice Krispie Treat

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**DECEMBER 30**  
Keith Hopson  
Billy Gene Spoon  
Carol Bates  
Eric Lovel  
Mrs. Bob Dean  
Christopher Hamer  
Getrude Johnson  
Wanda Jennings  
Milton Bates  
Billy King  
Joseph L. Hopkins  
Nancy Sheppard  
Don Edington  
Randy Duncan  
Sambo Fleming

Cherilyn Fleming  
Linda Reed  
Cameron Cobb

**DECEMBER 31**  
Jesse Norris  
Kimberly (Ratliff) Stover  
Royce Lawrence  
Rodney Gene Gregory  
Austin Walker  
Seth Wyatt  
Kathy Denny  
Johnny Combs  
Shirley Emmons  
Mrs. Norman Farr  
Danielle Webster  
George Randall Dickey  
Vickie (Hickman) Walker  
Billy Spoon

**JANUARY 3**  
Sandy (Bailey) Hunter  
Teck Whitney  
James Alexander  
Cookie Robinson  
Mrs. Pat McNeel, Jr.  
Kathy Pippins  
Mrs. Donald Baird  
Billy Joe Lofton  
Eddie Wade Dillard  
Mrs. Morland Baldwin  
Joan Womack  
Lessie Baum

**JANUARY 4**  
Shana (Bagley) Hinyard  
Myrna Mitchell  
Jim Forbes  
Mrs. Treva Garrett  
Danny Myrick  
Michael Chase Childers  
Troy Stone  
George Hoover  
Brian Odom  
Ronald Allen Steele  
Kayla (Cupit) Rodgers  
Lowell Clark  
Douglas Bowden

**JANUARY 1**  
John Bagley  
Charles Barr  
Henry Wellmaker  
Joyce Williams

**JANUARY 5**  
Peggy Hilburn  
Donald Rhodes  
Ronald Rhodes  
Clara Smart  
Tye A. Flippin  
Vernon H. Simpson  
Jo Rhodes  
Debbie Wilson  
Bobby Joe Sheppard

**JANUARY 2**  
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Lessa Higginbottom  
Jimmy Harris  
Patsy Letney

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*Callahan County Cordially Invites you to a Reception in Honour of*  
**Jeanie Bohannon,**  
*County Clerk & Rolan Jones,*  
*Justice of the Peace, Pct. # 4*  
*who are celebrating their retirement from dedicated service to the County*  
**Thursday, December 28, 2006**  
**2:00 - 4:00 PM**  
**Callahan County District Court Room (Third Floor)**

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99 F250 Super Duty Power Stroke,185K miles,new rebuilt Auto,4DR\$9,250  
97 F250 Super Cab Power Stroke,5spd,cold air,looks,runs good.....\$6,250  
95 F350 Power Stroke Diesel,5spd,cold air, steal flat bed, dual rears.....\$5,550  
96 F250 Power Stroke,Auto, Cold Air, Super Cab, runs very good.....\$5,250  
94 F350 Crew Cab Power Stroke,Auto, cold air, Runs good (White).....\$4,250  
94 F250 Turbo Diesel Super Cab,5spd, Looks,Runs good, cold air\$3,950  
94 F250 Turbo Diesel Super Cab,5spd, Runs good, cold air.....\$3,650  
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**VANS & SUV'S**  
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