

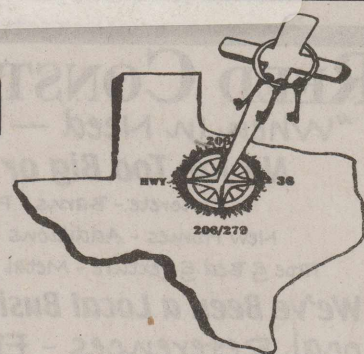


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DOWN HOME

Editor's Note : The following powerful article was written by Erin Flippin, daughter of Tan and Janet Flippin, and granddaughter of James and Dorothy Reynolds of the Rowden Community. You will be overwhelmed by the depth and feeling expressed by this 16-year-old. She is born of the generation who understands quickly the Word of God and takes it to heart. Erin wrote the true meaning of the CHURCH beautifully and perfectly clear. Let it be the desire of our hearts to accomplish the commandments of Jesus that are pointed out. Just imagine what a wonderful new year that would produce. **Vanda Anderson**

"Why I Will Continue to Go to Church"

By Erin Flippin

Mark Twain once said that church "is a place where nice, respectable people go to listen to a nice, respectable man, teach them how to be nicer and more respectable." Isn't that a lovely thought! Church: a building that hold religious meetings for the righteous. A place where you can go to become a better person. A showcase for saints. If this is all the Church is, it should come as no surprise that, according to George Barna's research, approximately 61 percent of church-going teenagers become "spiritually disengaged" after they graduate.

Why has the Church that Jesus gave His life for become so hollow and empty that it pushes people away? Christ had incredible plans for the Church, but we have made it what we want it to be: a place where we, those nice, respectable people, can go to become nicer and respectable.

Jesus never intended for the Church to be a building for religious people to meet to become more religious. He never intended for it to be a building at all. Church isn't a place we go, it's a group we are a part of. Perhaps not so many people would become disillusioned with the Church if they realized that they are the Church.

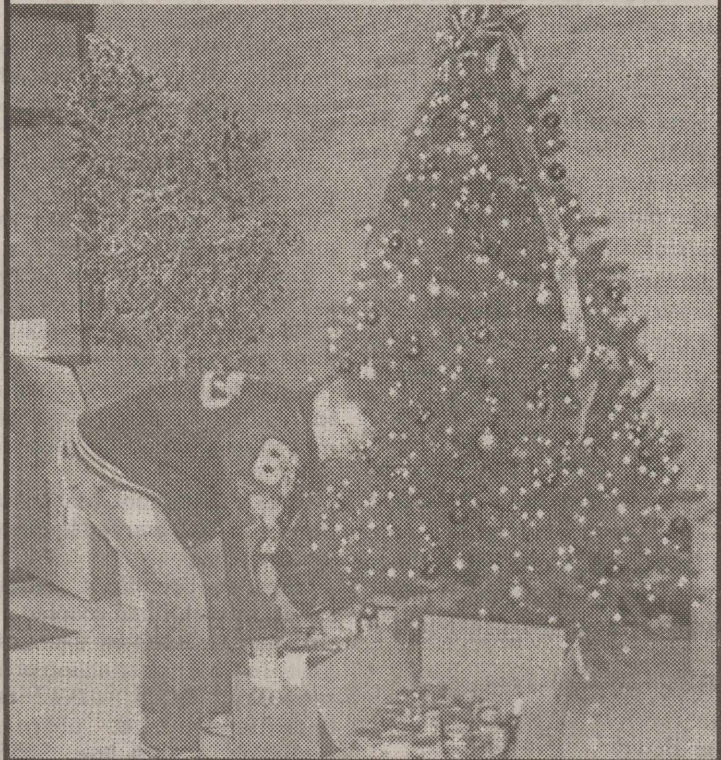
It's time that we rediscover what Christ wanted for His body. His desire is that His Church should glorify God through unity and love for other believers, ministry to nonbelievers, and through discipleship.

The New Testament believers are a remarkable example of the unity that Jesus originally intended for the Church. In Acts, the Bible says that "all the believers were together and had everything in common. So they sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as anyone had need." That is a perfect picture of what the Church should be: giving themselves and unified with one another. In that same passage, it also says that "every day the Lord added to them who were being saved." If we loved each other like the early Church did, we wouldn't be able to keep anyone away.

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GIVING IS GREAT—Brittany Franke (above) and J.J. Callaway (below) are shown preparing to deliver 950 pounds of food items collected by Cross Plains Elementary school students.



Local Man Injured in One Vehicle Accident on December 20th

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Thursday, December 20th, around 7:30 a.m. Paula Winfrey, of the Pioneer Community, was on her way to work at Cross Plains I.S.D. when she discovered a truck turned upside down on County Road 376 (east of Charlene Chesshir's home).

The driver of the truck, Michael Cowan of Cross Plains, had been thrown from the vehicle and was lying in the bar ditch. The truck was across him, but not touching his body.

Cowan had been hog hunting Wednesday night when the accident occurred and had laid there all night. Cowan's hunting dogs kept him warm throughout the cold night.

Mrs. Winfrey called Nora Odom on her cell phone to call for a Cross Plains ambulance. The Cross Plains E.M.S. and the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, and Highway Patrol Trooper Lance Parker responded.

When the Fire Department attempted to help, one of Michael's dog, a female named Smoky, wouldn't allow them to get close. His wife, April who was now at the scene, had to get the dog away so they could attend Michael. Careflight from Hendrick Medical Center was called to transfer Cowan to Abilene.

He sustained a broken back and underwent surgery Thursday, December 20th. His sister, Shauna Guererro, reported that he

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DONATION MADE TO CROSS PLAINS SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTER—Crafters Jerry and Chris Biggerstaff, Bill and Charlsie Richardson, and Don and Shirley Kirkland presented Kathy Anderson with a check for \$326.52 for the Cross Plains Senior Center. This check represented 25% of net sales from a craft sale held at the Cross Plains Church of Christ Activity Center. The donation is to be used to further the activities at the Senior Center in whatever way needed. Pictured are Charlsie and Bill Richardson (from left), Kathy Anderson, Chris and Jerry Biggerstaff, Don and Shirley Kirkland.

County Burn Ban reinstated

Callahan County Commissioners voted to prohibit outdoor burning during the commissioners' court meeting held Wednesday, December 19th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Tom Windham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to reinstate the countywide burn ban.

The order prohibiting outdoor burning follows:

**Callahan County, Texas
Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 240.906 of the Local Government Code, the Callahan County Commissioners' Court had found that dry conditions in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and, whereas, such a finding authorizes the issuance of an order which prohibits or restricts outdoor burning.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the following regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Callahan County, Texas.

(1) Action prohibited.

A. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly, intentionally or recklessly burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others.

B. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly, intentionally or recklessly engages in any activity outdoors which could allow flames or sparks that could result in a fire, or orders such activities by others.

(2) Enforcement.

A. Violations of this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.

B. This order may be enforced by any duly commissioned peace officer in Callahan County.

(3) This order is effective and enforceable for 90 days from the date of adoption which is indicated below.

(4) This order does not apply to outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission for firefighter training; public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations; or harvesting of agriculture crops.

(5) Further, a person is not in violation if prior to the setting of any outdoor fire, he or she first obtains the permission of the appropriate volunteer Fire Chief. In this instance the Fire Chief will have the authority to set the conditions, restrictions, and/or precautions which must be observed.

ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Callahan County, Texas on the 19th day of December, 2007, and executed on the same day.

(s) Roger Corn

Callahan County Judge

Attest:

(s) Donna Bell
County Clerk

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court Wednesday included:

—County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Present at the meeting included: Judge Corn, Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell.

—There was no public comment received.

—Lee Standley and Sammy Wilson, representing Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), met with the commissioners' court. Standley discussed with the court the status of the NRCS grant. No action was taken by the court.

—Commissioners discussed approval of the Rainey Creek Acres Plan. No action was taken.

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

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and it passed with a 5-0 vote.

2008 Prom Goes

'Primetime'

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

At the School Board Meeting on December 20th, High School Principal S. D. Loyless and Elementary School Principal Margie Sowell both confirmed that everyone had worked really hard and they'd had a great first half of the school year, however, everyone was ready for the upcoming Christmas break.

Sowell added that the UIL competition in Albany had gone very well. She voiced her praise at the children's conduct and stated, "They made us proud and acted wonderfully!" She also said that the special programs had turned out great and expressed her thanks to all that had participated and showed up to attend the program that night. Sowell commented that the 3rd grade classes had gone into town to do

some Christmas caroling that day and it was a fun time.

Superintendent Jackie Tennison said that he appreciated everyone's hard work so far and thanked all for their participation in the School's Christmas party. "It was the best Christmas party ever," remarked Tennison.

Board Member Kim Crockett stated that the pamphlets Mrs. Webb and her students had come up with were really good. Crockett also expressed her approval with the school newsletter. Mrs. Sowell said that the pamphlets would be sent home in the next report cards. Mrs. Webb will be highlighting different Board Members in upcoming newsletters.

Board Member Scott Childress commended Principal Loyless on his attitude of fairness toward all the students, "For kids to buy into the school, they have

to know that things are fair. That fairness springboards them into participating on other programs." **President Frankie Hyles** agreed, "When coaches and teachers show interest, the kids show interest."

Dancing, Gaming and Driving Prom Sponsor, Amber Green met with the Board of Trustees to discuss the upcoming Prom. There were 5 students present as well. Mrs. Green relayed that the Prom Committee thought the gym or cafeteria just wasn't the right atmosphere to hold something special like the Prom in.

She asked permission for the 2008 Prom to be held at "Primetime" in Abilene this year. Last year's prom set a precedence in the fact that for the first time, it was held in Abilene at the Grace museum, away from the High

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Project Pride to hold Monthly Meeting Monday, January 7th

Due to the first Tuesday in January falling on a holiday Project Pride's regular monthly meeting time has been changed.

Project Pride will meet **MONDAY**, January 7th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library.

Officers and directors for 2008 will be elected. Other business will be conducted as usual.

The public is always welcome.

Submitted by
Era Lee Hanke

Texas Heritage Bank

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CROSS PLAINS JUNIOR HIGH UIL PARTICIPANTS—James Sullivan (back, from left), Zach Harrison, Shaun Muniain, Cody Self, Justin Pope, Payton Porter, Jayten Ames, Tony Skidmore, Dakota Bomar and Justin Hass; Kenzie Taff (middle, from left), Hayley Phillips, Shelby Ames, Rosa Salazar, Cheyenne Cowan, Lana Gary, Lauren Goode, Zoie Walker, Rachelle Allen, Blake Hutchins, Joe Holland, Shahala Trammel and Chelsea Branch; Hunter Horeno (front, from left), Dania Gonzalez, Victoria Creamer, Samantha Dickson, Katharine Goode and Renee Robertson.

Cross Plains Hosts Junior High District 15-A UIL Academic Meet

December 6th Cross Plains hosted the Junior High District 15-A UIL Academic Meet. I would like to thank all those who made it such a success including Elementary, Secondary staff and volunteer community members.

Below are the results for the Cross Plains Junior High individuals and teams. Cross Plains 7th grade placed 3rd overall and 8th grade placed 4th overall. We appreciate all the hard work from our students to our coaches' great job.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

7th Grade

Dictionary Skills: Katharine Goode-4th
Editorial Writing: Katharine Good-2nd; Victoria Creamer-5th
Impromptu Speaking: Dania Gonzales-2nd
Listening Skills: Victoria Creamer-2nd
Maps, Graphs, and Charts: Katharine Goode-5th

Mathematics: Cheyenne Cowan-5th
Oral Reading: Katharine Goode-2nd; Cheyenne Cowan-6th
Ready Writing: Katharine Goode-1st; Tony Skidmore-4th
Spelling: Riley Lawrence-4th; Katharine Goode-5th

8th Grade

Art: Rosa Salazar-5th; Lana Gary-6th
Dictionary Skills: Lauren Goode-3rd
Editorial Writing: Kenzie Taff-1st
Impromptu Speaking: Zoie Walker-5th
Mathematics: James Sullivan-5th
Oral Reading: Lana Gary-5th; Samantha Dickson-6th
Ready Writing: Lana Gary-2nd; Kenzie Taff-3rd; Cody Self-5th
Science II: James Sullivan-4th
Social Studies: Cody Self-5th
Spelling: Lauren Goode-2nd

TEAM RESULTS

7th Grade

Maps, Graphs, and Charts: Katharine Goode, Riley Lawrence, Blake Hutchins-2nd Place Team
Mathematics: Blake Hutchins, Riley Lawrence, Shahala Trammel-3rd Place Team
Number Sense: Cheyenne Cowan, Joe Holland, Blake Hutchins-3rd Place Team
Oral Reading: Katharine Goode, Dania Gonzalez, Cheyenne Cowan-3rd Place Team

8th Grade

Art: Lauren Goode, Rosa Salazar, Rachelle Allen-3rd Place Team
Number Sense: Jayten Ames, Payton Porter, Dakota Bomar-3rd Place Team
Science II: Rachelle Allen, Cody Self, James Sullivan-3rd Place Team

Submitted by Dianna Webb

Primetime

School.

It was explained that "Primetime" is a family-friendly event center and capable of catering with different menu choices. There's a large room ample enough to hold a dance in, with adequate facilities so the students can change into casual clothes when the dance is over at 10 p.m. After dancing, the kids will have the use of the many arcade games, putt-putt golf, Go-carts, etc. until it closes at 1 a.m.

One of the main questions was about containing the students inside the indoor/outdoor facility. Concern was voiced over whether there would be enough adults present to supervise both inside and out. There is a short fence that surrounds the Go-cart track, which is easy to get over, if a student chose to do so. While there was no problem with students leaving the Grace Museum last year, Hyles voiced his opinion that he wasn't in favor of it last year or this year as it, "opened a can of worms" for potential problems.

Mr. Tension said he had no problem with having it at "Primetime", but was concerned about the possible conflicts of allowing Cross Plains students to mix with local Abilene kids. Mrs. Green noted that, "We will have no less than 10 chaperones from Cross Plains there." She was also quick to add that they will be hiring local law enforcement to avoid any trouble.

Board Member Jim Cook agreed that as long as security is adequate, he wouldn't have a problem with the idea. Childress added that he was confident that just like last year, the students would abide by the rules and be responsible young adults.

Transportation to and from the Prom was another issue. A bus will be provided unless there is a signed note from the parents of students who wish to drive another vehicle. That note must be turned in no later than 1 week prior to Prom and will release the school from all responsibility if students are driving themselves.

In a vote of 6 For and 1 Against (Hyles), the Prom will be allowed to be in Abilene again this year. It was undecided as to what time the bus would leave to come back to Cross Plains, that detail will be worked out at a later date.

Strength Builds Confidence

Athletic Director Jim Sides spoke on the benefits of offering a **Power Lifting Program** at CPISD. He said that after observing all of the boys and girls athletic programs present at the school, he has ascertained that **strength** is what is needed most and will provide the most benefit. Sides explained that strength not only builds confidence, it is a plus to every other sport. As muscles are built, they become a catalyst to inspire the athlete's strength in other endeavors.

Coach Sides explained that the rewards of having a weight program would be evident in the near future. Next year some competition may be advisable. He added, "We'll see some real rewards. The best way to change attitudes is in the weight room. When they find out they can win there, that attitude transfers over to the baseball diamond, etc."

Members Training Tallied

Frankie Hyles stated that all Board Members are up to date on their **Continuing Education Board Training Requirements**. Experienced members are required to have at least 10 hours and new members must have 16 hours. President Hyles, Vicki Dillard, Jim Cook, and Burlie Taylor all have 11 hours of training. Kim Crockett has 11.75, Tommy Ames has 16 and Scott Childress has 47.75 hours under his belt.

The idea of purchasing a good "Program" car will be put back on the agenda in a couple of months when one is acquired by Hanner Chevrolet.

Those who attended this meeting were: Annette Nickerson, Tonja Walker, Amber Green, Mandy Rose, Terrah Augustine, Krista Phillips, Emily Harris, Jake Estes, Susan Holland, Jim Sides and Leann Loyless.

Callahan County Students and Breeders involved in recent WTRC Jackpot Show

Several from Clyde and Callahan County were involved with the West Texas Rehabilitation Center Jackpot Show held Saturday, December 8th.

In the Goat division, Barret Ancinec of Clyde showed the Grand Champion Goat. The goat was bred by David and Kathy Barksdale of Melvin.

In the Junior Goat Division, Kinsey Dean of Clyde won the Junior Showmanship.

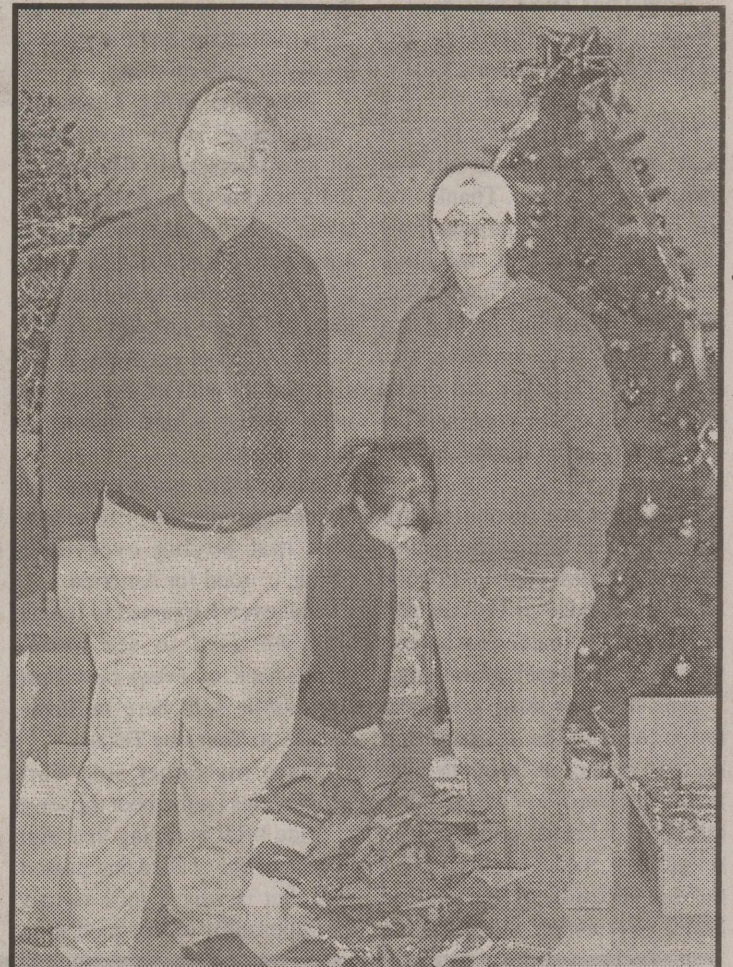
Charlie and Nancy Palmer of Clyde bred the Medium Wool Reserve Champion in the Lamb Division. The lamb was also picked as the Reserve Grand Champion Lamb. Kelsey Willberg of Paint Rock showed the champion lamb.

Tony Winfrey of Cross Plains also bred the Grand Champion Lamb. Summer Riggins of Olney showed the Grand Champion Lamb.

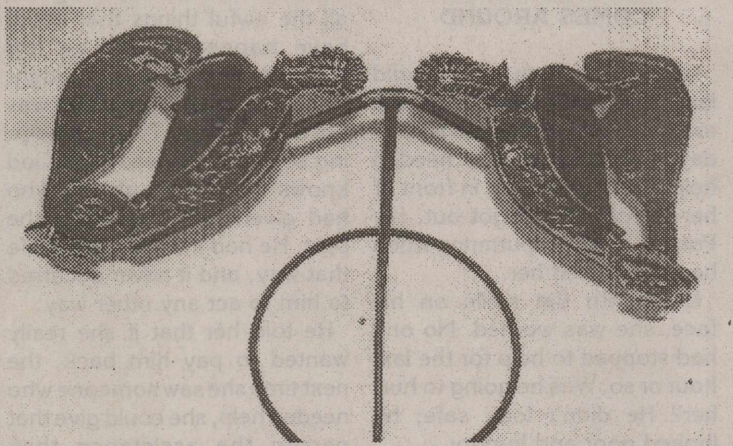
This Jackpot Show was sponsored by: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, SureFed Feeds, Alderman Cave Feed & Milling, Nutrena Feeds, Big Country Goat Breeders Association, Roscoe State Bank, Cliff Burnett, Carney Enterprises, Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA - Coleman, Jackson Brothers Feed & Seed, Luskey's-Ryon's Western Store, Joe's Boot Shop and The Monogrammer.

These sponsors allowed each exhibitor to receive prize money, other prizes, breed champion belt buckles, breeder belt buckles and a \$200 savings bond to the six showmanship winners and the three grand champion exhibitors.

Special thanks to the Judge for the Lamb and Goat Shows - Chad Coburn of Sterling City and to the Judge for the Pig Show - Vance Christie of Coahoma.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO HARDWICK'S NURSERY—Tish Hatchett (right), of Hardwick Nursery, is pictured with Superintendent Jackie Tennison as she delivered poinsettias to the Cross Plains School. Mike and Janna Hardwick donated a poinsettia for each employee of the school on Monday of last week. All employee's of the school wish to thank them for their thoughtfulness.



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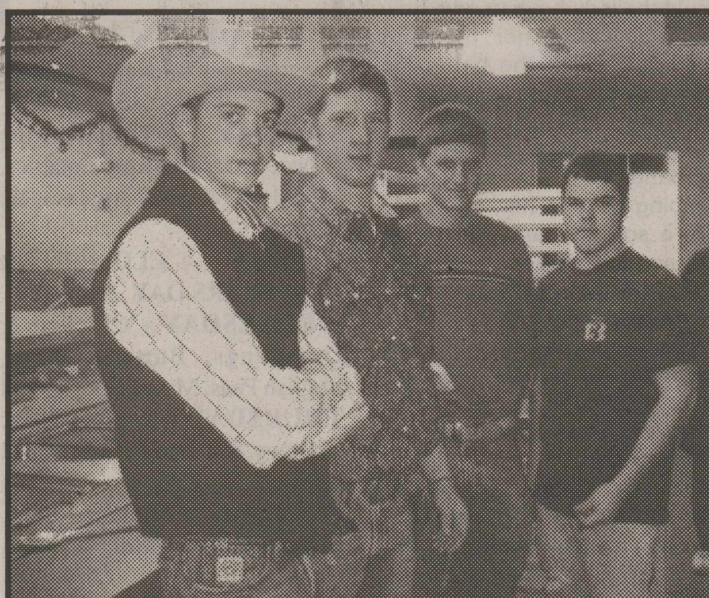


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Kyle Cunningham (from left), Brice Bowden, Markus Maxwell and Joey Westerman helped deliver fruit to homeless shelter.



Joey Westerman (from left), Brice Bowden and Kyle Cunningham unloading the fruit from the trailer.

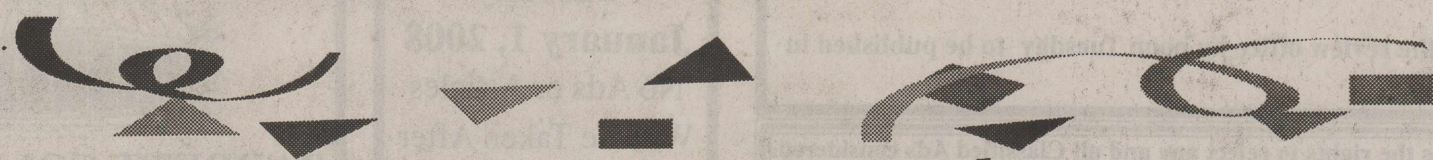
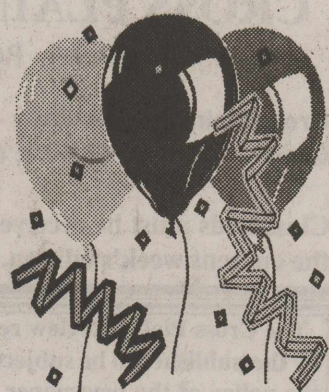
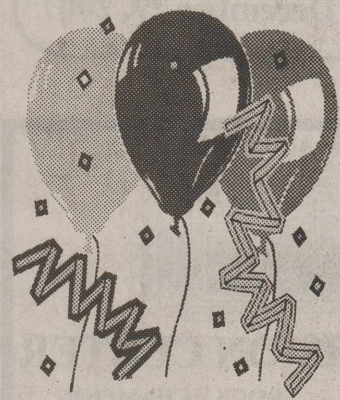
CPISD Ag Department makes Delivery to Homeless Shelter

Cross Plains High School Ag Department made their Fourth Annual trip to deliver 300 cases of fruit to the Night Shelter for the Homeless. Those participating were Kyle Cunningham, Brice Bowden, Markus Maxwell, Joey Westerman and Mr. Roy Richey. After unloading fruit the boys took a tour of the facility that houses and feeds up to 800 homeless men and women 24/7. Not only did the boys take a tour

they were then put to work, passing out fruit, making a serving cookies, serving lunch and doing the dishes for homeless Veterans living at the Shelter.

The boys were told how people become homeless, metal illness, alcohol, drugs and poor choices. The day was a huge success for everyone involved. The Shelter wishes once again to say "Thank You" to Mr. Richey and his Ag Department.

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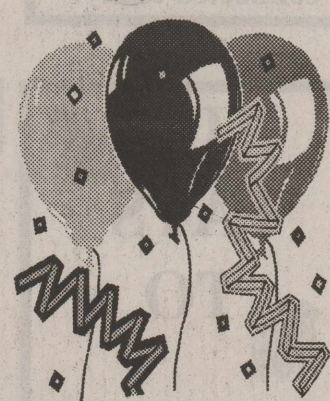
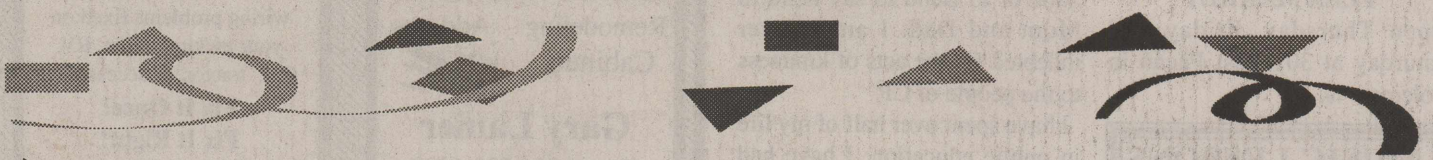
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a new beginning

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HAPPY**

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A special thank you to Bob and Dee Harrell at Higginbotham's Funeral Home; John Swift for officiating; and the Rising Star Nursing Center for all their thoughtfulness.

Our family will long remember your kindness at this difficult time in our life.

The Family of
Laura J. Chastain

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank everyone for the cards, memorials, food or any other expression of sympathy for Doreen's passing.

Our thanks to Fay and the church family at the Revival Center for the delicious lunch. We are so grateful to all of you, words just aren't adequate at a time like this. God Bless you all.

The Family of Doreen Shields

CARD OF THANKS

It is never easy to lose a loved one. The comfort of words, e-mails, cards, phone calls, and attendance at Mom's funeral eased the grief of losing my Mother. The wreath was beautiful, and we will hang it on our door every Christmas and think of all the good times we've all had together.

Both my mom and dad loved the kids and adults of Cross Plains. I knew while I was there that 1991-1998 was a special time; but, looking back now, it wasn't just special, it was incredibly special. My folks were always treated with the utmost respect from the community. They were privileged to witness many Buffalo and Lady Buffalo accomplishments. When my CP time ended, I was fortunate to stay in contact with many people from CP. Some would even call my folks and check on them long after I was gone. A few even went to the extreme of making a trip to San Saba or to Bend to say hello to Mom and Dad. I am forever indebted for the acts of kindness to the people of CP.

I have spent over half of my life in public education. I have had great kids and fortunately great teams in many towns and cities. With all due respect to those respective people and places, no place has ever been more supportive than Cross Plains. I write this with the greatest sincerity and with no hidden agenda.

Sometimes I would love to turn back the clock. Maybe we could all be packed in the old Buffalodome. A close score, noise level to where you could barely hear a slightly balding coach stomp his foot.....ahhhh those were the days! I am very fortunate that my mom and dad were able to be there. Our family has great memories, and I thank you for that.

I hope the Holiday Season brings you happiness and smiles.

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Democratic candidate filing ends January 2nd

Candidate filing for the March 4, 2008 Democratic Primary Election is on Wednesday, January 2nd, according to Callahan County Democratic Party Chairman Jon Hardwick.

The Democratic Party County Chairman reported five candidates filed during the first day of candidate filing in the March 4, 2008 Democratic Primary Election.

Candidate filing began Monday, December 3rd and will continue through January 2, 2008. Candidate applications are available at the home office of Jon Hardwick located at 609 Cherry in Baird.

Hardwick reported one county office, the County Constable Precinct #4 position in Cross Plains is being contested by incumbent William "Bill" Young and Cross Plains Police Chief Don Gosnell. Both Young and Gosnell filed for the constable position on Monday.

Young, 72, has resided in the state 72 years and in Callahan County 20 years. Young lists an address at P.O. Box 428 in Cross Plains.

Gosnell, 64, has resided in the state all his life and in Callahan County 35 years. Gosnell lists

an address of 12650 County Road 416 in Cross Plains.

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

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

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

The offices of County Sheriff, Tax Assessor/Collector, Commissioner Precinct #3 (Baird), Commissioner Precinct #1 (Clyde), Justice of the Peace in Cross Plains and County Constable Precinct #4 (Cross Plains).

Republican candidate deadline is January 2nd

The Republican Primary Election candidate filing deadline is Wednesday, January 2nd for the Tuesday, March 4, 2008 Republican Primary Election, according to Republican County Chairman Reggie Pillans.

So far, three candidates have announced their intention to seek three Republican Party Primary offices according to Callahan County Republican Party Chairman Reggie Pillans.

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

John Windham has announced his candidacy for the position of County Sheriff. Windham, 38, has resided in the state 28 years and in the county seven months. Windham lists an address of 4093 Private Road 1195 in Baird.

He is employed as an equipment operator and filed for County Sheriff on Monday, December 3rd.

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

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in running for a county office in the Republican Primary Election, please contact Reggie Pillans. You can email Reggie at [HYPERLINK mail to: "rpillans@hughes.net"](mailto:rpillans@hughes.net) or call him at (254) 725-4168.

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

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Down Home

So, Jesus not only intended for us to be unified in His love, but to spread it to others. The Bible is very clear that religion is not ritual or ceremony. James says that "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after the orphans and widows in their distress." The book *Hands and Feet*, written with this mission in mind, points out that "God is not calling us to sit in a church building and pray that something might happen. He wants us to get out of the building and personally do something about the needs."

Jesus also shows us the importance of not only reaching out to the lost, but of disciplining, or mentoring, them when they do become Christians. In the great commission, the last words Jesus spoke before ascending into heaven, he commanded us to "make disciples of all nations." He never commanded us to simply make converts. He commanded us to teach others what we've been taught. Jesus doesn't simply want a club with a lot of members; He wants those who claim to follow Him to know Him

and be like Him. To be the Church that Christ intends, we must pour lives into the lives of other Christians.

Obviously, the Church has some problems, but that's no reason to abandon it. The lost world around us is searching for unconditional love, and if they don't find it in the Church, which is Christ's body, they will never find it. Just as important, Jesus makes it very clear that He wants each of us to be involved with a unified group of believers. The body of Christ suffers when even one of its members doesn't contribute, and that member suffers as well. We can only be satisfied when we are each providing our unique strengths to the body of Christ. Youth speaker Adam Robinson explains that the only way to be involved in what God is doing on planet Earth is to be part of the Church.

That's why I want to continue to be involved in the Church. Not to become a "nicer, more respectable person," but because I want to be a part of what God is doing, and that is impossible apart from the Church.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 16, 2007 through December 22, 2007 include:

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The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of FM 604 S. and FM 2926. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our functions.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to help the Grand Ole Oplin ring in the new year! The Grand Ole Oplin wishes everyone a safe and Happy New Year!

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