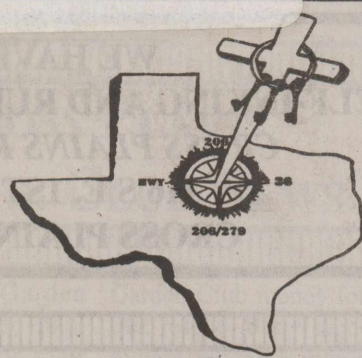




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DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: My kind provider of good information in Austin sent this recently, and how timely it is. This being the beginning of a NEW YEAR, it's the perfect time to think about REVIVAL!!!!!! I found myself guilty of many of the items listed. Be honest with yourself when you read the statements.

The list below will make you consider where you stand in your relationship with our Heavenly Father. I know that many local churches have been praying for "true revival". Let it be the prayers of all that this will come to pass. **Vanda Anderson**

27 Indications that WE NEED REVIVAL

1. When we do not love Him as we once did.
2. When earthly interests and occupations are more important to us than eternal ones.
3. When we would rather watch TV and read secular books and magazines than read the Bible and pray.
4. When we have little or no desire for prayer.
5. When we would rather make money than give money.
6. When our Christianity is joyless and passionless.
7. When we know truth in our heads that we are not practicing in our lives.
8. When we make little effort to witness to the lost.
9. When we have time for sports, recreation and entertainment, but not for Bible study and prayer.
10. When we do not tremble at the Word of God.
11. When we seldom think thoughts of eternity.
12. When we are more concerned about our jobs and careers than about the Kingdom of Christ and the salvation of the lost.

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Student Fire Documentary Available at Local Library

There's one thing about "the fire" that swept through here two years ago - it provided material for numerous documentaries by numerous college students. The latest DVD to arrive at the Cross Plains Public Library was produced by Liz Daggett from the University of North Texas. Meta Newhouse (camerawoman), Jennifer Horst (sound person) and Sarah Gibson (editor) assisted Ms. Daggett, who is working on her Master's Degree in documentary production, in her project.

This team of young women produced a unique video that shows the true fiber of Cross Plains citizens. We fought the fire, we met the challenge of rebuilding and we went on with life. The section featuring the high school band just seems to say that in spite of all our problems - "the band played on."

In addition to actual interviews with several citizens, the students found that Stan Painter had a video camera full of images of the fire actually approaching his home as well as the smoking remains of his house, implements, trees, etc. He graciously provided a copy for their use in the project. Clips from various events around town show the progress of slowly returning to normal.

When Ms. Daggett was asked in an e-mail interview why she chose us as the topic of her documentary, she replied that she had lived all over the country, mostly in larger cities, but had been very impressed with the

media reports that commented on the positive attitude of the community. She continued, "I was struck by the town expressing that buildings weren't that important, but what mattered was their sense of home, which they found in the people. It was unique and personally interesting to me."

She also found it interesting that so many people serve the town in more than one way. This is the only place she knows where the mortician was also the fire chief at the time and that the mayor doubles as the town barber.

The students felt that they became better filmmakers as they worked together over the months on this project. Ms. Daggett also responded "on a deeper level I think it restored a sense of what's important in life. I think it is easy for student films to become self-indulgent and end up without a purpose. But I always knew that once everything in Cross Plains was rebuilt that there should be a record of the year that the town was tested and proved its strength. So I hope the film is of use to Cross Plains in remembering that year. I definitely want thank all of the citizens for the many ways they helped us during the filming."

One copy of this DVD will be preserved in the local history archives at the Library. Additional copies of the DVD may be checked out at the circulation desk, or patrons may view the DVD on the library computers.

Submitted by Arlene Stephenson

Ag Boosters to Meet, Tuesday, January 8th

The Cross Plains Ag Boosters will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 8th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ag Building on the Cross Plains I.S.D. campus.

The main topic for discussion will be making plans for the upcoming Callahan Junior Livestock Show.

All members and perspective members are encouraged to attend.

Thanks From the Sophomore Class

The Sophomore Class would like to thank everyone who donated to their fundraiser by purchasing tickets for the drawing that was held December 21st. Money collected will be used for upcoming class events including the Powder Puff Football Game in the spring and next year's Fall Festival and Prom.

Kelli Sue Bennett was the winner of the \$100.00 bill, which was graciously donated by Charles Chesshir and Karen Lenz of Liveoak Land and Real Estate. Mykea Douglass won the \$120.00 gift card package, which included gift cards from Academy Sports, Athletic Supply, and Wal-Mart. The Sophomore Class appreciates the support of all the businesses that donated the prizes.

The Sophomore Class Officers are also to be commended for their hard work that ensured a successful fundraiser. Officers this year include: Tiffany Holland, Amanda Dunaway, Emily Foster, Shera Gary, and Kayla Lawrence. These young ladies are great leaders for their class. Thanks again for your continued support.

Submitted by Rhona Hinten, Class Sponsor

Alzheimer's Association to Present Free Workshop January 10th

The Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter will present a free educational program entitled "Understanding Alzheimer's disease: Diagnosis and Treatment" on Thursday, January 10, 2008 from 2-4 p.m. in the Family Life Center at Austin Street Church of Christ, 1020 Austin Avenue in Brownwood. Dr. Rance Boren, Neurologist from Brownwood, and Dr. Samuel Brinkman, Neuropsychologist from Abilene, will be presenters.

There are approximately 5 million people in the United States with Alzheimer's disease. In Brown County there is an estimated 1000 people who are suffering with Alzheimer's disease with an estimated 3000 caregivers of Alzheimer patients.

Does someone you know have memory loss? If so, you should attend this workshop which will aid in understanding Alzheimer's disease and provide answers to your questions. This workshop is free, but reservations are requested. You may reserve a seat by calling 1-800-272-3900.

Memory Book for Sylvia Switzer being Prepared

A memory book has been prepared for Sylvia Switzer. If you are a friend, former customer, or acquaintance and would like to write a memory, note of appreciation or funny happening for Sylvia, you may mail it directly to her at PO Box 635, Cross Plains, Texas 76443 or drop it by Connie's Cuts and Curls and I will get it to her. I also

have some pretty colored paper that we have used and you may pick up a sheet of it at the shop or use a card or etc. The book has sleeves to hold any type paper!

Let's show Sylvia our appreciation for her years of service and friendship.

Submitted by Connie Kirkham

Harold Hicks files for Commissioner position

Incumbent County Commissioner Harold Hicks was the latest to file for a position on the Democratic Party Primary Election scheduled for Tuesday, March 4th.

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

Harold Hicks filed for his Commissioner Precinct #1 (Clyde) position on Tuesday, December 18th. Hicks is currently serving his fourth four-year term as Clyde's commissioner. Hicks, 67, has lived in the state 63 years and in Callahan County 63 years. He resides at 1472 FM 604 North in Clyde.

The Democratic Party County Chairman reported six candidates have now filed for the March 4, 2008 Democratic Primary Election.

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, December 3rd.

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, December 3rd 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 on Monday, December 3rd. 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) are up for election on the Democratic Party Primary ballot.

Republican candidate filing deadline over

The Republican Primary Election candidate filing deadline ended Wednesday, January 2nd for the Tuesday, March 4, 2008 Republican Party 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 Pillans.

The Republican Party of Callahan County has three running for office, including incumbent County Attorney Shane Deel who 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.

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

Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association Seminary Extension

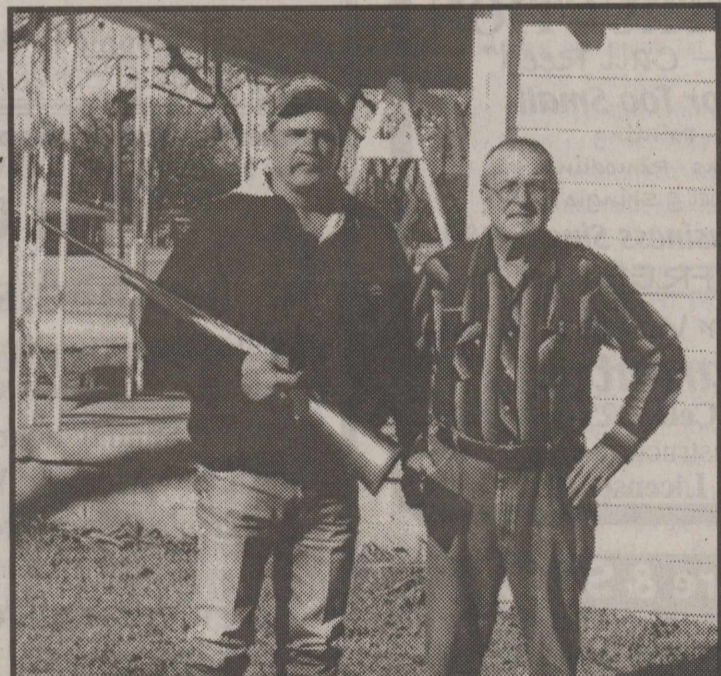
January 8 through April 3, 2008, we will be studying PM3351 Pastoral Care using Wiersbe's book The Dynamics of Pastoral Care and Lutzer's Pastor to Pastor.

If someone from your church has interest in joining our study in January notify Baylis Pope at

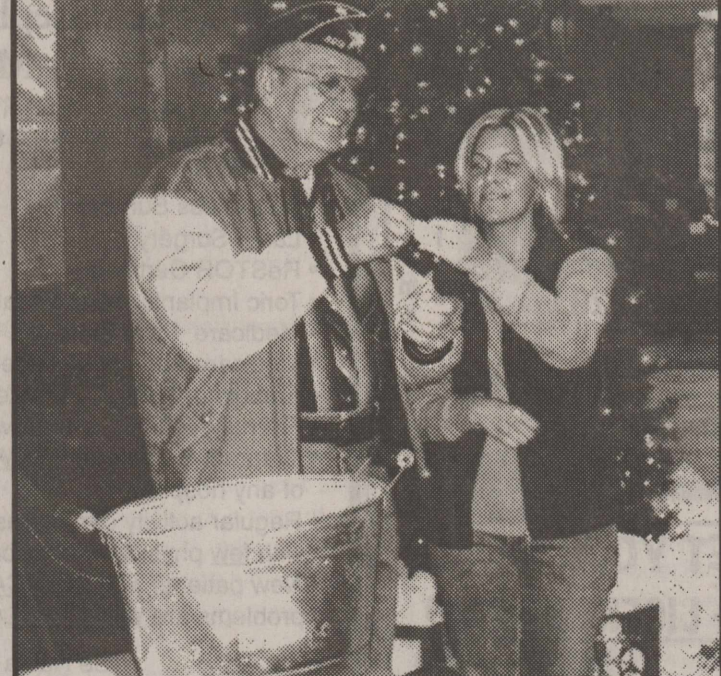
his home phone 254-725-7749 (a Cross Plains number).

We will meet at De Leon on Tuesdays and Breckenridge on Thursdays in the evening hours.

Submitted by Baylis Pope



AND THE WINNER IS—Bob Kirkham (right) presents Barry Marks, from Tuscola, with his new rifle.



DRAWING THE TICKET—Texas Heritage Bank employee Shay Street (right) draws the winning ticket December 14th for the Cross Plains American Legion rifle drawing. She is seen handing the ticket to the American Legion Post 423 Commander Bob Kirkham.

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OBITUARY

J.T. Myers
J.T. Myers, age 68, of Cross Plains, passed away Friday, December 28, 2007 in Abilene. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31, 2007 at the Higginbotham Chapel, with Pastor Ronnie B. White officiating; burial followed in the New Cross Plains Cemetery in Cross Plains.
He was born on September 13, 1939 to Dee and Ola Mae (Walker) Myers in Snyder, Texas. He graduated from Snyder High School and attended Draughons Business College then went on to graduate from SMU School of Banking. He served in the United States Army. J.T. married Donna Garlitz on November 26, 1959 in Cross Cut. He retired from the banking industry as an Exec Vice President and Loan Officer. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.
J.T. was preceded in death by his parents.
Survivors include his wife, Donna Myers of Cross Plains; son, Lynn Myers and wife, Dionicia of Midland; brother, W.D. Myers and wife, Linda of Snyder; granddaughter, Vivian Myers of Midland; five nieces; and one nephew.

Railroad Commission offers safety tips for propane gas fireplace logs

AUSTIN—The Railroad Commission offers the following safety tips for Texans enjoying the cozy warmth of a propane gas log set this winter. As the state's chief energy agency, the Railroad Commission has been in charge of propane safety in Texas for more than 50 years. "More and more Texans are fueling their fireplaces with clean-burning propane gas," said Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, "And it's easy to see why. Gas logs don't smoke up the neighborhood, and they turn on at the flip of a switch. But they don't turn off by themselves like a wood fire, so remember to switch off your gas log when you leave the room for an extended period and before you go to sleep." Even though gas log owners no longer have to split and stack firewood or haul ashes out of the fireplace, gas-fired logs do require some maintenance. "Have a trained technician install the units and schedule a regular maintenance checkup at the start of the heating season," said Commissioner Victor G. Carrillo. "The checkup should include cleaning the control compartments and burner and checking all the components for proper operation." Gas logs may be vented or unvented. Unvented units do not have a chimney or flue. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, unvented gas heaters are gaining in popularity because they are relatively inexpensive, easy to install and efficient. "Consumers should know whether their gas logs are vented or unvented," said Commissioner Elizabeth Jones. "If they're vented, make sure the fireplace where the logs are installed is designed for actual use, not just for decoration. Inspect it to see that it has adequate protective linings and smoke ducts and that the chimney is clear and in good repair," Jones cautioned. Vent-free models are easier to install, but they can pose a health hazard because they draw their combustion air from inside the room, which can deplete the room's oxygen level and may produce some carbon monoxide (CO). They also produce water vapor, which can cause problems when they operate often or for a long time, especially in a "tight" home. Newer models of vent-free appliances come with an oxygen depletion sensor that will automatically turn off the unit if the oxygen drops below a specified level.

For more information on how to stay warm safely with propane this winter, view the following website link at: <http://www.propane.tx.gov/> or call the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at (800) 64-CLEAR.

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COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Roger Corn, Presiding
Misdemeanor Minutes
Russell Parks, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.
Gina Fagiani, order amending conditions of probation.
Sandra D. Orozco, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$205 fine, \$224 court costs.
Jorge Luiz Gonzalez, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.
Timothy Dwayne Austin, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Marriage Licenses
David G. Hatley and Cristina M. Schlienger, both of Clyde.
42ND DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictments
Jody D. Harris, burglary of a habitation.
Criminal Minutes
Grady C. Wellmaker, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.
Misty Dawn Sublett, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.
Craig S. Nelson, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 6 year probation, \$2500 fine, \$261 court costs.
Barney Linthicum, plea of guilty to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 4 year probation, \$500 fine, \$256

court costs, \$1335.14 restitution.
William S. Pierce, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 4 year probation, \$300 fine, \$354 court costs.
Jose S. Reyes, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 5 year probation, \$455 fine, \$286 court costs.
Boyd E. Sybesma, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$254 court costs, \$140 restitution.
Marne F. Reath, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 1 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$254 court costs, \$140 restitution.
Jody D. Harris, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$299 court costs.
Tina Stone, order discharging defendant from probation under deferred adjudication.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Passing of J.D. Goble and Jack Jones Brings Back Pleasant Memories

The recent passing of Jack Jones and J.D. Goble brings back pleasant memories of life with both.

In 1935, J.D. Goble and I went to Turkey Creek School together, seven miles west of Cottonwood, Texas. The school was a one-teacher school taught by Alder Nordyke, a sister of the Lewis Nordyke, author of the book "Nubbin Ridge."

It was Alder Nordyke's habit of sending male students down to the creek to cut cedar switches for her use in disciplining the students. J.D. and I were seat-mates, that is, a desk made for two students. For some reason, Alder was angry with J.D. and started to discipline him by switching him across his back. Since I sat on the right of J.D. and Miss Alder's switch was too long, the tip of her switch hit me on the back and I screamed like bloody murder. Needless to say, she became angry with me, and increased the blows on both of us.

In 1941, Jack Jones was a member of the Epworth League (youth) of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Cottonwood. He and I and the

Jordan girls, Claire and Margie, and their cousin Rowena Fulton went to summer camp in Glen Rose, Texas. We rode in a cattle truck, driven by Mr. Halsel, former coach of the Cottonwood boys' basketball team, and father of Dr. Lou Rodenberger, of Cottonwood.

It was a very pleasant experience although at that time, the camp was very sparse of facilities and Jack and I stayed in a cabin made of a wooden frame and topped with canvas. We had a very good time and it left me with lifetime memories.

Cottonwood Continues With A Busy Life Style For 2008

The flag pole continues to fly a Baker-flag above the old Post Office. That means "NO OPEN FIRES."

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will meet for quilting on Tuesdays, January 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

"HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

(For news items or personal items about Cottonwood, please contact, Wallace Bennett, at 254-725-7474, e-mail at csb5@airmail.net, or snail mail at 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Remember, I can't print it if I don't know about it.)

MAYBE IT'S JUST ME, BUT...

By DEBORAH LOWITZER

I've notice a curious trend over the past few years that appears to be growing worse. It used to be that *after* Thanksgiving was over, Christmas decorations would start to pop up here and there. Gradually throughout December, more and more homes would become decked out.

Multi-colored lights and various scenes, ranging from Santa and reindeer, to the Savior in a manger with several wise men would be displayed. Lately I've observed the Savior Jesus and his *wise men* disappearing... as the Santa theme grows ever larger. Have you by chance seen the "Biker-Santa"? I won't even venture there....

Yep, it appears we are zipping right *past* Thanksgiving and head long into Christmas. Remember *Thanksgiving*? It was the time that used to be honored and set apart. A time to slow down and reflect on all of our *God-given blessings*. Now it's flippantly referred to as "Turkey-day"! Just how far have we fallen?

"Merry Christmas" has now evolved into "Happy Holidays", which ironically actually translates back to "Holy-Days". If the 'Word-Police' ever catch wind of *that*, perhaps we'll be asked to further censor ourselves to saying "Happy Winter-Break"! The holidays used to be a tangible *season*, not the hyped-up race to capture our money and propel us into the next buying frenzy!

About seven years ago I decided to stop the madness. I'm not 'anti-gifts'. I love to give gifts all year long; I just refuse to be *guilted* into it. I no longer go into debt to buy people I really don't know, or really don't like all that much, big expensive meaningless presents. Can you imagine the freedom there?

And speaking of "meaninglessness", I've been thinking about another time-honored tradition of "New Year's Resolutions". The word *resolution* means: A firm determination, a resolute decision, to change or convert a course of action, firmness of purpose, a court decision....

Now, who among us really lives up to all *that*? I think we'd be a bit more honest if we called the practice, "Fantasy Suggestions" instead. In my opinion, here are a few things that are really do-able for this next year:

1. Let's be **kinder** to ourselves and others. (Stop judging so much!) God doesn't get all stressed out over them, or us, so why should we?
 2. Let's **relax** a little bit more and not over react to the small stuff. (Just how important will this really be in 5 years?)
 3. Let's eat when we're actually **hungry**, not when we're sad, bored, full or just invited to.
 4. Let's **smile** more! It makes us all look a lot better!
- I think I'll start the last one right now, and wish everyone a very prosperous and pleasant 2008! :)

CROSS PLAINS GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Cross Plains Garden Club met at Jean's Feed Bard December 21, 2007 for their Christmas dinner. Attending were: Eve Fleming, Julene Franke, Betty Beggs, Sandy Lusk, Barbara Powell, Mary Ella Weaver and Joyce Odom.

During a short business meeting Mary Ella made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 of

Garden Club money for the fire tree rescue. Betty seconded the motion and the motion carried.

It was an enjoyable time of good fellowship and a delicious meal.

Meeting adjourned to reconvene the second Friday in January 2008.

Submitted by Reporter: Joyce Odom

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JANUARY 7 - 11

MONDAY - Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Apricots, Bread

TUESDAY-Lima Beans, Tomatoes & Zucchini, Hominy Cass., Apple Crisp, Cornbread
WEDNESDAY-Meatloaf, Cabbage, Blackeyed Peas, Banana Pudding w/Cookie, Cornbread

THURSDAY-Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy, Au gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, German Chocolate Cake, Bread

FRIDAY - Chili w/Beans, Tossed Salad, 1/2 Banana, Cookie, Crackers

2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Stats
December 17 - 21, 2007

Library Stats	December 17 - 21, 2007
Patrons	84
Programs	32
LAP	9
LAPsit	8
Books Checked Out	71
LAP	4
LAPsit	3
Copies	78
Reference	4
Internet Users	10
Interlibrary Loans	1

Donations: Don and Debbie Gosnell, John and Loraine Kilgore and Carol S. Bennett

Book Donations: Joan McCowen, Wanda Mathews and Barbara Baum

Memorials: Curt and Ginny Hoskins In Memory of Ed Luter and Doreen Shields; Jim and Ann McMullen In Memory of Ed Luter; Lurene McNutt and Family and the Roger Rudloff Family In Memory of Doreen Shields

Volunteers: Ray Dodds, Sue Bennett, Beverly Ross, Bobby Hinkle, Catherine Bass, Azalee Womack, Ginny Hoskins and Arlene Stephenson.

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January 3, 2008

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This letter is just to let people of Brownwood and surrounding towns know my true feelings. Stepping on toes, so be it.

The double clutching mess we have around the intersection of Main and Commerce is a total joke. There use to be a traffic circle, which worked pretty well, then we had a traffic tee, which wasn't too bad. Now, we have a double clutching mess.

We have islands a foot high, east and west and south (at this time). Anyone going east and wanting to pull into Sonic is basically out of luck. Anyone going west and wanting to stop at Starbucks is in the same situation. Just where do you turn around???? I guess on top of Bangs Hill or on the Ft. Worth Highway.

This is next to taking out the overpass on West Commerce, which use to be an even flow of traffic going east and west and north and south. Now, we have a 6 red light cluster. You can now top and burn a gallon of gas, waiting for the light to change.

Now, I'm really going to vent. I understand the City is broke, and

has turned their mess over to TxDOT (maybe just hearsay), so now we are to tear down building, build unnecessary streets, put up with more red lights and create another double clutching mess.

I'm sure some men started on this mess when very young and will likely retire at a ripe old age before it is completed.

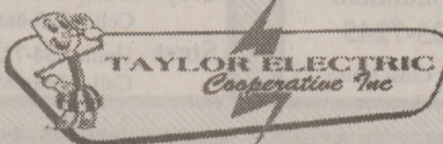
Back to the issue, TxDOT can now come on your property, dig holes, tear up your parking lot, block your drive, interfere with your business, without any permission whatsoever. If you refuse permission they don't care. They claim to have a 6 foot right of way from the sidewalk.

Then they sit up equipment, dig holes, and whatever, 20 foot from the sidewalk. People, this isn't right! This is what communist do.

Now, what is this all about—so Walgreen can move back in. They didn't make it in Commerce Square, they didn't last in Heartland Mall, and now they want to move down by the creek.

Thanks for reading my comments.

E.J. "Flip" Flippin



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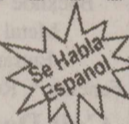
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That's the way it is with us as we think of a whole year before us: we only live one day at a time. Jesus said, "Don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself — and each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matthew 6:34).

A song writer, T.J. Shelton, put it this way: "One step at a time, dear Savior: I cannot take any more; The flesh is so weak and hopeless: I know not what is before. One step at a time, dear Savior: I am not walking by sight; Keep step with my soul, dear Savior: I walk by faith in Thy might. One step at a time, dear Savior: Till faith grows stronger in Thee; One step at a time, dear Savior: Till hope grows stronger in Me."

By the way, Jesus said what He did about not worrying, right after having said, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness..."

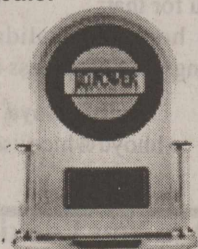
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We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to everyone for the flowers, cards, food and especially the prayers during the loss of our loved one.

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 thank 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.

Bill Boyd
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Down Home—

13. When Christian husbands and wives are not praying together.

14. When our children are growing up to adopt worldly values, secular philosophies and ungodly lifestyles.

15. When we watch things on TV and movies that we would not show in church.

16. When our prayers lack fervency.

17. When our hearts are cold and our eyes are dry.

18. When our singing is half-hearted and our worship lifeless.

19. When we aren't seeing regular evidence of the supernatural power of God.

20. When we are bored with worship.

21. When we are more concerned about what others think about us than what God thinks about us.

22. When we are making little or no difference in the secular world around us.

23. When we are unmoved by the thought of our neighbors, business associates and acquaintances going to hell.

24. When we have ceased to weep and mourn and grieve over our sin.

25. When we aren't exercising faith and believing God for the impossible.

26. When the fire has gone out in our hearts, our marriages and our church.

27. When we are blind to the extent of our need and don't think we need revival!!!!!!

Tips to Spending Quality Time with Your Teen

The Boys and Girls Clubs of America offer parents some tips to spending quality time with their teen. Here are a few:

Create a family calendar
Just as you keep a calendar for work, start keeping a calendar of scheduled family time. Be sure to encourage your teenager to make suggestions for what the family can do together and include him/her in making the final decisions.

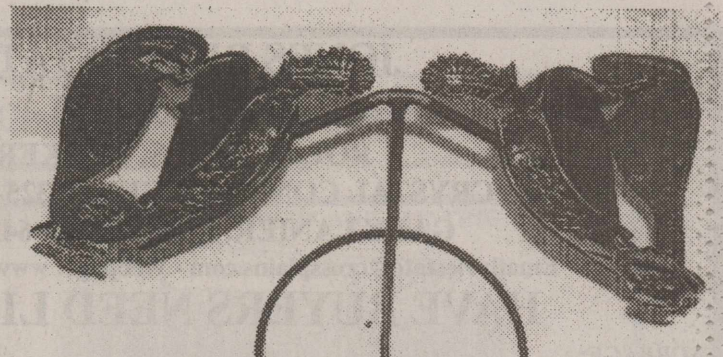
Get involved
As a parent, you should become involved in the activities your teenager participates in regularly. Volunteer to be a coach for your teen's sport team or Girl/Boy Scout troop leader.

Involve children
If you participate in activities such as golf or tennis, include him/her in a game or two. If you are scheduled for a business conference out of town and your budget will allow it, make plans to bring your teenager along.

Plan outings
Family time does not necessarily have to be spent in or around the home. Plan to schedule exciting outings that include attractions such as amusement parks or museums. Now is a perfect time to bring adult perception about teenagers in line with those of teenagers themselves. After all, we have much to do, and to celebrate, together in 2008.

In a special edition of *Newsweek* about adolescence, a teen from Illinois playfully jabbed at adults who presume that young people are simply obsessed with alcohol, drugs, sex, and Satan. Instead, seventeen year old Brad concluded that, while he may not be America's "stereotypical" teen, he is, against all odds, doing just fine.

Happy New Year!
Stephen Wallace, national chairman and chief executive officer of SADD, Inc. (Students Against Destructive Decisions), has broad experience as a school psychologist and adolescent counselor. For more information about SADD, visit sadd.org. For more information about Stephen, visit stephengraywallace.com.



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TUESDAY - Waffle Sticks, Sausage Links, Assorted Juice	TUESDAY - Ham Slices, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY - Beef/Veg. Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Strawberries & Peaches
THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	THURSDAY -Lasagna or Corn Dog, Broccoli, Garlic Stick, Mixed Fruit
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