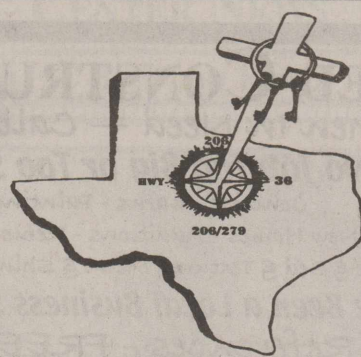


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## DOWN HOME

**Editor's Note:** Once again, from the mouth of babes come profound statements of truth. A 15 year old student in Arizona wrote a "new" Pledge of Allegiance and a "new" School Prayer that tells the story just like it happened here in the United States.

Since the Pledge of Allegiance and The Lord's Prayer are not allowed in most public schools anymore, because the word "God" is mentioned, this student was motivated to speak out.

I admire our local school for continuing the Pledge of Allegiance to be said each morning. My little grandsons are excited when it is their turn to recite the meaningful words. It is comforting to know that our school continues to give God honor.

Read the article on Page 8 that describes what our children have been limited to. We must preserve our FREEDOM.

Vanda Anderson

### New School Prayer:

Now I sit me down in school  
Where praying is against  
the rule

For this great nation under God  
Finds mention of Him very odd.

If Scripture now the class  
recites,

It violates the Bill of Rights.  
And anytime my head I bow  
Becomes a Federal matter now.

Our hair can be purple, orange  
or green,

That's no offense; it's a  
freedom scene.

The law is specific, the law is  
precise.

Prayers spoken aloud are a  
serious vice.

For praying in a public hall  
Might offend someone with no  
faith at all.

In silence alone we must  
meditate,

God's name is prohibited  
by the state.

We're allowed to cuss and dress  
like freaks,

And pierce our noses, tongues  
and cheeks.

They've outlawed guns, but  
FIRST the Bible.

To quote the Good Book makes  
me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior  
Queen,

And the 'unwed daddy' our  
Senior King.

It's 'inappropriate' to teach  
right from wrong.

We're taught that such  
'judgments' do not belong.

We can get our condoms and  
birth controls,

Study witchcraft, vampires and  
totem poles.

But the Ten Commandments are  
not allowed,

No word of God must reach  
this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess,

When chaos reigns the school's  
a mess.

So, Lord, this silent plea I make:  
Should I be shot;

My soul please take!  
Amen

## Ho! Ho! Ho!—Christmas Ends —Reality Begins

By Jane Holmes

I love this time of year when all the Christmas decorations go up. The town and community come alive with light. I've noticed that most houses have lights around the porch, front door, and roof line. I admire anyone who can climb up a ladder to string those lights. (I'm afraid of heights.) Now that it's time to take down those lights, better be careful. It occurs to me —what if he falls?

A man falls from a ladder and breaks a leg. He calls to a neighbor to call 911, which he does. After that the man lies on the ground and waits. He is in unbelievable pain and as the sun goes down, he is cold. His neighbor thoughtfully brings a blanket to cover him and while that helps with the chill, it does nothing for the pain.

Minutes click by and he wonders where the Cross Plains Ambulance is. They have a reputation for getting to an emergency in no more than 10 minutes (unless it's way out in the country). Still, he's been here on the ground for 20 minutes.

Finally, after 40 minutes the ambulance from Baird arrives.

That's the next closest ambulance to Cross Plains. He is loaded into the ambulance after lying on the ground suffering for 45 minutes. We don't allow that kind of suffering in our animals, so what happened? Where was the Cross Plains Ambulance?

In order for an ambulance to run they must have one driver and two attendants. If there is not the minimum number of personnel, the ambulance must "stand down". They are not allowed to run. Already, this had happened in Cross Plains. Fortunately, there were no emergencies that day. That may not always be the case.

Just yesterday EMS was called to pick up a very pregnant woman and take her to the hospital. Thankfully, enough volunteers were on duty to make the run. But what if our EMS was "standing down" and Baird Ambulance had to be called?

Several times this year EMS has requested new volunteers—to no avail. Few have stepped forward to offer some of their time to help save others. EMS needs drivers, but more than that, they need attendants.

Attendants DO NOT administer glucose, medications, or any other scary thing. They merely

attend—sit with the injured, give input to the driver, and help load and unload. All current members have jobs and this is an "extra" duty for them. They can't really be effective at work or home if they serve with EMS several times a week.

**EMS Needs You—Any of You! ALL OF YOU!!!!**

If you've been a volunteer in the past—volunteer again. If you like to drive fast (real fast) *legally*—this is for you. If you want to serve your community and your family—get involved. If you want free ambulance service for your immediate family—join up.

The more volunteers there are, the less often they must serve. AND, don't forget, they will be there when you need them. Forty minutes is a long time to wait when you are in pain. Ten minutes is a Godsend.

There will be an attendant class offered in January. This is a \$750.00 class, UNLESS you are an *EMS volunteer*. The class is FREE in return for two years of service. The schedules are flexible and can work around your schedule.

Call David Holmes at 254-725-7141 or John Swift 254-725-6443 for details.

## Cross Plains Buffaloes expected to stay in Class A

Cross Plains High School is expected to stay in Class A athletics with the school district reporting 115 high school students, according to the University Interscholastic classifications.

Each high school in Texas is required to report its enrollment as of October 26th to the UIL, which will then verify the numbers with the Texas Education Agency. The UIL realigns every school district in Texas every two years according to those enrollment numbers. Schools are classified based upon their enrollment from the smallest, Class A, to the largest classifications in Class AAAAAA.

The new school district realign-

ment will be reported on Monday, February 4th. The new school district alignment will be for the 2008-2009 through the 2009-2010 school years.

Cross Plains, a member of District 12-A for the previous two years, reported 115 students on its "snapshot day" on October 26th. That number is up just five students from the 110 reported to the school district reported two years previous. Other members of District 12-A and their high school enrollments from the previous realignment included: De Leon, 184 students; Gorman, 103 students; Perrin-Whitt, 122 students; Ranger, 125 students; Santo, 156 students; and Tolar, 185 students.

### University Interscholastic League Classifications

	2004-2006	2006-2008
Class 5A	1,925+	1,985+
Class 4A	900-1,924	950-1,984
Class 3A	390-899	415-949
Class 2A	190-389	195-414
Class 1A	189 and below	194 and below
<b>Student Enrollment</b>		
	October 2005	October 2007
High School	506	418.5
Clyde	172	140
Eula	118	107.5
Baird	110	115
Cross Plains	184	196
De Leon	185	195
Tolar	426	328
Comanche	460	458
Breckenridge	916	956
Abilene Wylie	388.5	406
Early	971	901
Brownwood		

## Services held for Tom Barclay, former CPISD teacher, January 2nd

Thomas Adison Barclay, age 66, of Thrifty, died Wednesday evening, January 2, 2008, at his home following a sudden illness.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 5, 2008 in the Heartland Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bill Merritt and Michael Brown officiating. Interment followed in the Fairview Cemetery.

He was born July 29, 1941 in Brady, Texas, the son of the late Walter Thomas and Helga Estelle Bush Barclay. He grew up in the Richland Springs area where he graduated from high school. He later graduated from Howard Payne College in Brownwood. Tom married Betty Anderson in Brownwood on September 21, 1963. Mr. Barclay was a school teacher for over 33 years, having taught in Bangs, Richland Springs and Cuero, and retiring from the Cross Plains School District. He had been a resident of the Thrifty area since 1972, and was a member of the Grosvenor Baptist Church.

A very talented craftsman, he

enjoyed woodworking and especially making pens. He also enjoyed creating stain glass and collecting antiques. He enjoyed model trains and flying model airplanes. Tom also spent much of his free time on the computer. He loved his family and especially going on the family vacations and sharing time with them.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Barclay of Thrifty; a daughter, Jeannie McCain, and husband Phillip of Abilene; a son, Kelly Barclay, and wife Lee of Thrifty; five grandchildren, Kamden, Grady and William Barclay and Jordan and Andrew McCain; four sisters, Alva Lois Smith of Indian Creek, Alma Blanche Miller of Fort Worth, Nila Mae Brown of Austin and Shannon Barclay of Tow; and many loving nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Maurice Barclay, and a sister, Fern Simpson.

Friends are invited to sign the guest book at [www.heartlandfuneralhome.net](http://www.heartlandfuneralhome.net).

## Monthly Gospel Singing Set for Gospel Mission Everyone Come Join In

Beginning January 15th, at 6 p.m. there will be a **Gospel Singing** at the Gospel Mission each month on the 3rd Tuesday evening.

This will be led by Sam

Fleming and Rex Maxwell, with the help of many local talent.

If you enjoy southern style Gospel Music, you are invited to come on out and join this gathering.

## Get your questions answered VETERANS SEMINAR Saturday, January 26th

A Veterans Seminar is set for Saturday, January 26th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the American Legion Post 196, 2710 Crockett, Brownwood (across the street from the Brownwood Medical Center).

There will be representatives from:

Dept. of Veterans Affairs Waco Regional Office  
Central Texas Veterans Healthcare System  
Texas Veterans Commission  
Texas Land Board

Brown County Veterans Service Office

And More.

There will be an opportunity for a veteran or other claimant that has a claim pending to be able to talk one on one with a counselor. To talk to a counselor, call the Brown County Veterans Service Office at 325-646-0335 to leave your information so the VA Regional Office can bring the information. You need to call the Brown County CSO by close of business January 17, 2008.

This is an opportunity for any person who has questions concerning Veterans Benefits to have their questions answered. You do not have to be a member of any veterans service organization to attend this seminar.

For more information, call 325-646-0335.



**EMS RECEIVES DONATED EQUIPMENT**—Local EMS Volunteers Jimmy Long (from left), Susan Schaefer, and John Swift are being shown some of the recently donated equipment by Brian Pope (far right). Hurst EMS donated several thousands of dollars of equipment to the local EMS. The EMS is starting a new ECA class for volunteers. Anyone interested in helping should come to the Fire Department Building at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15th.

## Memory Book for Sylvia Switzer in the Works

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

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# OBITUARIES

## Wanda Lane Heatherly



Wanda Lane Heatherly, 69, passed away Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at an Abilene Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 5th, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Abilene with Pastor David Black officiating.

Wanda was born on Christmas Day 1938 in Cross Plains, Texas to Sam and Reba Lane. She was raised in Cross Plains and after a few years away, she found herself in Abilene, where she has been for the last 35 years. After spending 17 years raising her family, Wanda became a Realtor in Abilene. She then went to college and graduated from

Wayland Baptist University with a Bachelor of Science in Business. She used her education helping people as a Social Worker for the Texas Department of Human Services until her retirement in 1987.

Wanda's life was filled with time enjoying her grandchildren and being the perfect "Nana". She was a dedicated wife and mother. She loved to sew and quilt and spend time tending to her plants. Wanda was also an active member of First United Methodist Church. She was member of Xi Omicron Zeta.

Wanda was preceded in death by her father.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Heatherly; a daughter, Debbie Smith and husband Steve; a son, Rick Waldruff and wife Kristy; her mother, Reba Lane; sisters, Virginia Childers and husband Aubrey and Peggy Pecchioni and husband Lou; as well as her pride and joy, grandchildren Bryan and Greg Smith and Brad and Matthew Waldruff all of Abilene.

Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pbfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.pbfuneraldirectors.com).



RODNEY STEPHEN LEWALLEN

## Rodney Lewallen

August 21, 1953 — December 23, 2007.

Although Rodney was painfully missed this Christmas, loved ones found comfort in knowing Rodney departed this earth without the physical pain that could have been, and in time to celebrate the birthday with the one he loved most...

The second of three memorial services in honor of this unique individual will be at First Methodist Church of Clyde, Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm, and because Rodney was loved by so many, another service will be held in Fort Davis on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Rodney was born in Waco, graduated from UT Austin, and then resided in the Abilene area as Chief Appraiser for Callahan County for more than 16 years. Rodney especially loved teaching, and was an instructor for Texas associations of Appraisal Districts throughout the state, winning awards in his field of education.

In 2001, while continuing to teach throughout Texas, Rodney retired from his appraiser career to follow his childhood passion of entomology (study, collection of insects). Rodney relocated to the Davis Mountains where he purchased, co-owned and operated with his brother, an import-export insect business; which provided specimens to teachers, universities, museums and fellow collectors around the world.

Among Rodney's most treasured memories are those of his expeditions to South America's rain forests along the Amazon where he experienced the beauty of some of God's most glorious creations. Rod's love of entomology led to his love of indigenous peoples and unspoiled environments wherein he accumulated a fascinating collection of insects and tribal artifacts, while maintaining hope of continued habitat and cultural conservation.

Rodney also enjoyed fishing, sports, music, and political history. But the most important to his heart was family and friends. Rodney was frequently referred to as el Jefe; an endearing nickname which was a result of his tendency to direct the welfare of those around him. El Jefe wanted to take care of everyone, and he most always "knew best." But those who truly knew this grunting 'ole Leo lion also knew the generous, caring and sensitive teddy bear Rodney really was at heart.

Rodney is survived by his wife Phyllis Arp-Lewallen of Fort Davis; grandmother Clover Pearl Maxwell, mother Bettye Morris and husband Jack, all of Hewitt; daughter Melanie Poehls and partner Lindsey Butcher of Richardson; daughter Lauren and husband Elwin Monsey, granddaughters Arriana and Olivia Monsey, and grandson due in March, all of San Angelo; brother Gregory Lewallen and wife Roxann, brother Darryl Lewallen and wife Laurel Lynn, nephew Joshua Lewallen and wife Melissa, all of Fort Davis; and many other close relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested for the Lewallen Liver Fund, PO Box 1632, Fort Davis TX 79734. The Fund was created in 2005 for medical expenses while awaiting Medicare coverage for liver transplantation. The Fund will be continued to help defer memorial expenses, and then used for future Hepatitis C and liver disease awareness programs; as well as efforts toward legislation reform for the uninsured in need of immediate life-saving medical treatment. For further information please visit [www.caringbridge.org/visit/rodneylewallen](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rodneylewallen)

## Vergie Gosnell Prickett

Vergie Gosnell Prickett, 85, of Cisco passed away Sunday, January 6, 2008, in Brownwood.

Services were held Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the Kimbrough Funeral Home Chapel officiated by Pastor Justin Krieg with Pastor Ronnie White assisting. Burial followed in the Corinth Cemetery directed by Kimbrough Funeral Home.

Mrs. Prickett was born October 29, 1922, to Homer D. and Lara Mae (Tow) Duckworth in Quail, Texas. She married Loyd Preston Gosnell in Wellington, Texas on December 13, 1941. Their son, Don, was born on February 27, 1943. They moved to Cisco in 1946. Loyd preceded Vergie in death in 1953. In 1973 Vergie married John Prickett. He preceded her in death in 1979.

She was employed by Boss Manufacturing Co. for 23 years, and was a longtime faithful member of the Faith Baptist Church. The Lord was always first in her life, followed by her family and friends. She loved her family and was always smiling

and laughing. She led many people to the Lord.

Vergie is preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; an infant daughter; a sister, Lorene Atkins; and a brother, Delmar Duckworth.

Survivors include her son, Don Gosnell and wife Debbie of Cross Plains; stepchildren, Frances Blair and husband Weston of Granbury, Dona Marsh and husband Tony of Cisco, Nancy Graham and husband Lee of Midland, Bobby Prickett and wife, Ann of Abilene and Aubrey, Prickett of Ohio; sisters, Bobbie Jo Seal and Betty Seal of Wellington; granddaughters, Cindy Smith and husband Kevin of Midland and Bonnie Switzer and husband Creath of Cross Plains; grandson, Jody Gosnell of Cross Plains; great-grandchildren, Chad and Hayley Smith of Midland and Jayten and Lindsey Ames of Cross Plains; and numerous step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren.

## Fannie E. Carver

Fannie E. Carver, age 78, passed away Monday, December 31, 2007, at an Abilene hospital.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 3, 2008, in the First Baptist Church of Baird, with Rev. Truman Johnson officiating. Interment followed in Ross Cemetery Annex. Services were under the direction of Parker Funeral Home in Baird.

Fannie was born December 1, 1932, to Alonzo Goodwin Waggoner and Nona Conlee Waggoner in Clyde, Texas. She graduated from Baird High School. She was a retired restaurant manager and owner.

## Leona M. Lackey

Leona M. Lackey, 84, of Beaverton, Oregon and formerly of Abilene, passed away Thursday, December 27, 2007. A graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m. Friday at the Pioneer Cemetery near Cross Plains, Texas, directed by Abilene Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lackey was born November 23, 1923, in Pioneer, Texas to Issac and Zola Plumlee. She was reared in Pioneer where she attended elementary school and graduated from Cross Plains High School. Mrs. Lackey lived in Lubbock, Andrews, Odessa, Abilene, Houston and Dallas. During her time in Abilene, she had her own interior decorating business and was an active

Fannie had lived in Baird for the past 30 years, moving here from Merkel, Texas. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Baird.

Fannie was preceded in death by her daughter, Michelle Carver.

Survivors include two sons, Butch Smith of Baird and Jim Smith of Abilene; one adopted daughter, Anelle Free of Lubbock; one brother, Charles Waggoner of Cottonwood; two sisters, Shirley Hughes of Colorado City and Doris Brown of Baird; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Leona was preceded in death by her husband, Colvin Lackey; a sister, Juanita Umberson; two brothers, Auline Plumlee and Ray Plumlee.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Lackey of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Ken Lackey and wife Mary of Lubbock; a daughter, Kathy Thogerson and husband Neil of Portland, Oregon; a sister, Helen Wardroup of Ingram, Texas; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

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

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## COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

### Annual Meeting Of Cottonwood Fire Control Unit Announced

The Annual Meeting of the Cottonwood Fire Control Unit will meet next Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The agenda includes election of new board members, selection of the 2008 fire chief and a discussion of other fire control measures as practiced in Cottonwood.

The Cottonwood Fire Control Unit is often the first responder to fires and other emergencies as they happen in Cottonwood.

So, if you have ever wondered about who does what, how do I contact the fire department and why do Cottonwood citizens need to know anything about the fire control procedures in Cottonwood, or if you are interested in safe measures to keep your property safe from fires this is the place to come ask questions and get answers.

Everyone is requested to attend this important meeting, Tuesday, January 15, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Cottonwood Community Center; please be there.

### Other Items

Carol and I planned a fun trip to Florida and the fun began on our first night in Shreveport, La.

We discovered a favorite restaurant from our New Orleans days by the name of "Ralph and Kacoo's." We ordered, catfish fillets for me and grilled tilapia for Carol. She decided to try something new and added Blackened Alligator bites as an appetizer. She raved about them and urged me to "just try one".

I turned up my nose at the Alligator bites, having visions in my mind about another food I did not like, skinned rattlesnake. There is something u-u-ie guie about eating a meat dish that crawls on its belly and is more likely to bite back at me.

The next night we ate at another restaurant that we discovered in New Orleans, "Cannons". It was on St. Charles Street and close to our hotel. We had a very good time looking through very tall windows and watching the street cars and fire engines travel along the boulevard.

However our trip was aborted after we reached Pensacola, Florida, where my earlier cold symptoms turned into bronchitis and "early" pneumonia, according to a kind doctor at the Naval Hospital. We stayed at the Naval Lodge, with me on antibiotics, and only occasional glimpses out the windows of the beautiful white

sand beaches and blue water.

We didn't get to our friends near Orlando and that was a big disappointment, but we are home now, and it's always good to get home in Cottonwood.

I received a letter recently from Betty Kinnard of Ballinger, asking for some information about the cemetery at Cottonwood. She is kin to Jack Jones, a former resident of Cottonwood who was recently buried in the Cottonwood Cemetery. I was reminiscing about Jack and the times and events we had shared.

I realized in announcing his passing and burial a couple weeks ago that I did not tell a most important story about Jack and our relationship. It all happened during WWII and I do not have time or space to tell the details today and will relate it in the next issue of this column.

Don't forget to attend the Cottonwood annual Fire Control Meeting next Tuesday.

*(For news items or personal items about Cottonwood, please contact, Wallace Bennett, at 254-725-7474, e-mail at cwb5@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.)*

## Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

### GOOSEBUMPS

I was driving home from a meeting this evening about 5, stuck in traffic on Colorado Blvd., and the car started to choke and splutter and die - I barely managed to coast, cursing, into a gas station, glad only that I would not be blocking traffic and would have a somewhat warm spot to wait for the tow truck. It wouldn't even turn over.

Before I could make the call, I saw a woman walking out of the "quickie mart" building, and it looked like she slipped on some ice and fell into a gas pump, so I got out to see if she was okay.

When I got there, it looked more like she had been overcome by sobs than that she had fallen; she was a young woman who looked really haggard with dark circles under her eyes.

She dropped something as I helped her up, and I picked it up to give it to her. It was a nickel.

At that moment, everything came into focus for me: the crying woman, the ancient Suburban crammed full of stuff with 3 kids in the back (1 in a car

seat), and the gas pump reading \$4.95.

I asked her if she was okay and if she needed help, and she just kept saying "I don't want my kids to see me crying," so we stood on the other side of the pump from her car.

She said she was driving to California and that things were very hard for her right now. So I asked, "And you were praying?" That made her back away from me a little but I assured her I was not a crazy person and said, "He heard you, and He sent me."

I took out my card and swiped it through the card reader on the pump so she could fill up her car completely, and while it was fueling walked next door to the McDonald's and bought 2 big bags of food, some gift certificates for more, and a big cup of coffee.

She gave the food to the kids in the car who attacked it like wolves, and we stood by the pump eating fries and talking a little.

She told me her name, and that she lived in Kansas City. Her boyfriend left 2 months ago

and she had not been able to make ends meet.

She knew she wouldn't have money to pay rent January 1, and in desperation had finally called her parents, with whom she had not spoken in about 5 years.

They lived in California and said she could come live with them and try to get on her feet there.

So she packed up everything she owned in the car. She told the kids they were going to California for Christmas, but not that they were going to live there.

I gave her my gloves, a little hug and said a quick prayer with her for safety on the road. As I was walking over to my car, she said, "So, are you like an angel or something?" This definitely made me cry. I said, "Sweetie, at this time of year angels are really busy, so sometimes God uses regular people." It was so incredible to be a part of someone else's miracle. And of course, you guessed it, when I got in my car it started right away and got me home with no problem. I'll put it in the shop tomorrow to check, but I suspect the mechanic won't find anything wrong.

Psalms 55:22 "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

## RIISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

By NIKKI PEREZ

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. The weather has been somewhat wonderful the last few days except for the wind.

Our door judging contest winners were announced at our employee Christmas party. The winners were: **1st Place** was a Tie-Traci Smith and Kasandra Harris; **2nd Place**-Kristi McGinn; and **3rd Place**- Traci Smith. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to our judges, Eula Mae Grisham and Lilly Turner.

Also thanks to everyone who sent holiday cards, goodie baskets, etc. We really do appreciate it.

I would like to thank Kathy Sandusky, from Early, for bringing cookies and mugs for all the residents. That was very thoughtful of you.

We have a new employee in our facility. Jackie Lawson is working in our housekeeping and maintenance department. Glad to have you with us.

Thank you to Jerry Walker for providing our entertainment at our December resident birthday party. He plays so wonderful. He is very good with his guitar and we just love to hear him play and sing.

The New Year is going to be exciting here at the center. Linda, the Activity Director, has



JUDGES—Eula Mae Grisham (left) and Lilly Turner (right)

put together some wonderful activities for the residents.

They will be having cooking class, art class, popcorn and Coke, and also some hot tea later on in the month. This month's resident birthday party will be this Friday, January 11th, at 2:00 p.m. Residents that we will be celebrating will be Margaret Chupp and George Jones. Lewis Fortune and band will be providing our entertainment.

We also have a few new residents I would like to share with all of you; Eula McBride, Patsy Bush and George Jones. We

are glad to have each and every one of you.

At this time I would like to send some get well wishes to Ms. Vergie Prickett and Mrs. Margaret Chupp who are in the hospital.

I would like to send our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of James (J.D.) Goble, Lucky Taylor and Vergie Prickett. They were very special people and they will be greatly missed.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for reading my article. Take care and God Bless you.

## LIBRARY NOTES

Library Stats  
January 2 - 4, 2008

Patrons	53
Programs	12
Books Checked Out	67
Reference	3
Internet Users	25
Interlibrary Loans	2

**Book Donations:** Ginny Hoskins, Ann Beeler and Sylvia King

**Memorials:** Drue Evans In Memory of Doreen Shields; Isaac and Sue Neal In Memory of Rev. A.C. and Mabel Halsell; Wayne Hefner In Memory of J.T. Myers; Tom and Gwen Burns In Memory of Jessie Ruth McAdams; Cross Plains Genealogy Society In Memory of Mrs. Pope

**Honorariums:** Janet Swanson In Honor of Linda Burns

**Volunteers:** Arlene Stephenson, Sue Bennett and Azalee Womack.

## Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 30, 2007 through January 5, 2008 include:

**Cases Investigated**  
Warnings—120  
Complaints—57  
Public Intoxication—2  
Fugitive Arrest-Assault, FTA & no Driver's License—1  
Vehicle Accidents

There were seven vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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JANUARY 14 - 18

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**TUESDAY**-BBQ Brisket, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fruited Gelatin, Bread

**WEDNESDAY**-Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Pineapple Upside Down Cake, Bread

**THURSDAY**- Samon Patty, Peas & Cauliflower, Spinach, Chocolate Pudding, Roll

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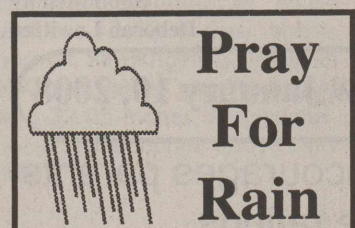
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January 10, 2008

## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
Cross Plains Church of Christ  
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Job is remembered as a man of faith and patience — but I am convinced that in reading the Old Testament book of the Bible that bears his name that his faith and patience wore thin as he questioned God concerning the things that had happened to him, asking, "Why me, Lord?"

In essence, God said, "There are a lot of things that you don't know, Job" — and He threw a barrage of questions at Job to prove it. I have jokingly said that Job answered every one of God's questions — but with a shrugging of the shoulders, saying, "I don't know."

Perhaps this will remind us that we don't have all the answers to all our questions — questions about life, death, loss and hurts in this life — and may never have them. But God knows — and I doubt if we will be asking God for the answers to those questions we now have after we've made it to heaven and are face to face with Him. Job learned, and so must we, that what's important is to trust God and stay faithful.

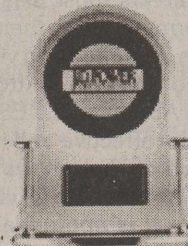
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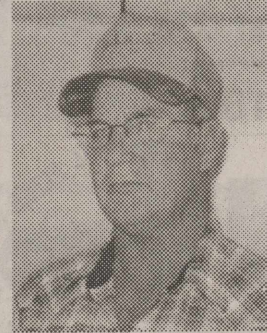
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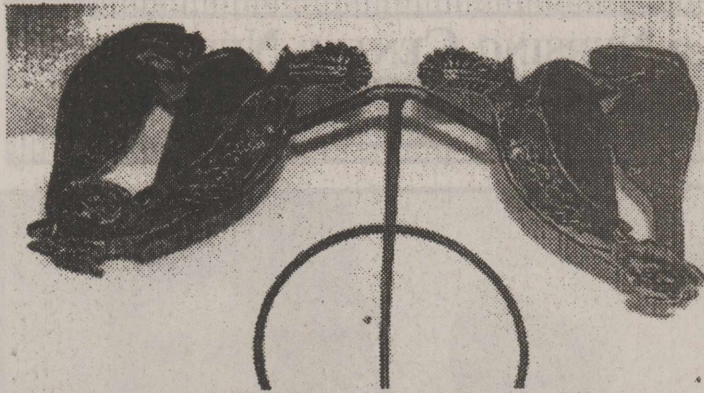
I have been a member of the Burkett Volunteer Fire Department, a Master Mason for about 25 years, and am a member of First United Methodist Church.

I have lived in and owned property in Coleman County for about 20 years while working and raising a family of six children.

I believe I am qualified for the job and would appreciate your vote in the **March 4, 2008**, Democratic Primary Election.

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## Would You Like Some Homemade Spurs?

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Boosters. You may also contact Mr. Richey or Mr. Morgan for more information.

The drawing for the spurs will be held in conjunction with the Callahan County Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale on Saturday, January 19, 2008.

## Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show to begin Thursday, January 17th

The Annual Callahan County Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 17th-Saturday, January 19th, at the Callahan County Show Barn in Cross Plains. Starting time will be Thursday, January 17th at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Frankie Hyles, President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association, said that entries are expected to number about 450 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County. Other officers of the association are Steven Mitchell as Vice President, Johnny Adkins as Treasurer, and Karen Johnston as Secretary.

Superintendents for this years show are: Beef Cattle-Eddie Riley and Johnny Lee, Market & Breeding Swine-Doug Johnston and Tom Windham, Poultry & Rabbits-Betsy Robbins and Larry McIntire, Sheep & Goats-Steven Mitchell and Angela Mitchell.

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 17th with Scott Anderson of the Brownwood Extension office doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 17th.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 18th, with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Edward Schneider of Franklin will be judging the Swine Show. At 1:30 p.m. on February 18th, Randy Dunbar of Stephenville will start judging the Market Lambs followed by the Boer Goats and Meat Goat Show.

On the afternoon of Friday, January 18th from 5:00-6:00 p.m., all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. Bob Bailey of Ranger will get the judging of the Beef Cattle underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 19th with the heifer show. Bob Bailey will also judge the steer show starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Premium Sale will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the Premium Sale Auction.

Announcers for the three day show will be Jimmy Hargrove, Greg Grengross, Robert Frost, John Belcher, and Doug Johnston.

Officials of the show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and support the young folks of Callahan County.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
Roger Corn, Presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings

Roman A. Mendez, possession of marijuana.  
James M. Tucker, driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
Elizabeth D. Pelletier, possession of marijuana.  
Anthony M. Fiorentini, possession of marijuana.  
Larry Melton Kniffen, DWI.  
Stephen Lee McNeely, possession of marijuana.  
Joseph S. Spears, DWI.  
Lorenzo Powell, possession of marijuana.  
Brandon John Broyles, hunting without a valid Texas hunting license.

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Ashley N. Bullock, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.  
Ramiro Flores, motion to withdraw as surety granted.  
Shaun M. Reutter, motion to dismiss to driving while license invalid (DWLI) granted for plea to other case.  
Adrian B. Holliman, transfer request from Lubbock Co. to Liberty Co.  
Arturo Vazquez, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 9 month probation, \$200 fine, \$356 court costs.

42ND DISTRICT COURT  
John Weeks, presiding

### Criminal Indictments

Judah B. Reese, Ct. I - possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, Ct. II - unlawful possession of a firearm by felon, Ct. III - evading arrest.  
Jack D. Betts, theft.

### Criminal Minutes

Judah B. Reese, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and possession of a firearm by felon, 7 years in prison - Ct. I, 2 years in prison - Ct. II, \$219 court costs.  
Billy D. Smith, plea of guilty to DWI, 10 yr. probation, \$1000 fine, \$409 court costs.  
Jack D. Betts, plea of guilty to theft, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$299 court costs.  
Timothy A. Houlihan, plea of guilty to criminal mischief, 5 year probation, \$500 fine, \$299 court costs, \$7849.83 restitution.

### Civil Filings

Justin F. Davis and Ellari A. Davis, divorce.

### Civil Minutes

Roylene Wilson vs. Patti Chambers, judgment granted, plaintiff to recover the title and possession of property in Callahan Co., Texas from defendant.  
Timothy Carr Campbell and Angela Kellie Deel Campbell, divorce granted.  
Ginifer Bailee White and Joel Fred Senior, divorce granted.  
Margie B. Hale vs. Conda Finley Odom, order of dismissal with prejudice granted.  
Curtis Lee Chiappone and Lessa Kim Chiappone, divorce granted.  
Michelle Lynn Jesse and Benjamin Edward Emmitt Jesse, divorce granted.  
Sally Anne Ramirez and Anthony Shane Ramirez, divorce granted.  
Theresa Nicole Newcomb and Patrick Joel Newcomb, divorce granted.  
American State Bank vs.

John Dale Rouse, Sr., default judgment granted, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$30,100.58 from defendant.

Blake Fulenwider, CDJ vs. Texas Department of Transportation, unopposed judgment granted.

In re: estate of William A. Roberts, deceased, final judgment granted.

A. E. Nelson, Jr., in his capacity as trustee vs. Thomas Curry Jr.; Eugene F. Daniels; Perry Gainey; Carl A. Schweers, Jr.; R. B. Hearn Estate; Marie Waltz; Larry Squires, individually and as personal representative of Larkin Hearn Estate and other unknown owners, decree ordering partition granted.

Citibank (South Dakota) N.A. vs. James R. Ely, final default judgment, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$9,482.45 from defendant.

Jeremy Lee Steele and Angela Lynn Steele, divorce granted.

New Falls Corporation vs. Gregory and Carla Biehl, final default judgment, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$9,227.06 from defendant.

Mitzi Eloise Harrison and Robert Bruce Harrison, divorce granted.

Robert T. Simon and Rhonda Jeanette Simon, divorce granted.

Jason Lance Autry and Tammy Lynn Autry, divorce granted.

Petro-Fes Corporation vs. The F & M Bank & Trust Company and Andrew Ladyman, trustee and Revard Petroleum LLC, order granting motion for nonsuit as to the F & M Bank & Trust and Andrew Ladyman without prejudice granted.

Melba Linda Roberts and Cody Alan Roberts, divorce granted.

Renetha Lynn Bellew and Johnny Lynn Bellew, divorce granted.

In Re: order for foreclosure concerning Corky Glenn Wristen and wife, Linda Sue Wristen; 10514 CR 224, Abilene, TX 79602, order to proceed with notice of foreclosure sale and foreclosure granted.

Blake Fulenwider, CDJ vs. Texas Department of Transportation, unopposed judgment granted.

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Submitted by  
Deborah Lowitzer

## 4-Cross Plains Review January 10, 2008

### Attorney General encourages parents to check video game ratings

AUSTIN—Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today, December 19th, encouraged parents to ensure video games are appropriate for children by checking game ratings before making a purchase. Today's announcement, which was made in conjunction with the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB), launched a public awareness campaign highlighting the ESRB's ratings system.

"Parents must play an active, informed role in their children's lives, and choosing video games is no different," Attorney General Abbott said. "ESRB ratings are an effective and informative resource that allows parents to evaluate whether video game content is appropriate for their child."

The ESRB video game ratings employ a two-part system. Rating symbols on the front of the game package provide an age recommendation, such as EC (Early Childhood 3+), E (Everyone 6+), E10+ (Everyone 10 and up), T (Teen 13+) and M (Mature 17+). On the back of each package, next to the rating, content descriptors provide information about elements within the game that may have triggered the rating as well as other

items that may be of interest or concern to parents.

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), nine in ten parents are aware of the ESRB ratings, 87% expressed satisfaction with them, and nearly three quarters regularly use the ratings when choosing games for their children.

Attorney General Abbott added, "Just as movies and television shows employ ratings systems to inform parents, the ESRB ratings help inform parents which video games are simply not meant for children. Working together, public officials and the industry can help provide parents with the tools they need to choose suitable video games for their children and families."

A complete list of ratings, content descriptors and their definitions can be found on the ESRB Web site at [www.esrb.org](http://www.esrb.org).

The ESRB is a non-profit, self-regulatory body established in 1994 by the Entertainment Software Association. ESRB independently applies computer and video game content ratings, enforces advertising guidelines, and helps ensure responsible online privacy practices for the interactive entertainment software industry.

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**JANUARY 14 - 18**

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<b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Muffin, Yogurt, Assorted Juice	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Beef-Cheese Nachos, Salad, Fruit Crisp
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# Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Gods Work Ministry Inspirational and Encouragement E-Mail

Dear Friend,

When tough times come our way, we should be quick to remember our blessings and see how favored we truly are. It's easy to forget the simple blessings when we focus more on the hardships, but if we change our thinking we will soon find that we are the lucky ones even in the midst of our problems. How do we find out if we are blessed? The answer is simple. Can you see? Can you walk? Does your heart function normally? Do you have a job to support yourself? Are your children healthy? The list of blessings is innumerable. We just have to focus more on the good things in our life to realize this truth. Encourage yourself to focus on your blessings at all times and you'll soon find that your troubles are minuscule by comparison.

## God's Lights

There was a little boy who was blind. He was friendly and fun. Smart little guy too. He could read Braille. I think at a sixth grade level, and he was only six or seven. The way he ran, played and spoke to you it would be difficult to tell he was blind from a distance. His eyes looked nor-

mal except for the slight cloud or film that seemed to be in their depths.

In the early fifties, there was some kind of new eye surgeries that became available to a few who might benefit. The parents looked into it and discovered there was one that doctors thought might give chance at some level of eyesight. They knew not what it would be, but they were pretty sure it would be better than complete blindness, which he suffered at the time.

Investigating further, they discovered the cost, a staggering sum would be an understatement. Insurance at the time wouldn't cover it for some reason I don't remember. The people at church, the whole neighborhood, well, the whole community found out about it after awhile and some started little things to raise money. Gloria, the little crippled girl who owned Shep The Wonder Dog who pulled her around in a carriage her dad had made, started a lemonade stand in front of her house to help. Several of us started a vegetable stand selling things from our gardens. They even had rummage sales and lawns were being mowed that didn't need it. Special collections were being taken up in church for the fund and all of it was going into the fund for his operation. Our efforts even made the newspaper.

The family was contacted and it seems that a hospital out of town and some doctors agreed to do it for what was in the fund at the end of that summer. They were gone a few days somewhere to get it done and when they returned his whole head was bandaged and he had to be kept inside and quiet for thirty days.

It was a cool, crisp fall evening when it was time to unwrap the bandages.

The room had to be darkened. We neighbors were all gathered on their patio barbequing and had brought all kinds of things to go with it while waiting for the event. Their house was dark and it had gotten so clear with no moon it was eerie. The stars seemed to be flashing like a circus. I went inside to see how things were going just as they opened the venetian blinds a little for him to have his first glimpse of the world. Across the street a neighbor's lights were on. He asked what it was and was told the neighbors were home because their lights were on. He had never experienced seeing lights before.

His parents gently led him out onto the patio where we were all gathered watching in anticipation of his first visions. He looked around at all of us who he recognized by our voices, but had never seen. Then he looked up into the sky and exclaimed, "Look Daddy, God's home. His lights are on."

There was not a dry eye among us.

By Mark Crider

Dwayne Sayava  
God's Work Ministries

## Top five weather events for 2007

The top five weather events for West Central Texas in 2007 according to the National Weather Service office in San Angelo included:

### Mid-January Ice and Snow

The year began with a significant winter weather event. On the evening of January 12th ice covered exposed surfaces with about a quarter-inch of ice across the Big Country. The ice lingered for a couple of days causing numerous accidents and stranding travelers. The ice-caked 500 foot KRBC-TV broadcast tower near Abilene collapsed. Ironically, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) All-Hazards weather radio transmitter was located on the tower. The storm produced only a small amount of ice across the Concho Valley and Heartland, but it was enough to cause problems for motorists. By January 16th, the winter weather focused on the Northern Edwards Plateau and Northwest Hill Country as snowfall amounts of up to five inches blanketed the Interstate 10 corridor from Ozona to Junction, shutting down the Interstate for two days.

### Easter Weekend Snow & Ice

A significant winter weather event with unseasonably cold temperatures affected Central Texas on Easter weekend. A strong high pressure system dropped south from Canada into

Texas on April 6th. Temperatures held steady in the upper 20's and lower 30's on April 7th as an upper level disturbance produced several rounds of mixed winter precipitation across the area. The precipitation was mostly in the form of snow across the Big Country and Heartland with four to six inches of snow measured in Brown and Coleman counties. Additionally, one to two inches of sleet fell across parts of the Heartland and Concho Valley. Vegetation which was already showing signs of spring growth was damaged by the prolonged freezing temperatures.

### May 2nd Severe Weather

An upper level disturbance and returning low level Gulf of Mexico moisture led to a round of widespread severe thunderstorms across West Central Texas during the late morning and afternoon hours of May 2nd. The storms produced nickel to quarter size hail, damaging winds of 65 to 80 MPH and a few weak tornadoes in a swath about 50 miles wide from Sterling City to Brownwood. A tornado in Coleman County damaged a few buildings in Rockwood. Also, during the afternoon hours, a few supercell storms developed along a thunderstorm outflow boundary across the Northwest Hill Country and Northern Edwards Plateau.

### Flooding From The

### Remnants of Tropical Storm Erin, August 17th-18th

The remnants of Tropical Storm Erin brought very heavy rainfall and flooding to West Central Texas on August 17th and 18th. Rainfall amounts of six to nine inches occurred across the Big Country, parts of the Concho Valley and Northern Edwards Plateau. The very heavy rainfall caused widespread flash flooding of streets in San Angelo and Abilene. Numerous roads across West Central Texas were flooded at times. The areas hardest hit by the flooding included: Abilene, Merkel, Buffalo Gap, Hamlin, Lake Abilene, Fort Phantom Lake and Roscoe.

### 2007 As An Overall Wet Year

As 2007 draws to a close on a somewhat dry note, the year will perhaps be best known for its overall wet pattern. The above normal precipitation experienced across West Central Texas is probably the most important event of the year as far as farmers, ranchers and water resource managers are concerned. Abilene is recording its seventh wettest year on record with precipitation standing at 35.84 inches—12.62 inches above normal. San Angelo is having its eleventh wettest year on record with 32.05 inches of precipitation—11.56 inches above normal.

## Callahan County FSA Begins Making Disaster Payments

Baird, TX — Dec. 20, 2007 — Callahan County Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director Robert Frost today said that FSA has been authorized to immediately begin making disaster payments.

"These payments are for approved Crop Disaster, Livestock Compensation, and Livestock Indemnity Program applications," said Frost, Callahan County Executive Director. "Payments made in Texas represent a portion of nearly \$1 billion dollars in disaster assistance to be issued through FSA nationwide, to date."

The Livestock Compensation Program 2005-2007 (LCP) provides benefits to livestock producers in designated disaster counties who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, including losses resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007.

Livestock Indemnity Program 2005-2007 (LIP) provides benefits to livestock producers in designated disaster counties for livestock deaths caused by natural disasters that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, including losses because of blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007.

The Crop Disaster Program (CDP) provides benefits to

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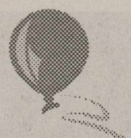
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## Federal Court Stands by Texas 'Moment of Silence' Statute

DALLAS—Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott prevailed yesterday in federal court, where a North Texas couple had tried to prevent schoolchildren from beginning each school day with a minute of silence to "reflect, pray (or) meditate" in the classroom. A federal district judge rejected their challenge and upheld the constitutionality of the Texas moment of silence law. Solicitor General Ted Cruz argued on the state's behalf.

"The court's ruling ensures that Texas schoolchildren are free to begin each day by voluntarily reflecting, meditating, or praying before school each morning," Attorney General Abbott said. "Particularly in an age where children are so frequently confronted with violence and disorder, sixty seconds of quiet contemplation at the beginning of each day is not too much to ask. This Texas law—and the court's ruling—protects the constitutional rights and religious liberties of all schoolchildren."

Governor Rick Perry, the defendant in the lawsuit, added: "Whether schoolchildren use their morning moment of silence to pray or to prepare for a pop quiz, tolerance and personal

freedom are lessons that should be taught and exercised regardless of our environment. Justice was served in this ruling, and I am proud that Texas' children will continue to be able to have a moment dedicated daily to their innermost thoughts and contemplations."

The plaintiffs, David Wallace Croft and his wife Shannon, filed the lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Their children are students of the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District.

The Texas Legislature revised the moment of silence provision in 2003, adding the word "pray" to the list of designated options as well as "any other silent activity that is not likely to interfere with or distract another student."

The federal court held that "...the addition of the word 'pray' directly furthers the purpose of encouraging students to engage in individual contemplative activity." The court also concluded such "thoughtful contemplation" is a "valid secular purpose" and that "the primary effect of the statute is to institute a moment of silence, not to advance or inhibit religion."

## Cold weather brings Texas Department of Health precautions

Freezing temperatures, chilling winds, ice storms and snow can create severe problems for Texans who are more often used to dealing with heat waves. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) urges people to take extra precautions against hypothermia and other winter-related dangers.

Hypothermia, the severe or prolonged loss of body heat, begins when a person's body temperature falls below 95 degrees. Because the temperature drop may be gradual, and an early symptom of hypothermia is mental confusion, the victim may not know a problem exists. People most susceptible to hypothermia include those 60 and older, infants and small children, the sick, those taking certain prescription drugs or drinking alcohol, the homeless, auto or boating accident victims and those unable to find temporary shelter in cold weather.

To reduce potential dangers:

- Watch for hypothermia symptoms including confusion, drowsiness, slurred speech, a drop in blood pressure, shallow breathing and a pinkish tint to the skin. Anyone with these symptoms related to cold temperatures is in immediate danger. Get medical help right away.

- Check on elderly or ill people, especially if they live alone or in isolated areas.

- Wear several layers of loose-fitting clothing, mittens, hat and a face cover. Stay dry.

- Be extremely cautious in the wind. A strong wind, even in only moderately cool weather, can cause a wind chill far below freezing.

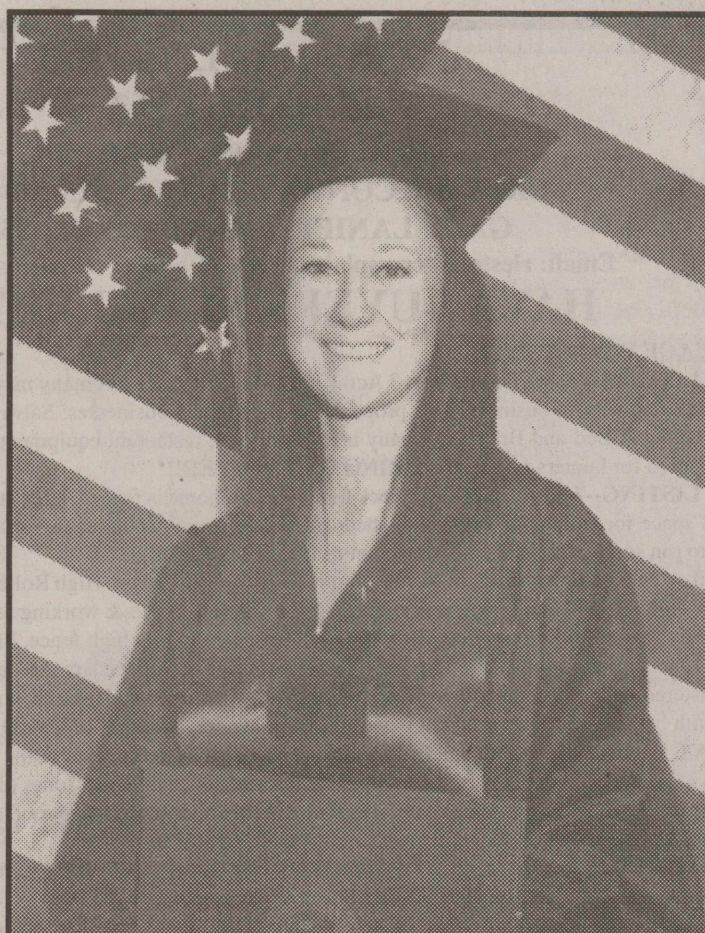
- Winter storms also may cause power outages, leading to food safety problems. If you lose power for more than four hours, take these precautions with refrigerated food products:

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.

- Discard any potentially hazardous foods such as meats, eggs, dairy products and leftovers that may have exceeded 40 degrees. When in doubt, throw it out.

- Any frozen food that has thawed but not exceeded 40 degrees should be prepared as soon as possible. Do not refreeze.

DSHS officials warn that people should not underestimate cold weather and should dress appropriately. Anyone planning outdoor activities in cold weather should check local weather forecasts.



**PROUD GRADUATE**—Nikki Higgins graduated Saturday, December 15th, 2007 from Tarleton State University with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Education. Nikki is the daughter of Rex and Edith Beggs and the proud mother of Jayleigh Higgins. Nikki is currently employed with Azle ISD at Silver Creek Elementary teaching Kindergarten. Congratulations Nikki!

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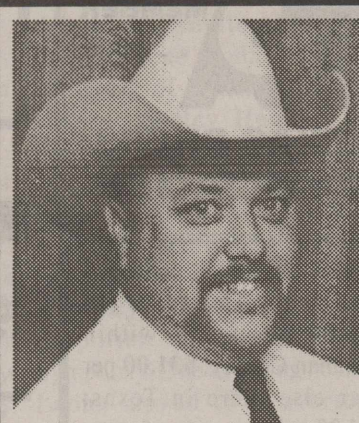
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In 1993, Windham accepted a position of Deputy Sheriff at Callahan County Sheriff's Office and was promoted to Chief Deputy. Windham was a DARE Officer for the County and educated children in Clyde, Baird, Cross

Plains, and Eula. Windham also acted as K-9 Officer seizing tens of thousands of dollars in drug money that assisted in purchasing vehicles for the Callahan County Sheriff's Office, saving taxpayer dollars.

In 2002, Windham was hired as a Baird Deputy Marshal, and promoted to Baird Marshal. Windham co-authored and received a Federal grant for approximately \$20,000 in equipment, for the Marshal's office, and received paid training in Washington D.C. with the U.S. Department of Defense. Windham seized approximately 100 pounds of Marijuana and a vehicle for Baird before accepting a position as the School Resource Officer for Hawley.

In 2006, Windham and his family purchased a home in Callahan County, but due to his son's battle with Leukemia, was unable to make the move until 2007.

Windham has since resigned from Hawley and is operating heavy equipment locally, to dedicate his time to the election and the citizens of Callahan County.

John Windham has the knowledge and experience to serve Callahan County in the new age and the grounded values of a small town family man. He wants to bring those qualities to the Callahan County Sheriff's Office.

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