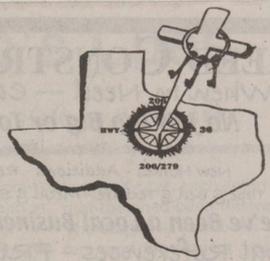


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DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: Carol Bennett, of the Cottonwood community, was impressed by the article written by Erin Flippin that was published in this column several weeks ago. Below are her comments on the same subject. Hopefully, Erin's words had a great impression on many readers and so will Carol's. I always appreciate positive input on information shared in "Down Home". **Vanda Anderson**

"Why I, Too, Will Continue to Go to Church"

By Carol Bennett

I was quite amazed and even shocked to read the essay in the Down Home column in the December 7th edition of this newspaper, that such a mature and insightful, not to mention well written, article was submitted by a sixteen year old girl. If you did not get to read it, it would be worthwhile to retrieve that week's paper for that purpose. I do not know the author or her family but appreciated the article.

The wise 16 year old girl, Erin Flippin, wrote, among many inspired statements about the Church, that "Church isn't a place we go, it's a group we are a part of."

She went on to say that, "Jesus never intended for the Church to be a building for religious people to meet to become more religious. He never intended for it to be a building at all." She poses a question, "Why has the Church that Jesus gave His life for become so hollow and empty that it pushes people away?" She provides some insightful and wonderful answers which, again if you didn't read it, you should.

I only want to add some thoughts about church, church buildings and why I, too, will continue to go. I don't always feel like going, and admit that after a full week of working, traveling, house chores, church meetings, watching granddaughter and our Lady Buffs play basketball, and other "stuff", I may wish for the quiet lazy morning to contemplate and watch the world's news programs that only Sunday mornings provide.

But I have found that the worship of God, along with other believers, is a necessary act for me.

The worship part of Christianity is to honor, demonstrate gratitude and to glorify God. While worship can occur anywhere, in nature, on a boat, in temporary building, it is best "where two or three gather together in His Name"... The buildings are for the worship and fellowship of Believers. We know that the people are the body of Christ, the Church.

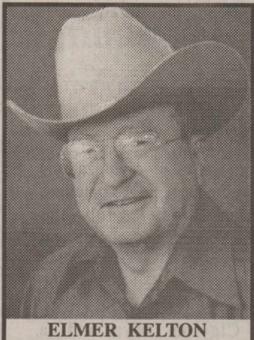
My husband, Wallace Bennett, and I have traveled over much of Europe and many states in this wonderful country of ours. We always gravitate to the beautiful churches, reading historical markers, and many are hundreds of years old. We stand and sit in awe at the inspiration that prompted people those many years ago to build such monuments to the glory of God. Two years ago, we saw the oldest church in America in Virginia, and marveled at its endurance, its beauty, its reverence.

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Elmer Kelton to Headline Local Library Fundraiser

The Cross Plains Public Library is so very proud to announce that award winning western writer, Elmer Kelton, has included an evening in our community in his super busy schedule. He has graciously agreed to headline the Library fundraiser on Monday, February 18, where he will share stories about his illustrious writing career.

It might be difficult to determine if Kelton has written more books or garnered more awards in his career, as the list of both just goes on and on. The native of Crane, Texas has cranked out about a book a year over his fifty plus year career. Since his memoir *SANDHILLS BOY* came out in May or last year, he has published *THE*



ELMER KELTON

REBEL (November, 2007) and just this month, *HARD LEAD TO FOLLOW* has been released.

Three of his novels have appeared in *Reader's Digest Condensed Books*. Four books

have won the Western Heritage Award from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, Oklahoma City; *THE TIME IT NEVER RAINED*, *THE GOOD OLD BOYS*, *THE MAN WHO RODE MIDNIGHT*, and the text for *THE ART OF HOWARD TERPNING*.

Seven books have won the Spur award from Western Writers of America: *BUFFALO WAGONS*, *THE DAY THE COWBOYS QUIT*, *THE TIME IT NEVER RAINED*, *EYES OF THE HAWK*, *SLAUGHTER*, *THE FAR CANYON*, and *THE WAY OF THE COYOTE*.

In 1987 he received the Barbara McCombs/Lon Tinkle Award for "continuing excellence in Texas letters" from the Texas Institute

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Benefit Bar B Que Planned for the Michael Cowan Family

People should be proud of living in a Community that CARES!

You just never know the goodness of people until something needs to be done to help someone. The generosity of so many is already at work to help the family of Michael and April Cowan! Michael was critically injured in a vehicle accident December 19, 2007.

A Benefit Bar B Que is scheduled for **Thursday, January 31st, at 6:00 p.m.** in the American Legion Hall in Rising Star. Proceeds from the event will be used for medical expenses.

So many from BOTH communities of Cross Plains and Rising Star have given to make this event happen. Not only will this be a Bar B Que, but there will be a large auction and live music will be provided.

You don't find this kind of down to earth, caring, generosity in the

larger cities! So be proud of where you live, be proud to know the goodness of others, and be proud to give. You never know when you might be the one who needs.

A special "thank you" goes to all the sponsors, the donors to the auctions, and those who help serve and work in this effort.

If you would like to donate cash, items for the auction or food for this event, please contact Jan Wise, First Financial Bank, Rising Star (254) 629-6701 or Dennis or Bonnie Dickson, 3D Ag (254) 643-6251.

A "Benefit Fund" account has been established at First Financial Bank, Rising Star and is accepting donations. A Love Fund has also been opened at Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains for donations for the family.

Sponsors include: First Financial Bank; American

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Services held for former County Judge Mack Kniffen

CLYDE - McClung "Mack" Kniffen, 82 of Clyde, died Thursday, January 24, 2008 at an Abilene care center. Services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Clyde with Dr. Toby Henson officiating. Burial followed in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mack was born July 3, 1925 three miles south of Clyde to Charlie B. and Zetta (McClung) Kniffen. He grew up around Clyde and was a 1942 graduate of Clyde High School. He served in the United States Army during WWII in the Pacific theatre. He married Annie Lee Davis on June 7, 1946 in Baird. He was a State Trooper in the License and Weight Division of the Department of Public Safety for over 29 years. His service included Littlefield, Childress, Snyder and Abilene. He retired in 1978.

Following his retirement, he served as the Callahan County Judge for 12 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Clyde, where he was a deacon and a member of the Whosoever Will Class.

He is survived by his wife, Annie Lee of Clyde; three sons, Stephen B. Kniffen and wife Rose Ann of Clyde, Gerry Scott Kniffen and wife Joanne of Haslet and Stacy K. Kniffen of Richardson; four sisters, Lucille



MCCLUNG "MACK" KNIFFEN

Sachsenmeyer of Clyde, Delta Courington of Abilene, Peggy Newman of Vashon, WA and Jackie Ledbetter of Kingsland; one brother-in-law, Grady E. Davis and wife Betty of Belle Vue, NE; one sister-in-law, Jo Delle Taylor and husband Gene of Highland Haven; seven grandchildren, Jason Michael Kniffen and wife Crystal of Killeen, Charles David Kniffen and wife Sheri of San Angelo, Jeremy Neil Kniffen and wife Susan of Colorado Springs, Co., Jesse Weber and wife Emily of Allen, Cheryl Lee Ann Engelke and husband Randy of Sandia, Joseph A. Weber of San Marcos and William McClung Kniffen of Haslet, and eleven great-grandchildren.

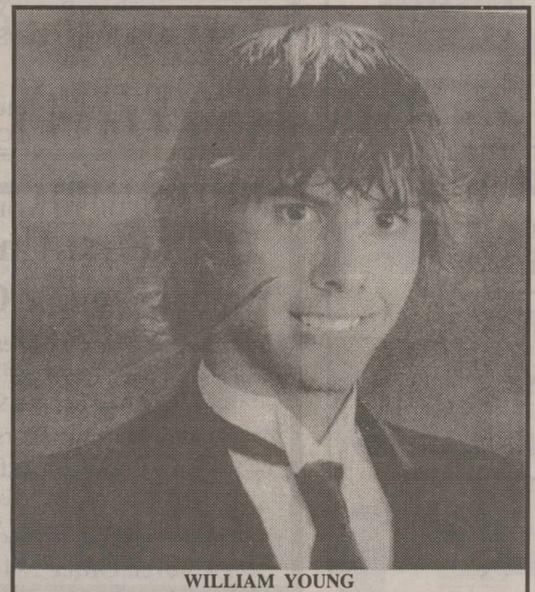
Mack was a gentleman of high integrity. He was a person who liked people and was always willing to help them. He took that attitude to his work with the Department of Public Safety as well as his terms as Callahan County Judge. His retirement years included driving his tractor, raising cantaloupes, and taking care of his dog "Pretty Boy". It was his pleasure to be able to give the cantaloupes to his friends. All of his life he was interested in and played different sports. Baseball was his favorite sport and he always enjoyed watching good pitchers like Nolan Ryan and Charlie Hough. He was quick-witted and cheerful and enjoyed country music, especially Ernest Tubb.

Mack was thankful to call Clyde his home. He valued his extended family as well as good friends of so many years. He spent his life working in service to others, but he felt that his greatest accomplishments were his three sons. He was a man who loved and feared God.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Fred, C.B. and Raymond Kniffen and two sisters, Lorena Wills and Charlene Johnston.

Memorials may be sent to Hendrick Hospice Care, P.O. Box 1922, Abilene, Texas 79604 or Windcrest Alzheimer's Center, 6050 Hospital Drive, Abilene, Texas 79606.

Local Couple's Grandson Receives Nomination from our President



WILLIAM YOUNG

William Young, a senior at Aledo High School, received a nomination from the President of the United States and appointment to the United States Air Force Academy as a member of the class of 2012.

He will join a select group of young people in becoming a professional Air Force officer.

Young has earned this opportunity through his record of personal achievement, integrity and dedication.

Approximately 1,600 of the 9,200 applicants received this award. It is equivalent to a scholarship of \$387,000.

William is the son of Lt. Col. William Young and Roxann Young of Aledo. He is also the grandson of Bill and Barbara Young of Cross Plains.

Super 'Full Bowl' Sunday

The youth from the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains will be out and about on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. collecting for the local "Full Bowls" program.

"Full Bowls" is a local organization that collects monetary donations and/or donated pet food for the senior citizens of our community that need help caring for their companions. We have volunteers that sack the food monthly and it is delivered weekly by the Meals on Wheels program.

Monetary donations can be mailed to Full Bowls, P.O. Box 340, Cross Plains, Texas 76443 or you may take your donated food to the Senior Citizens' Center on Main Street before 1:00 p.m.

Volunteers will pick up the donated food at Village Market, Dollar General, Lawrence Farm and Ranch and Winfrey's Grain and Peanut on a regular basis.

A big THANK YOU to all who have given to this worthwhile program in 2007 and we ask for your continued support in 2008. Remember YOUR GIFTS keep our program helping our SENIORS AND THEIR COMPANIONS! For more information contact Connie Kirkham 254-725-6500 or 725-6318 or Jane Bonner 254-725-6257.

And a bigger THANK YOU for supporting our youth who are out helping our Seniors give their furry friends a full bowl on Super Bowl Sunday!

Super Bowl Party

The First Baptist Church Youth will host a Super Bowl Party on Sunday evening, February 3rd, following the evening services.

This showing is open to the community, everyone is

encouraged to join in the "wave" of fun, food, and fellowship. Cokes, coffee, snacks and popcorn will be served as we enjoy the life size game on a 10 foot screen.

Wear your favorite team jersey and join in the "commercial free" Super Bowl Party.

Don't Lose Your Voice in the Elections!

The Callahan County Voter Registrar's Office recently mailed out over 9,000 voter cards. These cards were sent to valid voters. They are salmon colored. About 1,000 cards were returned to the Voter Registrar due to incorrect mailing or physical addresses. These people will be placed on a suspended list and if the address is not corrected, they will eventually be dropped from the voters rolls. If you did not receive a salmon colored voter card, and you feel you should be registered, please contact the Voter's Office (Callahan County Tax Office) at 325-854-5820. Deadline to register to vote, make any changes or corrections to voter card is February 4, 2008 to be eligible to vote in the March 4, 2008 Primary.

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 254-725-7574 Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
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 For Information Call (254) 725-7418

Rowden Baptist Church
 Interim Pastor: Wayne Lenz
 Bible Study...10:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
 2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

OBITUARIES

Dave Ferguson
 Services for Dave Ferguson, 85, of Slaton and formerly of Rising Star, was held Tuesday, January 22, 2008 in Cross Plains Church of Christ, with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial followed in the Rising Star Cemetery, under the direction of Englund's Funeral Service in Slaton.
 Dave was born November 25, 1922 in Knowles, NM. He passed from this life Saturday, January 19, 2008 in Slaton. He married Oleta Lucille Fraizer on July 3, 1941 in Lueders. Oleta preceded him death on October 29, 2007. They previously lived in Hobbs, NM, Denver City for 14 years, Cross Plains, Brownfield, Lueders and Rising Star, before moving to Slaton in May of 2007. Dave was a Naval veteran of World War II. He worked as a carpenter, plumber, dairyman and roustabout.
 He was preceded in death by his wife; brothers, Ray, Vernon and Virgil Ferguson; sisters, Della Ferguson and Frances Herman; grandchildren, David Wade Ferguson and Sharon Jeanette Ferguson.
 Survivors include his daughters, Jenny Walton of Slaton, Wilma Williams of Bridgeport, Ruby Bouziden of Alva, OK; sons, David and Carlton Ferguson, both of Rising Star, and Gaylon Ferguson of Bossier City, LA; brothers, Edward Ferguson of Cottage Grove, OR, Chester Ferguson of Cottonwood, Idaho; and sister, Margaret Pendleton of Durant, OK; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Glenda Geneva Hinkle



supporter of many organizations such as the Daycare Association, Permian Booster Club, the Odessa Soccer Association and many more.
 She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Steve Joy and Clayton Joy; and a granddaughter, Jamie LaRae South.
 Survivors include three daughters, Vickie Lynn Ramsey and husband James; Teresa Ann Isom and husband Larry, and Kathy Sue Hinkle; four grandchildren, Brandy Joy Yell and husband Mark, Billy James South and Jerry Don South, all of Odessa, Bryson Dale Isom of Bridgeport, Texas; four great-grandchildren, Kelby, Blake, Charleigh Alyssa and Tyler; two sisters, Pat Jones and husband Milton of Odessa and Lois Welch and husband Bobby of Lake Charles; three brothers, Clayton Joy and wife Renee and James Joy, all of Odessa, and Darryl Joy and wife Brenda of Plano; many nieces and nephews who she was extremely proud of.
 Pallbearers are Freddie Jones, Roland Bailey, Jerry Young, Tim Reez, Randy Gour, and Ron Joy. Honorary pallbearers are Cory Joy, Judd Joy, Jake Joy, Trevor Joy and Casey Joy.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
 James E. Stevens, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
 Kristina M. Zinn, illegal dumping.
 Timmy Gonzales, DWI.
 Colby D. Reutter, theft.
 Trevor L. Smith, theft.
 Russell Whitehead, assault.
 Lavincet Swoopes, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes
 Thomas McDaniel, motion to dismiss to telephone harassment granted for plea to other case.
 Charles Speckles, motion to dismiss to possession of a controlled substance granted for plea to other case.
 Joshua Sheil, plea of guilty to illegal dumping, 45 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$235 court costs.
 Teresa Moon, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 15 month probation, \$600 fine, \$410 court costs.
 Inez Hernandez, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 8 month probation, \$600 fine, \$410 court costs.
 Douglas Spurrier II, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$410 court costs.
 David Coffey, plea of guilty to assault, 1 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$260 court costs.
 Lupe Palacio, plea of guilty to Ct. II - resisting arrest, 18 month probation, \$1000 fine, \$260 court costs.
 Terry Perry, plea of guilty to DWI - class B, 7 days in jail, \$1000 fine, \$410 court costs.
 Charles Speckles, plea of guilty to Ct. II, possession of dangerous drug, 18 month probation, \$1000 fine, \$310 court costs.
 Theodore Evans III, order releasing cash bond granted.
 Jamie Leah Berkley, motion to withdraw as surety granted.
 Glendon Price, motion to dismiss to deadly conduct granted for plea to other case.
 Douglas Brady, motion to dismiss to Ct. I - DWI and Ct. II - unlawful carrying weapon granted for plea to felony case.

Michael Abels, motion for revocation of bond, court supervised release program granted.
 Yvonne Pena Dominguez, motion to revoke probation granted.
 Michelle L. McGarvie, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.
 Raymond Teague, motion to revoke probation granted.
 Joshua Kitchens, notice of compliance with additional terms of probation granted.
 Teresa Moon, order amending condition of probation granted.
 Lupe Palacio, order amending condition of probation granted.
 Billy Mac Chaney, order amending condition of probation granted.
 Alfredo Garcia, order amending condition of probation granted.

42ND DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictments
 Colby D. Reutter, criminal mischief.

Criminal Minutes
 Cameron McRae, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 18 month in prison, \$234 court costs.
 Mary E. Hughes, motion to dismiss to unauthorized use of a vehicle granted in the interest of justice.
 Breion J. Green, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 4 years in prison, \$280 court costs.

Civil Filings
 Danny Pennington vs. James Lloyd Breeding, damages.

Civil Minutes
 Hudson & Keyse, LLC vs. Louise J. Booth, order for partial dismissal without prejudice granted.
 Kimberly Yvette Nolan and William Roger Nolan, divorce granted.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Fire Meeting Put Off One More Time

The Annual Meeting of the Cottonwood Fire Control Unit has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2008. It will be held at the Cottonwood Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

This is an important meeting that will elect Board Members, Officers, and others who have regular duties, training dates and important functions.

Everyone, including the older residents and new residents, who

live in the Cottonwood valley are considered members of the Cottonwood Fire Control Unit and should attend this meeting. It is a good place to meet and greet new residents and get acquainted.

It is very important to know how to call these volunteers who are often the first responders to brush fires, structure fires, and other emergencies. Remember, the property you save by knowing what to do in case of emergency may be your own. So, welcome all residents.

Sorry folks, no other news to report and I'm off to the dentist. Would have liked to print your news or personal items here, but haven't heard from anyone else this week.

(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.)

India's Children Choir to Perform at Methodist Church in Baird

Over 90 years ago in Northeast India, the Hmar people, a fierce tribe of headhunters, were converted by the word of God into Christians and transformed into winsome **Hearthunters**. The India Children's Choir is made up of the descendants of those former headhunters, and they are in America to tell their story. The India Children's Choir, sponsored by Bible For The World, features 22 children performing the captivating musical, "Hearthunters to Hearthunters".

The First United Methodist Church of Baird will present the

India Children's Choir for the whole community to enjoy. The concert will be free of charge. Each member of the India Children's Choir, ages 8-12, invites you to bring your family and friends to this once in a lifetime event.

The concert will take place on February 13th at the First United Methodist Church in Baird at 6:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this wonderful musical.

For more information you may contact Sandra Keith at 854-1080 or Brenda Lewis at 854-5994.

American Legion Meets Thursday, January 31st

A regular meeting of the American Legion Post 423 will be held on Thursday, January 31st, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the American Legion Building on N.E. 1st Street in Cross Plains.

A meal will be provided and wives of members are cordially invited.

All members and perspective members are encouraged to attend.

Valentine Celebration Dinner Set by Class of 1961

A little bird told me that the Class of 1961 was gathering at Jean's Feed Barn for a **Valentine Celebration Dinner** on Saturday, February 9th, at 6:30 p.m., so fly on over and join them for the fun.

Please RSVP Pat Albus — patalbus@msn.com (325) 695-0000 or Carol Drenan — cjdabi@juno.com (325) 669-1170.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

FEBRUARY 4 - 8

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TUESDAY - Pork Chops w/ Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Carrots, Chocolate Cake, Roll

WEDNESDAY - Meatloaf, Steamed Cabbage, Blackeyed Peas, Cheesecake, Cornbread

THURSDAY - Chicken Cacciatore, Buttered Rice, Zucchini, Gelatin, Bread

FRIDAY - Cheese Burgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onions, Oven Fries, Ranger Cookie
2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

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RISEING STAR NURSING CENTER

By Nikki Perez

Well we are back with another edition of the Rising Star Nursing Center News. I hope everyone had enough hairspray to last through the week. I was beginning to wonder if the wind was going to blow or not.

Last week some of the residents came up and made Chewy Date Nut Bars. Irene Starkey, Jimmielee Payne and Grace Jenkins were all in attendance. They stirred and blended and measured this and that and when the cookies were done, oh my, they were so delicious. The residents did a very wonderful job. Last Friday they had a hot tea and coffee social, where they finished up the cookies.

Thursday, January 31st the Cross Plains Ladies will be here to sing for our residents.

We also have some new faces with us. Kellie Stewart and Lora Maloney are here to work in the Dietary Department. Glad to have both of you with us.

I would like to send out get well wishes to Myrtle Hoggett and Alvie Milam who are in the hospital. May both of you have speedy recoveries.

The February activities will be given out at a later date. Sorry about that.

Well I guess that will do it for this edition. Until next time, take care and God Bless.

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Stats
January 22 - 25, 2008

Patrons	55
Programs	13
LAP	3
LAPsit	1
Books Checked Out	64
LAP	40
LAPsit	0
Copies	43
Reference	4
Internet Users	19
Interlibrary Loans	1

Donations: Judy Killgo, Carol Bennett, and Carol Walt

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Memorials: Charles and Lou Rodenberger In Memory of Virginia Stocker

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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

I hope this message encourages your heart to have faith in God and His ability to meet our needs. The Lord knows what we need even before we ask Him so be confident that He will never leave you nor forsake you, but will be with you all the days of your life.

LAST MINUTES

During one of Shane's routine new-baby checkups, his pediatrician expressed concern that the soft spot on his head might be closing prematurely. He referred us to a neurologist who, after an extensive examination and X-rays, recommended surgery. The operation, he explained, would require an ear-to-ear incision and would take between five and seven hours.

We were concerned about such lengthy surgery, especially with Shane's heart condition. But after weighing the dangers of a premature closure, we agreed to go ahead with the operation. The night before we were to take Shane to the hospital, I lay awake, alternating between worrying and praying. As a rule, the two don't go together, but every time I turned the situation over to the Lord, I found myself taking it back again.

It's funny, isn't it? We can trust God to hold the entire world in His hands, but we get nervous whenever we ask Him to hold our problems. I don't know what time it was when I finally fell asleep. I do know it was late, because when the telephone rang the next morning, I could barely pry open my eyes. What the voice on the other end of the line had to say, however, woke me up in a hurry.

It was the neurosurgeon. He explained that because of Shane's heart condition, he felt it imperative to get a second opinion. He contacted the head of neurosurgery at a local children's hospital. After study-

ing the X-rays, each determined that they had been misleading. The diagnosis had been incorrect, and the surgery was canceled.

I knew a little how Moses felt when he got all the way to the banks of the Red Sea before God parted it. Experiences like that are taxing on the nerves. But when you think about it, God parted the sea when Moses "needed" it parted. The surgery was canceled when it needed to be. It was at the last minute, but I must remind myself that God is always on time even at the last minute.

Author Unknown

Our Miracle

Our oldest daughter was born with a hole in her heart. The doctor said it was unlikely to close and predicted open heart surgery by the time she was five.

My husband was military and when she was about seven months old, he went overseas and we went home.

I took D'Ann to a new Dr. and he told me the same story. When I took her back after two weeks as he had requested, he examined her and got very excited. I thought she was worse. When he was finished, the doctor said, "I have no medical explanation but this baby's heart has changed greatly for the better."

From that time on, we could see that baby get better. Before, her bed would be wet from her sweating while she slept. Her projectile vomiting stopped and she was more like a normal baby.

We did not need a medical explanation. Many prayers had gone up for that baby and THEY HAD BEEN ANSWERED

D'Ann is an adult (She would not like me to say how old) and she has never had any more problems with her heart. We are truly grateful.

BHW

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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Another of Andy Rooney's bits of wisdom that Dough included in his "Ask Doug" article last week is: "People will generally accept facts as truth — if the facts agree with what they already believe." Wow, how true — and that's a fact!

Seriously, it helps us to understand why some wouldn't accept facts about Jesus — like that of His resurrections — doesn't it? We must accept it by faith today — since we weren't there — but there were those in that day who had the evidence right before them and wouldn't accept the truth of it — because it didn't agree with what they already believed. And I'm afraid that is true all too often in regard to a lot of things pertaining to the truths of the Bible. We don't accept them because it doesn't agree with what we already believe — i.e., our preconceived ideas!

I encourage you to share in times of Bible study and worship as we look again at the truths of God's word in order to "sign our lives with the excellence of God."

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
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Taylor Electric offers free trip to Washington D.C.

Taylor Electric Cooperative invites all area high school students who live within its 10-county service area to participate in the annual GOVERNMENT IN ACTION - Youth Tour essay contest and win a trip to the nation's capital. The contest is open to any high school student who is currently a sophomore or 16 years of age or older. Essays will be judged by local educators. There

are no fees to enter; however, eligibility is limited to the first 30 students who submit essays and application packets. This year's essay topic is "What are the biggest energy issues that your generation will face?" Students should write between 1,500 and 2,000 words on the topic. For more details, contest information is available from local school counselors and entry

forms and details can be downloaded online at www.taylorlectric.com <<http://www.taylorlectric.com>>. Click the "Community Connections" button to learn more about Youth Tour and the Taylor Electric Scholarship program. Winners will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., leaving June 12th and returning home June 20th. The students will fly and tour with more than 140 other students from across the southwest. Their itinerary will include tours to national monuments, the Smithsonian, The FBI, the Capitol building, the Supreme Court, the National Cathedral, The Ford Theater, time for shopping and socializing, and much more. The contest deadline is Feb. 29th when submission entries will close at 5 p.m. For more information, call 325-793-8538 or email kelly@taylorlectric.com. Kelly Langford Thompson, Director of Communications, Taylor Electric Cooperative 325-793-8538, kelly@taylorlectric.com

Sign Up Now 3 on 3 Tournament

Get your team together now and sign up for the 3-on-3 basketball tournament hosted by the Cross Plains Junior Class to raise money for prom.

Brackets will be created for these three divisions:

- * 6-8th grade teams
- * 9-12th grade teams
- * Open teams.

All are invited to play Saturday, February 16th at the Cross Plains I.S.D. Gym from 9 a.m. until????

Team entry fees are \$30.00 in advance—due by February 13th. Late registration at the door will cost an extra \$15.00.

Sign up at CPHS or go online at www.crossplains.ewsc14.net and print your registration form then mail in your entry fee.

For more information contact Amber Green or Jennifer Wootton at (254) 725-6121, email agreen@cplains.esc14.net or stop by the high school office. After hours, call Jennifer Wootton at (325) 201-1141.

Just want to watch???? Admission is \$2.00 per student and \$3.00 per adult. Concession will be provided.

Burn Ban Reinstated in Callahan County

After briefly lifting the Burn Ban, Callahan County Commissioners voted to reinstate the Burn Ban during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, January 14th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The Countywide Burn Ban was lifted on Friday, January 25th and the commissioners' court discussed reinstating the Burn Ban with attachments.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to reinstate the Burn Ban with the amendments on welding and outdoor grilling to the county's burn ban.

The order prohibiting outdoor burning follows:

Callahan County, Texas Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 240.906 of the Local Government Code, the Callahan County Commissioners' Court had found that dry conditions in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and, whereas, such a finding authorizes the issuance of an order which prohibits or restricts outdoor burning. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the following regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Callahan County, Texas.

- (1) Action prohibited.
 - A. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly, intentionally or recklessly burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others.
 - B. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly, intentionally or recklessly engages in any activity outdoors which could allow flames or sparks that could result in a fire, or orders such activities by others.

- (2) Enforcement.
 - A. Violation of this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.
 - B. This order may be enforced by any duly commissioned peace officer in Callahan County.

- (3) This order is effective and enforceable for 90 days from the date of adoption which is indicated below.
- (4) This order does not apply to outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission for firefighter training; public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations; or harvesting of agriculture crops.

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

ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Callahan County, Texas on the 28th day of January, 2008, and executed on the same day.

(s) Roger Corn
Callahan County Judge

Attest:
(s) Donna Bell
County Clerk

Monday, February 11th
Baird Cafeteria
400 West 7th
10 a.m. - 12 noon

Cross Plains Housing Authority
233 North Main
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, February 13th
Clyde First Baptist Church
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10 a.m. - 12 noon
1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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Cross Plains Junior High Gold Team Named District Champs

By Coach Atchley

The 8th Grade team (Gold Team) won the Junior High Girls District Title. The girls closed out their season with a victory. Their district record was 7-1 and overall they were 12-2.

In their last game. The girls traveled to Eula. In this game, the girls demonstrated from the very start. The girls scored 16 points the 1st half while holding Eula to 1 point. In the second half they scored 12 more points while holding Eula to just 2 more points. The girls played hard and were very aggressive. Final score CP 28, Eula 5.

Playing in their last Junior High game were 8th Graders: Samantha Dickson 2 points, Lana Gary 2 points, Shelby Ames 1 point, Rosa Salazar, Lauren Goode 12 points, Rachelle Allen 1 point, Zoie Walker 4 points, Charlene Avants, Sammy Tollett,

Hunter Moreno, Kenzie Taff, and Renee Robertson.

In the Purple game the girls also played Eula. Neither team shot the ball very good the first quarter—CP 2, Eula 0. In the second, third, and fourth quarter the Eula girls found their shooting arms and scored 9-10-9 points per quarter. While the CP girls did not find the basket too often. Final score Eula 30, CP 9. The girls finished 3-7 for the year.

Playing this year and returning next year are 7th graders Cheyenne Cowan scored 5 points in the Gold's win and played all year. Maci Whitson 5 points, Katharine Goode 2 points, Victoria Creamer, Chelsea Branch, Shahala Trammell 2 points, Dania Gonzales, and Megan Brown. As always I enjoyed coaching you girls and hope you learned some basketball.

Nominate Now for G/T Programs at C.P. Elementary

Nominations for student participation in gifted education are now being accepted for students in grade K-6. Parents and community members are invited to nominate any child they believe exhibits intellectual characteristics that exceed those normally seen in children of the same age.

You may nominate a child by coming to the elementary office and completing nomination forms. Any parent is welcome to come by the office and pick up a Parent Handbook on Gifted Education. For information regarding gifted education, you may call Margie Sowell or Pat Stephens, 725-6123.

Quilting to be introduced at next ASAP February 6th

The next After School Adventure Program, or ASAP, will be Wednesday, February 6th at 4:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library.

Wilma Lawrence will be demonstrating the various steps of quilting. Beginning with choosing colors and patterns, to piecing the fabric together, and

then how to prepare the batting and the final quilting. After the presentation the children will be able to create a quilt by gluing small fabric pieces on a square of felt material. We look forward to seeing you then!

Submitted by Linda Burns, Librarian

5th and 6th Grade Basketball Underway

Cross Plains 6th grade girls along with the 5th and 6th grade boys traveled to DeLeon on Saturday, January 26 for their first game of the season.

These were some well played games in DeLeon Saturday beginning with the 6th grade girls taking on a 6th grade team from Gorman. Texas Sanders scored 6 points for the Lady Buffs in the second half of the game. Megan Pointer added a bucket to draw the girls within two. Also contributing to a great game were Alyssa Wheeler, Allanta Wheeler, Lindsey Ames, Christa Potter, Meagan Roberts, and Reagan Sides. Great defense kept the Lady buffs in the game holding the girls from Gorman to only ten points for the whole game. The game was tied at 8, and in the last ten seconds of the game Gorman scored. The final score for the girls was Gorman 10, Lady

Bufs 8. These girls played a great game and will be getting ready for their next game on Saturday in Gorman.

The 5th and 6th grade boys also took on a team from Gorman. Unlike the other game Gorman took over the game from the beginning, but the boys never gave up playing hard the entire game. Joshua Branch scored 4 points, Cameron Sides scored 1 point, on a free throw, and Tristen Stephenson added 2 to the score board. Playing in the game was Colton McWilliams, D.J. Horrito, Ben Branch, Bronc Dillard, Keifer Steimle, Korbin McLean, and Rickey Higgins. The boys rebounded well with most of the team getting a rebound. The score was Gorman 21, Buffs 7. The boys will be practicing hard as they get ready for the next game.

Both teams will be playing again this Saturday in Gorman.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

FEBRUARY 4 - 8 BREAKFAST

- MONDAY - Eggs, Biscuit, Assorted Juice
- TUESDAY - Waffle Sticks, Sausage Link, Assorted Juice
- WEDNESDAY - Muffin, Yogurt, Assorted Juice
- THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
- FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

- MONDAY- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Pudding
- TUESDAY - BBQ Chicken Strips, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls w/Honey
- WEDNESDAY - Soft Taco, Salad, Refried Beans, Applesauce Cake
- THURSDAY- Chicken Pot Pie, Meadow Blend Veg., Bread Stick, Apricots
- FRIDAY- Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Baked Fries, Cookie

Library Writing Contest Welcomes Home-Schooled

For the ninth consecutive year, the Cross Plains Public Library is sponsoring a writing contest for all students in Grades Pre-K through 12 in the Cross Plains schools. All home-schooled students who are eligible to attend the Cross Plains schools are encouraged to enter. (Last year a home-schooled student was a winner in his grade!)

Students may enter any one of the three categories: poetry, essay or short story. Poems may be of any kind: blank, verse, haiku, etc. (Only one entry per student will be accepted.)

If your student(s) would like to enter, you may pick up an entry form and instructions at the Cross

Plains Public Library between 1 and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and return the entries there by 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 14, 2008. The library also has lots of book available that can help you with your writing or explain about the many types of poems.

The entries will be "blind" judged, as in previous years, and we will award ribbons for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each grade. Trophies will be awarded for 1, 2nd and 3rd overall, and the three best overall entries will be printed in the Cross Plains Review.

For further information, please contact the Library at 254-725-7722.

Submitted by Ginny Hoskins

NOTICE

All Valentine orders to be phoned to an out-of-town florist for delivery must be placed no later than Tuesday, February 12, and paid by cash, check or credit card. No out-of-town phone orders will be made on Thursday, February 14th.

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BENEFIT BAKE SALE FOR MICHAEL AND APRIL COWAN FAMILY A GREAT SUCCESS—Jerri Taylor, Texas Heritage employee, is assisting Rickey Thomas in his purchase of a tasty dessert. It was reported that 32 people donated baked goods, while approximately \$1,800.0 was raised to help with Michael's medical expenses following a vehicle accident. Cross Plains continues to qualify as a "Caring Community".

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Legion; Rising Star Foundation; Jerry Culpepper; Star Grocery; Jerry Winfrey; Cunningham Ranch; Cross Plains Frozen Food Locker; Anna Chesshir; Lawrence Farm & Ranch; 3D Ag Services; Hardwick's Nursery; Betty's Quick Stop; Gary McGinn; Jean's Feed Barn; Connie's Cuts & Curls; Rick Trammell; Cook's Fish Barn; Carrol Tires; friends of Michael and April Cowan.

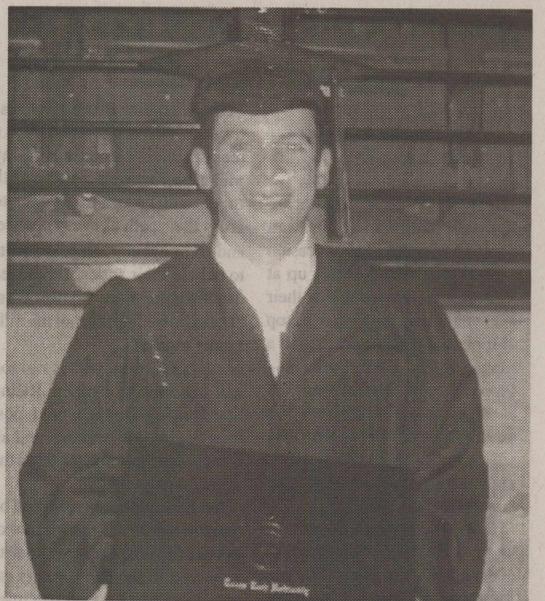
Auction items known at this time: set of tires donated by American Tire Distributors; fully processed beef, donated by Cunningham Ranch; cattle protein tubs, donated by Ridley Block Corp; cooked brisket; and three subscriptions or renewals from the *Cross Plains Review*.

Submitted by
Jan Wise

Cross Plains Project Pride Meeting Time Announced

The monthly meeting of Project Pride will be held at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 5th in the Cross Plains Public Library. Members are encouraged to attend, as are visitors who might be interested in learning about the involvement in Project Pride in the community. Committee reports will be heard and initial planning will get underway for the annual Robert E. Howard Days, scheduled for June 13 and 14.

Membership dues may be paid for 2008 at the meeting or by mailing a check to Project Pride, P.O. Box 534, Cross Plains, 76443. Dues are \$3.00 per individual and \$5.00 per family.



FORMER CROSS PLAINS GRADUATE FINISHES COLLEGE—James Ross graduated from Texas Tech University on December 15, 2007, and is currently enrolled in Texas Tech's post-baccalaureate teacher certification program. He is also employed as a sales representative for the Olympic Paint Company. James is the son of Charlie and Beverly Ross of Cross Plains

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Callahan Divide Soil and Water District still has windbreak trees

The Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District's deadline for windbreak tree orders is passed.

However, the District does have a few varieties of oak trees left. They have Bur Oak, Schumard

Oak, and Sawtooth Oak still available. Also the expected delivery date is February 16, 2008. Any person placing orders will be notified by phone of exact times for pick up.

This Week in Texas History

By: Bartee Haile

Last U.S. Diplomat Survives Texas Curse

JAN. 30 - FEB. 5, 2008

Andrew Jackson Donelson crossed Feb. 5 off his 1846 calendar and made a mental note that his historic work in the Lone Star Republic would be finished in two more weeks.

The fourth and final Washington emissary to Texas was not the least bit worried about the annexation ceremony coming off on schedule. It was strictly a formality marking the death of the decade-old Republic and the birth of the 28th state.

What kept Donelson awake at night was whether he would accomplish something none of his three predecessors had managed to do — get out of Texas alive.

Considering the shabby way Washington treated them after San Jacinto, Texans could have been excused for wishing a pox on Potomac politicians. The United States refused for nearly a year to officially recognize their independence from Mexico and then delayed full diplomatic relations until 1841.

In April of that year, President William Henry Harrison awarded a prominent supporter from Kentucky with the post of charge d'affaires to Texas. On the job by July, Joseph Eve immediately hit it off with Sam Houston, for whom he had the highest regard.

Eve's glowing accounts of life in the vast land and his enthusiastic recommendation of statehood for Texas upset Daniel Webster, who as secretary of state was committed to keeping slaveholders out of the Union. Convinced Eve had been corrupted by the charismatic Houston, Webster recalled him in the spring of 1843.

Replaced on Jun. 3, Eve reluctantly packed for the trip home. But two weeks later he suddenly collapsed and died in Galveston, his life taken by an incurable case of tuberculosis.

In the meantime, Eve's successor already had filed the first of many fanciful reports

about the Texans' tilt toward Great Britain. William S. Murphy was, in fact, in the Lone Star Republic less than 48 hours before jumping to the rash conclusion that the country was in grave danger of becoming a crown colony.

To renew U.S. interest in the adoption of his orphan republic, President Houston was playing hard to get. He pretended to be opposed to annexation and openly flirted with England, America's old Atlantic rival.

Murphy was completely fooled by Old Sam's masterful masquerade. The naive envoy advised his superiors that only swift and decisive action could break up the budding international romance. Otherwise, he warned, Texas was sure to slip through their fingers.

Though skeptical at first, the new secretary of state eventually came around to Murphy's point of view. Abel Upshur ordered his subordinate to tell the reckless Texans that "the lamb can make no contact with the wolf which will protect him from being devoured."

Murphy interpreted these and other equally oblique instructions to mean he had a free hand in his dealings with the Texans. Hearing that Houston feared a Mexican invasion once negotiations with Washington resumed, he exceeded his authority by promising military protection for the duration of the unification process.

Requiring a two-thirds vote of the U.S. Senate, the annexation treaty was dead-on-arrival in April 1844. In turning thumbs-down on the agreement, the senators also refused to confirm Murphy's appointment as charge d'affaires. Upon learning his career had gone up in smoke along with the treaty, he quipped, "The tail went with the hide."

John Tyler, the first vice-president to succeed a dead

president, picked a nobody from Indiana to take Murphy's place. Although spurned by the Hoosier electorate in recent bids for the senate and the statehouse, Tilghman A. Howard had one redeeming qualification. He was an old friend of Sam Houston.

In June 1844, Howard took over from Murphy, who like Eve before him did not live long enough to leave. He died on Jul. 12 following a brief battle with yellow fever.

Murphy was scarcely six feet under before the same scourge sent his successor to the cemetery. After Howard's death at Washington-on-the-Brazos on Aug. 16th, Texans wondered if the president would risk filling the vacancy.

That sensible observation overlooked the fact that the cornerstone of the Tyler candidacy had been a solemn promise to bring the Lone Star Republic into the national fold, a goal that could not be achieved through the mail. The task demanded hands-on diplomacy no matter what the health hazards.

Tyler drafted Andrew Jackson Donelson, Old Hickory's nephew and adopted son who had spent eight years in the White House as private secretary to his namesake. Any misgivings Donelson may have had about the perilous post he kept to himself and cheerfully accepted the assignment in September 1844.

The fourth and final charge d'affaires not only endured his dangerous tour of duty but also was instrumental in ending Texas' inexcusably long wait for statehood. While Donelson appreciated all the praise for a job well done, he was even happier to survive the strange "curse of the diplomats."

Bartee Haile welcomes your comments, questions and suggestions at HYPERLINK "mailto:haile@pdq.net" haile@pdq.net of P.O. Box 152, Friendswood, TX 77549. And don't forget to visit www.twlth.com/

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I GOT NO REASON TO LIE

Simpatico—January, 2008

By Charles Chupp
De Leon, Texas

Jimmielee Payne and Buster are familiar figures around an establishment that I have occasion to visit on a weekly basis up at Rising Star, Texas. One of their joint ventures is bringing in a crop of tomatoes that would furnish a supply to feed a small village—from only a half dozen vines.

They are out of business this time of the year, but I suspect they are studying seed catalogs for the upcoming season, and I'd lay money on their success.

They're staying in shape by braving the wintry temperatures in the great out-of-doors. You will see them out for their morning and afternoon constitutionals as regular as clockwork. Their regimen includes a scene reminiscent of the Iditarod dash to Nome in the northern reaches of the United States of America.

Jimmielee, you see, is wheel chair bound from the passing of years and unreliable running gear, but Buster furnishes much of the locomotion for their outings. He unselfishly provides all the go power to lure Jimmielee out into the weather, which both enjoy with equal enthusiasm. For so long as Buster is around, Jimmielee has no need for a motorized vehicle. Buster has calories to burn. They are roommates, and they ante their abilities to a common cause and greet each new day with unmistakable joy. Then, they set about the doling out of that joy with the other

inhabitants.

I know nothing of their past history, and how they wound up as a team is their business. It's my pleasure to swap words with them, and I make it a point to cross their path at every chance, and to buoy my sagging spirits to behold their antics. Jimmielee did tell me that Buster was, "Better medicine than all the pills I have to take!"

Johnnie Elliott, who is ramrod and administrator of the Rising Star Nursing Center, would most likely agree with a smile, and all her staff seems to be cut from the same fabric.

You have probably surmised by now that Buster is the Mascot of the outfit, despite my effort to keep you in the dark on this caper. He's a 6 to 8 pound specimen with bright eyes and a bushy tail and mane. Kinda reminiscent of a dust mop. I am not sure of his actual pedigree, since dog ID's are on a long list of things I don't know much about and the length of that list is an embarrassment to me.

When they come busting out of the front door for their road work, Buster leads the way at full gallop while Jimmielee holds on to a reel-type twenty-foot leash—to protect the area cats and canines, and keep Buster from the street. They stay out until they are both satisfied, and then go back to shelter, bed and breakfast.

I kicked this story off with an Italian word and so the fitting windup should be from the same language. What we have here was in a Dean Martin song of a while back. "That's amore."

Commissioners combine voting precincts for runoff election

The Callahan County Commissioners voted to combine six of the seven voter precincts for the Primary Runoff Election to be held, if necessary, on Tuesday, April 8th.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, January 28th during a regular commissioners' court meeting at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

Callahan County Clerk Donna Bell and election officials requested that the commissioners' court consider and approve consolidating voting Precinct #2 (Eula Lions Club) and Precinct #7 (Oplin Community Center) into Precinct #2 and voting Precinct #3 (Baird Light Plant) and Precinct #5 (Putnam Community Center) into Precinct #3 and combine voting Precinct #4 (Cross Plains Community Center) and Precinct #6 (Clyde Southside Baptist Church) into Precinct #4 for the Primary Runoff Election to be held Tuesday, April 8th. On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second to Commissioner Kirkham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to consolidate voting Precinct #2 and #7, Precinct #3 and #5, and Precinct #4 and #6 for the Primary Runoff to be held, if necessary, on April 8th.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court

included:

—County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Present included Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioners Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell.

—The minutes of the previous commissioners' court meeting were reviewed and signed.

—Under public discussions, Ginny Roden, on behalf of the owners of land along County Road 479, presented Commissioner Kirkham a thank you card for working on County Road 479 and getting the roadway in good condition. Also present were Deb Rowen, Carolyn Hayden, and Wanda Chittum, who also voiced their thanks publicly. Commissioner Kirkham appreciated their presentation as did the rest of the commissioners' court.

—A motion was made by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Farmer to pay all approved bills. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—A motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting was made by Commissioner Farmer and seconded by Commissioner Windham at 9:50 a.m. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

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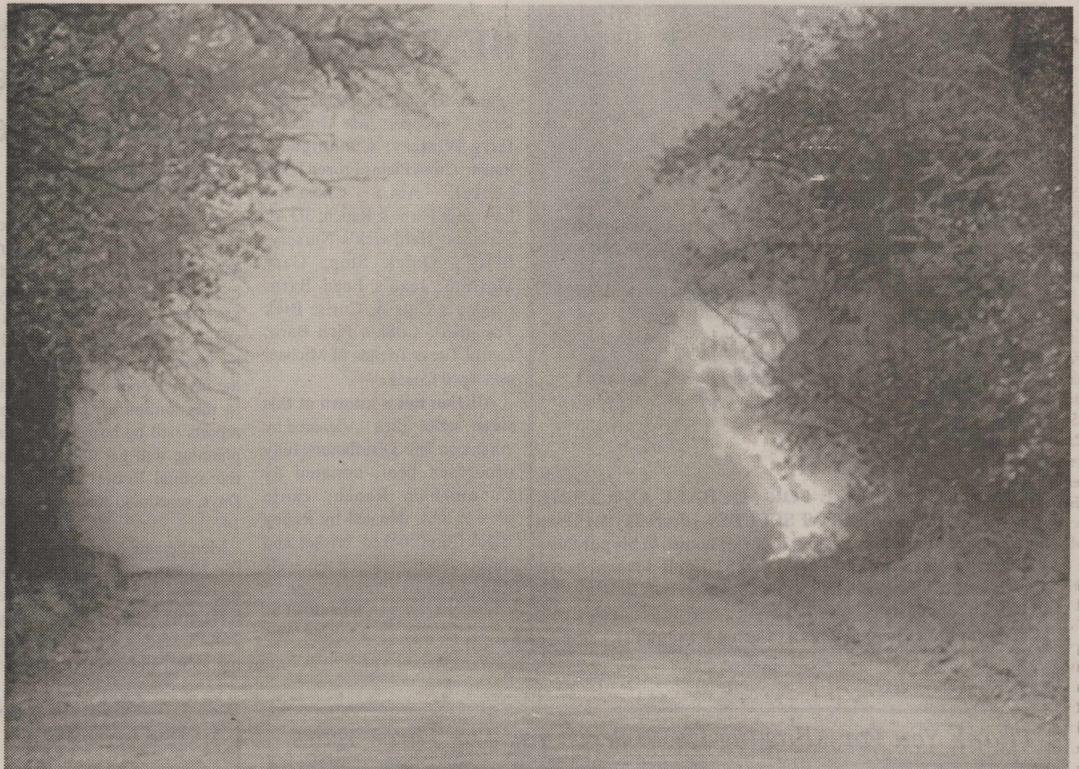
Warnings 4,977
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22 Driving While License Invalid
2 Driving Under Influence
Drugs
1 Intoxication Assault
26 Possession of Marijuana
14 Possession of Controlled Substance
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FAST MOVING FIRE—Flames from a fast-moving brush fire are shown just before they jumped over County Road 248 about 2.5 miles southwest of Baird at about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 29th. Seconds before this photo was snapped by *Clyde Journal*

Publisher Don Tabor, a fire truck was parked at the same spot. It made a hasty departure as the flames neared. After taking the picture the photographer did likewise.

Buying???

Transfer the title to avoid penalties

Beginning January 2, 2008, penalties increase for the late transfer of title and registration of a motor vehicle.

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You have **20 working days** from the date of sale to title and register the vehicle to avoid paying a late transfer penalty.

Penalties

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- **\$25 late transfer penalty**-If you apply for the transfer between 21 work days and 30 work days after the date of sale.

- **ADD another \$25 penalty** for each additional 30-day period (or part of 30-day period) when transferred on or after the 31st work day after the date of sale.

- **Military Personnel transfers**-Have up to 61 days to transfer before a late penalty is assessed. ADD an additional **\$25 penalty** for each additional 1 to 30 days late.

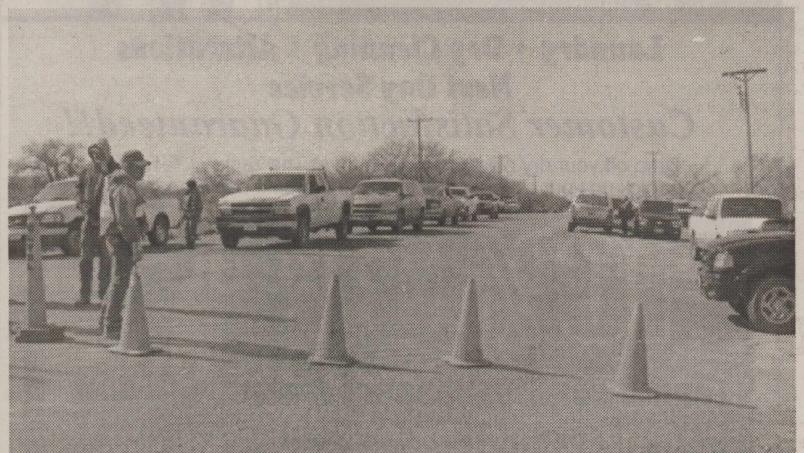
Grande Ole Oplin Tells February Line-up

The Grande Ole Oplin is proud to announce their band line-up for the month of February.

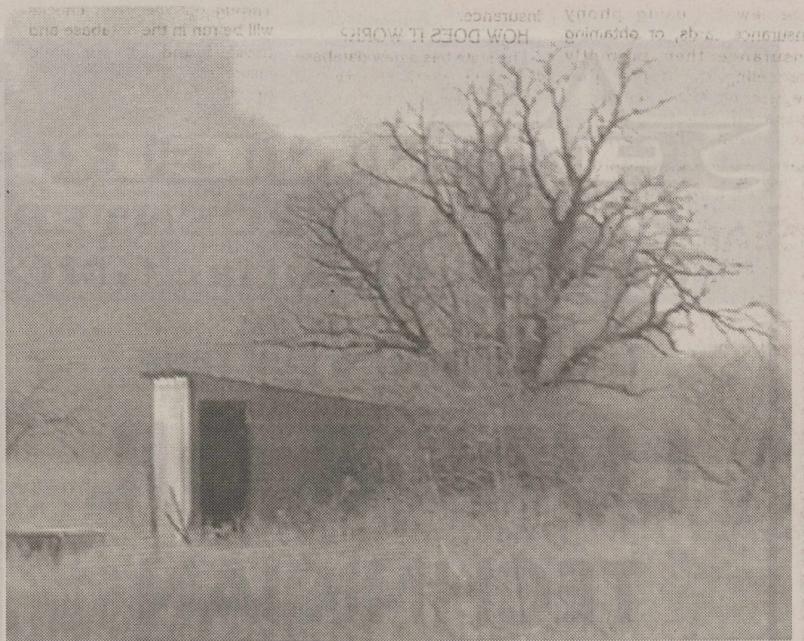
Starting off the month on Friday, February 1st, Muddy Creek will be playing all of your favorite dancing tunes. On Friday, February 8th, Country Classics will be here to entertain us all, and on Friday, February 15th, Herman Hearn and the Yellowjackets will be joining us with their special brand of favorite country dancing tunes. On Friday, February 22nd, Muddy Creek will be returning to play some of your favorite tunes. On Friday, February 29th, Jack Rosser will be here playing the kind of music that will make you want to get up and dance.

The Grande Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of FM 604 S. and FM 2926. Admission is only \$4.00 per person. Our dances begin each Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our Community Center functions.

So gather the family and of your friends and come on out to the Grande Ole Oplin for an evening of good music and good friends.



FIRE BLOCKADE—A blockade of FM 18 is shown looking west on Private Road 6277 at about 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 29th. The blockade was put up due to a fast-moving brush fire between Clyde and Baird.



BILLOWING SMOKE—Smoke from a racing brush fire is shown at about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 29th looking west on County Road 248 about two miles southwest of Baird.

Fast-moving brush fire destroys over 1,000 acres

A fast-moving brush fire ignited well over 1,000 acres Tuesday afternoon, January 29th just when a northern dry front blew in with winds over 40 miles-per-hour.

Fire units from around Callahan County quickly responded to the call, which came in around 1:00 p.m. on Timber Trail Road, northeast of Reed's Farm Store on FM 18. The raging blaze quickly blew across FM and headed southeast.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn said late Tuesday, the fire burned well over 1,000 acres. He said possibly one home was destroyed and a

number of barns and outbuildings were claimed by the quick moving flames.

Fire units from Clyde, Baird, Eula, Eastland, Potosi, Abilene and Coleman were on the scene through Tuesday evening. Judge Corn said Callahan County equipment from all four precincts and equipment from Shackelford County assisted at the scene. Judge Corn said the Texas Forestry Service also had vehicles on the scene.

According to Judge Corn, the blaze was accidentally started by a clothes dryer at a residence on Timber Trail. Judge Corn said preliminary

damage results are not severe enough to declare a countywide disaster. He did say some landowners in the burn path might be able to receive some government assistance to replace fence lines destroyed by the blaze.

Judge Corn said he was able to reach state officials in Austin and was able to obtain fuel assistance from the Texas Department of Transportation for the fire departments working the large blaze.

Callahan County remains in a burn ban which was reinstated by the commissioners' court on Monday, January 28th.

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Agriculture Commissioner sets goals for 2008

AUSTIN—In a speech to more than 800 faculty and staff at Texas A&M University's AgriLife Conference in College Station on Tuesday, January 8th, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples encouraged all Texans to play a part in preserving our state's multi-billion dollar agriculture industry and enhancing rural economic development.

"The Texas Department of Agriculture is dedicated to securing our state's rich heritage of farming and ranching, and being a national leader in agricultural production," Commissioner Staples said. "First, we must bridge the gap between rural and urban Texas, fostering an understanding that agriculture is not just a way of life for farmers and ranchers, but the foundation of life for all Texans."

Currently Texas leads the nation in the number of cattle, horses, goats, sheep and deer. The state also ranks first in the production of cotton, wool, mohair and hay. The Texas agriculture industry employs nearly two million Texans, contributing approximately nine percent of the Gross State Product. Commissioner Staples credited the unwavering work ethic of Texas producers for reaching a milestone in 2007.

"Agriculture contributed more than \$100 billion to the Texas economy in 2007 - a record for our state's agriculture industry," Commissioner Staples said. "All Texans should be proud of the dedicated men and women who live and breathe agriculture daily, providing food and fiber to feed and clothe their fellow Texans." The commissioner called on all Texans to assist TDA in ensuring the continued prosperity of agriculture, and listed five priorities as pathways to success:

- Link rural Texas communities to higher education/training opportunities to ensure Texas has a qualified workforce;
- Increase awareness on the role agriculture plays in daily lives of all Texans;
- Research and implement methods to increase commodities to meet the demands of food, fiber, feedstock and fuels;
- Expand outreach to farmers/ranchers about marketing opportunities, and to consumers about state-grown (GO TEXAN) products; and
- Preserve land for agriculture and protect property rights.

More than \$9 million awarded to home-delivered meal providers

AUSTIN—Commissioner Todd Staples announced today, January 15th, the Texas Department of Agriculture is awarding approximately \$9.5 million to almost 100 agencies that serve meals to homebound elderly and those with special needs. The grants are provided through TDA's new Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program.

"The season of giving may be over, but the need to give continues," Commissioner Staples said. "We need to do everything in our power to make sure our seniors and Texans with special needs never go hungry. This funding will help fill the stomachs and hearts of people who aren't looking for a hand out - just a helping hand."

The Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program is a result of House Bill 407, passed during the 80th Legislative Session. The bill was created to give extra funding to home-delivered meal providers for 2008 and 2009. The grants, based partly on the number of meals eligible applicants served this past year, can only be used to supplement and expand existing services related to the de-

liverly of meals.

"This grant program is critical to assuring a better quality of life for some of our most vulnerable citizens. The Texas Department of Agriculture is doing a great job of partnering with providers to fulfill an obligation we have to protect our seniors," Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, co-author of the bill, said. "The home-delivered meal program keeps people out of institutional care and in the comfort of their own homes. This saves taxpayers money and gives seniors and those with special needs an opportunity to live where they are secure, happy and healthy," bill co-author Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, said. "Home-delivered meal agencies have provided an amazing service to Texas, feeding in excess of five million meals annually to hungry residents; but they've not been able to do so alone," Commissioner Staples said. "These agencies have depended on private donations to operate, and while the Texas Department of Agriculture is honored to be a public partner this year and next, the demand for home-delivered meals will continue, and so will the need for private contributions."

War Between the States," said Jerry Drake, Deputy Commissioner for Archives at the Land Office. "As an added bonus, the papers also shed light on the personal life of one of our more colorful Land Commissioners. We're proud to have them here and share them with all Texans."

Patterson said the letters tell an important story for all Texans. "Like so many other young Texans, Private Ward was caught up in the great tidal wave of patriotism and secession. Whether or not you agree with the causes of the war, Ward put his life on the line for his family and for Texas, and his story should be shared with future generations of Texans." Created by Patterson in 2004, the Texas General Land Office Save Texas History Program™ is a unique campaign that brings together private and government efforts to preserve the 35 million maps and documents in the GLO Archives. The maps, land grants, surveys and field notes — the very documents that trace the creation of modern-day Texas, include Stephen F. Austin's original Spanish field notes, and records bearing the signatures of Alamo defenders Jim Bowie and William Barret Travis. Also at the Land Office is a document granting 1,280 acres to the heirs of Davy Crockett.

After items are conserved they are digitally preserved and made available to the public via the Internet. The Digital Preservation Project of the Save Texas History Program has been recognized by the Texas Historical Commission for its monumental effort to digitally preserve these historic treasures.

For more information, or to make a donation, please visit www.savetexahistory.org.

Confederate heroes records added to Texas General Land Office Archives

AUSTIN - Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, honored Confederate Heroes Day Saturday with the announcement today of a significant addition to the Texas General Land Office Archives.

The private correspondence of Texas Confederate private Dudley Ward was purchased at a Dallas auction and will be added to 35 million historical documents stored in the Land Office Archives. The 34 handwritten letters were purchased with private donations made through the Land Office's Save Texas History Program. Land Office historians and archivists certified the authenticity of the collection before buying the documents.

"I am honored to preserve this important glimpse into Texas Confederate history," Patterson said. "The Dudley Ward Papers are a first-hand account of the life of an intelligent young soldier from a famous Texas family undertaking his duty to his country."

Dudley Ward joined Company G, 2nd Texas Infantry, Confederate Army to be at age 17. Early in 1863 he became a Prisoner of War at Vicksburg, Mississippi. Upon parole, Ward's unit returned to Texas and was ultimately assigned duty on Galveston Island. Dudley Ward did not survive the war, dying like so many Texas soldiers in the yellow fever epidemic of 1864.

Ward's father was Thomas William Ward, the third Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office. The elder Ward, known as "Peg-Leg," was a notable hero of the Texas Revolution and a major player in early Texas politics. As Land Commissioner, Peg-Leg Ward enforced Houston's executive order calling for the removal of

governmental papers from Austin that sparked the infamous Archives War in 1842. During that skirmish, Ward, already missing an arm and a leg, single-handedly faced down an angry, heavily armed mob in front of the Land Office.

In the almost three-dozen letters included in the collection, Dudley Ward offers an introspective view of a Confederate soldier's daily life.

In one letter, penned in 1864, Dudley Ward speaks of the high Southern hopes. Federal troops had been turned back at Mansfield, Louisiana in their attempted invasion of Texas. Confederate troops were slowing Sherman in his invasion of Georgia and Gen. Ulysses S. Grant had sustained horrific casualties in several defeats in Virginia.

"If Lee can only rout Grant (sic) army in Virginia, the effect that it will have on the war will be immense in our favor, and it is fair to suppose that the Yankees will be willing and even anxious to close a campaign which has been so disastrous to them from beginning to end," Dudley Ward wrote. "Great will (be) the consternation on the minds of the Northern people when they reflect on the immense mortality of their armies, and the question will be asked — 'What has become of the hundreds and hundreds of thousands of troops, amounting in all to nearly two millions of men called out by Lincoln, when he can now scarcely find enough to cope with the handful of heroes in the Rebel ranks?' — history will answer that they have gone to their long homes, sent there by the messenger of Death — disease and minnie balls."

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War Between the States," said Jerry Drake, Deputy Commissioner for Archives at the Land Office. "As an added bonus, the papers also shed light on the personal life of one of our more colorful Land Commissioners. We're proud to have them here and share them with all Texans."

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Driving? Be insured

Beginning in 2008, the state will have a new system to automatically verify whether every Texan carries valid insurance.

WHY? Too many Texans try to skirt the law by using phony insurance cards, or obtaining insurance then promptly canceling the policy after registering their vehicle or passing their vehicle inspection. The insurance

industry estimates law-abiding drivers pay almost \$1 billion in extra costs every year to protect themselves against millions of uninsured motorists. The new system will help find those Texans driving without insurance.

HOW DOES IT WORK? The state has a new database that will allow county tax officials, law enforcement and vehicle inspectors to electronically confirm whether

a vehicle has valid insurance. Drivers still must carry their proof of insurance card, as required by law.

The database works by matching insurance company records against the state's driver's license, and vehicle registration and title records. Throughout the year, checks will be run in the database and those found without valid insurance, will be hearing from the state.

Law enforcement penalties for first-time offenders include hundreds of dollars in fines for failing to carry the required insurance coverage.

HOW YOU CAN HELP Keep your insurance policy current and make sure the vehicle identification number (VIN) on the policy matches the VIN on your vehicle. Report any change of address to your insurance company, the Department of Public Safety (driver's license), and the Texas Department of Transportation (Vehicle Titles and Registration Division).

Scranton Musical set

The Scranton Musical will be held Saturday, February 2nd at the Scranton Community Center. Come join us for a great supper and wonderful music. The kitchen begins serving at 5:30 p.m. Sarah Matthews and Annetta Dunning will be providing a delicious meal. There will be a choice of soup, cornbread, spiced apples, and salad. The music begins at 6:00 p.m.

All area musicians are encouraged to attend. You may call 325-672-2057 to reserve a time for your group. Mark Ray is the emcee.

Submitted by: Joanie Shrader

Longtime Texas Historical Commission supporter honored for preservation work

AUSTIN, Texas — Six books on Texas history, a combined 15 years of service on the Texas Historical Commission (THC), work on the Sixth Floor Museum Project in Dallas where Lee Harvey Oswald shot President John F. Kennedy and a bookstore specializing in Texas and Western history are just a few of the many accomplishments that have earned Shirley and Clifton Caldwell of Albany, Texas an inaugural Humanities Texas Award. The award recognizes imaginative leadership in the humanities on a local, regional or state level and was presented in a special ceremony in the Senate Chamber of the Texas State Capitol on Jan. 24.

Shirley Caldwell recently completed 12 years of service on the THC. Clifton Caldwell served three terms between 1969 and

1983, acting as chair from 1973–75.

"Shirley Caldwell's passion for Texas history is matched only by her husband, Clifton's," said THC Chairman John L. Nau, III. "They have spent untold time and resources documenting and promoting Texas' rich cultural heritage and the THC has greatly benefited from their vision and leadership."

Both Caldwells have authored books on Texas history and together established the Clifton and Shirley Caldwell Texas Heritage Series at the University of Texas Press. They own the Lynch Line book store in Albany, which is devoted to Texas history, and have served on the Texas State Historical Association, the Dallas County Historical Commission, the Shackelford County Historical Commission and the

Center for Big Bend Studies. Shirley Caldwell's love of Texas historic courthouses helped to develop the THC's award-winning Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program and she authored a book on the history of the Shackelford County Courthouse, For 500 Years, while serving as a THC commissioner. The Shackelford County Courthouse was the first to be restored through the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program in June 2001.

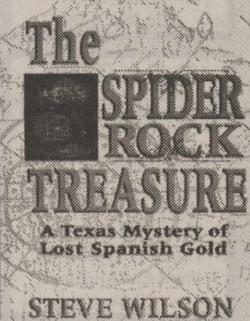
Caldwell quoted the late author Edith Wharton in accepting the award, saying, "There are two ways of spreading light; to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." Clifton and I have always thought of ourselves as mirrors reflecting light from each of you along the years. Thank you, Humanities Texas. We are very pleased and grateful."

THC Executive Director Larry Oaks said, "The Caldwells embody the best qualities of what is known as the Texas spirit — independence, courage, generosity and humor."

Humanities Texas is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Established by Congress in 1965, the National Endowment for the Humanities supports research, educational and public programs in the humanities.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas. www.thc.state.tx.us

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Cross Plains will be accepting bids on the sale of a tire cutter. For more information on the tire cutter you may contact City Hall. The City reserves the right to accept any or all bids. Bid will be received until 5:00 p.m. on February 12, 2008. ^{42-6tc}

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NEW LISTING--39/A with 2BD/2B rock home, CH/A, home is fenced, large storage bldg., 2 car garage with lots of space for storage or workshop, sheds, nice pond, secluded, perfect place to run some cattle and enjoy the country life. **ALSO!!!** 3BD/2B new home, CH/A, with 2 car carport, perfect patio in the back for morning coffee or evening dinners, has a deck on second floor of home with a great view, home is fenced off from the pasture, beautiful Austin stone barn, 2 large ponds, pasture land with lots and lots of Oaks, excellent grass for running cattle. This property is 7 miles south of Cross Plains, on county road, rural water, Brown County. **CAN BE DIVIDED!** Call for more details and COME TAKE A LOOK! (owner agent) **WON'T LAST LONG!** \$400,000.

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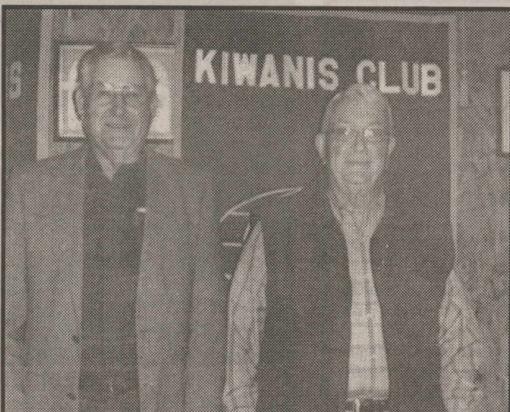
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KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—Burlie Taylor (right), Justice of the Peace in Precinct 4, was the guest speaker during the Kiwanis meeting January 22nd. He was very informative and was able to give everyone a better knowledge of what he does on a daily basis. Mr. Taylor was the guest of W.G. McCoy. All are welcome to attend the weekly meeting at Jean's Feed Barn, 12 noon, on Tuesdays.

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LOOK AT US!!
Best Man Ralph Friend (from left), George Friend, Patsy Friend and Maid of Honor Billie Ruth Loving

Down Home

While our culture today is becoming more secular (it seems that way much of the time, but at other times, I think people are searching for true meaning and purpose of life through religion), we need the visible reminders of God in our lives. The church steeples and the enduring church buildings are important reminders of God in our lives, in our communities, and in our history.

The buildings are only means to an end, and can provide those tools we need for a fuller and better life. The Church building enables us, as believers in Jesus Christ, to come together in a glorious setting to worship, to provide encouragement, joy and forgiveness to each other and to provide instruction for a "way of life."

That "Way of Life" is what Erin Flippin was talking about when she wrote 1) "It's time that we discover what Christ wanted for His body...His desire is that His Church should glorify God through unity and love for other believers, ministry to nonbelievers, and through discipleship."

And 2) "If we loved each other like the early Church did, we wouldn't be able to keep anyone away."

One caveat: I believe there are millions of good people who are spiritual, who believe and love God, who do not attend regularly

or at all (the organized church). One reason may be that they can only see us as hypocrites going to a building where, as Mark Twain and as Erin said, "church is a place where nice, respectable people go to listen to a nice respectable man (or woman) teach them how to be nicer and more respectable."

Another reason is that they may be a part of the "unorganized church" serving in many other ways and seeing no need to get involved in the politics of church.

For me, I will continue to need the community of believers, the fellowship of sinners who willingly admit it and ask for repentance, and even some who don't ask for it.

But for any of you who have stayed for the last paragraph, Church isn't just for the "righteous" and the "religious" or the "respectable", as Heaven knows, we are not always those things at all. We are humans with flaws, seeking and receiving God's grace.

"Church" is for anyone who wants to just see if it can make a difference in their life, to make a difference in their family, to make a difference in the way they view the future and their life hereafter. It is a "place" for us to join together to reach out in love and to serve others, and a by-product is some sense of peace that we are a part of the world's solutions, not the world's problems.

Thank you, Erin, for your message.

Kelton

of Letters. He received the Distinguished Achievement Award in 1990 from the Western Literature Association. The Texas Legislature proclaimed Elmer Kelton Day in April 1997. In 1998 he received the first Lone Star award for lifetime achievement from the Larry McMurtry Center for Arts and Humanities at Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls. He has received honorary doctorates from Hardin-Simmons University and Texas Tech University. The 2003 Bookends Award came his way from the Texas Book Festival in Austin. The National Cowboy Symposium in Lubbock has honored Kelton with their lifetime achievement award.

Carlton Stowers, noted author in his own right, comments, "Elmer Kelton's numerous awards and remarkable body of work have, of course, established him as the premier writer in the western genre. Which on one hand, is good. On the other, it overlooks his rare gift as a novelist with few peers. Anyone aspiring to write first-rate fiction can learn a great deal from the study of Kelton's works."

Stowers, who collaborated with Kelton and several other Texas writers to publish *NOAH'S RIDE*, continues, "Elmer himself gave away his basic secret when he offered this advice to young writers in an interview: 'Forget about trying to classify your book. Just write a damn good novel.' That's what Kelton has been doing throughout his career."

The Book'n BBQ with Elmer Kelton will be held in the Family Life Center of the local First Baptist Church. On the menu will be brisket, potato salad, cole slaw, pinto beans, dessert, tea and coffee. The combined dinner and program is only \$15.00 with all the profit going to the Cross Plains Public Library. The Texas Star Trading Company of Abilene will be on hand with a selection of Kelton's books that you may purchase for Kelton to autograph.

Reservations **MUST** be made before February 14—just swing by the library any afternoon between 1-5:00 p.m. or mail your check to the Cross Plains Public Library, PO Box 333, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson

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00 Ford Explorer,V6, Auto, 4DR (Red).....\$5,950
99 Ford Explorer Sport,V6, Auto, Runs, Looks good (Blue).....\$5,450
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95 Ford Aerostar,V6, Looks, Runs good (Red).....\$1,750

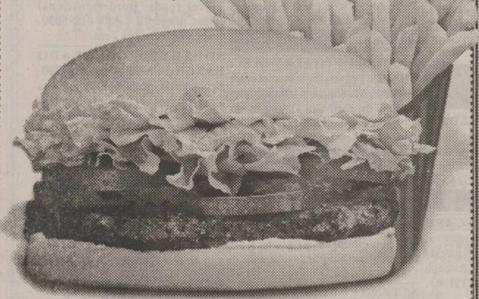
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