

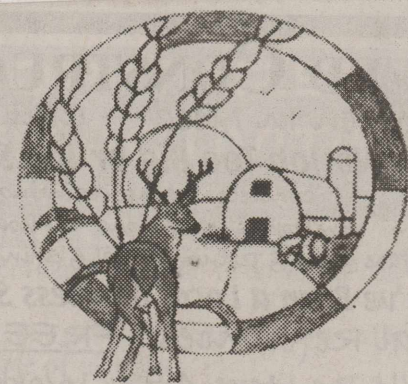
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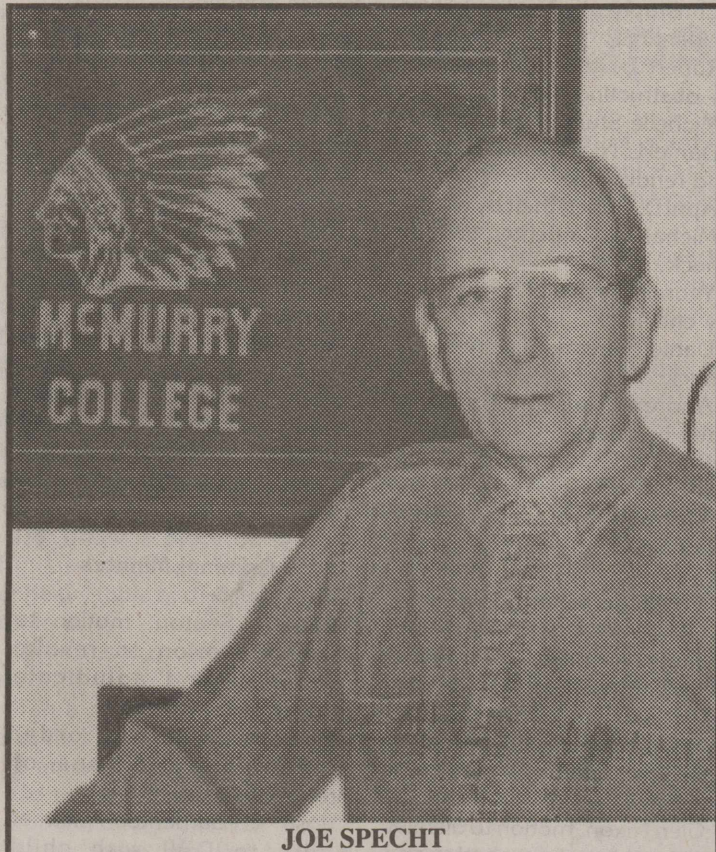
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100th YEAR

A New Twist to "Meet the Author"



JOE SPECHT

The ever popular "Meet the Author" program, sponsored by the Cross Plains Public Library, will bring a totally different and fascinating evening to town on Tuesday, February 17th. Those folks who can remember singing and humming along with Slim Willet's "Don't Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes" will definitely want to mark your calendars for this one.

Joe Specht will be presenting a program of various recorded versions of this popular song from the early 50's, the origins of the song and how it affected Willet's career.

Specht is currently the collection manager of the Grady McWhiney Research Foundation, which is affiliated with McMurry University in Abilene. The collection is housed in McMurry's Jay-Rollins Library

building on campus where Specht served as the former director. If you've visited the Buffalo Gap Historic Village in recent years, you've seen the Foundation in action. The Village was purchased in 1999 in order to continue its mission of teaching history through a virtual laboratory of living history.

Specht's special interest in Texas music as if reflects our history has led him into some fascinating directions. In 2006, he was featured on a radio program in Australia, discussing Abilene as the focal point of so many songs. Of this experience, Specht commented, "The appeal of Abilene in song knows no bounds as proven once again by the interest of the folks in the land down under."

He has been widely published in collections and journals

dealing with Texas music: *The Roots of Texas Music, The Journal of Texas Music History, West Texas Historical Association Year Book, Heritage Journal, Old Time Music, The Encyclopedia of Country Music and The Handbook of Texas Music.*

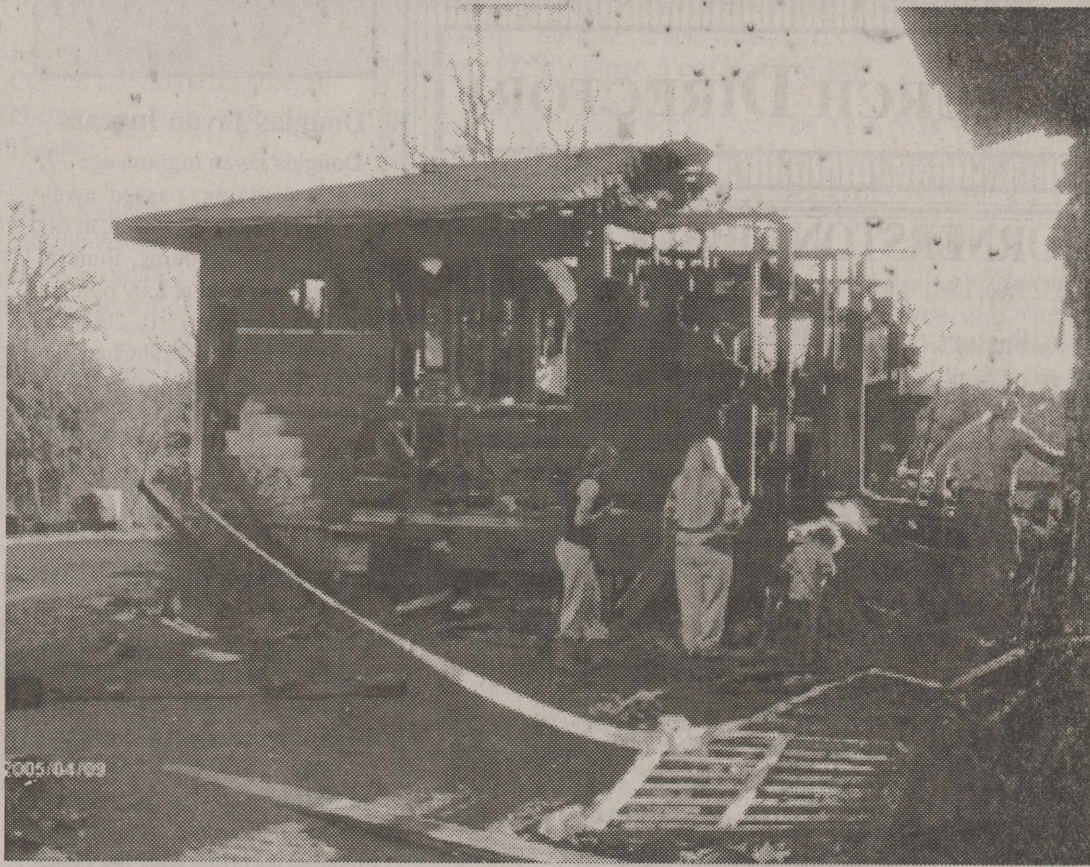
For his evening in Cross Plains, Specht has chosen to concentrate on the music of a graduate of Clyde High School in 1935- Winston Lee Moore. Moore adopted his pseudonym Slim Willet while working as student manager of the Hardin-Simmons University radio station and remained known as such throughout his music career. His first release, "I'm a Tool Pusher from Snyder" was one of the songs with which he became most associated. In 1952 he recorded "Don't Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes" and the rest is history. At one point there were four versions of his song on the Country & Western Top 10 chart.

As a side bar to his radio and recording activities, Willet set up an advertising agency to handle local promotional ventures. In this capacity, he booked Elvis Presley's first appearance in Abilene in 1955. As a pioneer in live television on KRBC-TV, he bagged a young Larry Gatlin for his weekly variety show.

Specht says of himself, "I'm just a Texas music lover at heart and the Lone Star State and all things Texan continue to inspire and influence my writing."

Hope to see ya'll at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 17th at the Community Center. As always, there is no charge for this evening and refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact the Library any afternoon at 254-725-7722.



FAMILY SEARCHES THROUGH THE RUBBLE OF THEIR HOME LOST TO A FIRE— Jessica (from left), Dana, Bentley and Fred.

Home in Cottonwood Lost to Fire Last Week Love Fund Opened and Shower Being Planned

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Wednesday, February 4th, around 8:30 a.m. Dana Hall, of the Cottonwood Community, was suddenly awakened to discover the wall in her living room burning. She told her 3 year-old grandson, Bentley, to go outside and called to her daughter, Jessica, to get out of the house. The hall connecting to Jessica's room was engulfed in flames but she knew not to open her bedroom door.

When Dana opened the door to go outside the oxygen released into the room ignited everything. She went to Jessica's bedroom window to get her out. She couldn't find anything to break the glass and then she realized a wagon full of bricks was near the window. The first one she tried bounced off. It took 7 bricks to shatter the glass.

The seventeen year-old crawled through the broken window to safety. Later she was admitted to a hospital in Abilene suffering from smoke inhalation and minor cuts.

"When Jessica came through the window her face was completely black. I can't get that picture out of my mind." The only part of Jessica's room that

was not burned was where she was standing. It was like something was standing between her and the fire. I believe it was God," Dana explained.

After getting everyone to safety she had just enough batteries left on her cellphone to call 911 and text Fred Waggoner about their house.

Dana praised the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department and the Cottonwood Fire Control Unit which arrived at almost the same time. Joe Terstegge, Cottonwood Fire Chief, said, "The house was completely engulfed in flames when we arrived. Cottonwood and Cross Plains had about three trucks at the scene and we stayed until 12:45 p.m. to contain the fire from spreading to trees or brush."

Terstegge noted that Ray Dodd's well was utilized to contain the fire and Keith Lawrence had a semi with 5,000 gallons of water. He also stated that there were lots of volunteer firemen from both Cross Plains and Cottonwood. For many of the Cottonwood firefighters it was their first house fire. The only other house fire was that of Joe and Dena Terstegge's several years ago.

Firefighters were able to salvage Jessica's laptop and cell-phone. A tool box that con-

tained photos of Dana's children, and some Cross Plains Roping Club items. Dana said she hugged Fire Chief of the Cross Plains VFD Rick Carouth and Randy, Kyle and Blake Foster for their efforts.

"We've been blessed. This community has been so kind. So many have already been through this when the fires swept through Cross Plains and they know the items we need better than we do. Connie Kirkham was at my house with shampoo, brushes, and more before the fire was put out." Dana remarked.

The house was completely destroyed. Fred and Dana had insurance on the structure but not the contents. They hope to rebuild at some time later. "I have been humbled by this and my faith has been renewed," Dana expressed. Cottonwood and Cross Plains are planning a joint venture for a shower to help replace needed household items. The details will be published at a later date.

A Love Fund has been established at the Texas Heritage Bank to assist them during this difficult time. If you would like to help with clothing, please give a gift certificate or cash so they may buy the correct sizes. The family is so appreciative of every act of kindness.

First Baptist Church Presenting the Movie "FIREPROOF" Sunday, February 15th

FIREPROOF, starring Kirk Cameron and Erin Bethea, will be shown at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains Sunday, February 15th at 6:30 p.m. Admission is **FREE** and everyone is welcome to attend.

The movie is from the creators of **Facing the Giants**. It is a novelization by Eric Wilson based on the screen play by Alex

Kendrick and Stephen Kendrick.

Inside burning buildings, Captain Caleb Holt lives by the old firefighter's adage: NEVER LEAVE YOUR PARTNER BEHIND. In the cooling embers of his marriage, it's another story.

As he and his wife prepare to enter divorce proceedings, Caleb's dad asks his son to try an

experiment: The Love Dare. But is it too late to fireproof his marriage?

His job is to rescue others. Now he must face his toughest job ever..... rescuing his wife's heart.

First Baptist Church is located at 301 North Main Street, Cross Plains. Make plans to attend this great film.

Burn Ban Remains in Effect for County

Callahan County Commissioners left the countywide Burn Ban in effect during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, February 9th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

After discussion by the commissioners' court of the Burn Ban no action was taken. The Burn Ban will remain in effect.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court meeting include:

—The commissioners' court meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m. by Judge Roger Corn. Present were Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, and County Clerk Donna Bell.

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

—Under public comment, there was none.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to pass a resolution authorizing the submission of a contract amendment request for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Contract number 728237 between the County and the Office of Rural Community Affairs. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

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

—The commissioners' court meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. on a motion by Commissioner Hicks and a second by Commissioner Farmer with a 5-0 vote.

Three Terms Expiring on the Cross Plains City Council

Saturday, February 7, 2009, was the first day to file an application for a place on the Cross Plains City Council. Monday, March 9, 2009 is the last day to apply.

Applications will be available in

the office of the City Secretary on Monday, February 9th, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Terms expiring are those of Edwin Weiss, Audrey Purvis and Peg Terrell.

Cross Plains Review to Celebrate 100th Anniversary

The *Cross Plains Review* will celebrate its 100th Anniversary March 2, 2009. News stories from the past 100 years will be the highlight of this special edition of the newspaper.

Local and area businesses are invited to join in the celebration and be a part of this historic publication.

If you would like to participate,

there will be two sizes of ads available— \$25.00 and \$50.00.

Old photos of your business could be utilized in your ad to document the past and exhibit the progress our community has experienced.

The date is drawing near, so please, call the *Cross Plains Review* at 254-725-6111 and make arrangements for your ad.



"We're Proud of Our Local Heritage"



Presents:
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BINGO Night at Senior Citizens' Center Feb. 20th

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center, located on Main Street, is having a Community BINGO Night Friday, February 20, starting at 5:00 p.m. It is hoped that the Bingo Night will be held once a month for the enjoyment of the community.

Bring a pot-luck dish and be ready to have lots of fun and win some great prizes donated by local merchants and individuals.

If you would like to donate a prize or monetary gift, please contact Amber Thomas at 254-725-6521.

Everyone is cordially invited to participate in the fun event!!!

Submitted by
Amber Thomas

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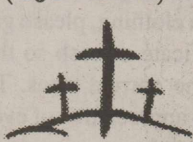
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Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
254-725-4589 Wednesday Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley 254-725-4589

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Pastor Max Evans

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Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz

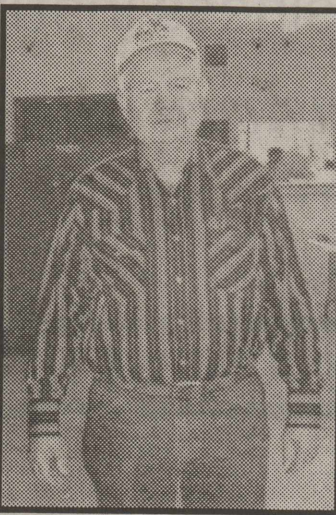
Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

Bible Study...10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

OBITUARIES



Douglas Javan Ingram

Douglas Javan Ingram, age 77, of Cross Plains, passed away Sunday, February 8, 2009, at his home in Cross Plains. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Cross Plains with John Swift officiating. Burial followed in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Doug was born February 14, 1931 to Henry Calvin and Inez (Kent) Ingram in Cross Plains. He was well known in the community as a Christian. He loved to garden and shared the bounty of his garden with many folks in town. He retired from 3-M in Brownwood. Doug could often be found reading his Bible or listening to gospel music, especially gospel banjo. He enjoyed working with his hands and building things. He was Pentecostal.

Survivors include five brothers, Donald Ingram of Fort Worth, Daniel Ingram and Noel Ingram, both of Cross Plains, Joel Ingram of Cisco and Michael Ingram of Cross Plains; three sisters, Estelle Wilson of Fort Worth, Sharon Pope of Cross Plains and Marbra Thompson of Azle; an aunt, Daisy Kent of Cross Plains; two stepsons, Rick Rucker and Randy Rucker, both of Brownwood.

He was preceded in death of both his parents.

Thomas F. "Gil" Gilmore

Thomas, F. "Gil" Gilmore, 60, of Lawn passed away February 6, 2008 in a local hospital. He was an avid golfer and hunter. He was mischievous and will be sorely missed by all that knew and loved him.

A graveside service was held Monday, February 9, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. at Dewey Cemetery, South of Lawn with Rev. Dwayne Bush officiating, under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry, of the family home and her parents Doyle and Dorothy Hefley; three sons, Clint Gilmore and wife Melanie of Alamogordo, New Mexico, Clay Gilmore of Cross Plains and Clint Dee Havins of San Angelo; sisters, Tommie Bell Prather of Vidor and Froncy Sarah (Bitty) Prather of Blanket; 6 grandchildren, Courtney, Kristin, Lance, Wesley, Jacob and Tyler; and a host of great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Franklin Gilmore and Joe Rena Clark Gilmore; two sisters, Rena May Jenkins and Hazel Josephine Lancaster; and a brother, August Ray Whitten.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 1, 2009 through February 7, 2009 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—97
Complaints—52



Pray For Rain

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Austin M. McDonald, possession of marijuana.
Gregory G. Brown, assault - family violence.
Steven J. Cox, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Timothy D. Freeman, DWI.
Scott L. Stuart, DWI.
Donald L. Stallones, DWI.
Deborah S. Counts, DWI.
Alexander Hernandez, failure to identify.

Justin T. Isbell, criminal mischief.
Carrie D. O'Bannon, failure to stop and render aide.
Christopher L. Naylor, failure to identify.

Robert J. Little, Ct. I - DWI, Ct. II - obstructing highway.

Michelle Stuart, theft.

Daniel L. Nicks, failure to stop and render aide.

April D. Butler, theft by check.

Michael J. Carpenter, theft by check.

Yvonne Michelle Davis, theft by check.

Daniel Guerra, Jr., theft by check.

Andrew Yahseph Hawkins, theft by check.

Randy C. Lane, theft by check.

Richard Metten, deadly conduct.

Misdemeanor Minutes

James Michael Tucker, order releasing cash bond.

Christopher Lee Naylor, motion to dismiss to failure to identify granted, insufficient evidence.

Glen Nixon, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Roberta Seaton, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Roberta Seaton, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Jose C. Barrientos, plea of guilty to DWI with child passenger, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$408 court costs.

Jose C. Barrientos, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Tarrant Co. granted.

Cheryl F. Hollis, plea of guilty to theft, 5 year probation, \$500 fine, \$295 court costs, \$12,163 restitution.

Daniel L. Allison, motion to dismiss to aggravated assault granted, case was re-indicted.

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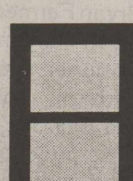
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COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

Old Fashion Barn-Raising Set for Construction of New Fire Building

It will be a new challenge for Cottonwood when they come together as volunteers again for a not-so-traditional barn raising to construct the new fire building. That's what the "drawing to end all drawings" was about recently in Cottonwood, to raise enough money to construct a building for the new-old fire trucks.

It will be an all-metal building and will arrive about April 1, 2009. The Cottonwood Board of Directors of the Volunteer Fire group, meeting a few days after the drawing, has decided to call volunteers of Cottonwood back together to "raise" the building.

"It will be a fun day," said Ken Farmer, a leading spirit behind the drawing. The board will plan "Fun-Day" in conjunction with the construction event.

According to Bob Childress, Board Chairman, a contract has already been made with Jim Tollett to furnish the ready cut metal building.

Volunteers will be needed to prepare the site. So stay tuned to this column for details.

Cottonwood Round-Up

I need to make a correction to last week's column. I mentioned that Walter Thomason was present at the "drawing" and called him the first Fire Chief in Cottonwood.

Walter was an early fire chief but not the first. The first fire chief was Eddie Albrecht, a Cottonwood native, who was very active in the volunteer movement and work that started the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group.

However, I was delighted to see Water at the drawing event. He came from Brownwood to be with us.

(Please call Wallace Bennett for any personal or local news items about Cottonwood or people living in Cottonwood for items concerning personal or local events. My phone is 254-725-7474 and e-mail csb555@dishmail.net. Please remember this, I can't print it, if I don't know about it.)

Tornado Safety Tips

TORNADO SAFETY RULES

If at home:

If you have a tornado safe room or engineered shelter go there immediately.

Go at once to a windowless, interior room; storm cellar; basement; or lowest level of the building.

If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.

Get away from the windows.

Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.

Use arms to protect head and neck.

If in a mobile home, get out and find shelter elsewhere.

If at work or school:

Go to the area designated in your tornado plan. The most interior room, on the lowest floor without windows.

Avoid places with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways, or

shopping malls.

Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.

Get down low with your head against the wall and use your arms to protect head and neck.

If outdoors:

If possible, get inside a building.

If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

Use arms to protect head and neck.

If in a car:

Never try to out-drive a tornado in a car or truck.

Get out of the car immediately and take shelter in a nearby building.

If there is no time to get indoors, get out of the car and lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the vehicle. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

2nd Annual 4-H Vet Science Meeting

The 2nd Annual 4-H Vet Science meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted at the Callahan County Vet Clinic. 4-H members are encouraged to mark this on your calendars.

The last Vet Science meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24th so mark your calendar. If you have any questions please call the Extension Office (325) 854-5835.

Hope to see you on February 17th.

Submitted by: Hoss Sasin, CEA - Ag

EDC/ Planning Committee Semi-annual Meeting

The EDC in conjunction with the Cross Plains Planning Committee announce their semi-annual meeting to discuss progress concerning initiatives for the enhancement of our community. Building on ideas presented at last year's meeting, our goal is to meet and discuss ideas we feel are relevant for the continued success of our city. Ideas to be discussed are funding, growth, and infrastructure. The funding aspects of this plan will indicate the need for discussion of property taxes. The public's input in these matters are vital and your attendance is requested Thursday, February 26th, 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Submitted by Rick Potter

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Alcoholic Anonymous meetings are now being held in Cross Plains every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The meetings will be held at the Highway 206 Baptist Church located on North Main Street.

For additional information, contact Claude at 254-725-4496.

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

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MONDAY-NO MEAL/
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TUESDAY- BBQ Riblets, Potato Salad, Onion Rings, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

WEDNESDAY- Supreme Pizza, Toss Salad, Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

THURSDAY- Chicken Fry, Mash Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

FRIDAY- Taco Salad, Meat/Beans, Lettuce/Tomato, Cheese, Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

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SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

* Coffee is free starting at 9:00 am to all senior (60+) in the center
* Dominoes, movies, puzzles and other activities start at 9:00 am for all people of all ages
* Meals served from 11:45-12:45 for all seniors and their guests.
* The last Friday of each month an agency will be at the center to assist seniors with their bills.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 16th- President's Day- CENTER CLOSED
Tuesday, 17th- Exercise Classes- 11:00am; "Chair Tai-Chi"
Wednesday, 18th- Devotional & prayer; 11:45am by Don Davis
Thursday, 19th- Exercise Classes- 11:00am; "Chair Tai-Chi"
Friday, 20th- Bingo & potluck 5:00pm

A new exercise program comes to Cross Plains on Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00am. Come and then stay for lunch! This class is directed by Jane Holmes.

"Chair Tai-Chi"

This totally seated workout consists of a series of gentle slow flowing movements that will help tone and firm muscles without strain. Chair Tai Chi will also help to lower blood pressure and relieves stress making you feel relaxed and revitalized. Chair Tai Chi is an effective alternative to conventional exercise and is an excellent way to start toning and shaping your body.

Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Receive Many Donations

A special thanks to the following people who have made a donation to the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center for the month of January: Ray and Kathy Purvis; Cody Hounshell; Fred and Edna O'banion; Cliff and Connie Kirkham; Dale and Myrna Mitchell; Cherry Schroeder; Living Water Ministries; Sarah Austin; Royce and Bernice Newman; Cecil and Naoma Wilson; Bob and Dolores Carter; Margaret McNeel; Sis Horan; Mozelle Richardson; Wanda Merryman; Mike and Karen

Mazanec; Loraine Kilgore; Gayle Broadbent; Glenna Wilger; James and Dorothy Reynolds; Priscilla Perry; Tom and Mary Dunn; Frankie Smith; Wanda Goble; Scott Childress; Mary Jones; Era Lee Hanke; Rising Star Nursing Center; and Drucilla Evans.

If I have left anyone off the list of volunteers or donors, please call 254-725-6521 to let me know. We appreciate your contribution to the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center.

Submitted by Amber Thomas

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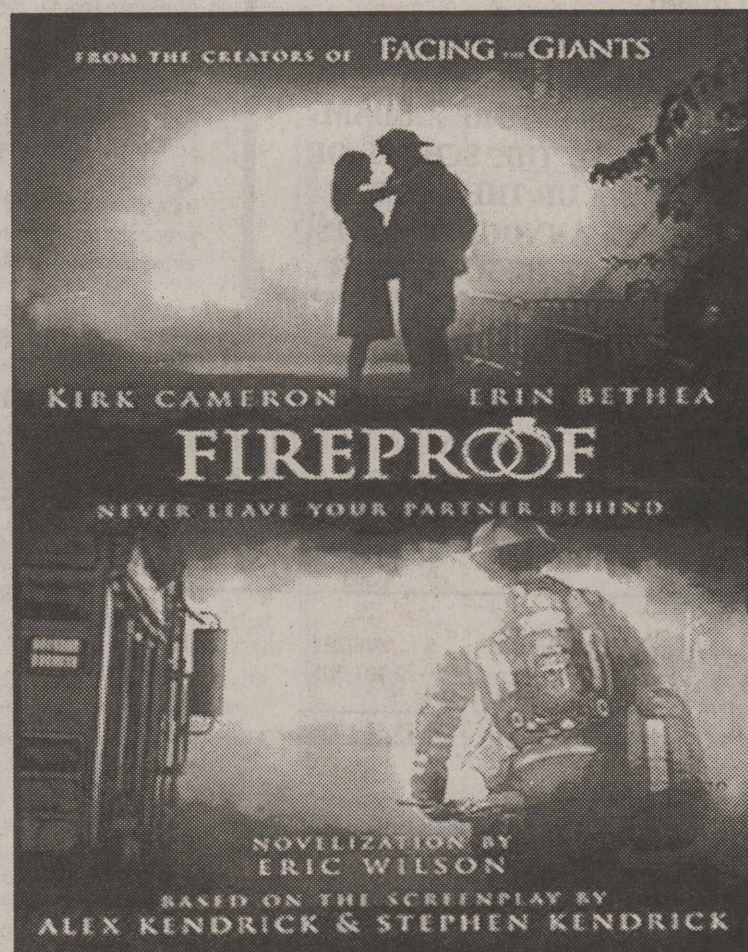
By Don Davis
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433 N. Main
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The Legend of the Valentine

Helen Steiner Rice
The legend says St. Valentine
Was in a prison cell
Thinking of his little flock
He had always loved so well
And, wanting to assure them
Of his friendship and his love,
He picked a bunch of violets
And sent them by a dove
And on the violet's velvet leaves
He pierced these lines divine
That simply said, "I love you"
And "I'm your Valentine"
So through the years that followed,
From that day unto this,
Folks still send messages of love
And seal them with a kiss

I encourage you to share in times of Bible study and worship with us at the Cross Plains Church of Christ this coming Sunday.

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.
Friends & Neighbors Caring in Jesus



Inside burning buildings, Capt. Caleb Holt lives by the old firefighter's adage: NEVER LEAVE YOUR PARTNER BEHIND. In the cooling embers of his marriage, it's another story. As he and his wife prepare to enter divorce proceedings, Caleb's dad asks his son to try an experiment: The Love Dare. But is it too late to fireproof his marriage? His job is to rescue others. Now Caleb must face his toughest job ever.....rescuing his wife's heart.

Sunday, February 15th....6:30 pm
Free Admission

First Baptist Church
301 N. Main
Cross Plains, Tx 76443
(254) 725-7629

Jr. High girls sweep Bronte and finish the basketball season

The Jr. High girls ended the season this past Monday night when they hosted the Bronte Shorthorns.

In the first game, the girls came out from the very start and took control of the game early with crisp passing and great shooting along with a tough defense the girls scored the highest point total for a single game. The girls had a 17-3 halftime lead and scored 12 points the second half to win the game 30-7. Scoring and players were Christa Potter, Texas Sanders with 10 points, Lindsey Ames with 5 points, Shelby Thomas with 3 points and Nicole Eisenbach with 12 points.

The second game was closer than the first game, with the girls putting the game away in the later stages of the 4th quarter. The girls played a tough game and had a 14-7 halftime lead. The 3rd quarter Bronte cut the lead to 18-13. The 4th quarter was a good game by both teams, good shooting and tough defense in the

later stages of the 4 quarter sealed the victory. Bronte cut the lead to 1 with a little over 2 minutes left in the game. The girls made some clutch shots to pull out a 24-18 victory. Players and scoring was Megan Pointer with 6 points, Megan Brown with 2 points, Cheyenne Cowan with 4 points, Katharine Goode, Maci Whitson with 2 points, Shahala Trammell and Chelsea Branch with 12 points each. The girls finished the season with 10-4.

To the Jr. High girls: I hope you enjoyed the season and learned some basketball while playing. I enjoyed coaching and being around you all this year. Despite all the hard work, you were always willing to listen and learn and I thank you for that. To the 8th graders: Good luck in High School basketball. To the 7th graders: Continue to work hard and you will have a lot of success next year.

Submitted by Mitchell Atchley

Three School Board Trustee Terms Expiring

(Deadline to apply March 9, 2009)

Saturday, February 7, 2009, is the first day to file an application for a place on the Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board ballot. Since the day falls on Saturday and school offices are not open, Monday, February 9th will be the first day to apply.

Monday, March 9, 2009, is the last day to apply.

Applications will be available in the office of the superintendent

Monday, February 9th, from 8 a.m. to 12 and 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Burlie Taylor and Kim Crockett's full terms are expiring.

Michael Cowan was appointed for a 1-year term. There will be a 2-year term available.

Applicants may sign up for positions with full terms or with the 2-year un-expired term.

CPISD Child Nutrition Program Achieves "Excellent Review Rating"

Todd Staples, Commissioner of Agriculture, sent a letter congratulating Superintendent Jackie Tennison and Cross Plains I.S.D. for their child nutrition program achieving an excellent review rating during the recent Coordinated Review Effort (CRE) on January 7, 2009. The CRE covered critical and general areas of review district-wide and at Cross Plains High School.

Barbara Barnett, Margie Sowell, Cliffadean Hargrove, Tammie Tennison, Debra

Childers, Lurene McNutt, Suzie Pillans and the cafeteria staff, are clearly committed to safeguarding the health and well-being of the students. They exemplify the highest standards of caring and service by teaching children the relationship between proper eating and good health.

"Providing healthy meals to Texas' most valuable asset, our children, is a collaborative team effort, I am proud to partner with you in your success. Children nutrition personnel succeed in their work only through the support and cooperation of the school board, superintendent, administration," Commissioner Staples noted.

Staples thanked them for promoting this cooperation and support in your district and invited everyone to join him in broadening this collaboration beyond the lunchroom.

"Just as you have taught children the 3Rs for years, we now must instill in them the importance of the 3Es of Healthy Living: Education, Exercise and Eating Right. With your continued leadership, healthy students truly equal healthy families and a healthy Texas," Commissioner Staples concluded.

Tornado Drill Scheduled

February 23rd - February 27th is Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week. Severe weather may strike with only a few minutes of advance warning. Do you have more than one way to receive a warning?

At approximately 9:30 a.m., the National Weather Service in San Angelo will transmit a practice tornado warning. We will transmit this warning through NOAA All Hazards Radio (formerly NOAA Weather Radio). Some of your local Radio and TV stations, and Emergency Management offices may also relay this warning in your area. The practice tornado warning will be cancelled at 9:45 a.m.

We will issue the warning for the following counties: Throckmorton, Haskell, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, Crockett, Schleicher, Menard, Sutton, Kimble, and Mason counties.

For more information, please contact Hector Guerrero at HYPERLINK "mailto:hector.guerrero@noaa.gov" or Buddy McIntyre at HYPERLINK "mailto:buddy.mcintyre@noaa.gov" or you can call us at 325-944-9445.

In 2004, a practice tornado warning drill was conducted on March 3rd. Then on the following day, March 4th, a severe line of thunderstorms with tornadoes struck west central Texas and even hit a school and produced substantial damage. This test proved extremely valuable and prepared many schools for this extreme severe weather event.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

FEBRUARY 16 - 20

BREAKFAST	MONDAY - 20
MONDAY - Eggs, Biscuit, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk	MONDAY- Toasted Ham & Cheese, Tater Tots, Baby Carrots w/ Ranch, Oranges, Milk
TUESDAY- Breakfast on a stick (sausage wrapped pancake), Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk	TUESDAY- Steak Fingers, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Peaches, Milk
WEDNESDAY- Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk	WEDNESDAY - Chicken Fajita, Salad, Refried Beans, Pineapple Cake, Milk
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk	THURSDAY- Chicken Pot Pie, Meadow Blend Vegetables, Bread Stick, Diced Pears, Milk
FRIDAY- Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk	FRIDAY- Submarine Sandwich, Salad, Baked Chips, Pickle Spears, Ice Cream, Milk
LUNCH	

The Cross Plains ISD Interim Superintendent Roy Dodds would like for the community to participate in the process of choosing a new superintendent by completing the following survey.

Please return no later than February 27, 2009 to the Superintendent office or to your community representative, Vanda Anderson at the Cross Plains Review.

Superintendent Criteria A Survey for the Board of Trustees

Check qualifications that you think are necessary for a superintendent.

	Required	Preferred	Not an Issue
An earned doctorate:			
Experience as a:			
Superintendent			
Assistant/Superintendent			
Central Office Administrator			
Principal			
CEO other than a school district			
Teaching experience:			
Secondary level			
Elementary level			
Work Experience in Texas schools:			
Residency in the school district:			
Leadership/Management Skills (Check your top three priorities for a superintendent):			
Writing and Speaking ability			Decisive leader
Risk taker			Good listener
Visionary			High community profile
Organized, efficient			Motivator
Facilities consensus			Analytical, relies on data
Team player, shared decision making			Accessible
Personal Characteristics (Check your top three most desired traits for a superintendent):			
Sense of humor			Confident
Enthusiastic			Integrity
Consistent			Intellectual
Creative			Patient
Influential			Caring
Board-Superintendent Relations (Check your top three priorities):			
Understands differences in the role of board and role of superintendent			
Can lead the board in goal-setting and planning			
Effectively mediates and accommodates different perspectives			
Willing to assume a lead role in decision-making while keeping the board informed			
Provides options and recommendations to board before accepting directives			
Presents a "united front" to staff and community			
Staff Relations (Check your top three priorities):			
Has a process for recruiting and selecting top-quality staff members			
Maintains open channels of communication to and from staff			
Knows the law concerning personnel policies and procedures			
Sets a good example for staff members			
Evaluates staff fairly and effectively			
Creates an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect			
Effectively delegates tasks and responsibilities			
Supports staff development and encourages professional growth			
Community Relations (Check your top three priorities):			
Relates well to a variety of community groups			
Effectively advocates school issues and needs			
Responds to individual concerns in an appropriate manner			
Successfully handles press coverage			
Promotes business and community involvement in schools			
Inspires community confidence			
School Finance (Check your top three priorities):			
Develops and explains rationale for budget to the board and local officials			
Closely supervises budget development and procedures			
Forecasts changes in enrollment and/or revenue			
Offers creative funding solutions			
Identifies programs for increased funding and/or budget cuts			
Lobbies for school funding on behalf of the school district			
Areas of Expertise (Check the top three areas of expertise in a new superintendent):			
Budget and finance			
Curriculum and instruction			
Communication			
Facility planning and construction			
Technology			
Dealing with increasing/declining enrollment			
Special Education			
Staff development and evaluation			

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BAD WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Principals will be notified by 6:00 a.m.

NOTIFICATION TO RADIO/TV STATIONS:

KEAN 105.1 Abilene (325)-676-7711
 KYOX 94.3 Comanche (325)-356-3090
 KTAB & KRBC TV Abilene (325)-691-2282
 (325)-691-2283
 MANDATORY FM 98.5 (254)-968-7459
 ABILENE REPORTER NEWS (325)-676-6784
 Contact:Merlin Mann

EARLY MORNING BUS RIDERS MAY NEED TO CALL THEIR BUS DRIVER IF THEY GET ON THE BUS BEFORE 7:00AM. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL OR PRINCIPALS AND TIE UP THE LINES. IF THERE ARE NO ANNOUNCEMENTS, SCHOOL WILL BEGIN AT REGULAR TIME.

CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2008

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 848,227	\$ 100,467	\$ 948,694
5800 State Program Revenues	2,731,705	86,695	2,818,400
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	301,690	301,690
5020 Total Revenues	3,579,932	488,852	4,068,784
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	1,928,064	247,137	2,175,201
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	17,901	-	17,901
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	65,197	-	65,197
0023 School Leadership	192,800	-	192,800
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	43,009	-	43,009
0033 Health Services	1,395	-	1,395
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	179,714	-	179,714
0035 Food Services	3,023	181,281	184,304
0036 Extracurricular Activities	219,367	-	219,367
0041 General Administration	183,655	-	183,655
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	460,855	-	460,855
0053 Data Processing Services	38,255	-	38,255
Debt Service:			
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	-	65,000	65,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	-	23,136	23,136
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	431	431
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	91,398	-	91,398
Intergovernmental:			
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	34,413	-	34,413
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	42,905	-	42,905
6030 Total Expenditures	3,501,951	516,985	4,018,936
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)Expenditures	77,981	(28,133)	49,848
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7915 Transfers In	-	35,375	35,375
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(35,375)	-	(35,375)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(35,375)	35,375	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	42,606	7,242	49,848
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,190,182	16,694	1,206,876
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,232,788	\$ 23,936	\$ 1,256,724

Wildlife Intensive Leadership Development Summer Camp Seeking Youth and Adults

San Antonio, TX - Do something different with your summer! The Texas Brigades is seeking students age 13-17 with curiosity and enthusiasm about wildlife, habitat, and conservation. Each Texas Brigade camp is a five-day program focusing on one of four educational curriculums: Bobwhite Brigade (quail), Buckskin Brigade (deer), Feathered Forces (quail and turkey), or Bass Brigade.

Applications for the 2009 camp season are now available online at texasbrigades.org.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to empower high school youth with the necessary skills and knowledge in wildlife and fisheries, habitat conservation, land and water stewardship, team-building, communication, and leadership to become ambassadors for conservation in order to ensure a sustained wildlife and fisheries legacy for future generations. Six camps take place this year at locations across Texas.

South Texas Buckskin Brigade, Carrizo Springs, June 14th-18th.

Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, Coleman, June 20th-24th.

South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, Pleasanton, June 28th-July 2nd.

Bass Brigade, Mexia, July 13th-17th.

North Texas Buckskin Brigade, Albany, July 19th-23rd.

East Texas Feathered Forces, Nacogdoches, July

26th-30th.

Each camp consists of intense, interactive, and hands-on learning from some of the top wildlife and natural resource professionals in Texas. Subjects covered include everything from biology, habitat management, watersheds, population dynamics, ecology, and botany, to photography, journalism, firearm safety, fishing, communication, critical-thinking, team building, and leadership.

Each camp needs adult volunteers to serve as Leaders every summer. No experience is necessary, just a desire to learn and mentor youth. You will have the opportunity to aid a younger generation's consciousness of their responsibility to and understanding of their natural world. Not only are you enriching the lives of the participants, but you too will benefit from the experience.

An understanding of the importance of this program is represented by its cooperating partners, including Texas AgriLife Extension, Texas Wildlife Association, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Texas Chapters of Quail Unlimited, and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

CONTACT: Helen Holdsworth, Executive Director or Kassi Scheffer, Program Assistant 800-839-9453

HYPERLINK "http://www.texasbrigades.org"

2009 Howard College Goat Showmanship Camp

The 2009 Goat Showmanship Camp is being held on June 7th, 8th, & 9th. The camp is sponsored by Howard College. The cost is \$85.00 per person for lodging, meals, and awards. Each entrant will receive a camp cap or tee shirt. Camp participants must be nine (9) years old or entering the third grade. Adult supervision is required. If you are not bringing your own animal Howard College will provide one for you for \$20.00 per goat.

Only the first 200 paid entries will be accepted. Get them in early! You may obtain a registration form from The Callahan County Extension Office.

Submitted by: Hoss Sasin, CEA - Ag

2009 Howard College Lamb Showmanship Camp

The 2009 Lamb Showmanship Camp is being held on June 14, 15, & 16. The camp is sponsored by Howard College. The cost is \$85.00 per person for lodging, meals, and awards. Each entrant will receive a camp cap or tee shirt. Camp participants must be nine (9) years old or entering the third grade. Adult supervision is required. If you are not bringing your own animal Howard College will provide one for you for \$20.00 per lamb.

Only the first 200 paid entries will be accepted. Get them in early! You may obtain a registration form from The Callahan County Extension Office.

Submitted by: Hoss Sasin, CEA - Ag

Angel Food Menu For February

Regular Box

- 1.5 lb. Sirloin Strip Steak (4X6 oz)
- 2 lb. Tray Pack Chicken Breast
- 1 lb. Boneless Pork Chops
- 1.5 lb. Pork Chops (4X6 oz.)
- 2 lb. Breaded Chicken Nuggets
- 28 oz. Salisbury Steak Entree
- 1.2 oz. Slice Bacon
- 1 lb. All-Meat Hot Dogs
- 1 lb. Fry (Broccoli, Red Peppers and Onions)
- 1 lb. Carrots
- 10 oz. Peanut Butter
- 32 oz. 2% Fat Shelf Stable Milk
- 35 oz. Crinkle Cut Fries
- 7.5 oz. Mac and Cheese
- 1 lb. Rice
- 1 lb. Bean Soup Mix
- One Dozen Eggs
- One Dessert Item

All this for the LOW COST of \$30.00

February Special #1—

6 lb. Assorted Meat Box \$22.00

1.5 lb. Bone-in Ribeye Steak (2 x 12 oz.)

1.5 lb. Bacon-Wrapped Lean Ground Beef Patties (4X6 oz.)

2 lb. Thick-Cut Pork Chops (4 x 8 oz.)

1 lb. Mild Italian Sausage with Mozzarella Cheese

February Special #2—

4 Steak Combo \$21.00

2.5 lb. T-bone Steaks (4 x 10 oz)

1.5 lb. New York Strip Pack (2 x 12 oz.)

February Special #3— \$21.00

Super Value Fajita Kit (5 +lbs.)

2 lb. Steak Fajita Strip Packs (2 x 1 lb.)

2 lb. Choice Breast Fajita Strips (2 x 1 lb.)

1 lb. Onions and Bell Peppers

20 count 8" Flour Tortillas

February Special #4—\$16.00

Frozen Side & Fixin's Box

Comparing our Great Steak and Chicken Boxes

2 lb. Heat and Serve Corn

2 lb. Heat & Serve Green Beans

2 lb. Heat & Serve Mashed

Potatoes

1 Brown Gravy Mix

8 County Dinner Roll

1 Pie

February Special #5—\$21.00

Fresh Fruit and Veggie Box

3 lb. No. 1 Premium Idaho Baking Potatoes

3 lb. No. 1 Premium North Carolina Sweet Potatoes

2 lb. No. 1 Premium New Crop Western Grown Yellow Onions

9 oz. California Premium Raisins

1 lb. Premium California Grown Carrots

1 Head Premium Fresh Green Cabbage

3 lb. New Crop Tree-Ripened Red Delicious Apples

2 each Premium Washington State Anjou Pears

1 each Premium Golden Sweet Pineapple

3 lb. New Crop Premium Florida Tree-Ripened Valencia Oranges

February Special #6—\$15.00

Tangerine Box

2/5 Bushel New Crop Florida Tree-ripened Honey Tangerines - 20-21 pounds of 70-75 tangerines

Senior Box - \$28.00

Ten individually fully cooked, 3 oz. of protein, a starch and 2 vegetables or fruit or 10-2 pack cookies

1. Beef Chili Macaroni

2. Ham and White Beans

3. Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo

4. Sweet and Sour Pork
5. Broil BBQ Chicken Breast
6. Beef Chili with Beans
7. Meatball & Shell Pasta
8. Pot Roast with Gravy
9. Macaroni and Cheese
10. Grilled Chicken Breast

Where to Order

Cross Plains - Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestone 254-725-4578

Highway 36 - Across from Village Market

Cisco - The Vineyard 442-3752

Cotton's - 442-1969 (leave message, will return message) 300 W.

Eastland - Reader's Choice 631-6063, 977 E. Main, Monday - Friday 10 - 5

Ranger - Residents can order at Eastland or Cisco and their order picked up in Ranger at the 1st UPC Church at 10 a.m.

Mail orders - If received in Cisco by cut-off date. State food you want, name, address and phone number. Make check to Angel Food Ministries, mail to Ilene Cotton, 300 W. 8th, Cisco, Tx. 76437.

Last Day to Place and Pay - Saturday, February 14, 2009

Distribution is 9-10 a.m. Saturday, February 28th, at First Baptist Church Activity Bldg., W 8th and Avenue E, Cisco.

FOOD STAMPS ARE ACCEPTED

"Conquering Hunger One Box At A Time"

Angel Food Ministries reserves the right to substitute any item due to availability, cost and quality. Units not picked up at TIME OF DELIVERY may be re-sold or given to a needy family. Bring box for food.

2009 State Youth Water Camp set for July 12th-19th

The 2009 State Youth Water Camp is being held at The George & Opal Bentley 4-H Center in Monahans on July 12th - 16th. The camp is coordinated by Texas AgriLife Extension Service - Ward County, Natural Resource Conservation Service and Pecos Valley RC&D. The fee for the camp is \$150.00. The objectives of the 5-day event is to help older youth throughout the state become aware of current water issues and appreciate the implications of agricultural, industrial, municipal and home water use on water quality and supply. The camp features field trips, tours and hands-on group

project work.

This year, 15 boys and 15 girls are being invited to attend camp from all across the state of Texas. Participants must be of high school age and have an interest in water quality and conservation, and be willing to participate as a team member during the 5-day long camp.

Deadline for the camp is Friday, May 22nd. For more information you can visit the website at <http://ward.tx.tamu.edu> or call (432) 943-2682 or (432) 943-4112.

You may also obtain a registration form from The Callahan County Extension Office.

Submitted by: Hoss Sasin

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February 12, 2009

Herbaic-Christian Viewpoint of Economic Crisis to be presented Friday, February 13

"A Prophetic View of the Current Economic Crisis" will be presented by Eddie Chumney with Hebraic Heritage Ministries International at 7:00 p.m., Friday, February 13, 2009 at Rose Park Senior Activity Center located at 2625 South 7th Street in Abilene, Texas. ADMISSION IS FREE (a free-will offering for HHMI is appreciated).

Eddie Chumney is an international speaker and teacher on the Jewish roots of Christianity. Eddie was raised from infancy in the protestant faith and felt the call of God when he was 16 years old. Since that time, he has studied scripture extensively and presents the scriptures from a Hebraic-Christian viewpoint. He has also travelled to Israel many times because of his love for the Jewish people and the nation of Israel. Eddie is bringing a "Watchman" message to ENCOURAGE all believers and prepare us in these days. (Ezekiel 33) Mr. Chumney has also recorded many teaching CDs/DVDs, and has authored three books:

The Seven Festivals of the Messiah

Who Is The Bride of Christ?

Restoring the Two Houses of Israel

For more information about Eddie, please visit his website www.hebroots.org, or visit his congregation, HHMI Beit Yacov, on the internet (PaTalk.com audio/chat room) each Saturday morning beginning at 9:45 a.m. for the current news update, for weekly scripture study, and for afternoon discussion of the weekly scripture study.

In Abilene, for more information, please contact: Michael or Deborah Meyer at (325) 673-0676 or Deb's cell at (325) 660-1952 or Mike's cell at (325) 660-7885. Need help to find the internet congregation, HHMI? Please call.

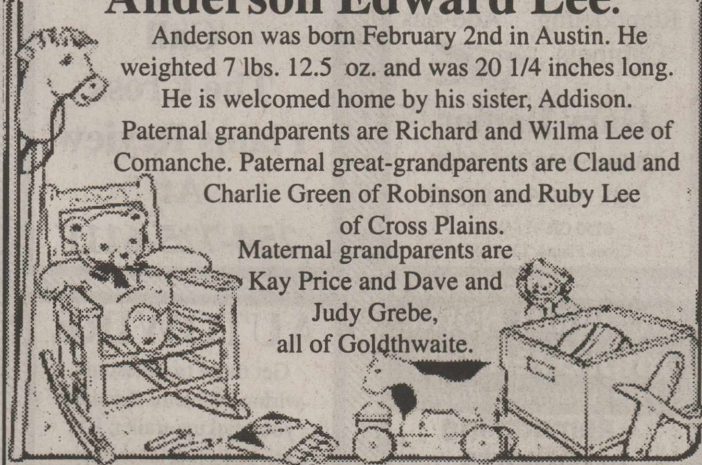
AND, please let us know if you want to attend, so we know we have enough chairs set up! Please call or Email to drillertee@nts-online.net.


It's A Boy!

Casey and Heidi Lee of Goldthwaite are proud to announce the birth of a son,

Anderson Edward Lee.

Anderson was born February 2nd in Austin. He weighed 7 lbs. 12.5 oz. and was 20 1/4 inches long. He is welcomed home by his sister, Addison. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Wilma Lee of Comanche. Paternal great-grandparents are Claud and Charlie Green of Robinson and Ruby Lee of Cross Plains. Maternal grandparents are Kay Price and Dave and Judy Grebe, all of Goldthwaite.





Thank You God For The Healing Rain

Ronnie's Auto Sales

2008 Dodge Durango, SXT Trim, V6, Automatic Silver Ext., Fully Loaded, 15,000 Miles, Factory Warranty Remaining, \$13,900.00

2008 Mazda Tribute, 4 cy., Red Ext., Automatic, PWR, WINDOWS & LOCKS, Tilt & Cruise, 28,000 Miles, Factory Warranty Remaining, \$13,500.00

2008 E-350 12 Passenger Van, XLT Trim, Fully Loaded, 20,000 Miles, Factory Warranty \$12,900.00

2006 Jeep Liberty, 4 cy., Fully Loaded, only 27,000 miles, Factory Warranty, "Just In" \$9,900.00

2007 Chev. 1500, Reg. Cab, 5 Speed, 17,000 Miles, Factory Warranty, Reduced to \$8,950.00

2007 F150, Reg. Cab, 6 cy., Automatic, XI Trim, 22,000 miles, Factory Warranty, 1 Owner, \$10,500.00

2008 Dodge d1500, Reg. Cab, 6 cy. 5 speed, 22,000 Miles, Factory Warranty, 1 Owner \$9,950.00

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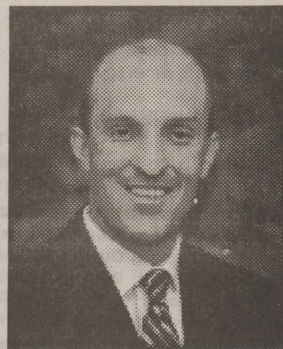
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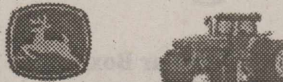
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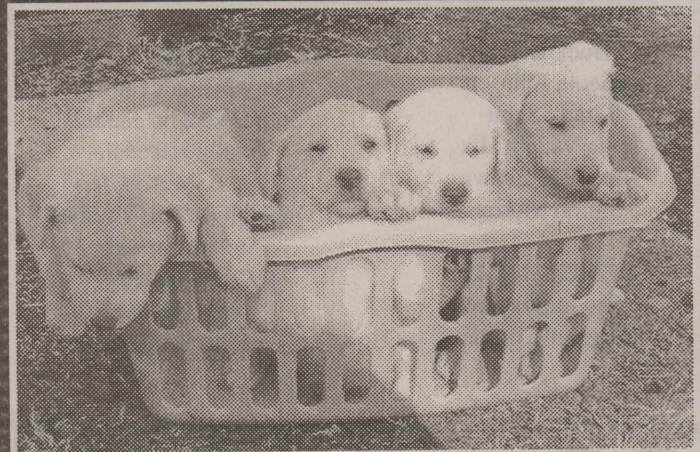
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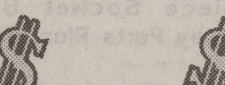
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Benefit Prize Drawing Winners Announced Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control drawing and fish fry a huge success

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group's Benefit Prize Drawing and Fish Fry was a tremendous success, thanks to everyone who bought a ticket, donated prizes and helped with the festivities. Over \$22,000 was raised toward the building of a new firehouse for the 2-1/2 ton Brush Truck.

Several of the prizes awarded in the Benefit Prize Drawing, including the Registered Longhorn Calf, have been donated back to the Fire Control Group.

If you are interested in the calf or one of the items listed directly below, call Mary at 254-725-6762 to place your bid in the silent auction. You can check on the auction on line at www.cottonwoodtexas.com.

The items that are available in the silent auction (and their original winners):

Registered Longhorn Calf donated by Ken & Norma Farmer: John Connally. Donated back to the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group.

Banquet for 25 donated by the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Department: Mary Hall. Donated back.

Custom Cooked Brisket donated by Joes BBQ - 3 winners: Kathleen Terstegge, Jewel Purvis, Brian Smith. 2 Briskets donated back.

Cord of Mesquite Wood donated by Ken & Norma Farmer: Jimmy Joy, Jim Tollett, John Beckham. 1 Cord of Wood donated back.

4 Hours Shredding donated by Ken Farmer: Greg Paschall. Donated back.

5 Subway Sandwiches (6 inch) donated by Subway, Cross Plains - 5 winners: Richard Parr, Jacquie Childress, Smith & Sons, John Molina, Janet Snell. 2 prizes of 5 subs donated back.

1 month of Tanning donated by The Movie Store and Tanning Salon: Ocie Draper. Donated back.

\$50 off Tax Preparation donated by Susan Schaefer,

CPA - 3 winners: Charlie Brewster, Wallace Bennett, Aubrey Childers. 2 prizes donated back.

Oil & Filter Change donated by Bless'd Automotive - 5 winners: Buckey Nail, Denise Coulter, Helen Simms, Harold Strahan, Cindy Payne. 2 oil & filter changes donated back.

One General Pest Control Spraying donated by Annie's Pest Control: Smith & Sons. Donated back.

Sonic Rechargeable Toothbrush: Ray Porterous. Donated back.

If you have items you would like to add to our silent auction, call Deana at 254-725-7281.

The rest of the prizes and the winners:

Angus Hereford Cross Calf donated by Arnie & Diane Smith: Curtis Taylor

Auto Detailing donated by Roger Hinkle: Bob Ossowski

4 hrs Backhoe Service donated by Ken Farmer: Ken Craig

Beef Processing donated by Cross Plains Frozen Food Locker: Collene Lamb

Handmade Beverage Cooler donated by Danny & Peggy Phillips: Carolyn Poe

50 Caliber Black Powder Rifle donated by Ken & Norma Farmer: Claud Champion

\$200 off Body Work donated by Strength's Paint & Body: Ken Craig

Custom Cooked Brisket donated by The Curtis Team - 3 winners: John Burleson, Amy Jasinski, Reggie Pillans

Metal Buffalo Sign donated by Parker Custom Iron Works - 4 winners: Leslie Dunham, Bobby Young, Steve Ricketts, Sharolynn Bell

14" Hitachi Chop Saw donated by Sweetwater Steel, Early, Texas: Wade Konecy

Refurbished Computer & Games donated by Ken & Jeannie Foller: David Goble

Cottonwood Cookbook & Cookbook Supplement donated by the Cottonwood Historical Association: Patty McClosky

Cordless Drill donated by

Higginbothams: Sharla Hayes
Handmade Cross donated by Anna Chesshir: Betty Fraley

Deer Feeder Controller donated by J & L Sales: Joseph Pennington

Deer Feeder donated by Joe & Deana Terstegge: Jimmy Kelly

Dinner for 2 at the Staghorn Cafe - 2 winners: Denise Coulter, Jean Draper

Dinner for 3 Catfish Corner, Abilene - 2 winners: Randy Wheeler, Doris Grider

Dinner for 4 Jean's Feedbarn - 2 winners: Adrian Allen, Tex Stephens

Dinner for 4 Mexico City Cafe - 2 winners: Derrick Perry, Sharon Pope

RCA DVD Player donated by Roger Hinkle: Lucy Koenig

Fishing for 4 hours, donated by Rolan Jones, Jones Real Estate: Crystal Yates

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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Texas Women, Kittens and Biscuits

Someone once noted that a Texan can get away with the most awful kind of insult just as long as it's prefaced with the words, "Bless her heart," or "Bless his heart."

I was thinking about this the other day when a friend was telling about her new transplanted northern friend who was upset because her toddler is just beginning to talk and he has a Texas accent. My friend, who is very kind and, bless her heart, cannot do a thing about those thighs of hers, was justifiably miffed about this. After all, this woman had CHOSEN to move to Texas a couple of years ago. "Can you believe it?" said her friend, "A child of mine is going to be taaaallkkkin lllllike thllllssss."

Now, don't get me wrong. Some of my dearest friends are from the north, bless their hearts. I welcome their perspective, their friendships, and their recipes for authentic Northern Italian food. I've even gotten past their endless complaints that you can't find good bread down here, that's because, bless their hearts, they don't like cornbread!

I have a friend from Bawston, bless her heart, who thinks it's hilarious when I say I've got to "carry" my daughter to the doctor or "cut off" the light. She also gets a giggle every time I am "fixin" to do something. And, bless their hearts, they don't even know where "over yonder" is, or what "I reckon" means!

Texas girls know bad manners when they see them:

1. Drinking straight out of a can.
2. Not sending thank you notes.
3. Velvet after February.
4. White shoes before Memorial Day or after Labor Day.

Texas girls always say:

1. "Yes Maam!"
2. "Yessir.!"

Texas girls have a distinct way with fond expressions:

1. "Yawl come back."
2. "Well, bless yer hartt."

3. "Drop by when ya can.!"
4. "How's yer mama?"
5. "Love yer hair."

Texas girls know their three R's:

1. Rich
2. Richer
3. Richest

Texas girls know everybody's first name:

1. Hunny
2. Darlin'
3. Sugar

Texas girls know the movies that speak to their hearts:

1. "Gone With the Wind"
2. "Fried Green Tomatoes"
3. "Driving Miss Daisy"
4. "Steel Magnolias"

G.R.I.T.—Girls Raised in Texas!

Even the northern ones, "Bless Their Hearts."

"Just because you move to Texas it does not make you a Texan. After all, if a cat had kittens and moved them to the oven, that wouldn't make them biscuits."

Anonymous

Potato Soup

- 6 large potatoes, diced
- 2 large onions, diced
- 1 t. salt
- 1 quart water
- 1 quart milk
- 2 t. butter
- dash of pepper

Cook potatoes, onions, and salt in water until tender. Add pepper, butter and milk and bring to a boil. Serve hot. (Add celery to recipe, if desired.)

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Blood Drive Aims to Boost Supply in Critical Need

A blood drive will take place in Cross Plains on Tuesday, February 17. The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be parked at First Baptist Church from noon until 6:00 p.m. Due to icy weather conditions at the end of January, the blood supply is at a critically low level. Blood drives scheduled that week were either cancelled or cut short due to the inclement weather. According to Frances Baker, donor recruiter, the only way to get the blood supply back to an acceptable level is to turn to the public and ask for help.

The blood collected by Meek Blood Center is used for patient care in fifteen area hospitals.

There is no artificial substitute for human blood. Many different types of patients benefit from blood transfusions, including cancer patients, surgical patients, accident or trauma victims, newborn babies, and those with chronic blood diseases.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 120 pounds and be in good health. Each donor must present a photo ID. Those who have eligibility questions may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Each donor will receive a free health screening, total cholesterol test and a T-shirt.



T.O. MEADOR

Birthday Bash to be hosted February 21st

T.O. Meador turned "80" February 10th. His family and friends would like to invite everyone to help us celebrate. We will be hosting a Birthday Bash on Saturday, February 21st at 2:00pm in the home of Jerry and Shirley Smith. 48-2

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Census Bureau application, testing dates at Cross Plains Community Center

Five Census Bureau testing and application dates for the 2010 Census will be held at the Cross Plains Community Center, located at 1008 No. Beech, according to a local Census representative.

The application and testing periods are Thursday, February 5th; Wednesday, February 11th; Thursday, February 19th; and Thursday, February 26th.

The application and testing process at the Cross Plains Community Center will begin at 1:00 p.m.

The Dallas Region of the Census Bureau is testing applicants in Callahan County.

Every 10 years, the United States Department of Commerce conducts a Census of the population. The results help determine representation in local, state and federal government, as well as how federal funds are spent throughout the United States, on things like roads, parks, housing, schools, and public safety.

Census employees receive



CELEBRATING PRESIDENT'S DAY AT THE AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURE PROGRAM—The children show off their three-cornered hats that they made.

ASAP Honors President's Day

"Honoring Presidents of the United States" was the topic of the After School Adventure Program, or ASAP, at the Cross Plains Public Library last week. Sue Bennett presented an interesting program that consisted of fun facts and trivia about our presidents. Miss Sue also explained that President's Day

was established in February on the third Monday of the month to celebrate the birth of our first President, George Washington. Some people think it was also to honor Abraham Lincoln since his birthday is in February, or all Presidents, but it was not. Miss Sue took the opportunity of the upcoming holiday to remember

all of our Presidents.

For President Abraham Lincoln the children made cute little log cabin pins, and for President George Washington they made three-cornered hats that were designed and shaped to look like the hats worn in the 1700's.

Texas Forest Service urges caution Extremely high wildfire danger alert for West Texas

COLLEGE STATION, Texas— The Texas Forest Service (TFS) is urging citizens in the Southern Plains and the Hill Country to be aware of heightened wildfire danger due to a front that will drop humidity levels and produce high winds.

The areas of highest concern are the Abilene, Midland/Odessa, Fort Stockton, Del Rio and San Angelo areas.

"These critical conditions could lead to wildfires that spread very rapidly and are extremely difficult to contain in this area," said Brad Smith, a fire behavior analysis for TFS. "The potential for damage to improved property, such as homes, becomes much higher."

These wildfires can also quickly endanger public

safety.

Though parts of the state saw some precipitation on Sunday and Monday, prolonged drought conditions have not improved.

TFS Predictive Services Department forecasts that through the month of February fuels, such as grasses and trees, are expected to remain critically dry.

Over the past seven days, TFS has responded to 65 wildfires for 4,743 acres. According to an online database managed by TFS, fire departments have reported 205 wildfires for 3,424 since last Monday.

For more information on fire advisories and area conditions, go to <http://texasforests.tamu.edu> and click on Fire Danger/Advisories.

It's A Girl!

Kevin & Tianay Dunn are proud to announce the birth of their daughter

Stormy Rae Rain Dunn

Stormy was born December 15, 2008 at Abilene Regional at 12:15 PM. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz.

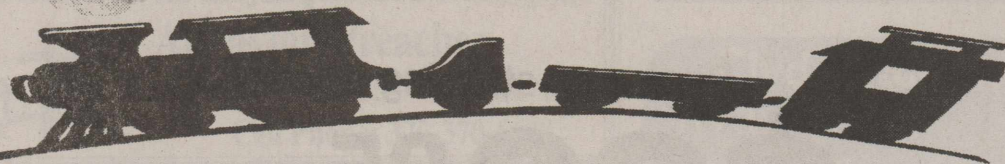
The paternal grandparents are Cheryl Franke Hollis and Mark Walker and the late Jerry Hollis of Cross Plains.

The maternal grandparents are Jerry and Tammy Fleetwood of Arp, Tx and the late Michael Dunn of Greenville, Tx.

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