



Pictured are State Farm Insurance Staff Member Kimberly Fullen, Agent Eddie McMillan, Staff Member Cindy French, and Martha Davis of the Cisco Food Pantry. Eddie McMillan State Farm Insurance Agency held their 2nd Annual Food & Toy Drive again this year for the Holiday Season. Eddie's office collected nonperishable food items and toys. The food went to the Cisco Food Pantry to be distributed to needy families in Cisco.

12 Held on Organized Crime Charges

State and local law enforcement agencies arrested 12 current and former Abilenians last week on felony charges of engaging in organized criminal activity as a result of indictments handed down

by an Eastland County Grand Jury on December 10, 2009.

The Texas Department of Public Safety, Narcotics Division, along with the Abilene Police Department and Taylor County Sheriff's Office made the arrests.

Six defendants, Robert Mesa Jr., Angeline Robb, Todd Robb, Ricardo Estrada, Chris Glasgow and Raymond Carmona were arrested in Abilene. Jose Chavez and Penny Ayala are being held in the Callahan County Jail. Josue Williams is in the Taylor County Jail. Adrianna Flores was arrested in Pflugerville. Sterling Lujan and Stephanie Davis were arrested in Texarkana. The investigation resulted

from a February 2008 traffic stop by the Ranger Police Department. The Eastland County Criminal District Attorney's Office worked closely with Narcotics Agents from the Texas Department of Public Safety in Abilene in developing the case. This is the third major narcotics investigation this year stemming from an Eastland County arrest that involved multiple statewide arrests and defendants.

New Year's Eve Fellowship

East Cisco Baptist Church will have a New Year's Eve Fellowship on Thursday, December 31. Starting at 6:30 p.m. there will be a showing of a DVD, "Testimony" by Brigitte Gabriel. She is a survivor of Islamic terror. She reminds America what is truly at stake in this struggle against terrorism: our families, our way of life, and our hopes.

There will be a break at 7:30 p.m. for refreshments. After the break, we will finish watching the DVD. We encourage and invite each person that really has a love for America and the rich blessings of God upon us to come and take part in this New Year's Eve Fellowship and worship.

The church is located at 506 E. 11th St.

Notice Of Trash Pick Up Change

Due to the Christmas Holidays, Allied Waste will be running Friday's route (12-25-09) on Monday (12-28-09).



Residents of Cisco woke up Thursday morning to a white Christmas Eve.

Cisco City Council To Meet Monday

Notice is hereby given that a Regular called meeting of the governing body of the City of Cisco will be held on Monday, December 28, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the City Hall at which time the following subjects will be discussed, to wit:

- I. Meeting called to order.
- II. Invocation.
- III. Citizen-Council Discussion
- IV. Approve minutes of the meeting conducted on December 7, 2009.
- V. Reports
 1. Financial Report - Peggy Ledbetter
 2. City Manager Report -

Carbon Native

'Cornucopia' Author Now Teaching Documentation Skills In Maine; Movie, Television Series Now In Works

Michael Collins, longtime Eastland County native, who caused excitement here a few years back with the publication of the book *Cornucopia of Evil* which graphically detailed incidents which affected his and the lives of many.

Visiting relatives and friends Tuesday, Collins and a companion were in a giant motor home, brightly painted extolling the book, and with this admonition: "Read the book, then see the movie."

Calling at the newspaper office he indicated that the purpose of his visit was primarily to make explanatory photographs of the area for use in developing the movie and the television series. He explained that the script is finished and that he is pleased with it. Further filming arrangements are underway.

The accompanying article details his involvement with the national organization SCORE which persuaded him to write and teach a course on forensic documentation.

Burlington, Maine, Collins

Jim Baker

VI. The City Council may discuss and/or take action on any of the following agenda items:

1. Consider and discuss song written by Marty Clifford.
2. Consider and discuss Downtown Revitalization Project.
3. Consider and discuss 505 E. 10th.
4. Consider and discuss Tyler Technologies
5. Consider and discuss Signature Cards - First Financial Bank - Eastland.
6. ERCOT - CAPPS - Rate Decrease

7. Consider and discuss TEAM Building and Long Range Planning.

VII. Personnel Executive Session.

VII. Reconvene into regular session and take action, if needed, on items discussed during executive session.

VIII. Adjournment

Cisco Goodfellows Say Thanks

The Cisco Goodfellows had a wonderful year. We were able to help well over a hundred families. We would like to say a special thank you to everyone who helped make this Christmas a bright Christmas for all.

We had many churches working together to collect toys and canned goods to be given out. We also had many churches, businesses, individuals, and organizations. We have no way to list all contributors and some of which want to remain anonymous.

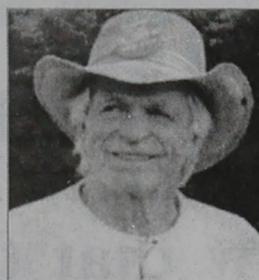
We would like to say a very special thank you to Brookshires of Cisco, Walmart Supercenter of Eastland, Eddie McMillan Insurance, Jr. Chamber of Commerce, and the Cisco Elementary School. This year the elementary school donated over 1000 items, their biggest year yet. We also would like to say a final thank you to the Angel Food Workers who helped us with our parishable food item delivery. Thank you everyone for your hard work and support.

Friends For Life Says Thank You

F.F.L. (Friends For Life) animal adoption and shelter have many pets available for adopting now, come by and check them out. The hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 1000 Ave. N in Cisco. The phone numbers are 254-442-1301 or 254-488-1784. Donations are always needed and welcomed. Visit the website at www.fffrescue.org.

F.F.L. wants to thank

all the individuals who have donated to FFL and supported us - Ted and Rex's, Dairy Queen, Brookshires, Dollar General, Family Dollar, Linda's Corner Cafe, Allsup's, and so many more - thank you so much and Happy Holidays to everyone! They also want to thank Mr. Porter with Cisco ISD for allowing them to show dogs at the games as well.



MIKE COLLINS

said is in the rich area of early writers and a heady place to live. Details of the Institute are available on the website: www.thedocumentalist.com (Ed. Note: So far as is known there are no copies of the book available locally.)

(Continued Inside)

Spirit Of Christmas Food Drive Assists 100 Families In Cisco

The Spirit of Christmas Food Drive collected enough food to assist approximately 16,000 families in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi. Through the project, some 100 boxes of food were collected for families in the Cisco area, along with Brookshire Grocery Company-donated

coupons for a free hen that recipients can redeem until January 4.

"We appreciate everyone who gave so generously to help less fortunate families during the holidays," said Sam Anderson, director of consumer and community relations for BGC. "Many volunteers worked hard to

make sure people had food for Christmas."

Non-perishable items were donated at participating Brookshire's and Super 1 Foods stores. Service organizations such as the Cisco Goodfellows collected, sorted, boxed, and distributed the food.

(Continued Inside)

Snow For Christmas Eve In County

Parts of Eastland County woke up to snow on Christmas Eve morning Thursday. While the southern parts of the county reported more of a sleet/rain mix, from Carbon north to I 20 snow was falling in the morning hours and remaining on the ground, although temperatures were slightly above freezing. Some residents living west of Eastland and Cisco reported almost "blizzard like conditions." Cisco residents said snow had accumulated there on roads and yards.

Numerous accidents were reported on I-20 Thursday.

Hunter Falls From Deer Blind

A hunter fell from a deer blind early Monday morning, and lay there more than 14 hours waiting for help.

The Cisco Fire Department responded to the "missing hunter call" on Ranch Road 1853 in Stephens County, northwest of Cisco.

The Cisco Fire Department had to request the Ranger Fire Department's ATV to get through the rough terrain to where the other hunters said the man was in danger, Cisco Fire Chief Walter Fairbanks said.

The cold front bringing the wintery mix blasted through the Big Country Wednesday evening with a heavy hail storm in the southern parts of the county, soon turning into rain with high winds and some lightning. A high wind advisory was also issued for Thursday afternoon.

Temperatures dropped quickly from the mid 60s Wednesday afternoon to the 30s by Thursday morning. Although sunny weather was forecasted to return on Christmas day Friday, evening temperatures were expected to remain well under freezing.

The 52-year-old man said he had fallen from a 20-foot deer blind at 6 a.m. It was nearly 9 p.m. before rescuers got to him.

Stephens County EMS and Breckenridge FD were also contacted.

Once he was transported out of the thick woods, he was flown to John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth.

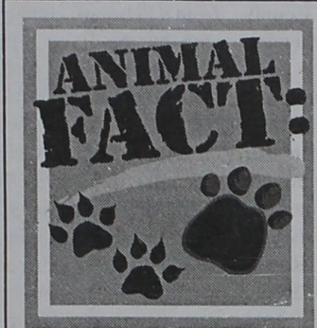
His condition is unknown at this time, Fairbanks said.

Submitted By
Cisco Fire Department
Walter A Fairbanks Sr
Fire Chief



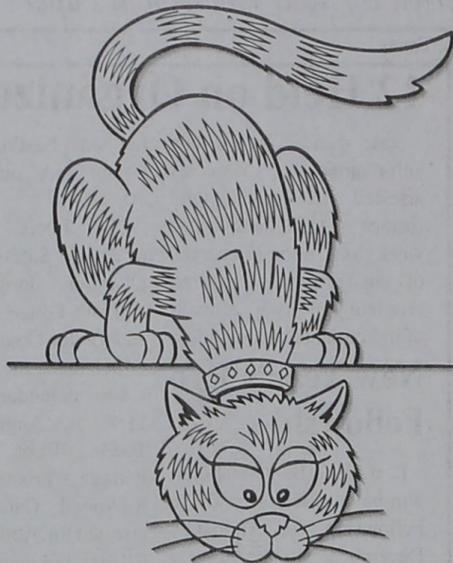
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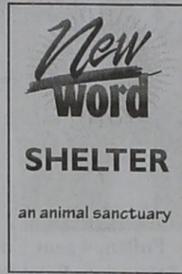
IN ONE YEAR, HOW MANY KITTENS CAN RESULT FROM ONE FEMALE CAT AND HER OFFSPRING?

ANSWER: 420,000



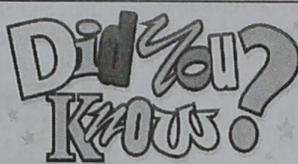
THIS POPULAR NUTMEG-FLAVORED BEVERAGE IS A FAVORITE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

ANSWER: EGNOG



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Eric O'Quin On TSTC President's List

Eric O'Quin, son of Ronnie and Synthia O'Quin of Cisco, received Academic Honors at Texas State Technical College by making the President's List for the Fall 2009 Semester.

A freshman at TSTC, O'Quin is majoring in Culinary Arts. He earned a 4.0 grade point average.



ERIC O'QUIN

He is a member of the Chef's Club and Skills USA Club.

Johnathon O'Quin On TSTC Dean's List

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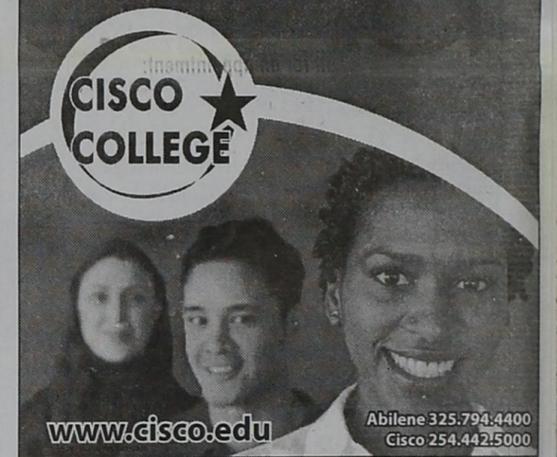
A freshman at TSTC, O'Quin is majoring in Digital Imaging and Design. He earned a 3.85 grade point average.



JOHNATHON O'QUIN

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I say all of this to say, I followed the "2009" Lobo football team and I am so proud! What a year they had! My congratulations to the team, coaches, the school, and all of Cisco.
I come back from time to time, but mainly to visit the cemetery. My families were the Bates and Burnam families. Again, I say you did wonderful and its great to have a history with my favorite town, "Cisco, Texas."
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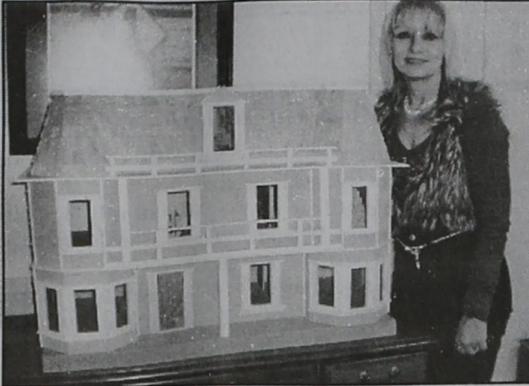
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Pictured is Joy Reid who won the doll house



Pictured are Paul Harper drawing the ticket and Donald Edwards, Finance Officer for American Legion

American Legion Post 553 Grand Jury Returns 48 Indictments Of Eastland County For December 2009 Term

The American Legion Post 553 of Eastland County held a raffle and subsequent drawing Dec. 16th at their monthly meeting. The winning ticket was drawn by Paul Harper, with Joy Reid of Proctor winning the hand-made doll house built and donated by retired Marine Gunny White.

Post 553 of the American Legion will be relocating to the city of Ranger. American Legion Post 553 will begin meeting at their new location in Ranger starting January 20, 2010 at 7 p.m. The Ranger City Council has agreed

USDA Rural Development Seeking Applications For Single Family Housing Loans

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS, December 10, 2009 - USDA Rural Development has announced their allocation for direct single family loans for Fiscal Year 2010. Due to an increased level of funding as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, USDA Rural Development in Texas has more than \$130 million in direct funding available to help families achieve the dream of home ownership.

"USDA Rural Development is proud to assist rural Texans in meeting their housing needs, which is critical to the long term sustainability of our communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director. USDA Rural Development's direct program provides low-interest, no-down-payment loans to help eligible families living in rural communities and rural areas to purchase their own homes. The Direct Rural Housing Program is geared toward low to very low-income families. No down payment is required for the program and closing costs may be included in the loan. Under this program an applicant may be eligible for payment assistance, which would subsidize the interest portion of the house payment down to as low as 1%, lowering the overall monthly payment amount. In many cases, the total monthly house payment, including taxes and insurance, may actually be less than a family is paying for rent.

Homes must be located in a community of 10,000 persons or less and locations not closely associated with urban areas. Under certain circumstances loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,000 and 25,000 in population. Never assume

to allow the America Legion Post 553 to use this facility. Our new address is on Homer Street next to the tennis courts. Future meetings will be the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. John Lanehart, Post Commander, invites all current members and those interested in joining to attend.

American Legion Post 553 would like to thank the VFW for allowing us to meet at their hall while we were obtaining our own location.

God Bless America Support Our Troops

The Criminal District Attorney's Office of Eastland County presented cases to the Grand Jury of the 91st Judicial District during the August Term on December 10, 2009 and forty-six indictments were returned. Although by law, the names of criminal defendants are withheld until served with the indictment; the following types of cases were presented and returned with an indictment:

- 3 cases involving Burglar-ies/Organized Crime
- 4 cases involving Theft
- 5 cases involving Theft/Organized Crime
- 12 cases involving Organized Crime - Narcotics
- 2 cases of Possession of Chemicals with Intent to Manufacture
- Controlled Substance
- 1 case involving Arson
- 1 case of Criminal Negligent Homicide

- 1 case involving Sexual Assault
- 4 cases involving Assault Causing Bodily Injury - Family Violence
- 1 case involving Forgery of a Financial Instrument - By Making
- 1 case involving Aggravated Robbery
- 2 cases involving Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon
- 5 Driving While Intoxicated - Third Offense or More - Enhanced with Prior Felony
- 1 case of Injury to a Disabled Individual
- 1 case of Placement of a Serial #, Intent to Change ID
- 1 case involving Possession of Child Pornography
- 1 case involving Prohibited Substance in a Correctional Facility

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Strawn - \$42,500 - 1 1/2 BR, 1 bath frame home, Metal roof, new counter tops in kitchen, new stone top, 2 car garage, 2 car carport, 2 car lot, new ground pool. Guest quarters.

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\$150,000 - 2 1/2 frame home with siding on 3.81 acres. CH/A, very nice kitchen, den, formal dining room, 2 car carport, 2 car lot, small apartment in back.
\$125,000 - 3 BR, 2 bath frame home, CH/A, 2 car carport, 2 car lot, 1/2 acre, great location S. of Eastland.
\$240,000 - 3/2 rock home on 6 acres. Garage and 2 car carport, corral, cattle shed, large metal building w/2 drive doors. Large metal shed. One stock pond, Water well. In Stephens County.
\$250,000 - 3 BR, 2 bath frame home, 5 years old, 1/2 acre, Sprinkler system, water well, garden spot. In Ranger off 571.
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\$736,000 - Approx. 320 acres. Beautiful oak trees, approx. 70 acres of coastal grass. Cross fenced. Farm house is used for rental. 2 barns, 4 ponds. Good hunting and good land for cattle grazing.
\$679,000 - Approx. 280 acres. Beautiful terrain with high elevations. Very secluded and excellent hunting. 2 food plots. Small catch pen. No minerals and no production.
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\$32,900 - 7R - Ranch Lot - 1.15 acres, beautiful canyon & valley view, many amenities in developments.
Carbon - 3/22, graveled and fenced lot, near Leon Valley Gate Co. bldg.
Carbon - \$6,000, lot that could be used for dbw. etc.
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DPS Asks: Please Drive Safely During The Holidays

The Christmas and New Year's holidays will see all available DPS troopers patrolling Texas roadways in an attempt to make travel safer for all Texans. Troopers will be focusing on locating drivers who may be intoxicated, but also will be looking for speeders and seatbelt violators.

All available troopers will be on patrol from Thursday, December 24 through Sunday, December 27, and again on Thursday, December 31 through Sunday, January 3. During the Christmas holiday last year, DPS troopers arrested 651 drivers for DWI and issued 15,400 speed-

ing tickets and 2,580 safety restraint violations. During the New Year's holiday last year, DPS troopers arrested 304 drivers for DWI and issued 5,173 speeding tickets and 912 safety restraint violations.

"We want to do all we can to minimize the number of traffic crashes and fatalities during this holiday season. Texas drivers can do their part by designating a sober driver if they've consumed any alcohol. The holidays are no time to spend in jail, but we will arrest any driver who is impaired," said David Baker, assistant director for the Texas Highway Patrol.

Recipe Corner Fudge Ring

Yield: 2 lb.
1 (12-oz.) package milk chocolate morsels
1 cup butterscotch morsels
1 (14-oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Pinch of salt
Butter
1 1/4 cups candy-coated chocolate pieces
1/2 cup coarsely crushed cream-filled chocolate sandwich cookies (about 5 cookies)

1. Combine first 3 ingredients in a saucepan, reserving condensed milk can. Cook over medium-low heat until all morsels melt, stirring often. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla and salt. Cool slightly (about 15 minutes).
2. Meanwhile, grease an 8" round cake pan or springform pan with butter. Line pan with 2 pieces of plastic wrap, overlapping edges and smoothing out any wrinkles. Wrap empty condensed milk can with aluminum foil, smoothing out wrinkles; place in center of cake pan.
3. Stir 1 cup candies and crushed cookies into fudge; spread fudge in cake pan, holding can firmly in center. (A second pair of hands is a big help here.) Sprinkle remaining 1/4 cup chocolate candies over fudge, gently pressing candies into fudge. Cover and chill until firm (about 2 to 3 hours).
4. To unmold, carefully loosen edges with a sharp knife, and remove can from center of fudge. Carefully invert fudge onto a plate. Invert again on a serving plate or cardboard cake round for gift giving. Cut fudge into thin slices to serve.

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Tidbits

by T.V.O.

AREN'T YOU glad you were not responsible for judging and ranking all the wonderful decorations put together by citizens and businesses. The Art Class frolicking reindeer on the lawn at the courthouse are eye-catching, as are so many in yards and store windows all over Eastland County.

JUST A few more days of '09, and who knows what '10 holds? A personal note from one of our favorite Democratic Friends Ann Murray puts me to right, saying: "HV, you wouldn't have to eat so many of our words if you got with US and did your food recipes only...Love you, Ann. Now that's the kind of bipartisan

appreciation we need more of—not the gut fighting, do anything to out-do, and all the other shenanigans we see on all levels between parties. And when you hear of wheeling and dealing strategies that are so lopsided, explained away as "well that's just the way Washington works," it just makes you want to puke.

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and regardless of personal opinions, wishes are that all wars could be prevented and/or stopped.

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Or maybe a truce.

Can you use one of those Mr. President
To let my daddy loose?

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CLUES ACROSS

1. First Chinese dynasty
5. Greek mountain
10. Jessica _____
14. Hail (nautical)
15. Norman Vincent _____
16. Wings
17. Eat dinner
18. Be silent (music)
19. Lively folk dances
20. Judge Advocate
21. Referee declares
22. Western State
23. Weather map line
27. Football tosses
31. Ribonucleic acid
32. Type of avocado
35. Thigh armor plates
38. 1950 hit "Aba _____ Honeymoon"
42. Chills and fever
43. A public promotion
44. Overdose
45. Cheerless
46. "_____ Yankees"
47. Hand drum of No. India
49. Worldly rather than spiritual
50. _____ P. Chrysler product
52. A man's neckware
54. Recurrent behaviors
56. Currents against the main
59. Volume measurement
60. Diskjockeys
62. Exclamation of surprise
63. 19th Hebrew letter
66. White person, Hawaiian slang
68. A collection of facts
70. Zeus' mother
71. Atlantic or Pacific
72. A fencing sword
73. Skater _____ a Cohen
74. 1924 novel Beau _____
75. Randon House editor Bennett

CLUES DOWN

1. Journeys to Mecca
2. Muslim branch members
3. An electrically charged atom
4. Yes vote
5. Appropriate
6. Cow nipple
7. Poor linksman
8. Butter substitute
9. Theater scenery
10. Islamic pilgrimage
11. Boxer Muhammed
12. World Court city
13. Secluded love retreats
24. Barkless dog
25. Silver
26. Revolves
27. Be earlier in time
28. Article
29. Burdened
32. Possessed
33. Honorable title (Turkish)
34. Meersch _____ pipe
36. Group for Dentists
37. Sun (Spanish)
39. Macaws
40. S.D. Zoo panda _____ Yun
41. Basics
48. Duelling instruments
51. And, Latin
53. Potato state
54. Official center (abbr.)
55. Hawaiian greeting
57. One who takes in food
58. WWII Allied II.Q.
60. Pre _____ ous; predatory
61. Strip of wood
64. Foot (Latin)
65. Expresses humor
66. Large pig
67. Midway between NF; and J;
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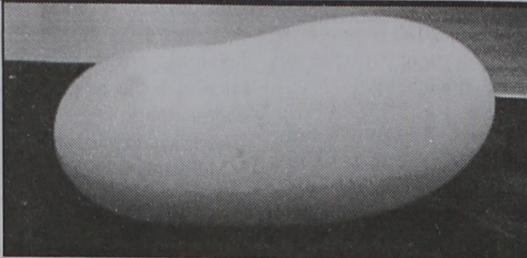
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The egg had been laid the day before from a production red hen, he said. This hen usually lays usually eggs everyday, he continued, but none shaped like the egg pictured. "I've raised chickens for 70 years," Mr. Hurt said, "and I've never seen one like this." Mr. Hurt plans to keep it in a basket along with other small and unusual eggs.

Winter Weather Driving Advisory For The Big Country

Due to blowing and drifting snow, some roadways have become impassible. Many of the roadways in the big country have become very dangerous due to snow falling and accumulating on the highways.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has numerous reports of stranded motorists to the north and west of Abilene, Texas. In several counties the Texas highway patrol report problems of simply getting to the stranded motorists due to zero traction because of snow drifts on roadways. The Texas highway patrol and Texas department of transportation are working to get to motorists that are already stranded on our area highways.

U.S. Highway 84 in Scurry County (Snyder) is impassible at this time.

IH-20 in Mitchell County (Colorado City) is impassible at this time.

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By Pastor Paul Howie



Well, we've almost completed another year. What goals do you have for the New Year? What steps are you planning to take to make 2010 a prosperous year? I'd like to offer to you God's plan for prosperity. First, be a giver (2 Cor. 9:6). Give generously to people around you. And give cheerfully. Enjoy giving to people. Don't give with contempt or reluctance. Give because you want others to prosper (2 Cor. 9:7). But what about me? If I give everything, how am I to prosper? Well, to those who give, "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (2 Cor. 9:8) God will provide for your needs. You have no need to worry about. He even goes on to say that "you will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion." (2 Cor. 9:11). If you give, He'll give you more to give! So the key to prosperity in a struggling economy (or any other time) is to use the resources that God has given you to help others and allow Him to supply all of your needs (Phil. 4:19). I think it's gonna be a great year.

Happy New Year 2010!

Paul Howie



See You Sunday!

Monday Night Singers

Submitted by Tim Turnbeaugh

You could sure feel the Christmas spirit in the air as our group gathered once again to praise the Lord!

Anthony Jacoby blessed us once again with a return visit, we were also visited by Carolyn Ingram of Cisco.

We had lots of great specials from our members this week. Bro. Tim sang a novelty Christmas song called "Leroy, the Redneck Reindeer" which is what he calls the "sequel" to Rudolph.

Other specials included Carolyn Ingram's piano version of "Away In A Manger". Minnie Pearl Griffin's a capella version of the popular praise hymn "Rise Again", Fay Stephenson's version of "Birthday Of A King", and Glenna Morgan's version of "Let There Be Peace On Earth" on her "magic" flute.

Just when we thought it couldn't get any better, Santa Claus came by for a quick visit and handed out candy canes to everyone; at that time, you could've heard Scrooge say "Merry Christmas" and apparently, we've all been good this year!

To conclude our evening,

we all sang "Happy Birthday" to Jesus and that got just about everyone in the Christmas spirit; if the Grinch were there, his heart would've grown three sizes!

At the close of our meeting, two special prayer requests were made for Betty Haight and Odesa Collins, one of our members who passed away over the weekend, she will be missed.

Singers present were Bob Spaulding, Royce Taylor, Bobbie Taylor, Donna Parrigan, Betty Lucke, Lynette McQuain, Roy Haley, Minnie Pearl Griffin, Gilbert Copeland, Claudine Wilcoxon, Violet Edwards, Mary Hightower, Tim Turnbeaugh, Neoma Ingram, Willard Hodge, Laverne Hodge, David Price, Anthony Jacoby, Glenna Morgan, Dene Thompson, DeAlva Rodgers, Thelma McCluskey, Mary Lou Williams, Lee Starr, Delores Starr, Ladell Luster, Fay Stephenson, David Goodnight, Carolyn Ingram, and Mae Green.

The Monday Night Singers would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We meet each Monday at 6 p.m. at Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation of Cisco.

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If you have an interest in joining our study of the book of Nehemiah OT 133 in the spring 2010 (January-May) notify Baylis Pope at his home phone, 254-725-7749. Classes will begin the last week of January. We will need to know your

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Ag Viewpoint

By Heath Begeman
Eastland County Extension Agent

Regional Pecan Show Results

We had several local pecan producers compete in the Regional Pecan Show on December 4, 2009. The following pecans placed in the top three in their individual class and are moving on to the State Pecan Show in July. Congratulations to all participants on another great year.

- Variety
- Caddo- 2nd Childress Ag
- Choctaw- 1st Childress Ag, 3rd Fisher Adams
- Hopi- 3rd Childress Ag
- Oconee- 2nd Childress Ag
- Mohawk- 1st Childress Ag
- Western- 2nd Ada Jones
- Barton- 2nd Childress Ag
- Burkett- 1st Dale Walker
- Comanche- 1st Bill Adams
- Mahan- 2nd Dale Walker
- Maramec- 2nd Childress Ag
- Nocono- 2nd Childress Ag
- Podsednik- 3rd Childress Ag
- Shawnee- 3rd Childress Ag
- (Other) Varieties
- Tejas- 2nd Dale Walker, 3rd Childress Ag
- Reserve Champion Native- Colleen Lamb
- Native- 3rd Ada Jones
- Lightest Native- 1st N. Hickman

Tax Aide Volunteers Needed

The AARP Foundation in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service will be providing free income tax preparation services for all middle and low-income taxpayers beginning February 1 through April 15, 2010.

In order for this service

to continue, volunteers are needed to be trained as tax preparers in Eastland. Training is given in Breckenridge in January, and travel expenses are reimbursed. Volunteers will be expected to answer tax questions and file basic tax forms including the 1040, 1040A and the EZ. Having prepared one's own return would be helpful in preparing you for the training.

For more information, call Dorothy McLane, local coordinator for Breckenridge and Eastland, at 254-559-5652.

Crossword Answers

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Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Obituaries

Ollie Orene Hooper Woodman

Ollie Orene Hooper Woodman, 82, of Gould, OK passed away Saturday, December 12, 2009 at Colonial Manor in Hollis, OK.

Ollie was born April 9, 1927 to Raymond Lamar and Ida Orene (Burnham) Kellar in Eola, TX. She married Bill Hooper on June 10, 1944 and after his death she married Charlie Woodman on May 4, 1972. Ollie worked as a nurse's aid at Harmon Memorial Hospital and Colonial Manor for twenty years. She had lived most of her life in Gould.

Ollie is survived by two daughters, Linda Baird of Duke, OK and Jackie Shadix of Claremore, OK; one son, Clifford Hooper of Hollis, OK; one brother, Clinton Kellar of Eastland; two sisters, Dollie Simmons of Cisco and Altha McCormick of Eastland; six grandchildren; and fifteen great-grandchildren.



grandchildren.

Ollie was a loving mother, grandmother, and friend and will be missed by all who knew her.

Mrs. Woodman was preceded in death by her husbands, Bill Hooper and Charlie Woodman; her parents, Raymond and Orene Kellar; three brothers, Olan Kellar, R L Kellar, and Clay Kellar; and two sisters, Winnie Kellar and JoAnn Kellar.

William Glen Stubbs

CISCO-William Glen Stubbs, 72, of Cisco passed from this life Sunday, December 20, 2009 at his home.

Burial was in the Romney

Cemetery.

A memorial service will be held 1:00 PM January 1, 2010 at The Assembly of Yahweh 7th Day on Highway 183 south of Cisco.

Charles Elvin Chupp

DELEON- Charles Elvin Chupp, 80, died Saturday, December 19, 2009 at his residence.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 24, 2009 at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial was in the DeLeon Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 23rd. Nowlin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Billy "Bill" Guess

RANGER - Billy "Bill" Guess, 85, of Ranger, TX went to be with his heavenly Father on Tuesday, December 22, 2009, at Eastland Memorial Hospital in Eastland, TX.

Bill was born October 2, 1924 in the La Casa Community north of Ranger to G.A. "Austin" Guess and Winnie Pearl Newnham Guess. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, George "Tommy" Guess, James "Bud" Guess, and sisters, Naomi Guess and Mary "Sis" Guess Cloman.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Wanda Myrl Sturm Guess and two sons, Ronny Guess and wife, June of Ranger and Billy Guess of Ranger. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Jenny Guess Mabery and husband Brandon of Tolar, TX, Randi Guess Chappell and husband Bram of Murfreesboro, TN, and Jason Guess of Ft. Worth, TX and five great-grandchildren; Taylor and Reagan Mabery, and Bailey, Conner and Hayden Chappell.

Bill was a World War II veteran receiving the Purple Heart Medal, serving our country during the European Theater with Company L of the 11th Infantry. Returning to Ranger after the war, he entered a 45 year oil field career employed with Fryer & Hanson Drilling Co., Midland, TX; Lummus Drilling Co., Ranger, TX; Loffland Drilling Co., Farmington, NM; Verna Drilling Co., Levelland, TX. In 1970, Bill also bought and oper-



ated the family business, Guess Texaco Service Station (Guess Service Center) which is still in operation today. After retiring from the oil field in 1986, he farmed and ranched, cutting and bailing hay until the age of 81. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Ranger, TX, Mayor of the City of Ranger, fifty year Mason, member of Eastern Star and an Eastland County Water Board director. Bill enjoyed many years of square dancing, loved working in his garden and being with his family and friends. Now he's really enjoying the good "life" with our Savior.

Services will be held Saturday, December 26, 2009 in New Hope Baptist Church #3 at 2:00 p.m. Sons, Ronny and Billy Guess will officiate. Burial will follow in Macedonia Cemetery, La Casa Community. Visitation will be held Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Edwards Funeral Home in Ranger.

Our Daddy's life began here in the La Casa Community. Come help us celebrate his life as we lay him to rest at the Macedonia Cemetery.

Statement By Gov. Perry On The Passing of Col. Robert Howard

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today (Dec. 24) made the following statement regarding the passing of Colonel Robert L. Howard, one of America's most decorated soldiers:

"As one of America's most decorated veterans, Colonel Howard inspired everyone he met to consider their own commitment to our nation's essential values, and was

the bravest soldier I ever met. His unshakeable commitment to freedom, displayed in countless episodes of battlefield gallantry, lives on in the actions of our military men and women who continue to serve in hostile conditions overseas. On behalf of all Texans, Anita and I extend our condolences and prayers to his family in their time of grieving."

Rolan "Red" Cottle

Rolan "Red" Cottle, 86 of Briggs, formerly of Rochelle, Texas passed away Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at Homestead Nursing Center in Cisco, Texas.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, December 26, 2009 at Mt. Mariah in Briggs at 2:00 PM under the direction of Edgar Funeral Home in Burnet, Texas.

Mr. Cottle was born March 7, 1923 to Orvel and Cynthia Cottle of Rochelle. He was a WWII veteran, serving in the United States Marines for six and one half years and was honorably discharged as a sergeant. He was a civil servant for thirty-six years at Ft. Hood and was a member of the Masons and Eastern Star for forty-nine years.

He married Barbara Stiles of Briggs on July 30, 1950. Together they were ranchers for fifty-nine years.

They have four children, five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife

Barbara Cottle of Briggs; son, Jimmy Dale Cottle of Salado; daughters, Rebecca Bonnet of Cisco and her husband Zukie, Roberta Whitley of Salado and husband T.P.; and son, Billy Jack Cottle of Blanket and wife Mary; two brothers, Paul and Henry George Cottle; two sisters, Odessa Childress and Ruth Eckard; Grandchildren, Rolan Bonnet and his wife Christy of Cisco, Jennifer Hoffman and her husband David of Abilene, Kelly Gidley and husband Tommy of Salado and James Whitley and his wife Erin of Lott and Sherry De Ann Orange of Belton; and great grandchildren, Robert Hamilton of Cisco, Julie and Brittany Hoffman of Abilene, J.T. and Amber Gidley of Salado, Maddie Whitley of Lott and David Wayne and Brittany Orange of Belton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

Arrangements by Edgar Funeral Home - Burnet.

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By Heath Begeman
County Extension Agent-
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After a lifetime of developing the specialized skills needed to help victims of tragedy, Forensic Documentalist Michael Collins is ready to pass his expertise on to a new generation of individuals concerned with seeking out the truth.

Forty years ago, Collins was confronted with the heartbreaking death of his ten year old daughter Kelly. This event sparked in him a curiosity which would eventually lead to his loss of everything one could possibly take away--his business, his home, his possessions and his reputation. The only thing he held onto was the one thing no one can ever take away, his integrity.

Even in the face of nothingness, Collins pressed on in his mission to uncover the truths that would have otherwise stayed hidden by the corrupt and unethical components of our judicial system. So how did he fight to ensure the triumph of truth and justice? Put simply, by returning to his humble childhood roots.

As a child in rural Texas, Collins did not play with store-bought toys. Rather, he played games that were born out of imagination. For Collins, it was in these early days, particularly while playing cars with his siblings, that he developed the strong sense of creativity he would later apply in his mission to help others. He constructed elaborate landscapes out of the raw materials around him.

Years later, he would construct these same landscapes with a different purpose. His goal was to create models and demonstrations that would

be used to communicate the truth in legal cases ranging from botched circumcisions and child abuse to murder and rape.

Having served as a juror on hundreds of trials, Collins developed a keen sense of what jurors wanted in terms of how the truth is presented.

Each case he assisted on required many hours of research and exhibition development to ensure clarity and accuracy. As one of the only people working to expose the truth in creative, three-dimensional, easy-to-understand forms, he founded the field of Forensic Documentation.

Still today, there are only a handful of Forensic Documentalists working to uncover the truth. Despite a lifetime of unthinkable hardships and losses, Collins has made it his goal to maintain justice by teaching others the skills, methodology, and values required to become a Forensic Documentalist.

The Forensic Documentation Institute he has founded takes place over a long weekend in his small town of Burlington, Maine where participants work directly with him to learn how they can start a career focused on helping victims by revealing the truth.

As it is so new, the field of Forensic Documentation is one with little employment competition.

Therefore, those individuals who are passionate about their mission will soon find success in their new venture down the paths of truth and justice. To learn more about Michael Collins, Forensic Documentation, and this unique opportunity to work one-on-one with Collins at The Forensic Documentation Institute, please visit: www.thedocumentalist.com

Ford Dealership Now Moved Into 21st Century In Big Way

The Eastland Ford dealership has always been King, but it has a new name and vastly expanded image.

It is now officially Stanley Ford in Eastland, but General Manager Chuck Smith proudly announces that Rob King, third generation owner/manager is still going to be a vital part of the operation.

Ownership of the prime East Main St. location officially change back in September, and Mr. Smith has been ultra busy since that time expanding, refurbishing and adding details that will make the Ford center a one-stop location for new and used vehicles as well as offering probably the most modern and up-to-date repair center in this part of Texas. A diagnostic computer at every one of the some 12 repair stalls, wired directly to the factories in Detroit, will give accurate and speedy results.

The addition of a protective canopy at the entrance will be the first addition that visi-

tors will see, but it's only the beginning. Added shop space and multiple rollup doors have been added on the east side as well as the north, offering many service centers for all sizes of vehicles from the smallest to the largest heavy duty giant trucks.

And the shop is climate controlled with superior heating and air conditioning and each rollup door can be operated individually by the mechanic at that stall so convenience and cleanliness is very much a part of the mix.

A veteran dealership manager, Mr. Smith is bringing together all the elements that make a first-class center everything it can be. Mr. Stanley has personally put his stamp of approval on all the extensive developments.

The Ford lot abounds with new and used vehicles, offering a wide selection in all price ranges.

The King name goes way back with the late Hood King

being the founder, followed by his son, the late Robert who in turn was followed by his son. Rob is going to be around to help make sure that all of his customers get the kind of service they deserve.

Mr. Smith has just about rearranged everything, moving the parts department into the center of the building where it can service all areas. The facility now even features a centrally located "fool room" where all of the modern and extensive tools necessary to repair modern vehicles will be

located.

"We just want to be the Ford dealership for this entire area and will strive to develop a clientel by making sure that one customer at a time gets the product and the service they deserve," Mr. Smith said.

In the short time they've been in operation as Stanley, they have already placed Ford vehicles with governmental and educational institutions around here, and look to be able to bid for additional clients.

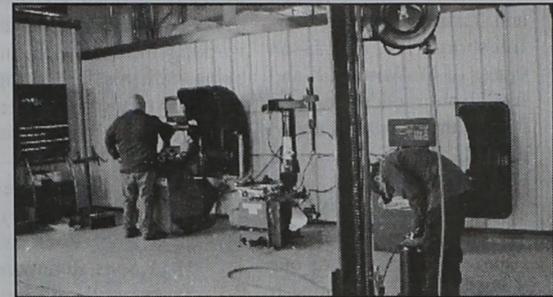
A grand re-opening will be announced soon he said.



One of the new revamped bays



Cody Foster and Lisa Johnson in the office



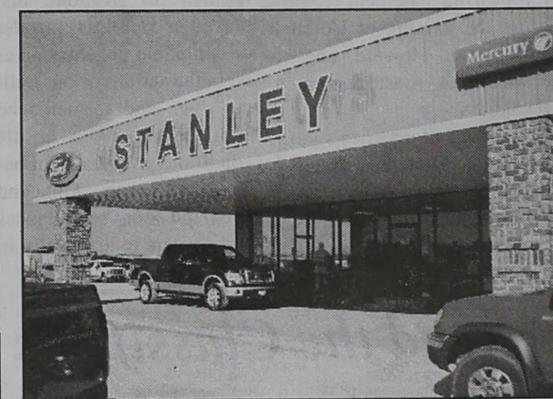
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Faithfulness

Faithfulness is the seventh quality which Paul lists as the fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23) Faithfulness is the translation of the Greek word "pistis," which can also be rendered as conviction or belief. Although it usually has the connotation of fidelity or loyalty, and applies particularly to someone who exhibits the virtue of reliability. A person who is faithful will be true to their faith, but will also be true to their friends and family. They will be someone whose word can be relied upon. Faithfulness is extremely important to maintaining good relations. True friends will strive to keep their word, and of course, families cannot function without everyone being faithful to each other. But, in addition to being faithful to others, we should also be faithful to ourselves. Being faithful to oneself entails being honest with oneself which is harder than it sounds. It also requires that you stick to your word when you have made a promise to yourself. There was a time when a gentleman could ensure that he would keep a promise to himself by simply saying to himself that he was honor bound to keep the promise. He would only break the promise to himself by simultaneously destroying his sense of honor, which no self-respecting gentleman would ever do. So we should be faithful, first and foremost to ourselves and faithfulness to others will follow naturally.



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John 12:32

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Thursday Preaching 7:00 p.m. Pastor Terrell Jackson

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1800 Conrad Hilton Ave. Cisco, TX
254-442-2183
Pastor Zachary Tunnell

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Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry

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Many would claim, and perhaps rightly so, that we live in one of the most challenging days in history. However, if one reads the Bible there are some amazingly difficult days that others have had to weather. Consider for instance Mary and Elizabeth. The story can be read in Luke 1:39-56 But to just note one verse from that selection, "Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord as said to her will be accomplished" (Luke 1:45).

Both Mary and Elizabeth give to us a beautiful example of how people of faith can impact others for Christ. Mary, a young lady at the time, had been told by the angel that she would bear God's Son. She accepted that news since she was a virgin, like most of us would have, with a little reluctance at first. But confirmation was given to her that her relative Elizabeth who was well beyond child-bearing years was also with child. Mary made the trip to see Elizabeth, I believe to both confirm the words of the angel and also to celebrate what God had done in their lives. As a matter of record,

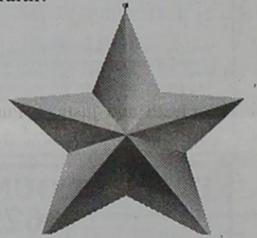


Michael Gentry

when Mary saw Elizabeth she sang, "The Mighty One has done great things for me, holy is His name" (Luke 1:49).

The challenge even the most dedicated Christian has to face when strange, undesired, or even exciting news comes is to believe God. But when we do we can become a source of blessing to those around us. Mary and Elizabeth by their trust in God literally blessed all humanity.

Corrie ten Boom one said, "Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible." May we have that kind of faith!



(NOTICE: All ministers in Eastland County are invited and urged to join this united effort to submit (with face photo if possible but not required) brief (one page) commentary suitable for public consumption, subject to editing and/or rejection. Please mail to either Jerry Maston at River of Life Church or to MES-SAGE, P.O. Box 29, both in Eastland, TX 76448.)

Christians Against Substance Abuse

A Bible based 12 step recovery group meets Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Cisco Church of Christ, I-20 West. For more information contact Jim McIlroy at 817-243-5298. Come join us and see what God's Word has to say about recovery and healing from alcohol, drugs, and other addictions.

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Christene "Crickett" Sikes To Celebrate 90th Birthday Dec. 31



Christene "Crickett" Sikes

Crickett was born to Elam Dan and Josephine Brister Kelly on December 31, 1919 in Mills County, Texas. She came to Eastland in 1930 at the age of 11. Her mother, Josephine, was a beauty operator and had various shops around Eastland for approximately 50 years. Her father later married Aline Straley in Goldthwaite, so Crickett would spend time in Eastland and Goldthwaite as a child. She has two sisters, Wanda Kelly O'Connor and Brenda Kelly. Crickett graduated from Eastland High School in 1937. She remains friends with two of her former classmates, Ima Ruth Hale Taylor and Mary Lou Seibert. While working for the Telephone Company in Eastland in the late 1930's and early 1940's she met and later married John Carol "Pete" Sikes of Breckenridge, Texas on October 9, 1941.

Pete joined the Army in 1941 and they lived in Texas, Louisiana, Florida and Massachusetts before Pete went overseas. He was with

the 36th Division, Company "L". They were a Band of Brothers and their wives were a Band of Sisters. To this day Crickett has never missed a Co. L reunion and stays in contact of several of their "old buddies". While Pete was in North Africa, Italy and Europe Crickett continued to work for the Telephone Company from Massachusetts all the way back to Breckenridge.

After the war Crickett and Pete lived in Ranger where their son, C. Kelly Sikes was born in 1947. Pete would go to work for Gulf Oil and they moved to Snyder, Texas. Crickett was a housewife spoiling Kelly and in 1953 their daughter, Wendy Lynn Sikes Crowder was born. Another move in 1958 took them to Odessa, Texas. This was where we all called home. Crickett went to work for Gulf Oil there in Odessa and would later transfer to the Midland office working for the communications department.

Pete passed away in 1982 after a battle with lung cancer. A few months later Crickett retired from Gulf to spend time with her mother. Ironically the day of her retirement her mother passed away. Crickett decided to stay in Odessa to begin the next journey in her life.

Crickett met Jack Patton and they were married in 1986. After many years of traveling back and forth between Eastland and Odessa to take care of the many

rent houses and cattle out at "The Place" they decided to just move to Eastland. They had many good years of hard work and play while living in Eastland. Jack passed away in 2007.

Crickett's favorite thing to do for her whole life has been to DANCE. She and Pete danced a million miles. She has always said she would rather dance than eat....and she loves to eat so that is a powerful statement. After Pete's death and her marrying Jack, she and Jack traveled around the world and danced every step of the way. When they decided they would just work hard rather than travel it would not surprise anyone to witness the two of them dancing in the yard, a restaurant, out in the street, on a hill out at "The Place" or anywhere they happened to hear "a good old song". Crickett's best birthday dance ever was the fun street dance there in Eastland on December 31, 1999. It was her 80th birthday and the ringing in of 2000. We all had a wonderful time.

Crickett and her son, Kelly own several properties in Eastland and most likely a majority of the community has either rented, bought, worked for, helped her out or just gotten the heck out of her way.

Crickett is known for her straight talk. She just calls it as she sees it. Everyone has a nickname and we all seem to share one or two of the same names. If you know Crickett you know exactly what I am talking about.

Around her kids, grandkids, great grandkids, sisters and close friends we refer to her talk as "Crickettism's". She has volumes of one line sayings and most can not be printed in this public article! Crickett's greatest loves are those kids, grandkids, great grandbabies and her dog, Daisy. Kelly and Wendy are her pride and joy. She can cuss us all day but we'll warn you.....you best not speak bad of her "kids".

Hard work is her goal everyday and she expects the

same from everyone else. You will often see her making her way through Eastland on her riding lawn mower. Oh yes, blade down and mowing as she goes.

Crickett is loved by so many. She has a heart as big as Texas and has certainly lived up to her other nickname given to her by her granddaughter's Heather and Hillary's college roommates.....CODE RED! When family or friends say "Oh, it's CODE RED" coming or calling, you know she is on a mission.....Get Busy, Get to Work or Get Out of Her Way!

Thursday, December 31, 2009 there will be a Birthday Reception for Crickett at The Connellee Hotel in Eastland from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Please come wish her a Happy Birthday and bring your favorite Crickettism to share!

Happy 90th Birthday, Crickett! Momma! Granny! Code Red!

Kelly Sikes and Wendy Sikes Crowder

Looking For Carbon High School Annuals

The process of getting senior photos in the profiles on the Carbon Reunion website is going very well. Thanks to all of you who have loaned annuals to me for the project. However, I am still in need of the following years: 1936, 1938, 1940, 1941, 1947, 1961, 1966, 1979, 1980, 1982 and 1983. Also, I am looking for any class photos prior to the year 1936. If you have any of these annuals or photos, please contact me: Linda Neeley phone: 830-598-5613; email lneeley47@yahoo.com or on the school's website: www.carbonhighschoolreunion.org.

Holiday Food Safety

Halee Mitchell
County Extension
Agent-FCS
Eastland County

The holiday season is a time of sharing, entertaining--and indulging in good food. That combination naturally leads to potluck meals, where friends and family gather together to share each other's favorite dishes. But do not let the possibility of food borne illness ruin these festive occasions. Texas AgriLife Extension Service, suggested the following safety precautions to help eliminate that risk:

*When transporting food to a get-together, do not let perishable foods stay in the danger zone- 40-140 degrees- for more than two hours. Transport time and serving time should be included in these two hours. Be careful with these perishable foods: meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, cooked vegetables and dairy products, and dishes made with any of these foods, such as dressing, gravy, casseroles, cream pies, puddings and dips.

*Perishable foods prepared ahead of time should be kept refrigerated until time to leave. If the food is to be served hot, reheat it at the event.

*Use ovens and microwaves to reheat food; do not use warming trays or slow cookers. Food thermometers should be used to make sure reheated foods have reached an internal temperature of 165 degrees. If reheating

equipment is not available, prepare food closer to the event time and keep it hot by wrapping it in towels or blankets, or by placing it in an insulated chest.

*Keep cold perishable foods below 40 degrees until serving time. Use ice chests to transport these foods and keep them cold. Ice chests or ice bowls can keep foods below 40 degrees on a buffet line.

*Make sure everything that comes in contact with the foods is kept clean. Wash hands and food preparation surfaces often. Make sure adequate garbage disposal facilities are available and keep garbage away from the food area.

*If food will be prepared at the event, keep raw meat separate from foods that will not be cooked, such as salad or raw fruit or vegetable tray ingredients. Use separate cutting boards for fresh produce and for raw meat, poultry and seafood. If separate cutting boards and utensils are not available, clean and sanitize between uses.

The experts stress the importance of the two-hour rule: Do not let perishable foods remain in the temperature danger zone for more than two hours. Foods left out more than two hours should be discarded, and adding this slogan as a safety reminder: If in doubt, throw it out.

For more information regarding safe food handling, contact Halee Mitchell, Eastland County Extension Agent at 254/629-2222.

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