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HOME OF MR. & MRS. IKE NEAL

Ike and Sue Neal's Home On Display During Parade of Homes

Ike and Sue Neal's home at 173 George Scott, is on 7 lots making up 7 acres. Pecan, apple and pear trees make up the orchard.

You enter the house into the music room. The piano was bought when Ike's oldest daughter, now a piano teacher, was small. Over it, is a beautiful 1888 print of the Lord's supper that was brought down by Ike's mother-in-law from an old northeastern estate sale that was thought to be the Vanderbilt's. The violins in the room are reminders of Sue's dad, who was a violinist. On one shelf of the entertainment center is Ike's old reel to reel tape player that is still in use, as is the old stereo system tucked away inside, which plays cassettes and vinyl records. The Christmas tree is brightly decorated with candy cane striped ornaments and bows.

Just past the entry, a southwestern motif of blue, green and burgundy on off white fabric makes up the reclining sofa, love seat and one of the chairs in the living room. The art includes some local artist's pieces by Wanda Merryman and Mary Barton. An old planter's clock, just one in Ike's clock collection, is on the mantel. There are beautiful flower arrangements, here and throughout the house that are displays of Ike's affection to his still new bride.

The kitchen was remodeled with Sue's eye for decorating and Glenn Heath's workmanship. The counter tops are burgundy and new cabinet fronts were installed. The paneling was painted white to brighten the room.

Opening from the kitchen is the dining area which looks out onto the patio through vertical blinds. This

room contains an antique Hoosier cabinet, buffet, china cabinet and sewing machine. This room will display Sue's collection of snowmen.

The front room off the hallway is the office. Sue's Mary Kay business is seen here as is some of Ike's old pharmaceutical equipment.

The bath is decorated in the emerald green and burgundy colors that are seen throughout the house. It has a wonderful old fashion picture of a child's bath.

There is the southwest room where Sue's Santa's will be displayed along with her other doll collection. There is an antique dresser which belonged to Sue's children's father. The bed has a brass frame and a southwestern comforter of blue and burgundy.

The next room will display Sue's Christmas villages and nativity scene. It has a love seat that converts into a bed, an oak dresser and nightstand that are antique reproductions, a rocker and the sewing machine that Sue used to make her daughter's school formals on.

The master bedroom has a large oak poster bed and matching furniture which includes a beautiful dresser. This is the angel room and along with the angels are two framed hand prints that two of Ike's "angel" grandchildren made for "Papaw." Ike and Sue's engagement picture is on a wall beside the bed. The blue from the quilt is carried over into the master bath with a blue counter top and window valance. There is an original print of an old water pump on one of the walls.

There are curio cabinets throughout the house which contain treasures that have been collected over the years from places like Russia and

See NEAL HOME pg. 8

Decoration Contest for Businesses Announced

Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the decoration contest of local businesses. A \$25 Buffalo Buck will be awarded to the winner of the best decorated business.

Judging will be Saturday, December 13. All businesses along Main Street and Highway 36 will be judged. If you are located somewhere else, please notify the Chamber of Commerce at 725-7251 to be included.

Local Chamber Sponsoring Children's Gift Drive

Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring the Gift Drive for children of the community who need help during the Christmas season.

There will be globe ornaments on the tree at Citizens State Bank. Each ornament represents a child with their

age listed on the back. Please sponsor a child by taking an ornament and buying a gift or donating funds towards the purchase of gifts. The children's ornaments may be picked up anytime during Christmas Village or banking hours.

Student Council Sponsors Food Drive

The Cross Plains High School Student Council is sponsoring a food drive December 8-12. Junior High and High School classes will be competing against one another to see who can collect the most items. The class that gathers the most food will

be given a cash prize from the Student Council. Grades 11-12 will be participating in the food drive and everyone is asked to donate. Boxes will be in various rooms in the school buildings. We would appreciate any non-perishable items.

Mary Barton's art to be displayed locally

During the Christmas Village celebration, paintings by local watercolor artists, Mary Barton, will be exhibited at Citizens State Bank. Mary's current work centers around children at play, close-up florals and sections of old machinery.

Her work has received many awards from area to regional and national, and has been published in several art books and magazines. As an artist, Mary is a dedicated professional whose time has come. It is no wonder that she has been featured in the publication *The Best of Watercolor*, for as an artist, she is definitely one of the best. Her most recent corporate collector is the Houston Memorial Hospital which purchased a series called "Sunshine Children" for their new Women's building.

Since retiring from teaching high school art, she conducts watercolor seminars around Texas and neighboring states, works with several galleries, participates in select shows and plans to start classes in her studio in early 1998.

Mary and her husband, Cecil, will be at the bank from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The exhibit will be available for viewing Thursday, Friday and Saturday 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. While you are on your Christmas tour, do drop by the bank for a visit with the Bartons and the Citizens State Bank staff.

Santa Clause is Coming To Town Friday

Santa Clause will be arriving in Cross Plains at 6 p.m. this Friday night, December 5th, weather permitting. He will arrive on the fire truck downtown between Citizens State Bank and Westside Restaurant, then available beside Higginbotham's for pictures with children (\$1 each). He will be giving out treats to all the kids who will come by to see him.

Following the lighting of the Kiwanis Christmas tree, the Cross Plains High School Band will play Christmas music, then there will be drawings for prizes provided by local businesses, individuals and the Kiwanis Club. Boxes to receive the tickets for the drawings are prepared by and displayed in the participating businesses' locations. Please visit and shop with our local merchants, and register once each trip to their stores. Winners must be present at the drawing, with 20 seconds to respond after name is called. Children and adults who are working in window displays and other Christmas Village activities are eligible to win without being present *provided* that their name is on a list submitted by those in charge of Christmas Village. Each person can win only one regular prize, with all names being put back into the container for the final grand prize (\$50).

Santa's visit will be in conjunction with Project Pride's Christmas Village activities which are scheduled for downtown, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, December 4, 5, and 6.

COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

First Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, December 7, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD BEGINS TONIGHT!

Project Pride proudly presents Christmas Village '97 tonight, Friday, and Saturday, December 4, 5, and 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Businesses, individuals, and organizations have created a panoramic tour of "Christmas Around the World," portraying the traditions, legends, and spirit of Christmas throughout the world. We invite each of you to visit this year's Christmas Village as you join in our joyous celebration of the true meaning of Christmas. As you tour, you will learn where many of our own customs and traditions were founded, and that, regardless of where one may live, it is the one time of year we all share the joy of Christmas, wishing for peace and brotherhood throughout the world.

Our Christmas Village tour extends from West Texas Utilities and the Chamber of Commerce on Main Street to Coyote Flats on East Hwy. 36 and Country Kin on West Hwy. 36. Businesses and organizations involved are as follows:

East Main Street and Hwy. 36: WEST TEXAS UTILITIES is sponsoring Great Britain with a window and Open House with refreshments served on Friday night. SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER will have their annual Cake Walk on Friday night.

HIGGINBOTHAM'S will host the Project Pride Bake Sale, live entertainment, living windows and the 4th Grade's Switzerland window display. The elementary music classes will be performing in living windows on Thursday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. Live entertainment will include church choirs, the Swift Family, Rejoice!, Sheri Bennett & family, Tessa Wyatt, Jason Kempf, Brenda O'Dell and more. Scheduling will be posted in Higginbotham's.

Around the corner, the US POST OFFICE will be featuring our Christmas Village '97 stamp cancellation on Friday only. This year's Christmas Around the World Cancellation was designed by Katie Mack, daughter of Steve and Sandy Mack.

DAL-MAR ENERGY is sponsoring a window display depicting Christmas in the Middle East.

CONNIE'S CUTS & CURLS is hosting Ireland in a window display. GREENWOOD INSURANCE has depicted Christmas in Scotland in their window.

Around the corner on 7th Street, THE SECRET GARDEN will be dressed up for Christmas and open for Christmas shopping.

DAIRY QUEEN is displaying a Jewish Christmas and Chanukah from the Holy Land. They will be open for business and inside viewing.

COYOTE FLATS GENERAL STORE on E. Hwy. 36 has portrayed the Czech Republic, formerly Czechoslovakia. A Czech exchange student living in Rising Star will be there to tell you first-hand of Christmas in her country.

West Main Street and Hwy. 36: THE CROSS PLAINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be open to show you Christmas in China. Refreshments will be served.

BAYER MOTOR & THE GIRL SCOUTS bring to life Christmas in Barbados in their walk-through display.

A portrayal of Christmas in Spain will be depicted in the windows of the MCCOWEN BUILDING. You will see the beautiful Nativity generously donated to Project Pride by the Callahan County Courthouse.

Our CROSS PLAINS LIBRARY will take you "Around the World in 80 Days" as you view the beautiful personal collections.

The POTTER FAMILY has brought the Spirit of Christmas alive through their beautiful window displays in the old SLIM GYM BUILDING.

JOHNSON DRY GOODS will be taking you "down under" in their depiction of Christmas in Australia. They will be open for your Christmas shopping.

NEAL DRUG brings you tidings from our northern neighbors in their window display of Christmas in Canada. They will celebrate an early

"Boxing Day." Project Pride encourages you to bring canned goods and very nice, used coats, clothes, and toys for those less fortunate. You may place them in the box located in the Neal Drug doorway during Christmas Village hours.

MOZELLE'S brings the Christmas legends of Russia alive through window displays. The variety store and soda fountain will be open for your shopping pleasure.

WEST SIDE STORY takes you to the ancient home of the Three Wise Men in Persia, today's Iran.

KOENIG'S FAMILY STORE & THE 3RD GRADE bring to you a charming display of a German Christmas. Koenig's will be open for Christmas shopping.

SUBWAY takes you way up to Santa's home in the North Pole. Refreshments will be served and they will be open for evening dining.

SWEET STUFF takes you to the home of the Eiffel Tower, portraying the beautiful legends, customs, and decor of a French Christmas. They will be open to satisfy your sweet tooth.

THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OFFICE & THE GARDEN CLUB remind you that there's no place like in home in their portrayal of Christmas right here in West Texas. Go by for refreshments and a Christmas "Howdy!" Santa Clause will be there Thursday and Saturday evenings!

COLLUM'S RESTAURANT & THE HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH CLUB take you down south to Old Mexico as they celebrate with a Christmas Fiesta.

COUNTRY KIN winks you away to the land of fairy tales and Christmas wonder through their depiction of Christmas in Denmark. Go by to listen to the fairy tales of Hans Christian Anderson and make a Danish Christmas ornament.

Please come to town and take a Christmas trip around the world with us. There is no admission charge. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Holiday Season as we share the Spirit of Christmas with you.

Band Christmas Concert Slated For December 14

The high school, junior high and 5th & 6th grade bands will be having their Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 14, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Youth Rally December 6 at High School Gym

Glorify will be in concert December 6, at the Cross Plains Gym from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

This non-denominational contemporary gospel group has performed at numerous schools, colleges, churches, youth rally's and TYC State Schools.

All ages are invited to attend and admission is free. Special guest speakers include boys from the "Porch" David, Joseph and Carl ages fourteen to sixteen they will talk about the way drugs have affected their lives and the long painful road to recovery.

Extra Special guest speaker is Marilyn Mitchell. Marilyn has worked in the TDCJ system for eight

years. She is currently the Law Librarian at the Middleton unit and has worked at the Daniel and the Robertson unit. Marilyn is involved in a special program with young people and will share this with us. Her husband Glen is currently the Chaplain at the Walker Sayles unit at Breckenridge.

Everyone is invited to attend this rally. Children and adults will benefit from the witness of this group. Please make plans to attend.

Cross Plains Little League will be in charge of the concessions for the benefit of the Cross Plains Little League.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
Russell Wade Holland, assault.

Misdemeanor Minutes
Charles Dwayne Jennings, possession of marijuana, \$4,000 fine \$157 court costs, 1 year probation.

In the matter of Charles Clinton Eubanks, SOS Bail Bond allowed to withdraw as surety.

Timothy M. Sealy, possession of marijuana, \$450 fine \$142 court costs, 6 months probation.

Thornton G. Shackelford, TPC (theft of property by check), \$100 fine \$167 court costs, \$225 restitution, 60 days in jail probated for 6 months.

Becky R. Cates, TPC charge dismissed due to restitution having been made.

Probations discharged: Timothy Dale Canon, Lisa Chittum, Delbert

G. Gabbert, Buddy Kyle Lackey, Jason Daniel O'Brien, David Wayne Rhone, John Phillip Schaefer.

Ann M. Sherrin, TPC, \$50 fine \$167 court costs, \$55.16 restitution, 6 months probation.

Delwin Ray Higgs, motion filed to revoke probation.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks presiding

Civil Filings
Sears-Roebuck vs Cathy R. Lee, default on account.
Divorce filed:
Bagley, Garnette A. & Ronald Dee.

Civil Minutes
First Deposit National Credit Card Bank vs Donna J. Phillips, \$5950.14 default judgment plus \$1200 attorney fees.

Amuflo Ascencio, Fr., found to be \$26,150 in arrears on child support; new scheduld of payments began 12-1-97.

Rex H. Lockhart vs BJ Well Services, dismissed with prejudice.

Divorces granted:
Neal, Gary Lee & Toni Gay.
Sullivan, Philis Evon & Michael William.

Immunization Clinic Thurs., December 18

There will an immunization clinic held at the Multi-Purpose Center on Thursday, December 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

This service is provided by the Texas Department of Health. For further information you may contact (915) 754-4945.

Selected Scriptures
I will praise You with uprightness of heart, when I learn Your righteous judgments. Psalm 119:7
Paid Advertising — Irma Miller

OBITUARIES

John Aiken

John Garrett Aiken, 62, life-time resident of Callahan County, passed away Saturday, November 29, 1997, in Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Monday, December 1, 1997, at Cross Plains Church of Christ with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery.

Mr. Aiken was born November 13, 1935 in Callahan County. He married Betty Ann Simons August 17, 1957, in Lancaster. He was a farmer and a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Dorothy Clark, Lanora Aiken, and Zalie Richardson.

Survivors include his wife Betty Ann Aiken of Cross Plains; two sons, Jackie Aiken and Billy Aiken both of Cross Plains; four daughters, Patricia Clark of Cisco, Sue Strickland of Coleman, Sadrine Simons of Cross Plains, and Rachel Aiken of Cross Plains; two brothers, Herman Aiken of Brownwood and Frank Aiken of Grand Prairie; three sisters, Pat Day of Izora, Alice Aiken of Cross Plains, and Velma Boykin of Carthage; 8 grandchildren, Daniel Strickland, William Clark, Tiffany Aiken, Stanley May, Kendra Strickland, Anna Clark, Jack Daniels, and Misty Simons.

Pallbearers were Johnny Clay, Robert Simons, Phillip Simons, David Strickland, Clovis Simons, and Bucky Higgins.

Honorary pallbearers were Alvin Hutchins, L.D. Koenig, James Oscar Koenig, Cliff Kirsham, Mike Ingram, and Jimmie Payne.

Mary E. (Weezie) Lane

EARLY—Mary E. (Weezie) Lane, 78, passed away Wednesday, November 26, 1997, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. R.D. Williams officiating.

Mary was born in Goldthwaite October 13, 1919. She attended school in Cross Plains, Howard Payne and graduated from North Texas State University. She later received a masters degree from the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque. Ms. Lane worked on the Openheimer Project in Los Alamos during World War II. She sang with an orchestra as a vocal soloist during her years at Los Alamos. She is a retired teacher and counselor in the Santa Fe school system of 30 years.

She is survived by her sister Jimmie Mayes of Brownwood; two nephews and wives Franklin and Sharolyn Cox and James and Doris Cox all of Rising Star; great nieces and nephews; Laura Cox of Washington DC, Steve and Missy Cox of Hico and Kevin Cox of Rising Star.

Jo Claire Hughes Cullers

BRECKENRIDGE—Funeral services for Jo Claire Hughes Cullers, a 65 year old Breckenridge resident, was held on Friday, November 28, 1997, at 10 a.m. at Elliott Street Church of Christ. Gary Bodine, minister of Borger Church of Christ, officiated. He was assisted by Jim Cox, minister of Elliott Street Church of Christ. Burial was in Breckenridge Cemetery under the direction of Morehart Mortuary. Mrs. Cullers passed away Tuesday morning, November 25, 1997, at her home.

She was born Jo Claire Hughes on June 1, 1932, in Rising Star. She grew up in Pioneer and graduated from Cross Plains High School. She attended Abilene Christian College for 2 years. She married Wallace Cullers on October 13, 1951, in Pioneer. They moved to Breckenridge in 1968 from Abilene. She was a homemaker and a member of Elliott Street Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband, Wallace Cullers of Breckenridge; one son, Carlton Cullers of Throckmorton; three daughters, Glenna Fambro of Colorado City, Gay Ellis of Franktown, Colorado and Sue Sands of St. Joseph, Missouri; one brother, Jay Hughes of Midland and nine grandchildren.

Forks were two-pronged until the end of the eighteenth century when four-pronged forks became standard.

VETERANS NEWS

CORRECTION—An earlier column regarding the new enrollment procedures stated that enrollment was not necessary if a Veteran had been seen by a VA medical facility since OCTOBER 1, 1997. Please be advised that the correct date is OCTOBER 1, 1996. Re-enrollment is not necessary if the Veteran has been seen by VA Medical since OCTOBER 1, 1996.

GULF WAR ILLNESS—The Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm "Yellow Ribbon" Commission invites all Desert Storm Veterans and any other interested persons to participate and provide program information at a "Yellow Ribbon" Commission Program/Hearing being held at the Holiday Inn, 441 Rio Concho Drive, San Angelo, Texas (915) 658-2828.

This activity will be held on December 5, 6, and 7, 1997 with the goal of allowing the Veterans of the Persian Gulf conflict and their families to communicate their revelations and experiences in regards to the Gulf War, and their treatment since.

A presentation by Dr. Bill Baumzweiger, Neurologist and Psychiatrist, also a leading independent Gulf War illness researcher, who is actively treating Gulf War Veterans at his private practice, will be scheduled for Saturday, December 6.

Representatives from three VA Medical facilities have been requested to attend along with reps from state and local government

veterans programs and active duty personnel from Dyess AFB, Goodfellow AFB and Fort Hood. Gulf War Veterans should find a good audience for their statements.

CO-PAYMENT—More and more veterans are using the Abilene Out-Patient Clinic. Most are aware of the co-payment charged for prescriptions. This applies if the single Veterans income and net worth is over \$50,000. A charge of \$45.80 is made for the office visit if the veteran's income is \$21,611 or above and combined income and net worth exceed \$50,000.

Allowance is made for the previous twelve months medical expenses paid by the veteran and dependents. These expenses, which include Medicare premiums and other health insurance premiums, are used to reduce the veterans income and net worth in an attempt to avoid charging the co-payment.

TEXAS BEST—Fifteen percent of Texas' 1,647,000 veterans receive benefits from the US Department of Veterans Affairs. The national average is 12.5%. Texas has the highest percentage of VA benefits recipients of any of the major large states. In absolute numbers, Texas 248,041 veterans receive compensation or pension from the VA. While taking a large portion of the credit, the Texas Veterans Commission allows that County Service Officers play a very big role in helping in the veterans and their dependents receive the benefits to which they are entitled.

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Ban on Outdoor Burning in Callahan County Lifted Dec. 2

BILLY HARRIS SPECIAL WRITER

Callahan County Judge Bill Johnson issued an Official Proclamation Tuesday, December 2nd, lifting the ban on outdoor burning in Callahan County.

Some early morning rain and the forecast for more during the week prompted the proclamation.

Johnson said this issue (the burn ban) garners as many phone calls to his office as any other matter handled by the County.

"People want to know if the burn ban is in effect, can they get a special permit to burn something and various other inquiries," Johnson said. "Absolutely not," said Johnson when asked if the county gave special permits when a ban is in effect.

Penalties for not complying with the County's Burn Ban, when it is in effect, are a warning for the first offense and a fine of up to \$1,000 for the second violation, according to the County Judge and the cases are tried in the Justice of the Peace Courts.

"When citizens want to have a controlled burn they still fall under the rules of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission Burning Regulations, even though we've lifted the ban," said Johnson.

County officials request that anyone planning to burn to PLEASE CALL local authorities before light-

ing a controlled burn. Many hours are wasted by fire departments each year when they respond to "Controlled Burns" that haven't been reported as such.

To report a "Controlled Burn" in Callahan County call the Sheriff's office in Baird at (915) 854-1444 and give them the location (county road or highway address, and nearest intersection), property owner, person to contact with a phone number and time the burn will take place.

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission rulings that took effect in September of 1996, give specific guidelines on all outdoor burning. Some excerpts from these regulations are as follows:

*All burning must be outside the corporate limits of a town except where the town has enacted ordinances allowing such burning.

*Burning shall only be allowed when weather conditions are such that smoke will not cause adverse effect to any public road, water way or off site structure or residence.

*Burning can begin no earlier than one hour after sunrise and will be completed by no later than one hour before sunset. The fire shall be attended by a responsible party at all times during the active burn phase. All residual fires and or smoldering objects must be extinguished if the smoke has the potential to create a nuisance or traffic hazard condition.

*Burning is not allowed when winds are predicted to be less than 6 miles per hour or greater than 23 miles per hour.

*Electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, non-wood materials, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes and items containing natural or synthetic rubber must not be burned.

*Exceptions are offered for fires used for Recreation, Ceremony, Cooking and Warmth. Fires used solely for these purposes are allowed, but are subject to the General Provisions for Allowable Outdoor Burning.

MOST IMPORTANT: Responsibility for Consequences of Outdoor Burning. The authority to conduct outdoor burning under these regulations does not exempt a person from the responsibility of damages or injuries resulting from the burning nor does it exempt anyone from complying with all other applicable laws or ordinances, regulations and orders of governmental entities having jurisdiction.

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Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
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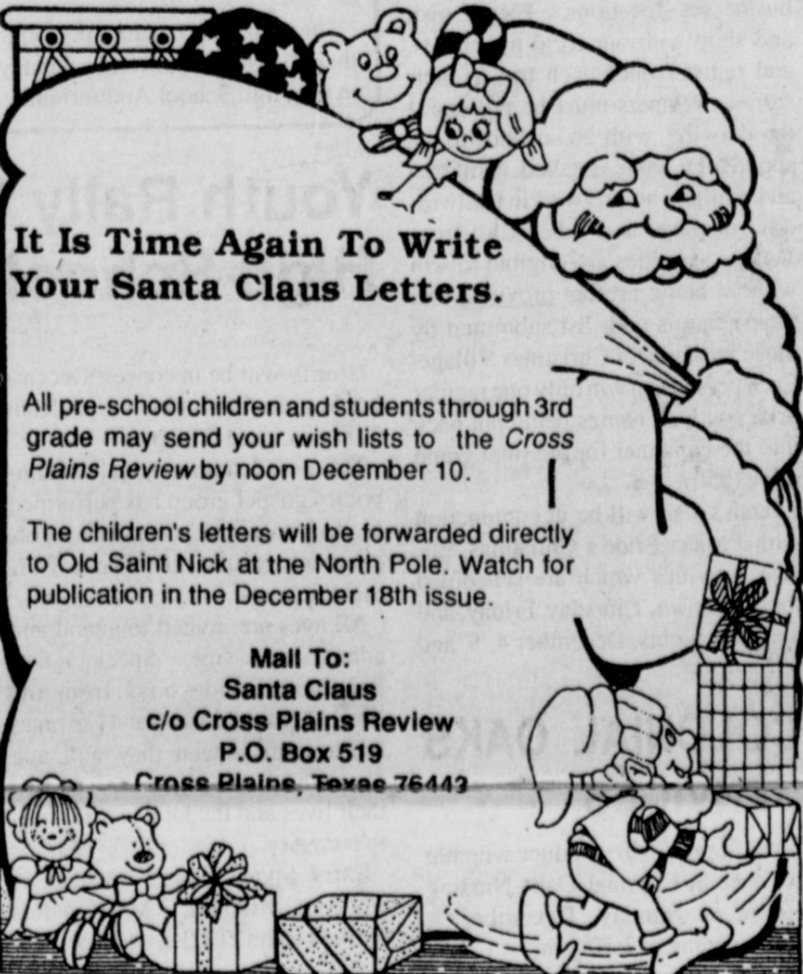
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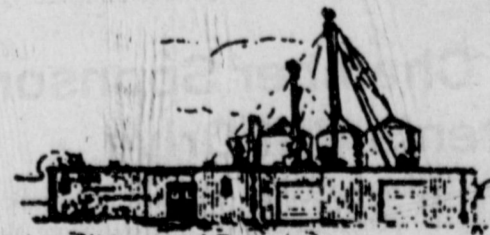


All pre-school children and students through 3rd grade may send your wish lists to the Cross Plains Review by noon December 10.

The children's letters will be forwarded directly to Old Saint Nick at the North Pole. Watch for publication in the December 18th issue.

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Clips, Quips & Comments By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"Tastes of Autumn"
Back in the olden days when I was young... How many times have we all heard that phrase? Probably more times than we care to remember. It may not have been exactly those same words, but a pretty close facsimile. Perhaps even the equivalent!

Be that as it may, I remember a time when as soon as Autumn ushered in the first good cold snap, most everyone butchered hogs. Then followed virtual feasts of victuals such as son of a gun stew, bacon, liver and onions, sausages, scrabble, pigs feet, cracklings, and various other down home "DELICACIES."

Of course, the families resident "washerwoman" otherwise known as Mom, Grandma, Olde Aunt Suzie and cousin Mary used the renderings (lard) to make lye soap. Sure got the clothes clean too. Some country women also made candles from the renderings.

Of course there were pork rib, pork chops, pork skins, pork roasts, hoghead, etc. Lots of good eating, which ever of those dishes were your preference. Bacon and hams were salt or sugar cured, or smoked in the smokehouse. These were stored for later consumption.

Nevertheless, even though most of us nowadays; obtain our meats, candles, and soaps at the local supermarket, autumn weather still brings some specific cold weather dishes to mind.

Though I enjoy pork dishes as well as the next person, I also enjoy other meats as well. Two of my cold weather favorites are chicken and dumplings and chili-con-carne.

Following are some quick, fast and speedy ways to prepare some of these cold weather favorites. Though these are not the traditional

manner of preparing these dishes, they are not only palatable but are truly delicious and quite delectable, but most important to today's busy, computer age consumer they are both simple, quick and veritable breeze to prepare. They are also fun dishes for younger people, (ages 12 to 18) to prepare as well.

QUICK CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS

Cut one package of flour tortillas into two inch squares, and turn them in flour. Open three (3) cans chicken broth and pour into sauce pan. Bring to a rolling boil. Drop tortilla squares into boiling broth. Lower fire to medium and cook EXACTLY 17 minutes. At the end of that time add 2 cans deboned chicken, stirring to break up chicken. Add one can evaporated milk and salt and pepper to taste. It's ready to serve. You will be truly amazed at the outcome of this marvelous recipe. Remember the only ingredients are one package flour tortillas, 3 cans chicken broth, flour, 2 cans deboned chicken, 1 can evaporated milk, salt and pepper to taste. Can be prepared in 20 to 25 minutes.

SHORTCUT CHEESE AND CHILI ENCHILADAS

Kids love this!!

Take one package flour tortillas, place one slice cheese on each tortilla. Roll loosely and place in a flat casserole dish. Open one can chili con carne without beans, pour over tortilla cheese rolls in casserole dish. Smooth until all are covered. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 30 minutes and serve, as is.

It's very delicious served topped with sour cream and chopped green onions or fresh chives.

Enjoy those delicious autumn shortcut meals. BON APPETITE!!



SPEAKER AT KIWANIS MEETING—Yvonne Peevy gave the program recently at the regular meeting of the Kiwanis. She is the owner/operator of Sweet Stuff.

Yvonne spoke on the humble beginnings of the business and how it is growing each week. Sweet Stuff is located next door to Subway.

Pictured with Yvonne is Dr. Richard Chaffin, who was responsible for the program that day.

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME

NEWS

By
LINDA MERRITT
Activity Director

Louise Richardson reports that she had visitors from Corpus Christi. They had a great time talking about the good old days and really enjoyed their time together.

A warm welcome to our new resident Jesse Harris.

Appreciation to Beyerly Brown and her daughter Terri and Gilbert for the Christmas decorations.

Ruby Harrell was our winner for a free meal at Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Carol Bilbrey from Rising Star, Reuben and Ruby McCowen from Lubbock visited Myrtle Owen.

Dorothy Welch from Fort Worth and Betty Montgomery from Midland visited Leila Montgomery.

Earl and Vonnie Barker from Groom visited Ronnie Walton.

Mona and Johnny Wilson from Abilene visited Blanch Brooks and Gertie Powell.

Scott, Becky, Bess Carpenter from Corpus Christi and John Coppinger from Odessa and Lucille Harris from Abilene visited Louise Richardson. Also visiting was Brenton McNutt.

Activities during the week were:

Monday: Bingo winners were Louise Richardson (2), Verner Rose, Gertie Powell and Minnie Swann (3). Exercise class.

Tuesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Popcorn social.

Wednesday: Art class. Exercise class. Skip-Bo games.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Gertie Powell, Vera Belyeu, Ruby Harrell, Louise Richardson (2), and Falba Shofner.

Friday: Singing with Bob Wallace. Sit-down-basketball.

Sunday: First Baptist
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The flu vaccine prevents 60 to 70 percent of flu cases. It is a serious disease. In addition to causing fever, chills, headache, cough, sore throats, and muscle aches, flu can lead to pneumonia and death. People with a heart condition, asthma, diabetes, or weakened immune systems should be vaccinated. Ask your doctor about getting immunized.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
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"The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear," Deut. 18:15.

These were the first words that Moses spoke to the Israelites. Continuing, quoting God, Moses said, "I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

Then Moses continued in his own words -- directed by God, however: "And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?' when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him," Deut. 18:18-22.

The Prophet God raised up, like unto Moses, was Jesus Christ. Just as Moses led God's people from Egyptian bondage, so Christ has made provisions for us from the bondage of sin. False prophets reveal themselves by the things they speak not coming to pass. Christ proved Himself to be the Prophet whom we must hear and heed by fulfilling all the things He prophesied and promised. Will we hear Him, and heed him?

Come learn the word which the Lord has spoken...

Sunday Morning Bible Class ... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

A Glance At The Past

Editor's Note: Bill Hunter, of the Burkett Community, recently brought by a November 19, 1937, edition of the *Cross Plains Review* which was found among his aunt's possessions, the late Velma DeBusk of Coleman. The newspaper even had a column entitled "Home Town Gossip" which was true to its heading. I was surprised by its contents. The following articles appeared on the front page. **Vanda Creech**

"32 Join Red Cross First Day of Drive"

Red Cross roll call workers garnered 32 members in the first drive over the city Tuesday. Several committee women had not reported when the following list was compiled. A more complete list will be published next week.

Those who had joined on the first report are as follow:
Mrs. Arthur Mitchell, Mrs. J.H. McGowen, Mrs. Fred Cutbirth, E.I. Vestal, Molton Sims, Fred V. Tunnell, Bond Brothers, Chas. F. Hemphill, Tom Bryant, City Drug, Dr. J.A. Gregoire, Mrs. W.A. Williams, Mrs. J.A. Caton, Mrs. J. Peyton Smith, Claude Mayes, H.A. Young, E.M. Howard, Mrs. Paul Boase, W.D. Smith, T.T. Nichols, Martin Neeb, Willis J. Brown, Jesse McAdams, George R. Neel, F.R. Anderson, James Cross, E.C. Neeb, Edwin Neeb, Jr., Jack Scott, W.S. Ramsey, and Phil Bingham.

"War Time Buddies Meet Here First Time in 19 Years"

War time buddies met for first time in 19 years on the streets of Cross Plains last week when County Commissioner B.H. Freeland and W.I. Glass, of the Texas Extension Service, met in a local cafe for a "private reunion" Friday afternoon, the day after Armistice anniversary.

The two were in the U.S. Navy, sailing the high sea that eventful day in November, 1918, when the glad tidings of peace flashed around the world.

"Window Contest to Attract Interest"

A checkup yesterday revealed that quite a few local stores are planning to enter show-windows in the chamber of commerce's "Window of the Month" contest, the first installment of which is to be judged about December fifth.

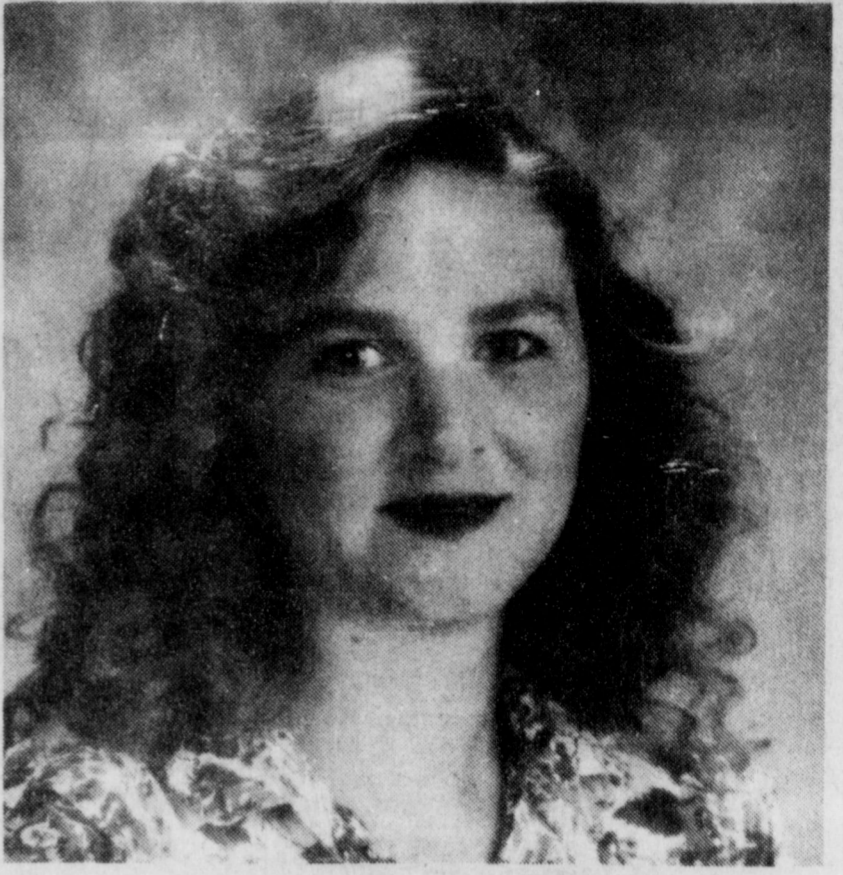
Rules of the contest declare that no window may win the award consecutive months. A prize of \$2.00 is to be awarded the person decorating the window and a banner is to be given the firm.

Different committees are to be named to judge each month. The first committee is to be composed of L.C. Cash, Pioneer school superintendent; Alvah Allen, Cross Cut stock farmer, and Harley Saddler, prominent showman who will be in Cross Plains next month.

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JO ANNE CARPENTER PAULK, D.O.

New Doctor at Cross Plains Columbia One Source Health Center

Continuing a family health care tradition, Jo Anne Carpenter Paulk, D.O., has established her private medical practice in Cross Plains in association with the Columbia One Source Health Center.

A general practitioner, Dr. Paulk, is a June 1996 graduate of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Missouri and completed a one year internship at Doctors Hospital in Groves, Texas prior to her licensing as a physician in the State of Texas.

Dr. Paulk is married to Mitchell Paulk, an industrial machine technician for U.S. Brass in Abilene, and they have two children: Jessalyn, 12, and Matthew, 11. She is the daughter

of Dr. and Mrs. Billy T. Carpenter of Rising Star and succeeds her father in providing services at the Cross Plains clinic.

Other members of the staff at Columbia One Source Health Center are family nurse practitioner Randy Willars, RN, MSN, RFPN; Brenda Yolk, LVN; and RNP: Brenda Childers. The clinic, which provides services to patients of all ages, is located at 109 East 9th Street and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon and from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Patients are seen on a walk-in basis and appointments are not necessary. For more information, please call the clinic at (254) 725-7106.

Senior Citizen News Cake Walk Friday Evening

By VICKY WORLEY

Guess what? It's time for Christmas Village! The year has passed so fast, it's hard to believe it's here. I wanted to remind all you cake walkers it's time for the big cake

walk, too! The time is 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 5, at the Senior Citizens Center. Bring your quarters and let's walk. Who knows, you might go home with a big beautiful cake.

Deadlines For The Cross Plains Review

Articles Must Be In By Noon Monday
Advertisements Must Be In By Noon Tuesday
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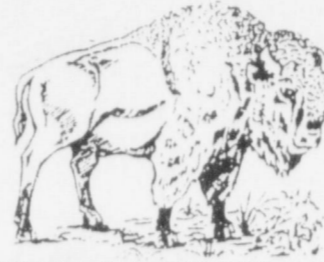
by Emma Dee Coppinger
(a niece)

She was more than just an Aunt to me,
Loving her like a mother was as easy as could be.
So warm-hearted, loving, caring and kind,
Lots of fun to be with all of the time.

Going to Uncle Norrell's and Aunt Zelda's was always such fun,
Out on the farm where hard work was done.
Her kitchen was always full of good things to eat,
Getting to visit was a wonderful treat.

To visit our folks as often as we might,
We'd call Aunt Zelda - play games into the night.
Dominoes and cards, we'd shuffle and play
I'll bid "5", Aunt Zelda would say.

I've been so blessed with a great family to love,
God has showered me with blessings from above.
It was such an honor for me to play the organ for you,
Thanks for the request - it was a wish come true.

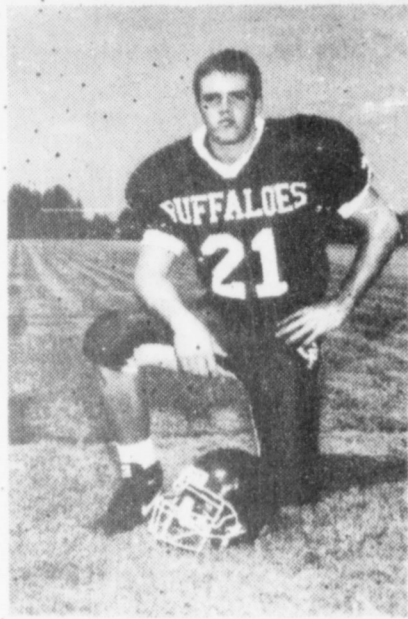


Lady Buffs Win 38-36

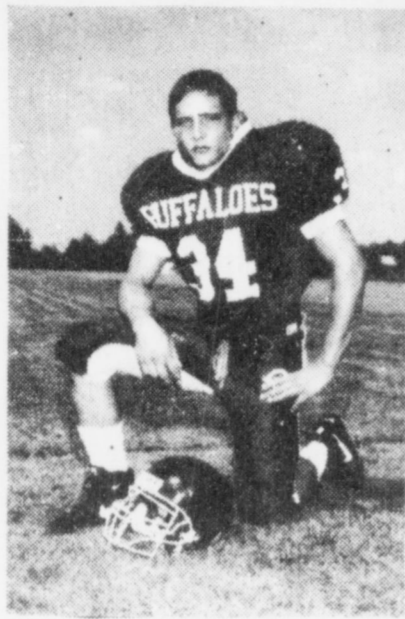
By COACH CAVENDER

The varsity Lady Buffs defeated Jim Ned 38 to 36 on Monday night in very exciting fashion. Mindy Mitchell led the scoring with 16 points, including the game winner from 30 feet at the buzzer. Laura Ricci had 10, Whitney Giles 6, Holly Butler 4, and Liz McCarty 2. Our free throw shooting improved against Jim Ned going 10 of 14 for 70 percent. Our offense and shooting is sluggish right now, but it's still early in the season. Our defensive intensity in the press and half court man defense has been really tuff. With 2:40 left in the game, we were behind by 9. I was really proud of how we came back to win. We didn't panic, never gave up, and it paid off with a big emotional win.

On Tuesday night, we defeated May 47 to 26. Leading the scoring parade was Laura Ricci with 15, Holly Butler 12, Mindy Mitchell 6, Whitney Giles and Tiffany Guise 4, Brandi Richey, Candice Francey and Amanda Dillard added 2. Right now our defense is outstanding, while our offense is trying to emerge. Defense is what wins championships and takes you places. When our offense begins to shine we're going to be hard to beat. The Lady Buffs record stands at 3-0.



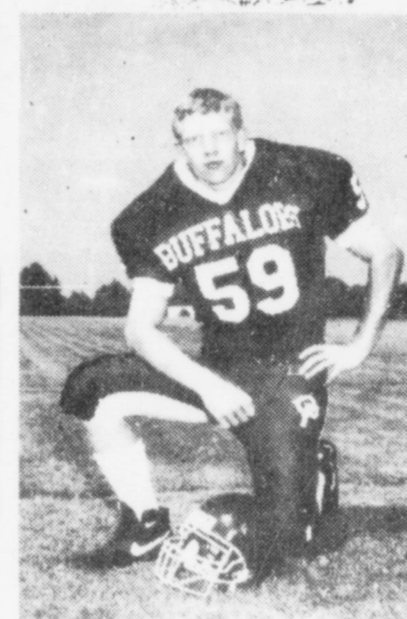
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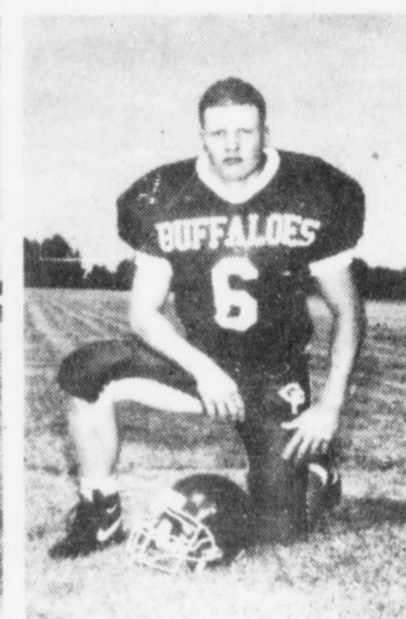
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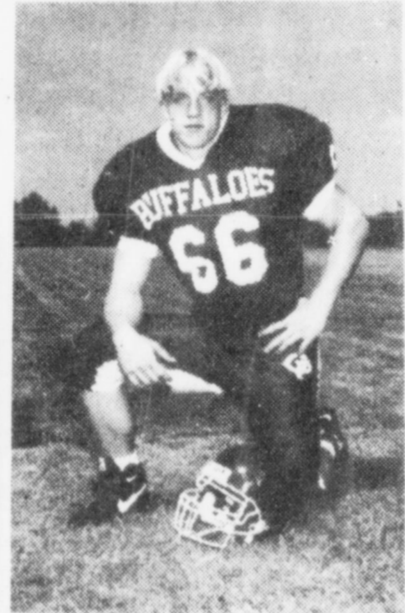
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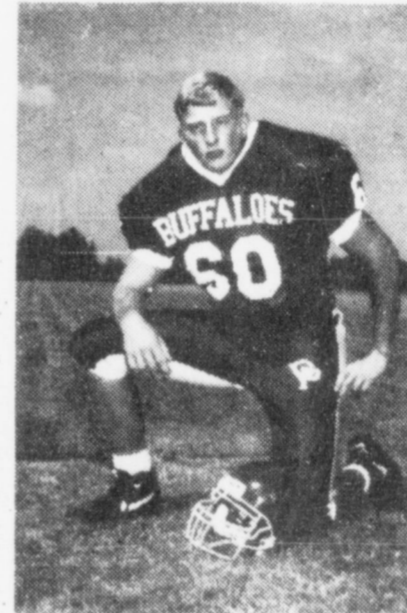
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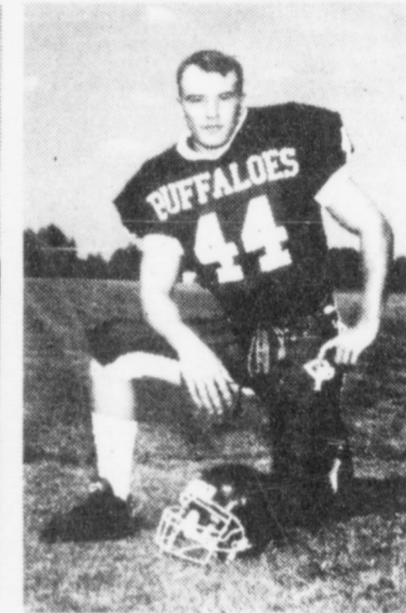
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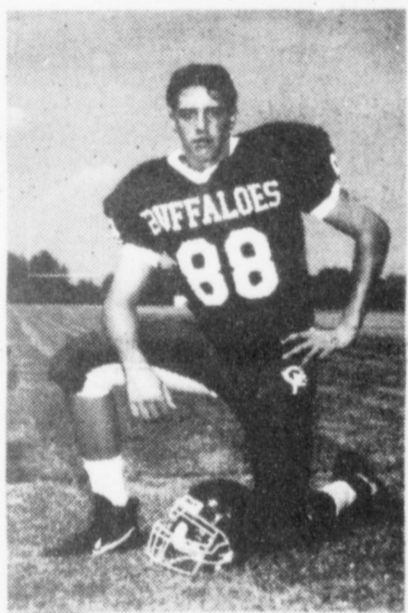
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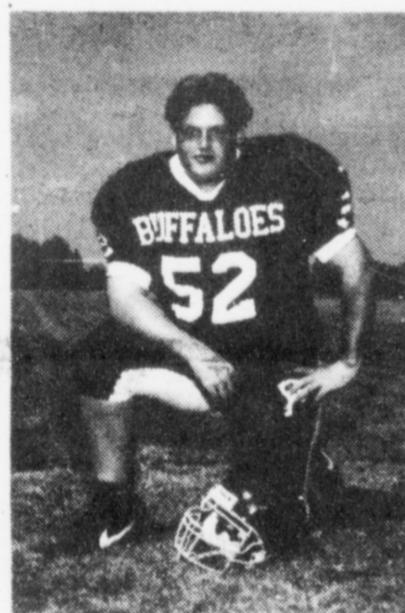
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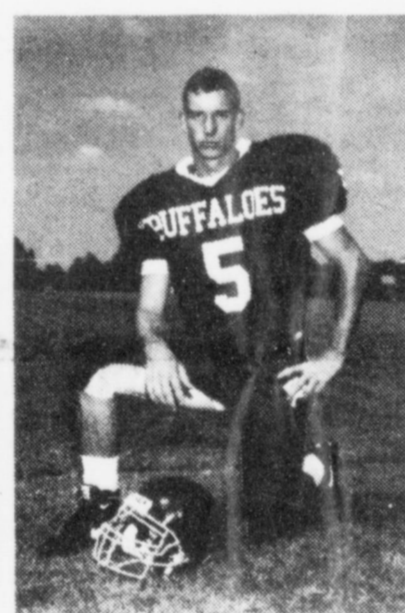
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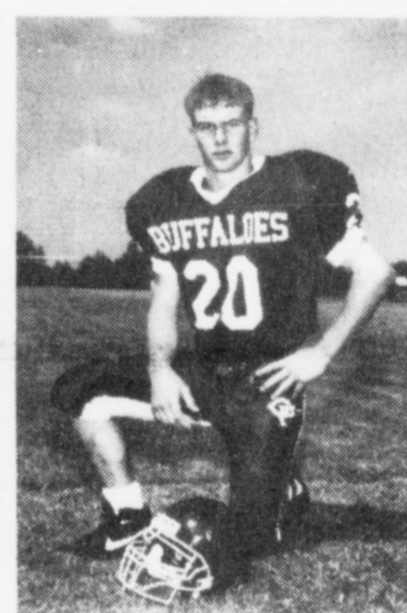
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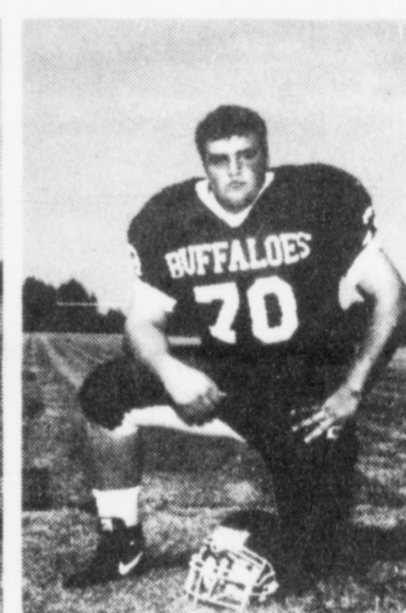
DUSTY HINKLE



BENJI BLACKSTOCK



LEIF HUNTER



BENJI SWITZER

JV Girls Earn Holiday Split

Last Monday night the JV girls lost a close one to Jim Ned 40 to 36.

The scoring leaders were Turner with 11, Clark and Hutton had 2 each, T. Wyatt and Bushnell had 4, L. Wyatt and Webb had 2 and Payne added 1. We scrimmaged Jim Ned 2 weeks ago and they handled us fairly easy. We did a great job of stepping up and playing a good 2A program a tuff game.

On Tuesday night we defeated May 32 to 23. The leading scorer was Turner with 9, L. Wyatt had 7, Webb, Hutton and Bushnell had 4 each, Beaty and Castleberry added 2. We trailed the game 16 to 12 at halftime. In the second half we did a better job of executing offense and defense. We outscored them in the second half 20 to 7 and won the game. The JV girls have an overall record of 2-1 early in the season.

Junior High Girls Fall To Baird

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

The 7th grade Gold Team suffered a tuff loss at Baird. The final score was 44 to 2. Shields and Bass collected the points. The kids are playing hard from start to finish. We just need to learn how to score.

The 8th grade Purple Team lost a tuff decision to Baird 37 to 10. Scoring the points were Kitchens 5, Nixon 3 and Parker 2. Free throw shooting hurt us in the game. We were 1 for 15 in the game. We just had a hard time buying a basket and when you miss free throws you usually dig yourself a hole and find yourself in trouble.

Elementary Children Participating in Living Windows

Elementary children will be singing in the living windows during Christmas Village Thursday, December 4. Various age levels will be performing intermittently between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Don't miss seeing these little ones directed by Todd Felty, band director.

Buffaloes Dominate All-District Football Teams

Fifteen Buffaloes were recognized on the 1997 All-District 8-A Football Teams. District 8-A coaches determine which players are honored.

1ST TEAM OFFENSE

Q.B. - Jarad Richards 5'10" 160 SR.
R.B. - Jody Fortune 5'9" 150 SR.
W.R. - Joseph Turner 5'11" 175 SR.
O.L. - Carlton Thomas 6'0" 170 SR.

1ST TEAM DEFENSE

MVP - Justin Hopkins 5'8" 155 SR.
D.B. - Joseph Turner 5'11" 175 SR.
D.B. - Jarad Richards 5'10" 160 SR.
L.B. - Kevin Nickerson 5'10" 160 SR.
D.E. - Dusty Hargrove 6'2" 185 SR.
N.G. - Jeremy Pancake 5'7" 160 SR.
D.L. - Joseph Hopkins 5'10" 180 JR.

2ND TEAM OFFENSE

R.B. - Daniel Purvis 6'0" 170 SR.
W.R. - Zach Edington 6'4" 190 JR.
T.E. - Dusty Hargrove 6'2" 185 SR.
O.L. - Jeremy Pancake 5'7" 160 SR.

2ND TEAM DEFENSE

D.E. - Carlton Thomas 6'0" 170 SR.

HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE

O.L. - Dusty Hinkle 5'9" 220 JR.
O.L. - Joseph Hopkins 5'10" 180 JR.

HONORABLE MENTION DEFENSE

D.B. - Benji Blackstock 5'11" 140 SR.
L.B. - Leif Hunter 5'9" 150 SR.

D.L. - Benji Switzer 6'3" 280 JR.
CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH PLAYER!!

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SCHOOL MENU

DEC. 8 - DEC. 12 (Subject To Change)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Egg, bacon, biscuit, assorted juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Waffle, sausage, assorted juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Donuts, assorted juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Breakfast Burrito, assorted juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Cream of wheat, toast, assorted juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Barbecue of bun, chips, salad, pickles, pineapples w/ topping and milk.

TUESDAY — Chicken strips w/ gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Soft Tacos, salad, corn, apple crisp and milk.

THURSDAY — Lasagna, broccoli, garlic sticks, pears and milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fries, peanut butter cup and milk.

CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1997

Data Control Codes	Governmental		Fund Types		Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	500-599 Debt Service Fund	600-696 Capital Projects Fund	90 August 31, 1997	97 August 31, 1996
REVENUES:						
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 619,318	\$ 35,850	\$ 99,673	\$ 169	\$ 752,010	\$ 792,519
5800 State Program Revenues	1,767,327	24,315	--	--	1,791,642	1,737,613
5900 Federal Program Revenues	--	155,249	--	--	155,249	141,013
5920 Total Revenues	\$ 2,386,646	\$ 215,414	\$ 99,673	\$ 169	\$ 2,395,501	\$ 2,671,145
EXPENDITURES:						
0010 Current:						
0010 Instructional & Instructional Related Services	\$ 1,430,270	\$ 93,955	--	--	\$ 1,524,231	\$ 1,421,910
0020 Instructional and School Leadership	134,259	--	--	--	134,259	130,813
0030 Support Services - Student (Pupil)	268,204	116,442	--	--	404,646	424,139
0040 Administrative Support Services	161,621	--	--	--	161,621	169,504
0050 Support Services - Nonstudent Enrolled	244,380	--	--	--	244,380	256,503
0050 Library Services	--	--	--	--	--	--
0060 Debt Service	734	--	92,005	--	93,259	95,006
0070 Other Outlay	325,755	--	--	--	325,755	1,400,919
0080 Capital Expenditures	47,624	--	--	--	47,624	--
0090 Environmental Charges	--	--	--	--	--	--
0100 Total Expenditures	\$ 2,351,081	\$ 212,367	\$ 92,005	\$ --	\$ 2,635,653	\$ 3,900,099
1100 Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (244,436)	\$ 3,617	\$ 4,168	\$ 169	\$ (239,482)	\$ (1,228,954)
2020 Capital Resources	1,817	--	--	74,829	28,446	10,001
8030 Other (Uses)	(24,829)	(2,017)	--	--	(26,846)	(62,520)
1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ (265,848)	\$ --	\$ 4,168	\$ 24,998	\$ (236,482)	\$ (1,202,019)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	271,600	--	12,620	(24,998)	259,122	1,541,450
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	--	--	--	--	25,937	--
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 6,156	\$ --	\$ 16,787	\$ --	\$ 25,937	\$ 256,437

Local Students Included in Who's Who

A number of students from this area are included in the 31st Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1996-97*.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national and youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of *Who's Who* students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 31st Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1996-97*, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 700,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school

students. They represent approximately 18,000 of the 22,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country.

Area students selected include: **Cross Plains:** Jeremy Barnett, Scott Brame, Amanda Dillard, Kami Lewis, Donna Besselaar, Jason Carey, and Jaonna Harris; **Rising Star:** Guadalupe Aguilar, Dennis Bates, Courtney Ezzell, Jeffrey Harris, Shanna Hutton, Nathan Lowe, Laura Bailey, Gary Bates, Sha Shawna Goldberg-Connell, Cluff Hayes, Lacy Knight, and Landon Ratliff-Venzor.

Cisco Junior College Christmas Concert Sun., December 7

The Fine Arts Department of Cisco Junior College will present a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 7, at 2:00 p.m. in the Harrell Fine Arts Auditorium.

The concert will feature all of the musical performing groups at the college. The CJC Concert Band and Jazz Band, under the direction of Kyle Viertel, will perform several holiday numbers including arrangements of favorites such as "Deck the Halls" and "Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town."

The Whangler Belles, under direction of Debbie Baker, will perform routines to "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" and "A Holly Jolly Christmas."

The program will conclude with the CJC Singers, directed by Tenesa Rasmussen. Their selections will include a jazzy new arrangement of "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and conclude with Mozart's "Ave Verum."

The public is invited to this concert, and there is no charge for admission.



REHEARSING FOR DINNER—CJC students show rehearsing for the madrigal dinner from left to right are Alan Harper, Clyde; Holly Sparger, DeLeon, Tommy Mitchell, Albany; Cathy Mullinax, Cisco; Barry Brimer, Vernon; April West, Amarillo; and Brandon Holcomb, Cross Plains. They are wearing new costumes created by CJC Drama Instructor, David Ainsworth, and his wife, Carolyn Ainsworth.

Madrigal Dinner to be presented Dec. 4 & 5

The 22nd Annual Madrigal Dinner will be presented by the Fine Arts Department of Cisco Junior College Thursday and Friday, December 4 and 5. The program at the Mabley Hotel will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The roast loin of pork dinner with fanfare and processions will begin with the traditional wassail bowl and conclude with a flaming pudding.

The program will include polyphonic choral music from the 16th century and traditional Christmas arrangements.

The singers will be wearing new English Tudor costumes authentically created by CJC Drama Director, David Ainsworth and his wife, Carolyn Ainsworth.

Adding to the Renaissance flavor this year, the CJC Drama Department will present a short scene from Shakespeare's *Merry Wives of Windsor*.

The cost for the dinner and program is \$10. Reservations are required and may be made by calling (254) 442-2567.



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These refunds were returned by the post office because they were unable to deliver them. People often move without giving the IRS their new address. Incorrect names and addresses are other common reasons why refunds are returned to the IRS.

"Taxpayers could eliminate the possibility of lost, stolen or undeliverable refunds by electing Direct Deposit," said North Texas Acting District Director Ellen Murphy. "Direct Deposit is easier than ever - just two extra lines to complete on the tax form." This year, almost 16.5 million taxpayers avoided problems by having their refund checks deposited directly into their bank accounts. In addition, taxpayers can avoid delays in getting their refunds by sending IRS their new address on Form 8822, Change of Address, when they move.

Although thousands of refunds are not delivered each year, that number is small compared to the refunds that are delivered. Last filing season, 82 million refunds averaging \$1,298 were delivered.

Taxpayers who have not received their tax refund check yet can call 1-800-829-1040.

Stop Asthma Study Could Change How Children Manage Disease

HOUSTON -- (November 26, 1997) -- A new demonstration and education research project hopes to "Stop Asthma" by changing how children, their families and healthcare providers manage the disease.

Stop Asthma, a \$1.8 million, five-year study funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, is aimed primarily at inner city children ages 5 to 14. It is a collaborative effort by over 20 investigators at Baylor College of Medicine, The University of Texas School of Public Health, and Texas Children's Hospital, all in Houston, and Macro International, a computer software company in Calverton, Md.

"We believe this could provide a model for decreasing asthma-related hospitalizations and emergency in communities across the country," said Dr. Stuart L. Abramson, an asthma expert at Baylor and Texas children's.

Abramson is principal investigator for the study and sees patients at the Children's Asthma Center at Texas Children's.

Asthma hospitalization and death rates have increased substantially during the last two decades, primarily among inner city youths, where asthma rates are higher. For children ages 5 to 14, asthma deaths nearly doubled from 1980 to 1993.

Stop Asthma uses a specialized multimedia interactive computer program, The Asthma Partnership System, to teach children about asthma and how to develop skills in managing the disorder. The program allows patients to manage asthma in simulated environments such as home, school or the fantasy world of "Dr. Foulair's castle."

Also, electronic medical record charting for asthma, piloted at the Children's Asthma Center, will be linked to the Asthma Partnership System. This will form a computer expert system to cue physicians for state-of-the-art asthma management interventions. "Texas Children's Hospital Information Services has been a tremendous asset to the development of this clinical project," said Abramson.

"This really is about showing children and their families that they have the ability to manage many aspects of asthma themselves," he said. "The plan emphasizes proper medical care with correct use of medications, and encourages children and their families to be more active in recognizing asthma triggers and in the management of this disease."

The Case of the Dancing Cowboy

By JOHN R. ERICKSON

Chapter 4
Goats Don't Eat Ketchup Bottles

(In the previous chapter, Slim, a ranch hand, has decided he doesn't want to go to a dance on the ranch for several reasons, including that his hair has been partially burned off by an explosion while he was burning garbage. Hank the Cowdog is disappointed that Slim is passing up a chance to ask Miss Viola to the dance, because Hank likes Miss Viola. She likes dogs and especially likes him. But Hank's disappointment with Slim doesn't keep him from accepting an invitation to spend the night with Slim, especially when Slim offers him a can of sardines.)

I raced to the pickup. Slim hadn't gotten there yet to open the door but that was no big deal to me. Hey, if they don't open the door, I can always jump through the ...

Bonk!

... window, if it happens to be open, but when it's not I'll usually wait for somebody to open the, uh, door. Which is what I did this time. I was in no big rush.

Slim came along at his usual pace - cold molasses. At the pickup door, he leaned down and looked me in the eyes. "When the winder glass is rolled up, pooch, you can't jump through it."

Yes, I knew that.

"And what makes you think you deserve to ride up front with me anyways?"

Well, I ... at the time it had seemed ...

"You're just a dog, did you know that? Just a dog, and you're five bales short of a full load of brains."

I, uh, didn't know how to respond to that.

"You snap at ashes and you run rabbits and you try to leap through winder glass, and Hank, you're just dumb." He reached down and scratched me behind the ears. "But so am I, so I reckon you're pretty well matched." He opened the door.

"Get up, Einstein, we've got work to do."

I leaped into the pickup and took my position of honor in the seat. Then he called for Mister Stub Tail, who had come back down from the machine shed, the treacherous little ...

He came in a slow walk and had to be lifted into the pickup because of ... something. Short legs, tired blood, stunted growth, lack of ambition.

He took his place in the seat between us. Slim fired up the pickup and off we went on a new and exciting adventure.

"Where are we going?" Drover asked as we turned east on the county road.

"Because I answer that, Mister Weasel, I want some information out of you."

"Really? Gee, I hope I know the answer."

"You know the answer."

"Oh good. What's the question?"

"The question is, why did you suddenly vanish when Loper came down to the trash barrel?"

"Well, let me think here. I was worried about all that fire."

"That is a bald-headed lie, Drover."

"That bad, huh?"

"Yes sir, that bad. You know very well why you left."

"Yeah, but if I told you, you'd get mad and then I'd feel guilty about it, and I hate feeling guilty."

"You should feel guilty. What you did was shameful and chicken-hearted. I mean, snapping at ashes was your deal from the start. I was an innocent bystander who got involved by accident."

"Yeah, and accidents happen."

"But your leaving the scene of the accident was no accident, Drover. You knew how stupid the whole thing looked and so you left me there to become the scapegoat of this laughingstock."

"I met a goat once. He ate rose bushes."

"I glared daggers at the little mutt. 'Don't try to change the subject.'"

"Just think about swallowing all

those thorns."

"Don't tell me what to think! I don't care what goats eat."

"I've heard they'll eat tin cans."

"Drover, answer the question immediately."

His gaze wandered out the window. "I guess I forgot the question."

"The question, you moron, is ..."

Hmmm. I seemed to have forgotten the question myself. "Something about goats."

"Oh yeah, you asked me if I'd ever met a goat before."

"I asked about goats?"

"You sure did. I heard you myself, and his name was Billy."

"Wait a minute, back up. Who was this Billy character?"

"He was a goat."

"Ah yes, Billy goat. I'm beginning to see a pattern unfolding here."

"And he ate tin cans and ketchup bottles."

"That's very interesting. They're amazing creatures, aren't they? Well, Drover, there's an important lesson here. If a goat can find nourishment in a ketchup bottle, many things are possible in this old world."

"Yeah, and we can all learn a lesson from that."

"Exactly." I blinked my eyes and shook my head. "I think I've been working too hard lately."

"Yeah, and being late to work is hardly working at all."

"I've noticed a certain scrambled pattern in my brain waves."

"Boy, I love scrambled eggs."

I stared at him for a moment. "And Drover, I'm beginning to suspect that talking to you has something to do with it."

"Thanks, Hank."

"Because trying to carry on an intelligent conversation with you would scramble anyone's brain waves. You see, I really don't care about goats."

"Me neither."

"Or what they eat."

"Oh, they'll eat anything."

"And since neither one of us seems to care about goats or what they eat, why don't we just drop the subject and never talk about it again?"

"Fine with me. Where are we going?"

"Insane, Drover."

"I'll be darned. I've never been there before."

"Ha! You've been there so long, you can't find your way back home."

"Yeah, and I'm already missing the machine shed."

"Drover?"

"Yes?"

"Shut. Up. Now."

At last he shut up and I was able to concentrate on what we were doing and where we were going.

We drove down the county road until we came to Slim's mailbox. He pulled over and checked the box. He leafed through the contents - two grocery store circulars, a picture show calendar, an appeal for contributions from the Polio Foundation, and a giveaway offer from somebody who promised to make him rich.

He didn't waste much time on the grocery store circulars and he got a good chuckle out of the appeal for funds.

"If they're writing me for money, they have definitely come to the goat's house to get wool."

Goats? I shot a glance at Drover to see if he would pick up on it. He wasn't listening.

Good. I had heard and said everything about goats that I ever wanted to hear or say, and I didn't believe that baloney about goats eating ketchup bottles anyway.

Goats don't eat ketchup bottles.

Next Week: Yummy Sardines

This is Chapter 4 from "The Case of the Dancing Cowboy," a previously unpublished book by John R. Erickson, a Texas rancher. Erickson, who has written 27 Hank the Cowdog books for Gulf Publishing, is giving this book to newspapers across the nation to encourage children and others to read.

TexSCAN

TexSCAN WEEK OF Nov. 30-1997

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Balanced Budget Act Brings Changes to Home Health Care Industry"

Dear Editor:

I am writing to inform everyone about further changes that came with the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

1. Medicare will be paying based on where the patient lives. For example: in Dublin, Comanche, Stephenville and Brownwood (all rural areas), all agencies will be paid the lesser rural rate.

2. Patients that receive venipuncture (blood draws) as their only qualifying skilled need will no longer qualify for Medicare home health care.

3. Beginning January 1, 1998, all home health agencies will be paid the lesser of their cost, with the reimbursement rate based on per visit - or the patient yearly cap. This means that our reimbursement will be based on our unduplicated census. We will be paid the aggregate of per patient yearly cost caps. We do not have real figures from Congress at this time, but as an example: if the cost cap is \$5,000 for the year 1998, and we spend \$4,000 to spend on another patient that needs care.

4. All home health agencies are required to obtain surety bonds. This somewhat like insurance for Medicare. Each provider number (Belton, Comanche and Stephenville) will have to qualify and be accepted for these surety bonds.

I realize that this is a lot of information for everyone to understand. What does this mean for all home health agencies?

1. That patients will receive less care. This means fewer visits for us.

2. That salaries, per-visit and hourly rates will be decreasing throughout the industry.

3. That home health agencies will have less funding for benefits for their employees.

4. That nurses will have to rely more on telephone assessment for their patients.

As bad as all of this may sound, for

Stephens Home Health it is not as bad as for the majority of home health agencies. Because of all the changes that we underwent last year, we reduced our costs significantly. Our overhead cost (such as leases, monthly payments, etc.) have dramatically decreased. This means that we will have more funds to spend on patient care, which is the reason that we are in this business.

I will encourage everyone again to write your congressmen and senators and tell them how devastating these measures are going to be on elderly Americans and working families.

Elderly patients receiving less home care will have to look for alternative living arrangements. Most of these people cannot afford private arrangements, and will unfortunately end up in nursing homes (if there are beds available). Many of the elderly will attempt to remain at home alone, thereby getting sicker and sicker due to lack of care, lack of medication and lack of food. As it stands now, home health care agencies make sure that all of their patients get desperately needed skilled care, medications, food, air conditioning, heating, medical supplies; making sure that their homes are safe, that patients know their rights and that they receive the personal care so desperately needed to prevent further illness and injury. This list goes on and on.

Furthermore, many employees of the nation's home health care agencies who work, pay taxes, make car payments, house payments, etc., will end up on unemployment. This will result in a significant increase in the nation's unemployment rate.

As you can see, the changes being implemented by Congress will not only be devastating to the elderly, but for American in general. Everyone please write to your congressmen and senators - your voices will be heard.

Ann Stephens, R.N.

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HOME OF BRO. & MRS. JIM O'DELL

More Than A Parsonage O'Dell Home On Display

As you drive up to 316 E. 15th Street, you will see that fall has come, the leaves have fallen, and that this house is more than a parsonage, it is a home.

The last four pastors for First Baptist Church of Cross Plains have lived here. The wooden and iron sign in the front yard first tells us that the present pastor and his wife, Rev. Jim and Brenda O'Dell now make their home here. This is their fourth year here in Cross Plains.

Upon entering the home, you will find wedding pictures on the wall on your right. Pictures of the happy and blessed events for Jim and Brenda and two of their three sons lead you to the hall. At the end of the hall on your right is the main guest room. The four poster bed is beautifully set off by the window valances made by Brenda. This room features wedding memorabilia including a picture of Jim and Brenda, a Swiss imported wedding gown, veil, caketon, and wedding bouquet that was restored by Tim's Florist. Jim and Brenda were married in October, 37 years ago.

Jim and Brenda's bedroom and bath are across the hall. Though the bed was a gift, the dressers were bought from a hotel in Brownwood that went out of business. They refinished them and Brenda also made the window coverings for both the bed and bath. She definitely has a special gift.

Following the hall back to the living room, you will find a bathroom on the right and another guest room on the left. This is plainly the grandkids' room with their pictures on the walls and toys in the closet. Nostalgia is added with Jim's grandmother's glasses sitting atop the Bible on the dresser. Oh yes, the treadmill in here and the pastor are active.

The dining room table and hutch have been in the family for 35 years.

Horse and rooster weather vanes are on top of the hutch with the beginning of an extensive milk glass collection found inside. The wash stand has a silver set, including a tray given to them in 1990 by First Baptist Church in Humble, Texas. Be sure to look in the entertainment center in the living room where your will find treasures from Russia and the Holy Lands. The antique table in the kitchen was bought in Houston 15 or so years ago. Next to the garage is the study. The focus of your attention will be the piano that, though recently restored, was built in the 1800s. Brenda's daddy bought it and she started lessons at age 3.

The home is enriched with various collections. Among them are crystal on the piano, hearts under Brenda's wedding bouquet, copper pieces in the kitchen and a panel grape pattern milk glass collection that fills the kitchen cabinets and hutch. There is a collection of White House Christmas cards sent to Brenda through the years following her brother's MIA status in Vietnam. The collection of guardian angels in throughout the house. Some are hard to find, but be sure to look for them in every room.

The Christmas tree is adorned with decorations that are various symbols from the Bible. The white is used in referring to Christ's purity and perfection, while the gold refers to the majesty and glory of the Lord. Tiny white lights remind us that Christ is the light of the world. Be sure to ask the meanings behind the snowflakes, angels, gold beads and balls, stars, icicles, apples, etc..

Before leaving Bro. Jim may show off his four bird feeders, fountain, and "dawg," Blackie, in the backyard. But know, you will not leave the O'Dell home feeling like you just visited the pastor's house, but a friend's home.

NEAL HOME

Ireland and from friends, and family. The importance of family and friends is obvious with pictures throughout the home. These include pictures of weddings, Ike and Sue's combined 8 children, 14 grandchildren, parents and grandparents. There is also a picture over the fireplace in the living room of Sue when she was 27, and

picture's of the theatrical work of one of Sue's daughter's, who is a fitness trainer for Fort Worth's Bass family. There is a section of a wall that Sue dedicated to Ike's 4th generation Mason involvement and awards. The collections of two households have been combined to fill the house with warmth and memories.

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Schlittler - Winfrey Announce Engagement

The families of Staci Schlittler and Mike Winfrey are happy to announce their upcoming marriage. The couple will wed on December 18, in Las Vegas, Nevada then off to the Poconos of Pennsylvania for a holiday honeymoon.

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