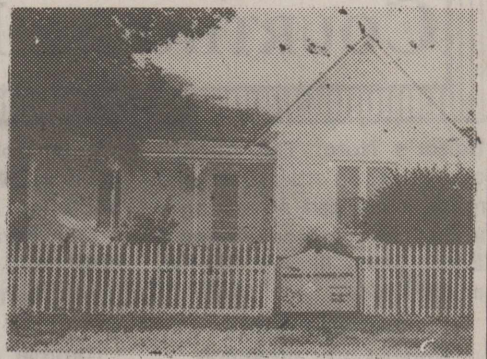


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Down Home

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following thoughts by some special person seemed appropriate as the Cross Plains High School Seniors are about to graduate. The feelings of every parent are expressed herein. Vanda Anderson Creech

"To My Child"

Just for this morning, I am going to smile when I see your face and laugh when I feel like crying.

Just for this morning, I will let you choose what you want to wear, and smile and say how perfect it is.

Just for this morning, I am going to step over the laundry, and pick you up and take you to the park to play.

Just for this morning, I will leave the dishes in the sink, and let you teach me how to put that puzzle of yours together.

Just for this afternoon, I will unplug the telephone and keep the computer off, and sit with you in the backyard and blow bubbles.

Just for this afternoon, I will not yell once, not even a tiny grumble when you scream and whine for the ice cream truck, and I will buy you one if he comes by.

Just for this afternoon, I will let you help me bake cookies and I won't stand over you trying to fix them.

Just for this afternoon, I will take us to McDonald's and buy us both a Happy Meal so you can have both toys.

Just for this evening, I will hold you in my arms and tell you a story about how you were born and how much I love you.

Just for this evening, I will let you splash in the tub and not get angry.

Just for this evening, I will let you stay up late while we sit on the porch and count all the stars.

Just for this evening, I will snuggle beside you for hours, and miss my favorite TV shows.

Just for this evening when I run my fingers through your hair as you pray,

I will simply be grateful that God has given me the greatest gift ever given.

I will think about the mothers and fathers who are searching for their missing children; the mothers and fathers who are visiting their children's graves instead of their bedrooms; and mothers and fathers who are in hospital rooms watching their children suffer senselessly, and screaming inside that they can't handle it anymore.

And when I kiss you good night, I will hold you a little tighter, a little longer. It is then, that I will thank God for you, and ask him for nothing, except one more day.

Author Unknown

Immunization Clinic

The Texas Department of Health will have an immunization clinic Monday, June 10th, from 2-4 p.m. in Cross Plains at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center, located at 701 Beech Street, Cross Plains.

If your child has not had chickenpox, a vaccine is now available and required for school children.

For more information, please call (915) 754-4954.



THE NEW CROSS PLAINS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AMBULANCE

Annual Fund-raiser Benefits Cross Plains EMS and Volunteer Fire Department

The Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service and the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be conducting their annual "At The Light Fund-raiser" this Memorial Day weekend, May 24, 25 and 27—Friday afternoon, all day Saturday and all day Monday. This is the time each year that we appeal to those who drive the highways into and through Cross Plains to donate to the emergency service and fire department that serves those highways for approximately 15 miles in each direction.

This also gives people of our area who have been intending to donate to the EMS and VFD in Cross Plains, yet have not yet done so, to do so. In past years, people of Cross Plains and the surrounding communities, along with the people traveling through

Cross Plains, have been very generous in their donations, allowing/helping the EMS and VFD to purchase needed equipment and supplies — even a new ambulance and "new" fire truck — so as to do their jobs more effectively.

The EMS' half of the collection this year will go to retire the loan made to complete the purchase of the very newest of their ambulances, a 2002 Ford E450, delivered just weeks ago. We have had several individuals and organizations that have helped thus far in paying for this ambulance. The balance of the original \$85,235 is less than \$20,000, and it is expected that this will be paid off very soon—just as soon as some other generous donors make their intended contributions.

If you intend for your dona-

tion to go just for the new ambulance, please make those donations at the Texas Heritage Bank, and so note, or give them to Bob Pipes or Susan Schaefer. And if you intend for your donation to go just to the Volunteer Fire Department, please make those donations at the bank, and so note, or give them to Bob Harrell or Rickey Carouth.

Both of these services sincerely appreciate the past support of the citizens of our communities, the organizations, the city and the county. We will continue to serve to the best of our abilities—but we do need (and appreciate) your help! (If you would like to help with the collection at the light, please check with Susan Schaefer or Bob Pipes.)

Pioneer Memorial Day Program

The Pioneer Memorial Day Observance is set for Monday, May 27. The program is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. at the War Memorial and flagpole at the Pioneer Cemetery. The cemetery is located on Highway 36 between Cross Plains and Rising Star. The Pioneer Community lost several veterans in World War II.

Keynote speaker for the Memorial Day event will be Dave Fair of Brownwood. Mr. Fair serves as a Crisis Chaplain in Central Texas and spent a week at Ground Zero in New York following the World Trade Center disaster on 9-11.

Sheila Rhyne of Cross Plains has agreed to sing the National Anthem with two of our local World War II veterans performing the flag raising ceremony. Several other local and area youth and adults will have important parts on the program.

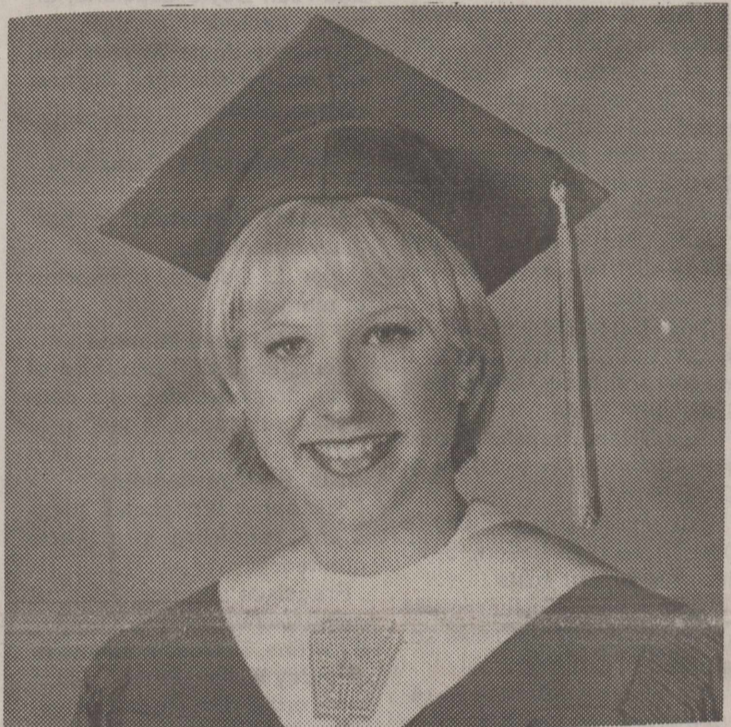
As in the past, some seating will be provided, but please bring lawn chairs if convenient. In case of rain, the program will move to the Tabernacle at the Pioneer Baptist Church approximately 1 1/2 miles north of the cemetery. Refreshments will be served following the program.

We appreciate your attendance and if you cannot attend, please give thanks for your freedom to both our living and fallen heroes.

Submitted by
Jim Fleming



SHENA THOMAS - Class of 2002 Valedictorian



ANGELA SWIFT - Class of 2002 Salutatorian

36 C.P.H.S. Seniors Will Graduate

Cross Plains High School will be holding commencement exercises for thirty-six seniors of the Class of 2002 on Friday, May 24, at 8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

The program will commence with the song "Young" being played. Sheri Bennett will perform the processional, as the seniors enter. Josh Hopkins will lead the invocation, followed by the singing of the National Anthem led by Charlie Rogers.

The Salutatory Address will be given by Angela Swift.

The Valedictory Address will be presented by Shena Thomas.

Kandra Poole will perform the special music "Friends are Friends Forever".

At this time, Leonard Wilson, High School Principal, will conduct the presentation of awards and scholarships.

Superintendent Jackie Tension will introduce the speaker for the evening, Michelle Beasley. Mrs. Beasley is the high school science teacher.

The school board trustees will present the diplomas to the graduates.

The song "A Song for Mama" has been dedicated to the seniors' families and Candice Bailey will deliver a special message. The song "The River" will play while flowers are presented to family members.

The benediction will be given by Sarah Nixon, followed by the song "Too Bad".

Shena Jo Thomas is the Valedictorian for the Class of 2002. She has proven her academic excellence by being a member of the National Honor Society for three years and currently serving as the Vice-President. She has been chosen to the Who's Who Among

American Students for four years, and was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by her peers.

Miss Thomas has been active in basketball, track, Cross Country, tennis, cheerleading, FFA, and Key Club.

Her devotion to sports earned her the 110 percent Award two years and Defensive Player of the Year in basketball. Shena's leadership abilities are evident by the fact that she was captain of her basketball team.

Shena was elected 1st Runner-up Miss C.P.H.S. and Most Preppy.

She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in Biomedical Engineering. Her parents are Jackie and Roxie Thomas of Cross Plains and she has one brother, Russell.

Angela Swift is the Salutatorian for the Class of 2002. Being out-

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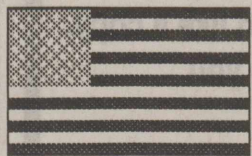
Oh yes, dear friends, dear friends,
we live in a land where people are free.
Where a whole world of wonder
is waiting here to see.

Oh land of freedom,
where life here is so dear,
and peace is so sweet.
Where beauty lay before all pilgrim feet.
For oh how pretty are the spacious skies,
and the mountains tall,
with oceans white with foam.
God bless old America,
the one we call our home.

So God guide us through the perilous path.
Teach us love that will temper wrath.
Oh God of grace, hear our call.
Bless old America,
land of freedom, for us all.
A land of days of plenty,
here through the years to come.
With equal justice and rights,
my friends, for each and every one.

A life so dear and peace so sweet.
America, America -- a land complete.
Oh thank you, Lord, for this great land.
Now save us from violence and destruction,
that of man.

D. B. GUNN
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COURTHOUSE NEWS

Editor's Note: The Alfonso Baca, under an order extending probation granted, appearing in the May 15 courthouse news is Alfonso Baca III, not Alfonso Baca of Clyde.

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Marvin Powers, Jr., possession of marijuana.
Donnie R. Grooms, deadly conduct.
Trampass Below, theft of property by check.
Vicky Robertson, theft of property by check.
Douglass Bishop, theft of property by check.
Kevin Holmstrom, theft of property by check.
Brandon V. Dizien, fail to report property damage/accident.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Richard Cody, order revoking probation granted.
Lisa Marie Keith, order extending probation granted.
Charles Witte, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 10 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$243 court costs.
James Timothy Cortinaz, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 yr. probation, \$400 fine, \$243 court costs.
Jeremiah White, plea of guilty to driving while license suspended, 6 month probation, \$200 fine \$292.25 court costs.
Celia Kesada, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$243 court costs.
Oscar Sell, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$243 court costs.
Oscar Sell, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Eastland Co. granted.
Chad Gilliland, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.
Chad Gilliland, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Lubbock Co. granted.
Leslie Tyree, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$243 court costs.
Leslie Tyree, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Dallas Co. granted.
Billy Freeman, motion to revoke probation granted.

Mack Johnson, III, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$243 court costs.
John Bryant, order releasing cash bond granted.

Marriage Licenses

Tommie J. Harris of Cross Plains and Phyllis May Taylor of Rising Star.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding Civil Filings

The State of Texas vs. Timothy Wayne Skiles, Jimmy L. Browning (Attorney Bond), judgment nisi in criminal cause #5737.

The State of Texas vs. David J. Williams, SOS Bail Bond, judgment nisi in criminal cause #5761.

The State of Texas vs. Coy B. Grunrock, Ace Bail Bonds, judgment nisi in criminal cause #5915.

Yahdith I. Hawkins, an adult, name change.
Fleeta Ann Whitworth and Chester Gene Whitworth, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Mary Lou King and Robert Brandon King, notice of non-suit granted.

Janell Dempsey and Charles Wayne Dempsey, divorce granted.

Rebecca Yvonne Copeland and Alan Doyle Copeland, divorce granted.

Kimberly Anne Rhynes and Christopher Clarence Rhynes, divorce granted.

Criminal Information & Complaint

Jesse H. Rutherford, Jr., burglary of a building.
Jose L. Dorado, possession of marijuana.

Criminal Minutes

Jennifer L. Coffman, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 4 year probation, \$750 fine, \$210.25 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Kristopher Whitehead, judgment revoking probation granted.

Francisco Gomez, plea of guilty to DWI, 5 year probation, \$750 fine, \$240.25 court costs.

Freddy William Smoot, end of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication.

OBITUARIES

Wesley Carl "Cobby" Frazier

Wesley Carl "Cobby" Frazier, 66, of Rising Star, passed away Thursday, May 9, 2002, at his home.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 11, in the Higginbotham Chapel with Bob Pipes officiating. Lueders services were held at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church. Burial was in the Clearfork Cemetery in Lueders, under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Rising Star.

Carl was born on June 22, 1935 in Lueders, Texas to Elzie Carl and Willie Mae (Carlile) Frazier. He worked as a cowboy in his early years. Carl was employed by the City of Albany and Abilene, and later worked in the oil fields. The last several years he worked the flea market circuit.

Mr. Frazier has lived in Rising Star for the past six years, moving from Lueders. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three sons, Freddie Frazier of Little Elm, Cash Frazier and Daniel Job (Joby) Frazier, both of Lueders; four daughters, Marion Jeannette (Toddie) Van Hosen of Culbert, Oklahoma, Tammie Drannon of Moran, Tandie Frazier of Bonham, and Naomi Frazier of Lueders; three step sons, Thomas Hicks and Michael Hicks, both of Lueders, and Joe Don Hicks of the Swinson Ranch; two step daughters, Katrina Thiele of Tempe, Arizona and Gina Edwards of Stamford; a brother, Alvie Joe Frazier of Lueders; two sisters, Oleta Ferguson of Rising Star and Annie Mae Kitchens of Cross Plains; 10 grandchildren, 7 step grandchildren; 1 great grandchild, 3 step great grandchildren; and caregiver, Sharon Frazier.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Tommy Dean Frazier; a brother, Orville Frazier; a sister, Ethel Taylor; a granddaughter, Desirae; a grandson, Chance Michael Thomas; and a step grandson, Chance.

Pallbearers were Delbert Wilcher, Keith Wilcher, David McCarter, Danny Paul McCarter, Buck Jones, Hank Jones, Danny Brooks, (Big) John Womble, Kevin West and Delbert "Bo" Edwards.

Memorials may be donated to the Carl Frazier Funeral Fund at the People's State Bank in Rising Star or to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605.

Lynn Dale Beasley

Lynn Dale Beasley, 68, of Baird, passed away at 10:52 a.m. Monday at East Texas Medical Center in Athens, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2002, at Parker Funeral Home Chapel and burial was in the Belle Plaine Cemetery.

Mr. Beasley was born January 22, 1934 in Hicks, Texas. He had lived in Baird since 1989 returning there from Franklin. He was a plumber and served in the U.S. Army in the Korean Conflict. He was a Baptist. He was a member of Local Union 654-Abilene. He married Velma Branch in Clyde October 23, 2000.

He is survived by his wife, Velma Beasley of Baird; one son, William and wife Christi Beasley of Seven Points; one daughter, Wynona and husband Bubba Smith of Longview; one step-son, Ray Don Myers and wife Barbie of Ozona; one step-daughter, Donna Wiley and husband Donny of Ozona; five grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; 1 step-great-grandson; three brothers, Pete Beasley, Raymond Beasley and Roy Lee Beasley all of Clyde; four sisters, Mary Vanderlinden and Fay Gilliam, both of Cottonwood, Ethel Hughes of Baird and Pearl LeMay of Abilene; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Howard, John and Junior Beasley.

Junior Livingston

Junior Livingston, age 68, of Gustine passed away Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at Comanche Community Hospital in Comanche.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 17, 2002, at the Gustine Church of Christ with Minister Gale Scott officiating. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery in Comanche County, Texas with Comanche Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Junior was born November 21, 1933 in Comanche County, Texas to Lonnie Alvah Livingston, Sr. and Maggie Evelyn (Eary) Livingston. He was a self-employed farmer and rancher until his retirement. He was a member of Gustine Church of Christ.

Mr. Livingston was united in marriage to Judy Holcomb on April 12, 1952 in Gustine. The couple had recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Livingston of Gustine; four daughters and sons-in-law, Malinda and Ken Huey of Gustine, Donna and John Roming, of Gustine, Vanda and Johnnie Robinson of Comanche, and Mindy and Luis Mejia of Gustine; 5 grandchildren, Mason Ballard, Christy Roming, Jamie Jo Roming, Maleah Ballard, and Olive Tyson; his mother-in-law, Dairy Holcomb of Cross Plains; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lonnie and Maggie Livingston; a brother, Troy Livingston; and a sister, Gertrude Boucher.

Cross Plains Cemetery Work Day Set for Saturday

There will be a Work Day held on Saturday, May 25th, at the Cross Plains Cemetery from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. The intentions are to have the cemetery looking great for Memorial Day in honor of the veterans.

Those interested in volunteer-

ing their time and services are asked to bring shovels, hoes, rakes, lawn mowers, etc. for this project. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

If you need additional information contact Jimmielee Payne at (254) 725-7538.

Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association Meeting May 26

The Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association will hold its annual Memorial Service on Sunday, May 26, at 2 p.m. under the tabernacle in the Burkett Cemetery. In

the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Community Center.

Submitted by Cemetery Board of Directors

Work Day at Pioneer Cemetery

Workday at the Pioneer Cemetery is Saturday, May 25, and appreciate your help in this effort. We want the cemetery ready for the Memorial Day Services on May 27 and the Pioneer School Reunion June 8. You again will need to bring rakes, mowers, hoes, weed eaters, etc. Do not forget hats and gloves. We will have plenty of drinking water. Meet around 9:30 a.m. Your help is appreciated.

Another concern, so many unmarked graves or graves marked with a rock, a brick, or metal stakes that long ago lost all markings. If you know anyone who could help in identifying some of these graves, please let me know.

This should not take long, as we have Mr. Middleton from Rising Star taking care of the cemetery now. You will probably just want to work on your family plots. Any suggestions for Memorial Day Service or for operation of the cemetery in general will be appreciated. We will begin the work now to get the Historical Marker. Work was began awhile back, but was put aside for a couple of years and we need to make this a priority now that the new part is fenced.

Submitted by Jo Veda Fleming Watson Secretary/Treasurer

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Proverbs 22:1,2 A Good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all. 6-5p.

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6. Where did the "Races" come from?
7. What is the only answer to Racism?
8. Dinosaurs - in the Bible?
9. How can we raise Godly children?
10. Fossils & the flood - What's the connection.
11. How can we Evangelize?
12. A secular world - Part 1 & Part 2.

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Sunday's Sermon

"We Remember"

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

Congratulations to the Graduates!!!

The following list of Cottonwood graduates from Cross Plains High School are due our congratulations and best wishes for good luck and a great future!

April Hall
Tammy Hall
Raynell Jones
Matthew Nickerson
Charlie Rogers
Erin Stephens

A Good Musical Missed

Did you miss the Cottonwood Musical last Friday night? I did, and I am disappointed, but I have a good excuse. I have a report that the music was great, as usual, and there was a good crowd to enjoy the listening pleasure of eight musical groups who came to perform. Also, I missed visiting with Weldon Bennett of Brownwood, a cousin whom I have not seen in many, many years.

My excuse for not being at the musical? I was in Colorado to attend the high school graduation of my grandson, Johnathan Wainwright Bennett. His roots are planted deep in the Cotton-

wood soil. He is the grandson of Marjorie Jordan Bennett, the great-grandson of Mable Fulton Jordan and the great-great-grandson of Virgil and Lena Belle Ayers Fulton, who operated a dairy farm in Cottonwood in the 1920's and 1930's. He is the great-great-great-grandson of Joseph and Theodosia Ernest Ayers, who operated the general store in the early days of Cottonwood.

So much for genealogy. Johnathan, himself, like all young graduates, is a bright and cheerful young adult, happy to be out of high school, ready to take on the challenges of the future, and knows full well that his future depends on his own actions and reflections (including spiritual) upon those actions, and not his genealogy. So, let's all say happy future to Johnathan, April Tammy, Raynell, Matthew, Charlie and Erin.

If I don't know it, I can't print it. (Please report all news items and local happenings to Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474.)

Cross Plains Cemetery Association Report For The Month Of April 2002

Donations & Earnings

Howard Andres	\$ 50.00
Earlene Ward	50.00
Eva Byrd	30.00
Earning added to Acct.	5.80
Totals:	\$ 135.80

Grave Opening Permits

1 Plot-Bob and Dee Harrell	\$ 75.00
1 Plot-Phillip Strength	75.00
1 grave Opening Permit	75.00
Totals:	\$ 225.00

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

May 27 - May 31

MONDAY-- Closed for Memorial Day
TUESDAY-- Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy, Zucchini, Cauliflower, Birthday Cake, Bread, Milk
WEDNESDAY--Chicken and Dumplings, Green Beans, Apricots, Peanut Butter, Cookie, Milk

THURSDAY--Salmon Croquette, Macaroni and Cheese, Broccoli, Rosie Applesauce, Roll, Milk
FRIDAY-- Chicken Spagetti, Tossed Salad, Brussels Sprouts, Pineapple, Garlic Toast, Milk

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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Henry Ward Beecher said, "The first hour of the morning is the rudder of the day."

We are probably all familiar with the rudder of a ship. Once while in Seattle, Washington, I rode the ferry across Puget Sound to Bremerton to see the U.S.S. Missouri. I forget how large the ferry was but it was virtually a floating parking lot capable of carrying several hundred cars. In addition, on board was a restaurant capable of accommodating hundreds of people. And I noted how small a rudder that large, enormous ferry had in order to direct it safely back and forth across the Sound. But how important a role the rudder played -- especially while I was on board!

Our life needs a rudder. Each day we live needs a rudder, and as Mr. Beecher said, often -- more likely than not -- the first hour of the morning is "the rudder of the day." How do you spend that hour? I hope among other things you may do to get the day off in the right direction and on the correct course, that you spend five or ten minutes letting God talk to you, through His word, the Bible, and talking to Him in prayer. I like to refer to this as "quiet time" -- quiet time for just God and me. Try it for a breakthru to a better each day!

Come join us "setting our sail" and "adjusting our rudder" for safe arrival on course. We really do care about you, too!

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

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

PIONEER NEWS

There was a good turnout for quilting on Tuesday. We had some visitors including Elizabeth Evans and Blanche Wise both of Cisco and Carol Naegele of Eastland. We really enjoyed them being with us and do hope they will come back. Blanche went to school at Pioneer. It was fun talking to her about how Pioneer used to be. They helped us work on Lessie's "Nine Patch" and Lou's "Texas Star". Sandy did get her top in. It is a "Fan".

There were only seven people attending the "party night" but they had a lot of fun. So do not forget to come out on May 30 (the real Memorial Day) to have fun and food. Two of our players became man and wife this past Sunday. Tommie Harris and Phyllis Taylor were married at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains. Nearly all the group who plays "42" were in attendance. Congratulations Tommie and Phyllis!!!

Cindy and James Fuller of Brownwood hosted a Mother's Day dinner for Cindy's grandmother, Earlene Burge of Pioneer, Cindy's mother, Jessica Stulz of Brownwood, and James' mother, Lorena Fuller of Brownwood. They received flowers and gifts. They had a beautiful cake. Jack Stultz and Albert Fuller were there and Cindy's brother, Jon Ochoa, came for awhile. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and visiting together.

Paul and Juanita Harlow returned to their home in Lubbock after a visit with sisters, Vi Harlow of Cross Plains and Jean Fore of Pioneer. While here, they all left to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Grasson Harlow in Atlanta, Texas for a few days. Then, they all left for Harrison, Arkansas where they spent several days with their sister, Lettie Tuney, John and Janette Tuney. Lettie is a bed patient but is doing pretty good. They all traveled to Linden, Tennessee for a weeks visit with Clyde Harlow and his family. They had a wonderful time, but said it was great to be back home.

Jean Fore and Frankie Smith attended the Coleman musical with Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Blount of Rising Star Friday. Saturday night the two attended the Cisco musical. Sunday Frankie's daughters, Shirley Harrelson and Roxie Nance, came for Mother's Day. They treated Frankie to a Mother's Day lunch at Mr. Gattis at Brownwood. Monday they took a trip to Abilene on business.

Jean went along with them. A good time was had by all.

Glenda Phillips and Louise Bush went to Pleasant Valley Cemetery Memorial last Sunday. Glenda has a lot of family buried there. She ate supper with Allen, Janice and family Sunday night.

Dick and Lou Grider enjoyed her daughter and son-in-law, Patty and Larry Heffley of Fort Worth on Mother's Day. She also talked to Chuck and Brenda, so Lou's day was very good.

Olena had Mother's Day wishes from Linda and Bryan, Janet, Doc and Becky, and Scott brought her a large hanging basket of several plants. Anna was there with gifts, too. J.R. also had dinner with them. Olena received graduation invitations from her granddaughter, Gynnalynn Ezzell from Iowa Park. She will graduate May 24th. Her parents are Bryan and Lisa Ezzell.

Charlene Chesshir started Mother's Day on Thursday before Sunday. She went to Eastland and Christy Dallas took her to lunch. Then Jake Dallas came in. Nancy's two children, Robby and Sarah King, joined them and Nancy and Christy treated everyone to supper after Charlene opened her gifts. Jim Chesshir came Saturday and cleaned up the garden and planted peas and okra. (Oh!! Boy!!!) He replaced two peach trees that had died. He cleaned up the yard Sunday. His little step-daughter, Megan, did most of the mowing on Saturday. They really have the place looking nice! They all ate Sunday lunch with Charles and Kathy.

All you people who have connections with Pioneer and surrounding communities who have attended Pioneer School, do not forget we have a reunion the second Saturday in June. Please make plans to be at the Community Center in Cross Plains. We are still looking for someone to volunteer to be our president. Frances Taylor has agreed to remain secretary for the next year. There will be the annual get-together on Memorial Day, May 27th, at the Pioneer Cemetery. Everyone is invited to join us.

James and Jean Alexander and May Jones attended the surprise birthday for Glen Fleming on Saturday. Was he ever surprised!!! He had lots of family there and friends around the community, too. Everyone had a great time.

Words of Wisdom: We make a living by what we get. We make life by what we give.

LIBRARY NOTES

Hi, again! Well, I'm sure it's not new that these library folks can't keep from doing things up right. Now what? Well, they have three people who read for the "Heart of Texas Literature Center" located at Howard Payne in Brownwood. The library pays a fee of its choice to participate. This library gets books based on that, plus the number of books reviewed. Based on that formula this year the library was due 68 books. After everyone gets the books due by the formula, then it's "get what you can". Cross Plains folks got 15 more, a total of 83 books. The value of just the ones re-

ceived by number of books reviewed was \$221.38. Then the extras. Wheel! Is that a good way to get books or not!! Come on in. These are books for pre-school through high school. They'll be on the shelves soon.

Statistics
Circulation:
Books 109
Audio Visual 2
Total 111

Donations:
Wanda Gage - money for matching the grant for the roof
Alpha Rho Zeta Sorority - money for matching the grant for the roof.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

Note: Just drive through Cross Plains and look at all the beautiful yards and gardens. Makes a pretty scene.

Some of the yards are naturalized like xeriscaping, and some or formal, while others are hunt and plant, all lovely specimen.

"A New Attitude"

Attitude — A new attitude; that's something that most of us do attain at least once during our lifetime. Others—reach it multiple time—some still more often than others.

Different type happenings are usually responsible for changes of attitude. A recent commercial on T.V. lays it on fashion as a new attitude, fashion, nail polish, perfume. Big changes and I suppose it's possible that those could be accredited to a NEW attitude.

I personally know of more than one occasion when a near-death experience caused or appeared to cause a NEW ATTITUDE in some individuals. Other times it's the loss of a loved one, who was

very close to you. Any number of other reasons might trigger a new attitude, such as a book, a movie, a play, a lecture, a sermon, or perhaps a dream.

Truly, in the 1950's, U.F.O.s seemed to perpetuate new attitudes in "some" people who told of sightings, usually at night, of strange flying objects in remote out of the way places. These flying objects could not be accounted for an no one could give a rational description of one, however on one thing they did agree! They agreed that the strange flying objects were manned by strange looking little men, sometimes green, sometimes black, purple or red. Other than that, no one seemed to have a clue. Hence they were referred to as Unidentified Flying Objects or U.F.O.s

Good or bad, attitude seems to be where its at, these days.

I've noticed lately that when a child or person acts up, it is said they are showing ATTITUDE!!!! However, on occasion, a little attitude can sure be a good thing to have.

BURKETT NEWS

BY LOVERA STRICKLAND

The Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association will be having their Memorial Service Sunday, May 26. There will be a special dedication during the service. Everyone is invited to attend.

Linda Brady, Secretary-Treasurer of the Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association reports several donations received as follows:

Mary Coel III (In Memory of Mildred Klarfield) \$80; Boyd and Liz Young (In Memory of Winnona Pierson) \$40; Dumas Beeler \$20; Carl Edgington \$20; Neal Hughs \$20; Mrs. L.E. Hughs \$20; and Buster Hughs \$20.

All donations are greatly appreciated and are used for the upkeep of the cemeteries.

The Pecan Bayou ran about bank full due to the large rains that fell to the north and west of Burkett. Some reported they had 5 inches or more. Burkett's official rain gauge showed 1.60 inches in all.

Wee before last Lovera visited Jackie and Julie Strickland and

family in Somerville. It was a very nice trip.

Jackie and Jared Strickland, Dwight Moses, Colie and Ardie Garza of Somerville and Marsha and Matt Tuney of Whon visited Lovera Strickland. The boys fished in the Pecan Bayou, but they didn't catch anything.

Tommy Gene Burns of Breckenridge and Richard Burns of Round Rock visited Lanett Burns.

Liz Golson attended the awards ceremony for the seniors of Coleman High School. Liz Golson's grandson, Logan Wilowich, and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Strickland's grandson, Daniel Strickland were among the honorees. Congratulations to both boys.

The U.S. Postal Service would like to thank all their postal customers who helped with donations to the food drive.

Remember the Burkett School Homecoming will be Sunday June, 2002. We hope all the students will attend.

Atwell Homecoming/ Cemetery Association Meeting Announced

The Atwell Homecoming and Cemetery Association meeting will be held Sunday, May 26, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Atwell Shelter.

The Program Committee for this year is Recie Tatom, Bim Goble and Grady Scott.

All who attend are asked to bring a cover dish or dishes consisting of meat, vegetables, salads or desserts. The bread, drinks and ice will be furnished by the association. The food will be spread together for lunch.



B A B Y

Zachery Thompson is proud to announce the arrival of his new little sister Alexis Marie Thompson (Lexie). Lexie was born on May 14, 2002. She weighed 8lbs. 7oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Her parents are Robert and Stephanie Thompson. Maternal grandparents are Mike and Sandy Yates of Cross Plains. Paternal grandparents are the late Robert Thompson, Sr. of Cross Plains and Juanita Rogers of Lubbock.

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

Bufs Eliminated from Class A Baseball Play-offs by Gordon

The Cross Plains Buffaloes were eliminated from the Class A Play-offs by Gordon 4-1 last Friday.

The Buffs were at bat in the 1st. Tony Beggs led off with a single and then Josh Hopkins laid down a bunt to move Beggs to 2nd, moved to 3rd on a passed ball and then scored on Kevin Wilson's single.

In Gordon's first at bat they got 2 hits and an error to tie the game up 1-1. The game stayed like that until the 5th. Gordon had a base on balls, 3 hits and an error to score 3 runs making the score 4-1 in favor of Gordon.

Offensively the Buffs managed 3 hits and committed 3 errors, and you can't do that in the playoff games.

Pitcher Chuck Norris went the distance giving up 5 hits and striking out 11.

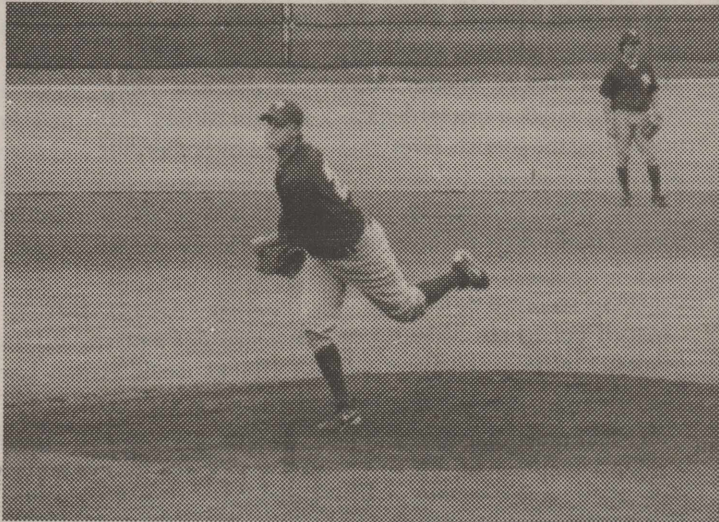
I want to thank all the young men for a good season. I enjoyed coaching all of you this year and maybe you learned something about life and baseball.

To the departing seniors, I say farewell and let you know how much fun I've had coaching all of you for the last 4 years. Good luck in the future.

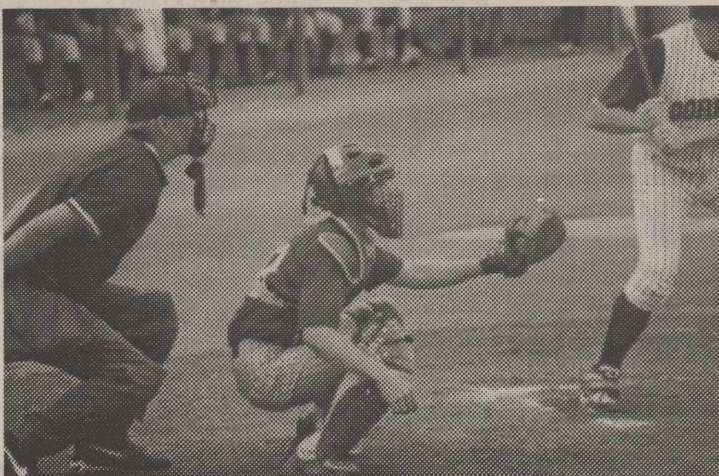
Submitted by
Coach Mitchell Atchley



BUFFS END A GOOD SEASON



BUFF PITCHER HAD GREAT YEAR — Chuck Norris



CATCHER FOR THE BUFFS — Josh Hopkins

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Donnie Dillard, Bryan Bennett, Jim Cook, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt.

The following administrators and guest were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tennison, Elementary Principal Margie Sowell, guests, Patricia Cook, Larry Thomas and Lurene McNutt.

Prayer was led by Jackie Tennison.

Minutes were approved with corrections.

Lurene McNutt swore in the newly elected board members, Bryan Bennett and Monty Richards.

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Cook that Donnie Dillard be elected School Board President. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by V. Dillard that Monty Richards be elected School Board Vice President. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Richards that Susan Schaefer be elected School Board Secretary. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Wyatt that Vicki Dillard be elected School Board Assistant Secretary. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Wyatt that we accept workers comp renewal from TASB Risk Management Fund with aggregate deductible plan. For 7 Against 0

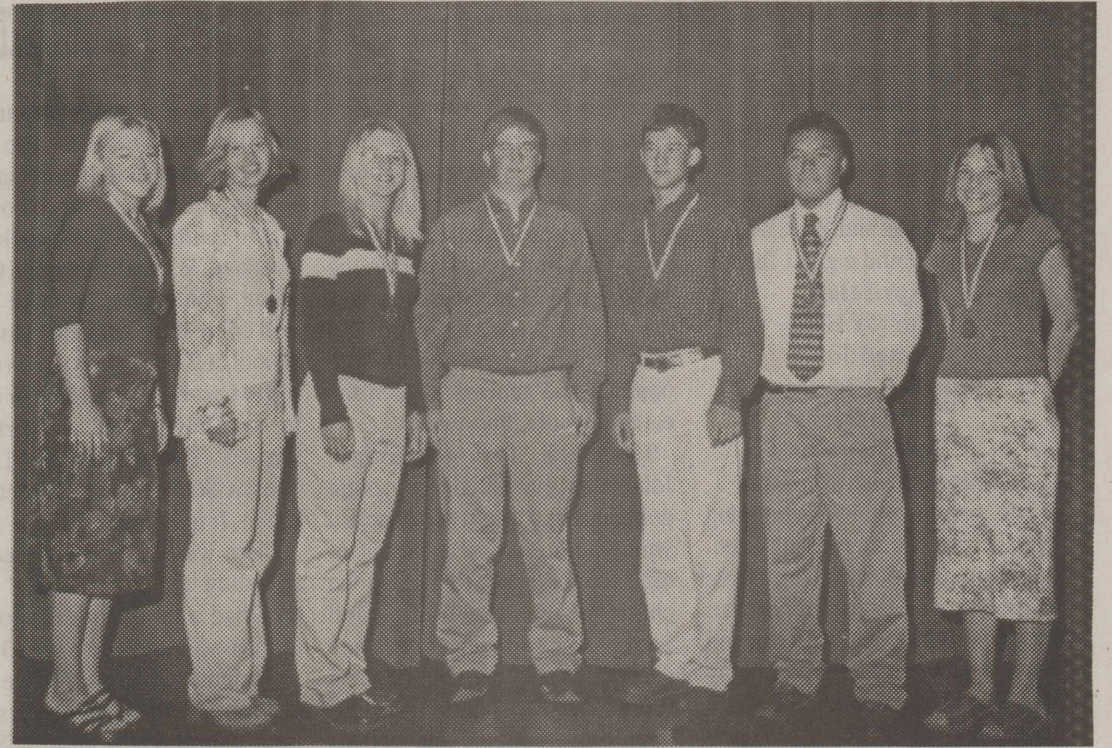
Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Cook that we renew the contract with the Big Country Media Co-Op for Library Consultant for 2002-2003 in the amount of \$4,560.00. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Wyatt that we accept bids from Hyles Enterprises for removal of the gym floor for \$5,865.00, plus the cost of general liability insurance up to \$1,000.00 premium, with a waiver for workers compensation (no liability for Cross Plains I.S.D.) and a \$100 per day charge for average days over 6/3/02. For 7 Against 0

Executive session was from 9:28 to 10:54.

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by V. Dillard to accept the resignation of Coach Mike Cavender. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Schaefer to adjourn. For 7 Against 0



EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE—These students from Cross Plains High School took part in the eighth annual Texas Celebrations of Educational Excellence awards program held recently on the campus of Tarleton State University. Representing the Cross Plains ISD were Shena Thomas (from left), Judith Hartman, Jennifer Young, Kevin Scott, Thomas Dimitri, Jose Mauricio and Karen Ross. (Tarleton News Service photo). Those unable to attend were Angela Swift, Andy Bennett and A.J. Carouth.

Tarleton Hosts Area High Schools in SBE's Celebration of Excellence

STEPHENVILLE, TX.—The eight annual Texas Celebrations of Educational Excellence awards program was held recently on the campus of Tarleton State University. Representatives from 30 area high schools took part in the ceremony which recognizes students who have excelled academically in the foundation areas of state curriculum.

Among those participating on the Stephenville campus were ten students from Cross Plains High School. They included Phillip Andrew Bennett, Andrew Carouth, Thomas A. Dimitri, Judith Hartman, Jose Mauricio, Karen Ross, Kevin Scott, Angela Swift, Shena J. Thomas and Jennifer Young.

Sponsored by the State Board of Education, this year's event honored some 14,000 of the state's top scholars. Tarleton was one of 24 public and private colleges and universities selected as a host site for the ceremonies. About 6800 students were expected to participate in the program which recognizes each individual and presents them with a medallion in honor of their achievements. Another 7900 students will receive the awards in local ceremonies. All honorees will receive a congratulatory letter from Governor Rick Perry.

Honored for outstanding

achievement in English, math, science, history/social studies and foreign languages, many of these students are also celebrated for academic accomplishments such as honor roll, Academic Decathlon, UIL Academic honors, and National Merit semifinalists and finalists.

Created by the Board, the Celebrations of Educational Excellence program recognizes the rigorous academic standards of public schools and the challenges of meeting those standards. Local educators, typically the school principal or counselor, select the students who are to receive excellence awards.



2001-2202 CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS— Erin Stephens, Mascot (front; Carrie Rogers (middle, from left), Shana Hyles, Christin Hyles and Shena Thomas; Emily Winfrey (back, from left), Candice Bailey, Bree Dillard and Jennifer Young. A big "Thank You" to these young ladies for their Buffalo Spirit this year during football, basketball and baseball.

TESTING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 22	Thursday, May 23	Friday, May 24
8:00-8:30 Study Hall (1st Per. Teacher)	8:00-8:30 Study Hall (2nd Per. Teacher)	8:00-8:30 Study Hall (7th Per. Teacher)
8:35-10:05 Test, per. 1	8:35-10:05 Test, per. 2	8:35-10:05 Test, per. 7
10:10-10:25 Break	10:10-10:25 Break	10:10-10:25 Break
10:30-12:00 Test, per.3	10:30-12:00 Test, per.4	10:30-12:00 Test, per. 8
12:00-12:55 Lunch	12:00-12:55 Lunch	12:00-12:55 Lunch
1:00-2:30 Test, per. 5	1:00-2:30 Test, per.6	Buses run at 12:40
Buses run at 2:40	Buses run at 2:40	Semester, Wrap-up

GRADUATION

standing in academics has earned her membership on the National Honor Society for the past three years. She served as Treasurer for the group her junior year. She was chosen Who's Who Among American Students for four years.

Miss Swift has been active in band, basketball, track, Cross Country, One Act Play, FHA and Key Club. Her leadership qualities have allowed her to serve as Drum Major of the band and president of her freshman, junior and senior class.

Angela has excelled in flute, piano and vocal, qualifying for State in each.

She was chosen 2nd Runner-up Miss C.P.H.S., 2nd Runner-up Most Beautiful and Most Dependable.

She plans to attend Southern Methodist University in Dallas in the fall and to major in music and minor in business accounting.

Angela is the daughter of John and Connie Swift of Cross Plains. She has two siblings, Rhonda and

Nathaniel.

The top ten students of the Class of 2002 are Melanie Cheshir, Josh Hopkins, Judith Mauricio, Sarah Nixon, Stephanie Parker, Kandra Poole, James Ross, Erin Stephens, Angela Swift and Shena Thomas.

James Ross received a Perfect Attendance Award for 2160 consecutive days of attending school 1st through 12th grades. He is the son of Charlie and Beverly Ross of Cross Plains.

Michelle Beasley and Gerry Webb are sponsors for the Senior Class.

Class officers are Angela Swift - President, Sarah Nixon-Vice President, Joseph Dillard-Secretary and Stephanie Parker-Treasurer.

The Class Colors are Lavender, Silver and Violet. The Class Flower is a Sterling Rose. The Class Motto is "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get."

Project Graduation will commence directly at the First United Methodist Church. This is a drug and alcohol free party for seniors.

May 24th

Last Day to Order 2002 Annuals \$30.00 each

Payment must accompany annual order. See Lurene in High School or Peggy in Elementary.

NO EXTRAS WILL BE ORDERED!

So be sure to get yours now.

Notice to Parents:

EARLY OUT DUE TO SEMESTER EXAMS

Wednesday, May 22 Early out at 2:30 P.M.
Buses will run at 2:40 P.M.

Thursday, May 23 Early out at 2:30 P.M.
Buses will run at 2:40 P.M.

Friday, May 24 Last Day Of School!!!
Early out at 12:30 P.M.
Buses will run at 12:40 P.M.

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News for veterans

MEMORIAL DAY—Monday, May 27 will be the day that everyone should take time to give a word of thanks to the thousands of American servicemen and women for their sacrifices on our behalf. Our cemeteries contain far too many graves of these brave men and women who gave their lives in order that we might continue to enjoy a life of freedom. Take time to say a prayer for our fallen heroes and place a flag on their final resting place.

CEREMONIES—The annual Memorial Day observance will be held at the Belle Plaine Cemetery beginning at 11:00 a.m. The Clyde Schools will have a good program at the Clyde Bulldog Football Stadium beginning at 8:30 a.m. Congressman Charles Stenholm will be the featured speaker. American Legion Post 87, Eugene Bell, will have ceremonies and flags placement beginning at 10:00 a.m. followed by a gathering at the Post Home in Baird. The American Legion Post in Moran will have their observance at their Post facility in Moran. Our friends with the former Confederate Air Force will do fly-overs at all four locations as well as two or three more gathers. Busy pilots!!! The public is welcome so come on out!

TAPS—Korean War Veteran Lynn Dale Beasley answered the last call on May 13. Lynn served in the U.S. Army and he chose Belle Plaine Cemetery as his final rest. Remember to place a flag on his grave when you're out there on Memorial Day.

82nd Annual Ex-Student Reunion of Area Schools Scheduled

The 82nd annual Ex-Student Reunion of the Cook, Crocker, Curtis, Gunn, Hickman, Liberty, Peak, Sabanno and Pioneer Schools will be held on Saturday, June 8, at the Cross Plains Community Center.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and lunch will be catered by O'Kelleys of Brownwood. Please confirm lunch reservations, if possible by writing 908 Avenue A., Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Submitted by
Frances Grider Taylor
Secretary Ex-Student Association

Senior Citizen Dance at De Leon

There will be a Senior Citizens Dance at the De Leon City Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

Country and Western music will be provided by the "Country Gold Band". Admission will be charged.

tion of the cities to be shocking and difficult to adjust to. I know that next year when I attend the University of Texas in Austin, Texas I'll experience somewhat of a "culture shock", simply because I've never lived in an area with so many other people or driven in compacted traffic on a daily basis. I've grown up with basically the same twenty people my entire life and only had to meet a few outsiders at a time. But next year, I'll be the outsider who's trying to make new friends and find my place in a new location, a role I've never taken on before. Though I have the determination and desire to make it, I know it will be difficult at first because I've lived in the same small town all of my life.

Our town does provide youth activities to local teens that want to be entertained and stay out of trouble. The least effective in my opinion were the dances held in the old high school gym, because the turnout was poor and the response was negative. I believe youth felt too pressured in a dance situation and those that didn't know how or didn't want to dance, didn't come. The most effective activity I've ever been to was Project Graduation. I went last year with a good friend of mine and had a great time. Plus, all but two or three of the seniors came and stayed all night. This event prevents teens from going to parties and drinking and driving, while also providing them with fun activities, great food, and prizes. The only problem is that it's only for graduated seniors and a guest. If our community could orchestrate an activity for youth of all ages that provides the same atmosphere of fun, games, and prizes that Project Graduation has, I believe that youth would respond in a very positive way.

I want to thank the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for inviting me to apply for this scholarship and for taking the time to review my essay. I hope that my input was helpful to your organization and that it can be used for future project to help benefit the youth of Cross Plains in the future.

extracurricular activities at the school and around town. Because the number of students at our junior and senior high school are small in comparison to larger five-A schools, we have the ability to be in several activities, such as band, UIL, One-Act-Play and all sports programs. I myself was involved in cheerleading, cross country, basketball, track, tennis and UIL at different times in my four years at Cross Plains H.S. This would not have been possible at a big school because of the upper level skills that are required to be a contender there. In larger schools you have to choose perhaps one or two extracurricular activities and struggle to be decent at them, while here you can participate in numerous activities and excel because of the smaller-scaled competition. This allows youth like myself to know what it's like to win a blue ribbon or advance to the regional round of an activity and to feel the pride of accomplishment and possess the knowledge of what it means to work hard and earn something you've strove towards. However, perhaps the best advantage to living in a small town is the closeness you experience with all of its members. I recently received an honor for a PSAT score on a national level, but the honor itself isn't worth as much without the praise I've received from people around town who recognized my picture in the paper and remembered to congratulate me in person. The support from these people is encouraging to me and invaluable to my success in the future.

These advantages do not come without drawbacks, however. I said before that some consider this life a sheltered one and to some extent they are correct. We do not have the number of resources, both financial and educational, that youth in larger cities have. Our school can't afford tools such as laptops for all the students in every classroom or software that enables students to go further in their learning. We don't have access to the literature resources that bigger schools have or dual-credit classes that provide college and high school credit. Also, most youth who have never lived in a large town find the massiveness and congested



PRESENTING SCHOLARSHIP FROM BETA SIGMA PHI— Mary Graves, representing Beta Sigma Phi (left) is congratulating Shena Thomas (right) for the winning essay. Leonard Wilson, high school principal, is pictured in the center.

Beta Sigma Phi Announces Thomas as Essay Winner

Shena Thomas' essay earned a \$500 scholarship and medal from Beta Sigma Phi.

Shena is the daughter of Jackie and Roxie Thomas of Cross Plains.

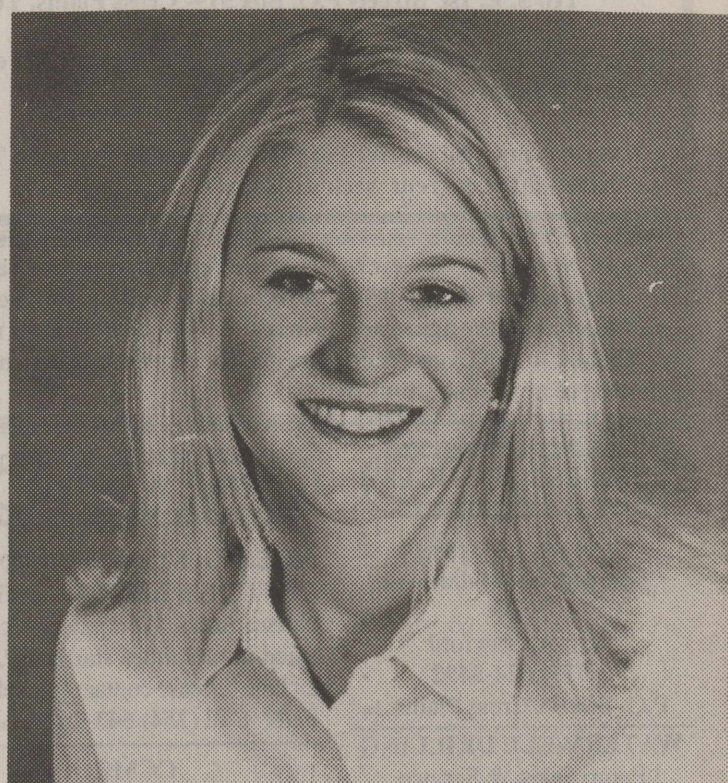
Her essay is as follows:

"The Advantages and Disadvantages of Living In A Small Town"

By Shena Thomas

As anyone who has lived in a small town can tell, there are advantages and disadvantages to living in a rural area. Since I have lived in Cross Plains for all eighteen years of my life, I have personally experienced the pros and cons of a life some consider sheltered. One of the disadvantages is the limited number of youth activities available here in Cross Plains, some of which are effective and some that are not. I also have a personal suggestion I would like to share at the end of my essay that I feel would benefit the current and future youth of my hometown. Before I begin my essay on the advantages and disadvantages of living in a small town, however, I would like to say that I would not be the person I am today without having been raised in this small town. I feel that the confidence and opportunity that I have today are due to where I grew up.

Though there are some addressable disadvantages, the advantages of living in a small town far outweigh them, in my opinion. The first one is exemplified in this scholarship itself. If this were a large city competition for the same award for a senior class there would be hundred, or perhaps even thousands, of applicants all vying for two awards. That narrows an applicant's odds to less than 1 percent chance of winning and toughens the competition by including more students. However, since there are only 36 students in my senior class, and even less that will enter, my odds are greatly increased. This is an example of the availability of local awards to all Cross Plains students. Our odds are increased and, therefore, our likelihood of entering these competitions is increased. And this availability not only applies to awards but also



JENNIFER YOUNG

Local Teen to Examine Field of Medicine

HOUSTON, TX.— Recently, Miss Jennifer Young of Cross Plains was accepted to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine (NYLF/MED), taking place in Houston from July 9 to July 18. NYLF/MED is a career development program for high school students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential and an interest in medicine. Young will join approximately 350 other high school students from around the country.

Throughout the ten-day Forum, NYLF/MED will introduce Young to a variety of concepts in public health, medical ethics, research and general practice, including site visits to medical facilities and clinics. Students will engage in a problem-based learning simulation, an educational method where they are presented with a fictional patient's case history and must diagnose and develop a treatment plan for the patient.

"The National Youth Leadership Forum offers an invaluable perspective for students who participate in the Forum on Medicine," said Donna Weldin, executive director of NYLF. "The relationships we forge with health care facilities and educational institutions throughout the country afford these young people with an eye-opening experience, introducing them to the broad spectrum of medical careers."

In addition to site visits to cutting-edge medical schools and clinical facilities. Young will hear from and have the opportunity to interact with leaders within the medical field. Students

have up-close personal contact with physicians, surgeons, researchers, scientists and medical educators as they go behind the scenes to view these professionals at work.

NYLF is a nonprofit educational organization that brings various professions to life, empowering outstanding high school students with the confidence to make well-informed career choices. In addition to forums on medicine, NYLF offers programs for students interested in law or national security. Celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2002, NYLF has provided programming to more than 50,000 young people. For additional information, visit us on the Internet at www.nylf.org.

Jennifer is the daughter of Dean and Vicki Dillard of Cross Plains.

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Cases Investigated
Warnings-35
Complaints-49
Unlawful carrying weapon-1
Possession of Marijuana-1
Vehicle Accidents

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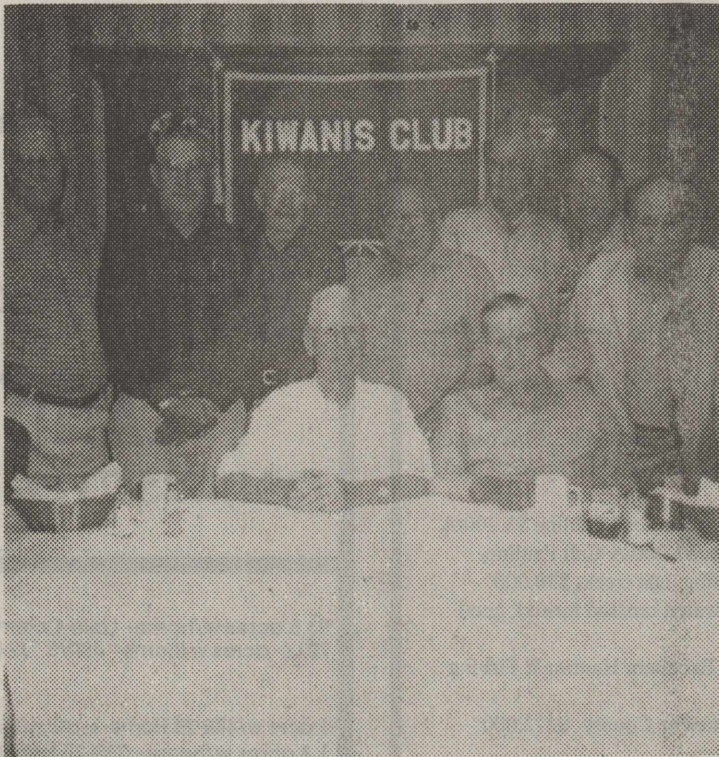
Rip Roaring Kid's Round-up at Trinity Community Church Saturday and Sunday

Yee HAW!! Who doesn't love a Wild West show? That is what those who attend this year's Rip Roaring Kid's Round-up will be treated to. Well, that is if your idea of a wild west show includes puppets. This year the Trinity Community Church will be sponsoring a team from West Texas that have performed all across the nation targeting children and adults with their brand of fun with a message. Roping, games and stories seem to be the order of the day. The all star cast of puppets include amiable Smiley Riley the Singing Cowboy, Little Susie, the spirited Colonel Word, daydreaming Georgie and the not-so-sly Lyrin' Lizard.

The team from West Texas is Randy and LaDonna Hamilton, a couple who for more than 23 years have taught and performed before thousands using puppets, rope tricks, yodeling and outrageous visuals. Traveling with the Hamiltons mean more than just grabbing your bible and going, "We like a big show." Randy said, "We travel with 4 or 5 puppet stages, 6 puppets, sound equipment and a trunk of object lessons." When asked about the need for elaborate sets, LaDonna replied, "Everything we do is to make the experience with our ministry memorable and excit-

ing for the kids. One seven year old boy that was watching us set up one time, got excited before we finished unpacking and said "Oh wow! I can tell this is going to be great!" Hamilton Family Ministries bring more to the stage than just a puppet show. Pastor Brandon Honeycutt said, "We were looking for a time this year when the Hamilton's could perform for our church family and the community. The Wild West Show has been as far away as Australia, and we are so excited to have them in Callahan County! We feel it is so important to do big things for the children of this area. The children are the most valuable thing that we have as a community, and this show will be something for them to remember for a life time. We think children and their families will have a great time!"

The programs featuring the Hamilton's gang of rowdy puppets will be presented at Trinity Community Church located at North 1st Street and Cedar Street in Clyde. The show will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday night May 25th. The time spent learning about God is new, electrifying and at times eye-popping! Yes, the whole community is invited to mosey on out for a ropin' good time!



KIWANIANS VISIT FORMER RESIDENTS— O.B. Edmondson (sitting from left) and Jack Scott were honored with a special visit from Donnel Clark (standing, from left), W.G. McCoy, Jesse Bigbee, Richard Chaffin, Roy Stambaugh, Charles Rodenberger and Carl Edington.

Scott and Edmondson Visited by Kiwanians

Since two of the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club members are temporarily residing in Austin, seven local Kiwanians journeyed to that fair city on May 15 for a satellite meeting with Jack Scott and O.B. Edmondson. Of course, it was no short trip which dictated that many stories were exchanged while enjoying the wild flowers and the Hill Country scenery. Route planning was superb.

Upon arrival at The Summit of Northwest Hills, the group was greeted by Mary Scott Nabers, who escorted the group to an appropriately, well prepared, private dining room. Preparation included O.B. and Jack with the latter suggesting selections from the menu which included multiple choices of meat, vegetables and salads, you wouldn't believe. No fast food items in this palatial facility! At the insistence of Jack, everyone had a dessert of delicious carrot cake completely covered with Blue Bell ice cream.

As expected, the conversations evolved around what was going

on in Cross Plains and this gave each Kiwanian an opportunity to share their thoughts with O.B. and Jack. Current happenings occupied part of the conversation, but rest assured a "great deal" of reminiscing crept into the dialog. The group did learn that Jack was totally exhausted at bedtime everyday from watching golf, football, basketball, tennis, bowling, curling and wrestling. O.B. indicated the best things about The Summit was that you could get up, eat and go to bed anytime you chose.

After a good meal and a GREAT VISIT, the group began the journey back to Cross Plains via a longer and less scenic route. However, no one complained as they reflected upon the first of many visits to Austin by this group and the blessing received by just being in the presence of two guys who have touched so many of us in positive ways.

Jack and O.B. send their best regards to all...

Submitted by Donnel Clark

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Scranton Exes Homecoming set June 2

Abilene businessman and 25-year veteran professional wrestler Don Slatton will be the featured speaker at the annual Scranton Exes Homecoming, Sunday, June 2 at the Scranton Community Center in Scranton, Texas. Slatton, a descendent of pioneers of the area, attended public schools at Scranton until his family moved to Olden during his sophomore year.

Scranton Exes Homecoming activities begin with registration at 9:15 a.m. and the organization's business meeting at 10:30 a.m. Slatton's homecoming address is scheduled to start at 11:15 a.m.

"We're very privileged to have Don as our speaker," said Bob Shrader, program chairman. "He's a great storyteller and comes from the oral tradition of the area that has produced great writers such as Larry L. King.

Slatton, known in the ring as "The Lawman," has appeared in five movies with actors including Meryl Streep, Cher, Sylvester Stallone and Jackie Chan.

A covered dish luncheon at noon will follow Slatton's address. Exes are urged to bring salads, vegetables, meats or desserts to share. Bread, paper plates and utensils will be provided. The afternoon is set aside for visitation.

Scranton is located about ten miles southeast of Putnam on FM 1864. The school district covered an area that included parts of both Eastland and Calahan counties.

At the beginning of the twentieth century, Scranton was recognized as having one of the most progressive school systems in Eastland County. Because of a declining rural population, the school district consolidated with Cisco public schools at the end of the 1964 school year. Many former students and graduates of Scranton Schools still live in



**DON SLATTON
AKA THE LAWMAN**
...featured speaker at
Scranton Exes Homecoming

the Big Country area.

"The year 2002 is the fortieth reunion year for the class of 1962, the fiftieth reunion year for the class of 1952 and the sixtieth reunion year for the class of 1942," Shrader said. "We hope to have large representations from those classes, in addition to other classes."

Anyone who attended Scranton Schools, not just graduates of the high school, and their guests are invited.

"We urge people to bring old school pictures to share with classmates and friends," Shrader said.

A homecoming musical, featuring area musicians, will precede the homecoming. The musical is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday night at the Scranton Community Center. Musical food service will start at 5:30 p.m.

More information on the Scranton schools and community may be found at the web site, <http://scrantontexas.tripod.com/>.

7 Proposals Presented for State Veteran's Cemeteries

AUSTIN—Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst and Texas Veterans Commission Chairman James Duncan, co-Chairs of the Texas State Veterans' Cemetery (TSVC) Committee, today announced receipt of seven formal proposals from communities that want a State Veterans' Cemetery. The seven proposals, which were received on or before the May 1 deadline, are being evaluated, and action on site selection will likely take place around mid-June.

"We received seven good proposals from seven great communities," Dewhurst said. "Now we have the difficult task of deciding which one or two of these will be nominated for federal funding for fiscal year 2003."

The communities and organizations that submitted formal proposals for a TSVC are the City of Killeen, the Hidalgo County Advisory Committee on Veterans Affairs, the Lamesa Economic Development Corporation, Tyler County, Duval County, the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation and the Remembrance Foundation Charitable Trust in Lamar County.

Three other communities—the City of Wichita Falls, the City of Amarillo, and the Nueces County State Veterans Cemetery Advisory Committee—also expressed interest in being considered in the future for selection as a TSVC site, but did not file formal proposals at this time. The TSVC Committee has indicated that it may issue requests for proposals in future years to consider these communities or any others that might then be interested.

The TSVC Committee met Friday, May 10 to begin evaluating the proposals. The Committee instructed staff to do an in-depth analysis, including site visits, of the three proposals that requested consideration for Fiscal Year 2003 funding. These are the proposals from the City of Killeen, the Hidalgo County Advisory Committee on Veterans Affairs and the Lamesa Economic Development Corporation. From these three proposals, the Committee will select at least one site for a TSVC to compete for federal Fiscal Year 2003 funding, and personnel at the Texas Veterans' Land Board (VLB) will prepare the federal grant application, which must be filed by July 1 with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA). The USDVA will probably announce the award of Fiscal Year 2003 grants by October 2002. Other sites, including the four which submitted proposals

May 1 but elected to be considered in future years rather than Fiscal Year 2003, may be selected by the TSVC Committee for submission for USDVA grants in future fiscal federal years.

The Committee will eventually choose up to seven locations for state veterans' cemeteries across Texas," Dewhurst said. "However, the USDVA can't award more than 20 percent of its available state veterans' cemetery funding to any single state in any one year, limiting us to one or perhaps two new cemetery projects per year."

The TSVC Committee was created by the 2001 Texas Legislature to set guidelines on the location and size of the state's veterans' cemeteries, to determine eligibility for burial in them and to select up to seven sites.

The Committee is composed of the three members of the VLB, the chair of the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) and two persons appointed by the TVC chair to represent the state's veterans.

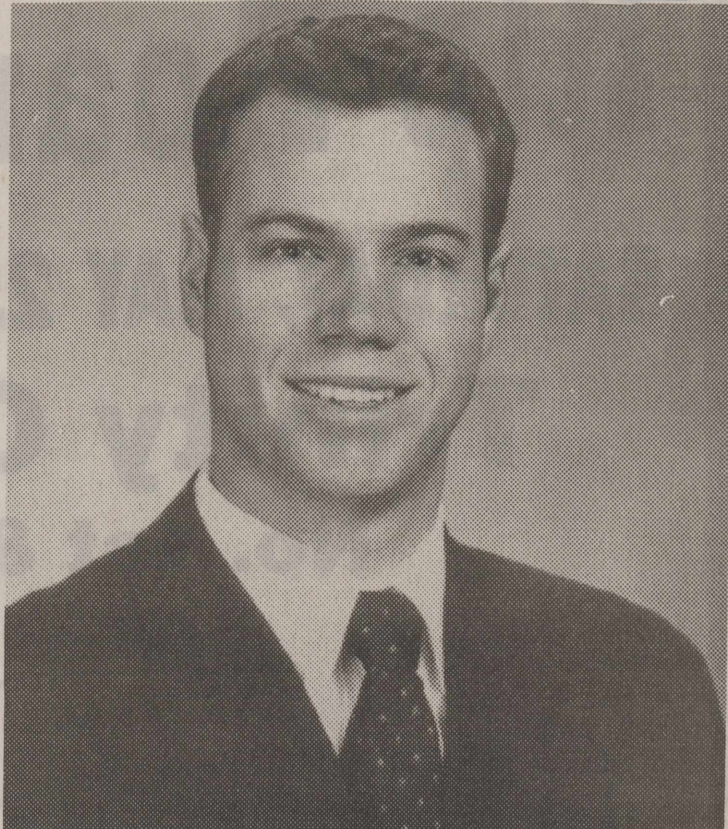
The VLB is composed of Dewhurst, who serves as its chairman, Col. Ladd Pattillo, USAR (Ret.) and Mr. Mike Ussery.

TVC Chairman James Duncan appointed retired U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Sue Turner, and Mr. Glen M. Gardner, Jr., to serve on the TSVC Committee as representatives of the state's veterans. Turner is the previous chair of the TVC, and Gardner is Chairman of the Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations, as well as Adjutant Quartermaster of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Texas.

"I feel fortunate that my fellow Committee members are so dedicated and capable," Dewhurst said. "With their help and that of our talented staff members, I'm sure we'll select the very best locations to honor our loyal Texas veterans."

Texas State Veterans' Cemeteries will complement the four USDVA national cemeteries in Texas, located in San Antonio, Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth and El Paso. There are no known plans for additional national cemeteries in Texas, and approximately 500,000 of Texas' 1.7 million veterans are 65 or older.

"We can never fully repay our veterans for all they have done for us," Dewhurst said. "They gave, and continue to give, so very much to our nation and state. We must never forget their noble self-sacrifice, and the freedom they secured for millions of people around the world."



BRYANT MASON STONE, III

Grandson of Local Man Graduates with Honors from Boston University

Bryant Mason Stone, III graduated with highest honors from Boston University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree on May 19. He is the son of Bryant Mason Stone, Jr. and Sharlla Payne Stone of San Antonio, and the grandson of Hadden Payne of Cross Plains.

Bryant obtained a dual concentration in both Accounting and Finance. During his academic career, he spent a semester in the Boston University Honors Program at Oxford, England. He also spent one summer studying Spanish language and literature in Seville, Spain. During a Christmas vacation Bryan participated in a mission trip assisting prison ministries in Capetown, South

Africa. Bryant is a member of the School of Management's Lock Honorary Society, Beta Gamma Sigma Honors Business Society, and Scarlet Key Society. He was also President of the Senior Class of the School of Management.

Last summer Bryant had an internship at General Electric Corporation's Financial Management Training Program in Cincinnati, Ohio. In July he will be employed at General Electric's Aircraft Engine Business Group headquarters in Cincinnati.

Bryant credits working with his granddad on the farm during his youth with helping instill in him an appreciation of work, perseverance, the importance of setting personal goals and integrity.

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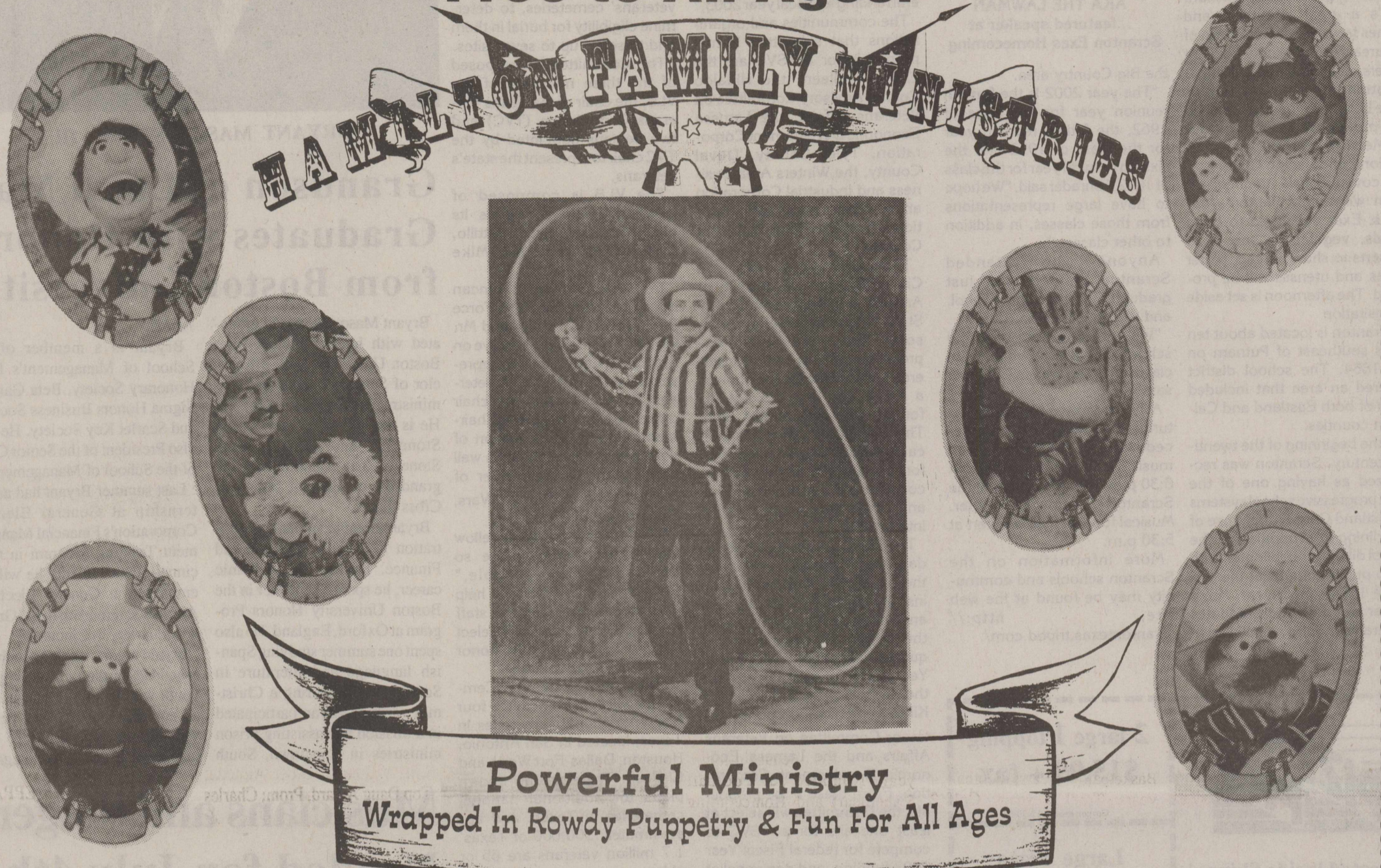
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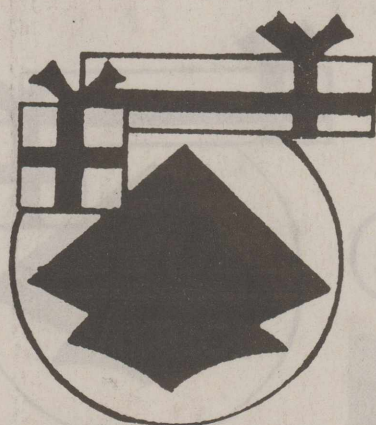


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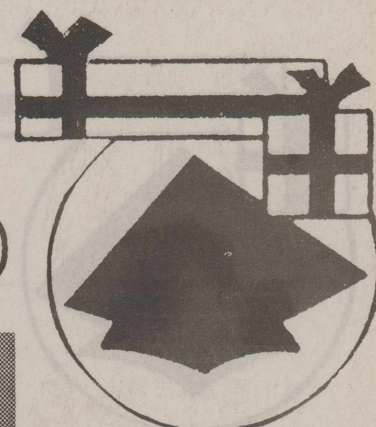
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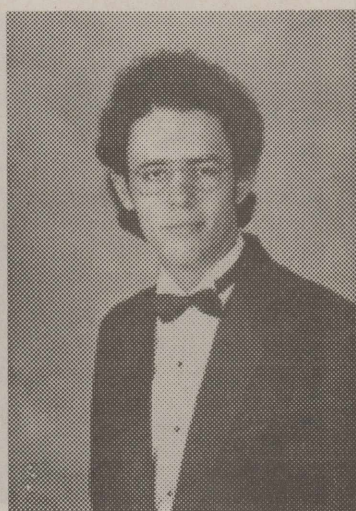
CANDICE SHAY BAILEY

Daughter of Robby and Peggy Bailey

Extracurricular Activities: Basketball 4 years; Track 2 years; FHA 3 years; Cheerleader 4 years; Key Club 1 year; PALS 1 year; Cross Country 2 years

Awards and Honors: Miss CPHS; Most Beautiful; Most Athletic; Most Flirty 3 years; Most Talkative 2 years; Who's Who in Sports, Head Cheerleader; Football Sweetheart; Basketball New Comer of the Year 99-00, All-District 00-01 and 01-02, All-Region 00-01, Buffalo Best, All-Tournament, All-State T.B. M. 01-02, Team Captain, All District 01-02, All Region 1st Team 01-02, Basketball Sweetheart; Regional Qualifier Cross Country 01-02

Future Plans: I plan to attend McMurray University and play basketball.

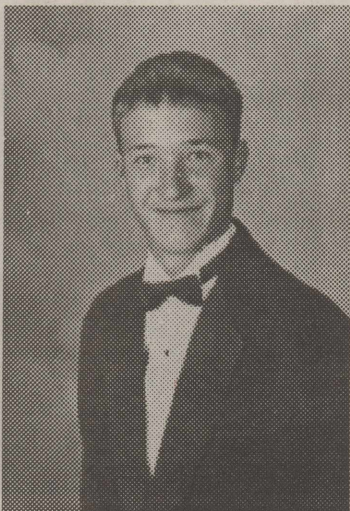


GREGORY COLE BLACK

Son of Wade and Deanna Black
Extracurricular Activities: FFA 3 years; UIL 2 years in Computer Applications, NHS

Awards and Honors: Who's Who Among American High School Students 2 years; Science Merit Award, Gifted and Talented

Future Plans: I plan to get an Engineering Degree and become a roboticist.



MARCUS LYNN BYRD

Son of Guy and Gayla Byrd
Extracurricular Activities: FFA 3 years; FHA 1 year

Future Plans: I plan to attend UTI in Houston to become a diesel mechanic.



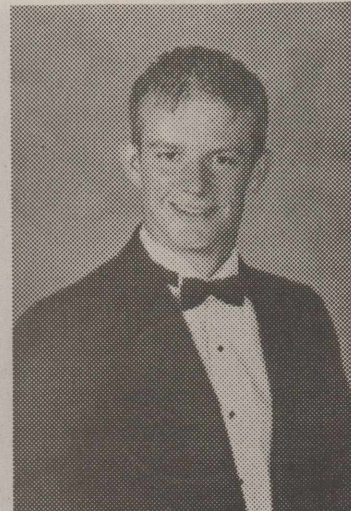
JENNIFER HOPE CANALES

Daughter of Fred and Linda Canales

Extracurricular Activities: FFA 2 years; FHA 3 years

Awards and Honors: TAAS Recognition Reading and Science; 3rd High Individual Dairy Products Judging Area

Future Plans: I plan to attend TSTC in Sweetwater enrolled in a Vocational Nursing program.



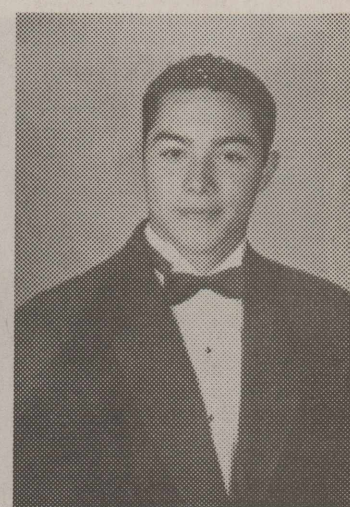
JOSEPH DILLARD

Son of Donnie and Barbara Dillard

Extracurricular Activities: Basketball 4 years, Football 4 years, Track 3 years, Baseball 4 years, FFA 4 years, FHA 1 year, NHS

Awards and Honors: FFA Secretary; Senior Class Secretary; NHS Reporter; All District Football; All Big Country Football; All State Tight End 3rd Team; All Tournament at State as Designated Hitter, All State 1st Baseman, District Champs, Bi-District Champs, Area Champions 3 years, Regional Champs 2 years, State Semi Finals Champions 2 years, Runner-Up State Finals 2 years, Baseball; All District First Baseman; All District Basketball and Honorable Mention; Regional Qualifier and Finalist in 200m, Sprint Relay, Mile Relay Sophomore year; District and Area Champions, 2nd Place Team at Regionals, Sprint Relay Regional Champ, Mile Relay Regional Qualifier, State Finalists in Sprint Relay; Mr. CPHS; Most Likely to Succeed; 1st Runner-Up Most Handsome; Most Friendly; Most Preppy; Cutest Couple; Most Athletic; Top Daug Award, Prom; Charles Benard Sibly Award; Football Team Captain 2 years

Future Plans: I plan to attend college in the fall and pursue a career in Animal Science.



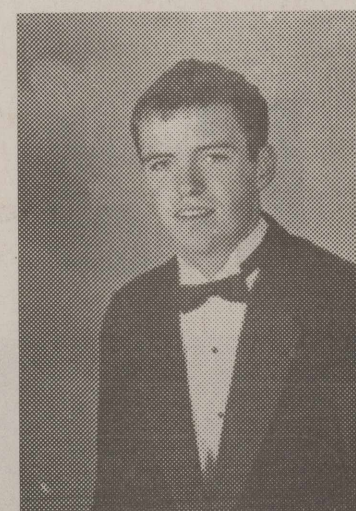
JORDAN REED DURAN

Son of Armondo Duran and Penny Duran

Extracurricular Activities: Band 3 years; Football 4 years; Track 2 years; Baseball 1 year; FFA 2 years; FHA 1 year

Awards and Honors: All District Running Back in football, Sprint Relay Regional Champ, State Qualifier in Sprint Relay, Class Favorite

Future Plans: I would like to become a commercial pilot.

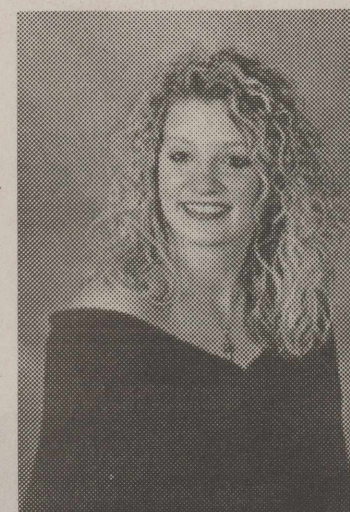


TIMOTHY RYAN BUTLER

Son of Michael and Judi Butler
Extracurricular Activities: Basketball 4 years; Football 4 years; Track 3 years; Golf 2 years; Baseball 2 years; FFA 4 years; Key Club 1 year

Awards and Honors: Honorable Mention Quarterback; 1st Team Quarterback and Free Safety; All Big Country Free Safety; Big Country Player of the Week, Basketball Area Qualifiers Sophomore year; Football Area Qualifiers Junior and Senior years; Football Team Captain, 1st Runner-up Mr. CPHS, Most Handsome; District Champions Baseball 2002

Future Plans: I plan to attend college and then go from there.



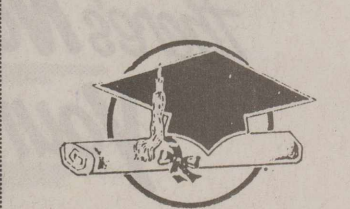
NIKKI CALLAWAY

Daughter of Jessie Childers and Rocky Callaway

Extracurricular Activities: Basketball 2 years; Track 1 year; FFA 4 years; FHA 1 year

Awards and Honors: 2nd runner up for Most Beautiful Junior year; Nominee for Football Sweetheart and Homecoming Queen

Future Plans: As of right now I am currently taking an Activity Directors Course and I will receive my Diploma from there on May 3, 2002. Then later I would like to go to Cosmetology School.



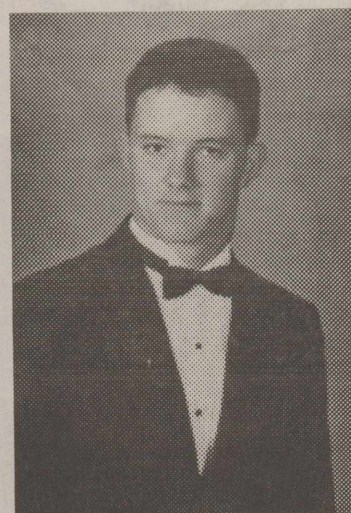
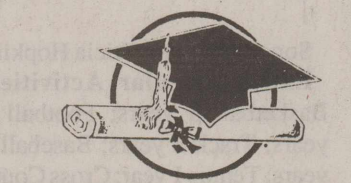
MELANIE CHESSHIR

Daughter of Charles and Kathy Chesshir

Extracurricular Activities: Band 4 years; Track 4 years; Cross Country 4 years, NHS, Key Club

Awards and Honors: Jr. Class Vice-President; 4 years participation in Bible Bowl

Future Plans: I will be attending Harding University, in Searcy Arkansas in the fall.



ANTHONY TROY BEGGS

Son of Rex and Edith Beggs
Extracurricular Activities: Football 4 years; Track 2 years; Baseball 4 years; FFA 4 years; FHA 1 year

Awards and Honors: All-District Line Backer; District Defensive MVP 00; All-State Line Backer 00; All Big Country Line-backer 00 and 01; KTXS Player of the Week 98; 5 Time Abilene Reporter News Player of the Week; All-District Baseball 4 years; All-State 2nd Baseman 00; All-State Tournament 2nd Baseman 00; District Champs Baseball 00; State Runner up Baseball 99 and 00; District Champions 02; Buffaloes Best in Football 3 years, Buffaloes Best in Baseball 2 years

Future Plans: I plan to attend college.

Congratulations Gregory!
We love you!
Wade, Deanna, Travis and Melissa

Timothy,
Congratulations!! We love you
Daddy, Mother and Holly

Congratulations Nikki-
We are so proud of you
Love, Mom, Fred, Kenny, Misty,
Jody and Scott

Congratulations Marcus!
We are proud of you!
Love, Dad, Faye, Mitch, MawMaw and Papa

Congratulations Melanie!
We love you!
Mom, Dad, John and Summer

Way to Go Joe !! We Love You!
Mom and Dad, Lori and Troy
Chris, Amanda and Drew
Oscar and Kix

Congratulations Jennifer!
Love,
Mom and Dad

We are proud of you Jordan!
Congratulations!!
Love, Mom and Dad

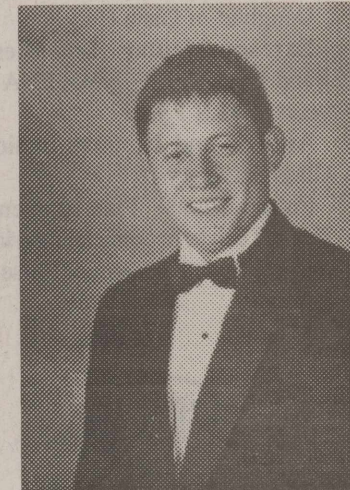


KEALI DELANE EPPARD

Daughter of Robbie McClure and Larry Eppard

Extracurricular Activities: Band 2 years; FHA 3 years, NHS
Awards and Honors: Freshman Class Vice-President; Sophomore Class President; Flag Captain

Future Plans: I plan to attend Cisco Junior College in Abilene to become a registered nurse. I then plan to work in a hospital or nursing home.



JACOB GARLAND FARROW

Son of Ron and Lexia Bagley
Extracurricular Activities: FFA 4 years, FHA 1 year

Awards and Honors: Most Flirty; Most Talkative; Most Mischievous, Biggest Complainer

Future Plans: I plan to attend college.

Candice Shay,
We are so very proud of you and all your accomplishments! Congratulations!!
We love you, Dad, Mom and Clint

You 've done it Hootus!
Congratulations!
Love, Mom, Dad, Nikki, Jason, Jayleigh,
Ashley, Gary and Bree

Keali -
You've always made us proud.
Now go make yourself proud.
Mom, Candi, and Micheal

METHODIST YOUTH GROUP

BUGBUSTER PEST CONTROL

Congratulations Jake!

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**Mom and Ron
Shana, Chad and Tina**

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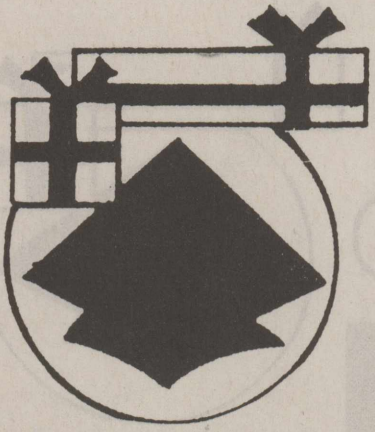
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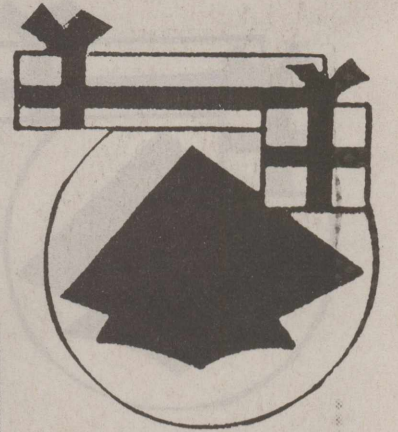
TEXAS HERITAGE BANK

CHARLIE'S TRUCK & TRAILER REPAIR

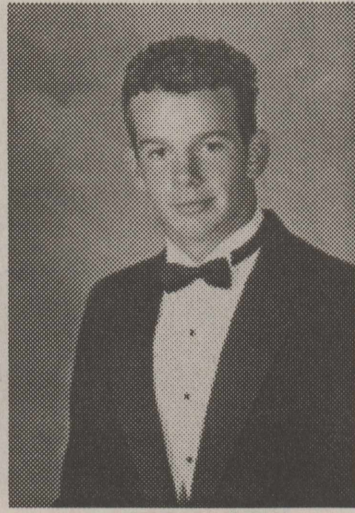
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CLINTON GRUBB

Son of Laura Chastain and Carl Grubb
Extracurricular Activities: Football 2 years; Track 1 year; Baseball 1 year; FFA 1 year
Future Plans: I plan to enlist in the Air Force, to become an electrical Engineer, and then move on to higher and better things.



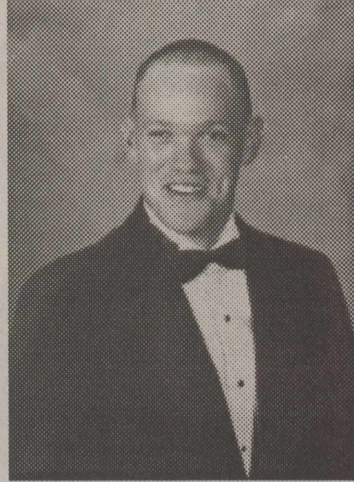
TAMI LEE HALL

Daughter of Dana Hall
Extracurricular Activities: FFA 2 years; FHA 3 years, PALS 1 year
Awards and Honors: Who's Who Among American High School Students
Future Plans: I plan to attend Ranger College to become a teacher. Later I plan on getting married and having a family.



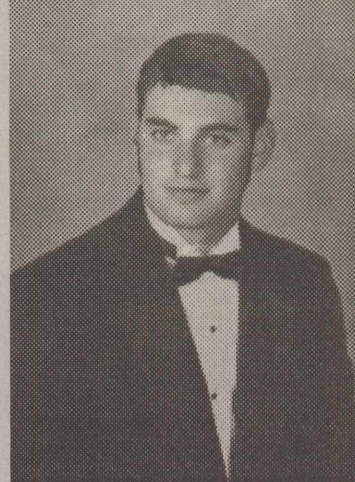
JONATHAN BO JAMES

Son of Rodney and Patricia Free
Extracurricular Activities: Track 1 year; Baseball 1 year; FFA 4 years; FHA 1 year
Future Plans: I plan to attend the Tulsa Welding School for 7 months.



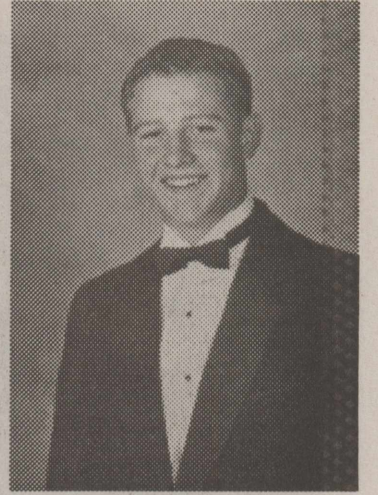
MICHAEL LEE

Son of Lawrence Albert and Ella Lee
Extracurricular Activities: FFA 4 years; FHA 3 years
Future Plans: I plan to spend a long time in the Navy.



DUSTIN MATTHEW NICKERSON

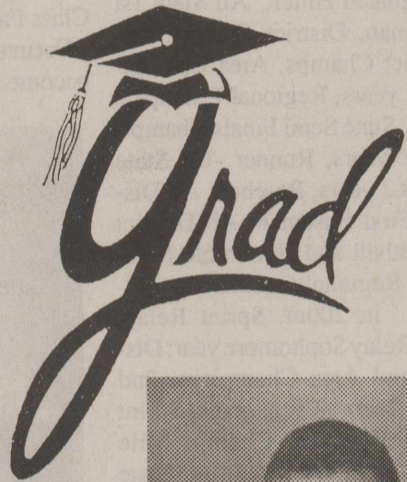
Son of Glynn Nickerson
Extracurricular Activities: Football 4 years; Track 3 years; FFA 4 years; FHA 1 year
Awards and Honors: All-District 2nd Team Offensive Line Soph.; All-District Defensive Line Jr; All-District Defensive End and Offensive Line Sr
Future Plans: To attend Blinn Jr. College and then transfer to Texas A&M.



AARON MICHAEL NORRIS

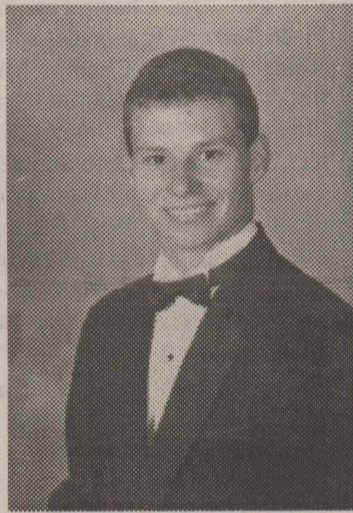
Son of Mark Norris and Terry Norris
Extracurricular Activities: Basketball 4 years; Baseball 4 years; FFA 4 years; FHA 2 years
Awards and Honors: Who's Who in Math, Science, Social Studies, and English; Most Spirited; All State Pitcher; Honorable Mention All-State Pitcher; All-District 1st Team Basketball, State Semifinal Champ in Baseball, Newcomer of year Sophomore year, Regional Semi-Final Champs Junior year, FCCLA Vice-President, Freshman and Sophomore Quiz Teams State Qualifier, Freshman and Jr Land Judging
Future Plans: I plan to attend Southwest Texas State University. I will major in Physical Education and play basketball.

*There's No Grad Like
Your Grad!*



APRIL DIANE HALL

Daughter of Dana Hall
Extracurricular Activities: Band 1 year; FFA 1 year; FHA 2 years; PALS 1 year
Awards and Honors: Junior Class Secretary
Future Plans: Plan to attend Texas Tech to become an Interior Decorator and Designer. Raise a family.



JOSHUA W. HOPKINS

Son of H.D. and Tricia Hopkins
Extracurricular Activities: Basketball 3 years; Football 4 years; Track 2 years; Baseball 4 years; Tennis 1 year; Cross Country 4 years; FFA 4 years; FHA 1 year
Awards and Honors: Diversified Livestock award, Lone Star Farmer Degree, FFA Treasurer, NHS, Key Club, Soph. Vice Pres., Freshman Treasurer, FFA Dairy Cattle Judging Team; D.A.R.E. Representative, Buffaloes Best in Cross Country 3 years, Skills Team, Parliamentary Procedure Quiz Team
Future Plans: I plan to attend Tarleton State University and major in Agriculture Education, and later become a Ag Science teacher.



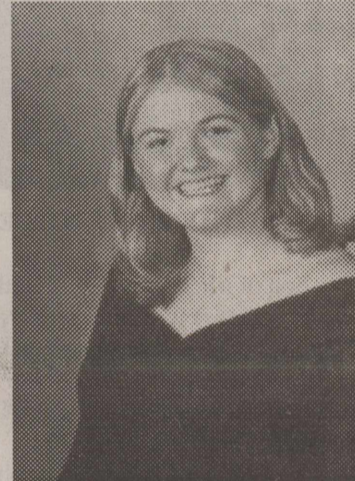
RAYNELL JONES

Daughter of Keith and Martha Jones
Extracurricular Activities: FFA 3 years; FHA 3 years; Key Club
Future Plans: I want to be a pastry chef.



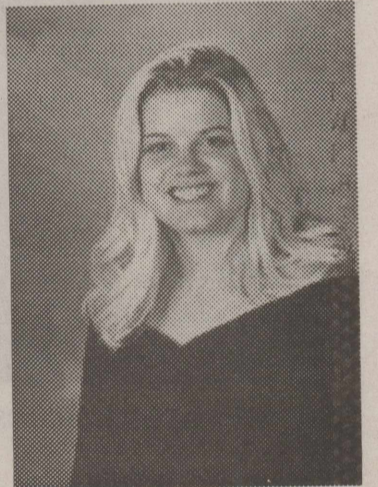
JUDITH MAURICIO

Daughter of Lucino and Estela Mauricio
Extracurricular Activities: Basketball 4 years; FHA 2 years; Key Club 1 year; NHS 3 years; Spanish Club 1 year; Cross Country 2 years
Awards and Honors: NHS Historian, Who's Who Among American Students, Top 10 percent, Principal's Honor Roll, "A" Honor Roll
Future Plans: I plan to attend college and major in Computer Engineering and minor in Accounting.



SARAH NIXON

Daughter of Terry Nixon and the late Leon Nixon
Extracurricular Activities: Basketball 4 year; Track 2 years; OAP 1 year; FHA 3 years; PALS 1 year; Tennis 4 years; NHS 3 years; Key Club 2 years
Awards and Honors: Jr. Class Treasurer; Sr. Class Vice-President, D.A.R.E. Role Model Sr, Class Clown 1 year, Most Friendly 2 years, Most Spirited 1 year, FHA treasure Jr. Year, Key Club committee chairman 1 year, Buffalo Best in Tennis 2 years, Who's Who Among American Students 4 years, Top Dog Award Jr. year, Team Captain in Basketball, District Honorable Mention Basketball Sr. year
Future Plans: I plan to attend McMurry University in the fall.



JENNY LEE PANCAKE

Daughter of Randy and Phyllis Pancake
Extracurricular Activities: FHA 4 years; FFA 1 year
Future Plans: I would like to attend college but am still undecided.

**Congratulations Bo!
Love, Mom, Dad, Justin
Jessie and Jera**

**Michael Allen Lee, a good loving son.
We are very proud to be your parents, we
wish you the best in the future.
Love, Mom and Dad**

**Sarah- Our congrats and best
wishes to you today. We're proud of you
and love you. Un-Kay! Decolores!
Mom and Sam**

**Unbelievable!
We are so very proud of you!
We love you - Mom, Dad, Jeremy,
Jody and Everyone**

**Congratulations Sarah and Joseph!
We are very proud of you!
Love, Grandma, Paw and Tim**

**Congratulations - Clinton!
From Mom and Roger**

**Congratulations April and Tami!
We are so proud of both of you! We love you!
Mom, Fred, Ashley, Jessica,
Granny Georgia and Darvin**

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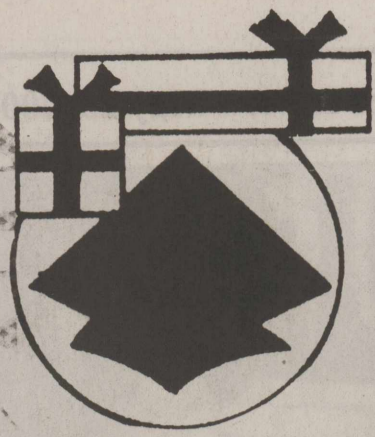
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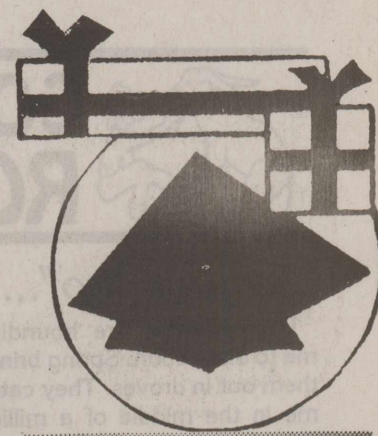
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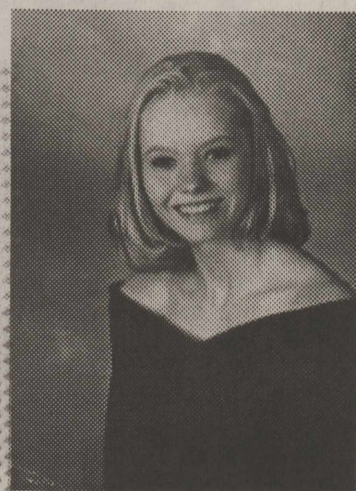
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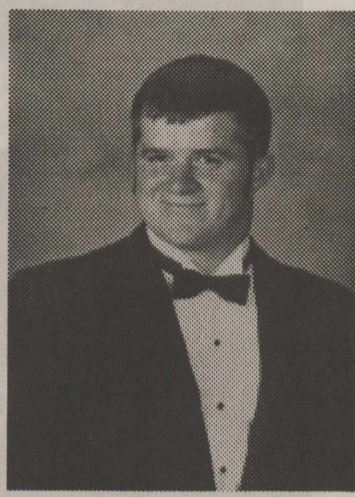


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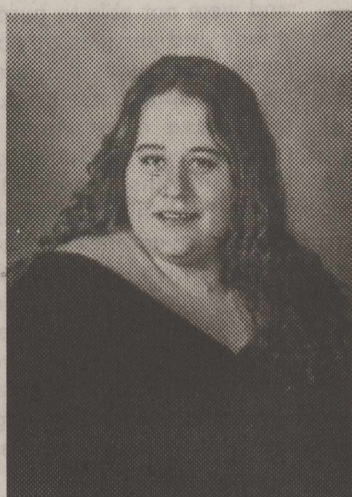
STEPHANIE CONTENT PARKER

Daughter of Steve and Evelyn Parker
Extracurricular Activities: Basketball 4 years; Golf 2 years; OAP 1 year; FFA 1 year; FHA 3 years; NHS 3 years; Key Club 1 year
Awards and Honors: NHS Parliamentarian; Senior Class Representative; Sophomore Class Secretary, Senior Class Treasurer, Senior Class Favorite, Principals Honor Roll
Future Plans: I plan to attend McMurry University in the fall, my major is undecided.



CHARLES THOMAS ROGERS

Son of Carol Meador and Craig Rogers
Extracurricular Activities: Football 4 years; Baseball 4 years; FFA 4 years
Awards and Honors: Who's Who Among American High School Students 2 years; President and Reporter FFA; Junior Class Favorite; Area Qualifier Livestock Judging, District Linebacker, 2nd Runner-Up Mr. CPHS, District Champions Baseball 02,
Future Plans: I plan on going to college and working.



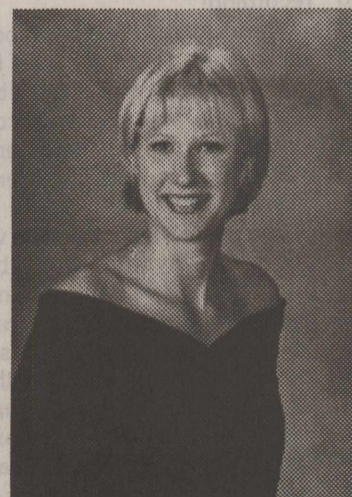
CITANYA MARIE SCOTT

Daughter of Charlie Scott
Extracurricular Activities: Basketball 2 years; Track 2 years; FFA 3 years; FHA 2 years; Key Club 1 year
Future Plans: I plan to attend college and become a R.N. and work at Cook's Children's Hospital in Dallas.



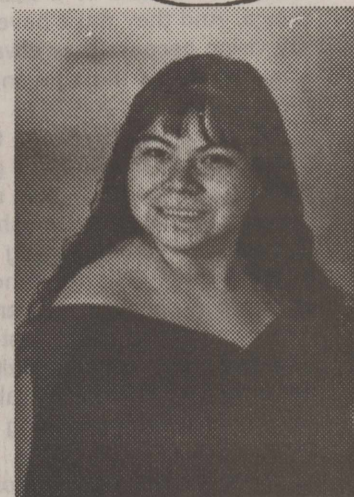
ERIN NICHOL STEPHENS

Daughter of Wade and Pat Stephens
Extracurricular Activities: Band 3 years; Basketball 1 year; Track 3 years; Cross Country 4 years; OAP 1 year; FFA 4 years; NHS 3 years; Key Club 2 years; Mascot 2 years
Awards and Honors: Sophomore Class President; FFA Vice-President; Key Club Treasurer Jr. year; Senior Class Reporter; NHS President Senior year and Parliamentarian Junior year; Star Greenhand; Star Chapter Farmer; Star Lonestar Farmer; State Winner-TX Sheep & Goat Raisers Association; Most Spirited Junior year; 1st Division Regional Solo Voice Contest; 2nd Division State Solo Contest; State Quiz Team 2 years
Future Plans: I plan to attend a 4 year university majoring in Animal Science.



ANGELA SWIFT

Daughter of John and Connie Swift
Extracurricular Activities: Band 4 years; Drum Major 3 years; Basketball 1 year; Track 3 years; Cross Country 4 years; OAP 1 year; FHA 1 year; NHS 3 years; Key Club 2 years
Awards and Honors: Salutatorian, \$20,000 SMU Scholarship, Freshman, Junior, and Senior Class President; Key Club President 2 years; NHS Treasurer Junior year, Cross Country Regional Qualifier Freshman and Senior years; Track Regional Qualifier in Mile Relay Sophomore and Junior years; State Qualifier in Flute Trio; State Qualifier in Piano Solo; State Qualifier in Vocal Solo; Who's Who Among American Students 4 years; Ms CPHS 2nd Runner-Up; Most Beautiful 2nd Runner-Up; Most Dependable
Future Plans: I will be attending Southern Methodist University in Dallas in the fall and plan to major in music and minor in business accounting.



VIOLETA VASQUEZ

Daughter of Alfredo and Apolonia Vasquez
Extracurricular Activities: Basketball 4 years; Track 1 year; FFA 2 years; FHA 2 years; Key Club 2 years; PALS 2 years
Future Plans: I'm going to continue with my studies at Cisco Junior College to become a Spanish teacher or a ESL teacher.



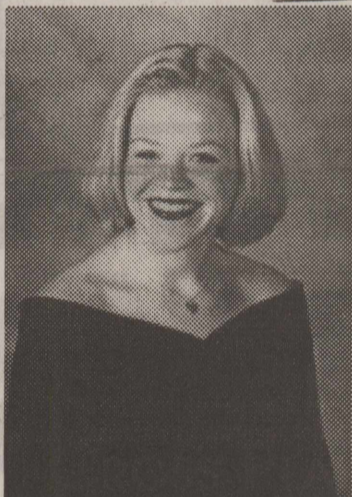
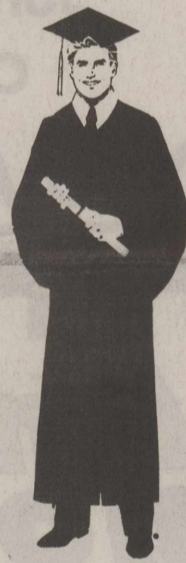
KANDRA RENEE POOLE

Daughter of Jimmie Poole and Terry and Andra Jackson
Extracurricular Activities: Band 4 years; OAP 2 years; FFA 2 years; NHS 1 year; Key Club 1 year
Awards and Honors: Student Council Historian, Key Club Chairman of Kawina Family, NHS secretary, All-Region Band 2 years, All-Region Jazz, Dairy Products 11 State, Parliamentary procedure 2nd at district, 3rd at area in 2000, 3rd at district in 2001, Solo/ensemble-Jazz ensemble, Most outgoing in Spanish, Most hard working in Band, Principals Honor Roll 4 years, Who's Who for 2 years, Citizenship Award 2 years
Future Plans: Attend a four year college and become a secondary teacher of mathematics, and have a family.



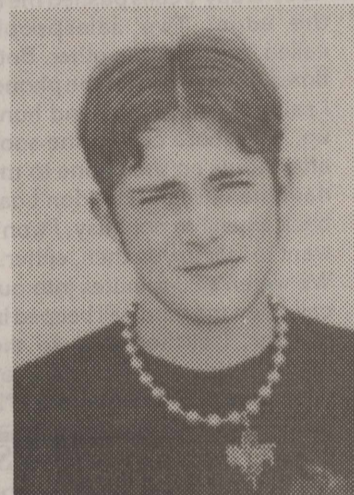
TONYA NICOLE SPELBRING

Daughter of Teresa M. Baker
Extracurricular Activities: OAP 1 year; FFA 3 years; FHA 3 years; PALS 1 year
Awards and Honors: Who's Who Among American High School Students, Most Improved in World History; Most Improved in Math; Most Improved in World Geography
Future Plans: I am planning on going to college to become a R.N. and I hope to have a very great life.



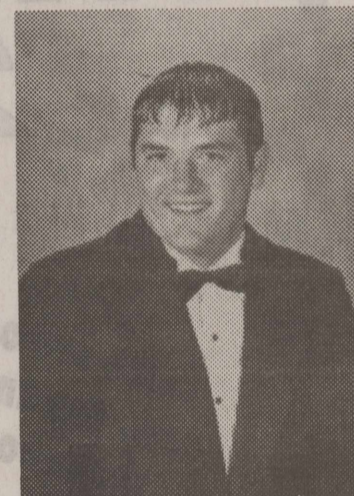
SHENA JO THOMAS

Daughter of Jackie and Roxie Thomas
Extracurricular Activities: Basketball 4 years; Track 3 years; Cross Country 3 years; Tennis 1 year; Cheerleading 3 years; FFA 2 years; Key Club 2 years; NHS 3 years
Awards and Honors: 110% Award 2 years; Defensive Player of the Year Basketball 01; Regional Cross Country 99 and 01; Regional Track in 99, 00, and 01, 3rd place 800m Relay and 3rd place 400m Relay 01; NHS Vice-President; Who's Who 4 years; Most likely to Succeed; 1st runner up Ms. CPHS; Most Preppy 3 years; team captain basketball
Future Plans: I plan to attend University of Texas at Austin and major in Biomedical Engineering.



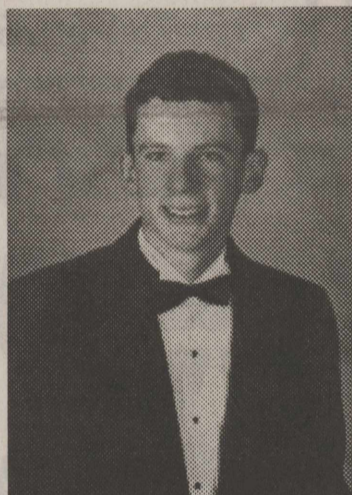
CHRISTOPHER LEE WILSON

Son of Lloyd and Ann Wilson
Future Plans: I plan to major in music at Texas Tech University. Then I will become a successful rock star.



KEVIN DWAYNE WILSON

Son of Nikki and Debbie Wilson
Extracurricular Activities: Band 2 years; Basketball 4 years; Football 4 years; Track 2 years; Baseball 2 years; OAP 1 year; FFA 4 years; Key Club 1 year; NHS 1 year
Awards and Honors: Who's Who Among American High School Students; Area Football Qualifier 2 years; Baseball District Champs 02
Future Plans: I plan on attending college at South West Texas.



JAMES ROSS

Son of Charlie and Beverly Ross
Extracurricular Activities: Basketball 4 years; Golf 4 years; Baseball 4 years; FFA 2 years; FHA 3 years; Key Club 2 years; NHS 2 years; Student Council 1 year
Awards and Honors: Buffaloes' Best in Golf 4 years; Perfect Attendance 1st-12th grade (2,160 consecutive days)
Future Plans: Work and attend college.

Citanya- Congratulations on graduating, I am so proud after all the difficulties you had during school. This is a situation where we can thank God and all his glorious wonders Loving Dad

Tonya - We are proud of you! We love you! Mone and Pa

Shena, We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad and Russell

Congratulations Charlie! We are so proud of you always remember, "In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will Direct your paths." Prov. 3:6 Love Dad, Mom, Jimmy, Craig Jr. and Carrie

Congratulations Erin! We are proud of you! We all wish you God's blessings as you continue through life. Mom, Daddy, Janeal and Garrett

Congratulations Angela! We are proud of you. Mom, Dad, Rhonda, Nathaniel and Mandi

Congratulations Chris -We are so proud of you! We love you very much. Mommy and Dad Dwayne Mom and Dad Wilson

Congratulations Kevin! We are so proud of you! Atta Boy! Dad, Mom, Amber, Mamoo and Boppa

Congratulations Content! We love you. You have always been a blessing. Love, Mom, Dad and Family

James - We are so proud of you! Gog Bless and guide you always. Love, Dad, Mom and Karen

Congratulations Kandra! Good luck in the future! We love you - Mom, Terry and Andrew

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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Saying "no"...

Telemarketers are hounding me to distraction. Spring brings them out in droves. They catch me in the middle of a million things. And they must have x-ray vision because they always know when it's most inconvenient to call.

The other day, I heard the phone ringing as soon as I got out of the car. I ransacked my purse for the house key, crashed through every room trying to locate the phone left somewhere off the charger, and answered with a breathless Hello, just in time to hear a recorded invitation to wait for the next available sales pitch. Much gnashing of teeth.

I don't like getting telephone sales calls when I'm eating fried chicken, catching twenty winks, deep in thought, or in the middle of a good plot. Their calls have bothered sick kids, fouled up a rushed schedule, and erased all recollection of what I was doing before the phone rang. They've disturbed dinner, movie videos, good calls (in the grand scheme of things there are good calls and bad calls), and generally interrupted my "wa" (that came from Shogun).

Yesterday's calls pushed me to the edge. Two salespeople called, one after the other. Both times, I had to run for the phone. I said No Thank You and hung up. Two more calls came soon after. I was on the phone to my daughter. I said, "No, don't call back when I'm not busy. I won't want to talk to you then, either." We weren't 20 minutes into our call when the third call beeped in my ear. I clicked over to the other line. "Friend or telemarketer?" I demanded. "If

friend, call back in 10 minutes. If telemarketer, never! This is a recording!"

When I start to feel bad about such retorts, I remind myself I'm performing a valuable public service. If my response convinces even one telemarketer to quit and go on with life, then it was worth it.

I don't guess telemarketers will go away anytime soon, but maybe they will merge into mega-marketers, and grow and grow until they start down-sizing. I can envision a call like this some day in the distant future: "Hello this is Cynthia. You don't have to wait for the next available agent. This is the only call you will receive this month. This message is not recorded. I'm passing your call to Marian, who will be with you in two shakes of a lamb's tail...Hi! This is Merry Marian! How are you today? I know you are a busy person and so our company will take only a moment with this combo-call. Tell me, do you need any roof repairs, credit cards, or phone service changes? No? Well, how about signing up to win a free ocean cruise. Or you could check out our dynamite insurance policy, or..."

Just musing in an idle moment. Oops! There goes the phone...

P.S.—Some have asked. June 22 is the day Fort Chadbourne opens to the public, celebrating 150 years with a day of entertainment, activities, historical reenactments. Find it on Highway 277, 12 miles north of Bronte. There's a small admission. More info at www.fortchadbourne.org, or (915) 743-2555.

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SBA economic injury disaster loans available for drought victims

FORT WORTH, TX — Businesses in some Texas counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Drought, high winds, and high temperatures (excessive heat) that occurred from January 1, 2001, and continuing, caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other Federal agencies. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply: Brewster, Brooks, Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Dimmit, Eastland, Erath, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Wells, Jones, LaSalle, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen Palo Pinto, Presidio, San Patricio, Shackelford, Stephens, Taylor, Throckmorton, Webb and Young.

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688

for the hearing impaired. The deadline for filing an application is January 2, 2003.

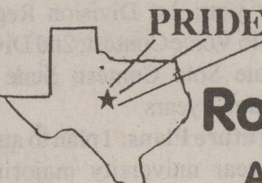
Due to the weather, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. Businesses that are dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels. The loan can help a business meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not eligible under this program. The loan is designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

Loans may be approved for up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are four percent (4%) and terms may extend to thirty (30) years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. To qualify, businesses must be small by SBA's size standard. Businesses which can meet their financial needs through other sources are not eligible.



DESSERT OF THE MONTH OF APRIL—Wanda Merryman (left) is presenting Teresa Veteto of Burkett with a homemade pie pecan pie on behalf of Beta Sigma Phi. You may still purchase your tickets for a chance to win a dessert at Subway or Texas Heritage Bank for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00. The proceeds from this sorority project will benefit the local community in many various ways.

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