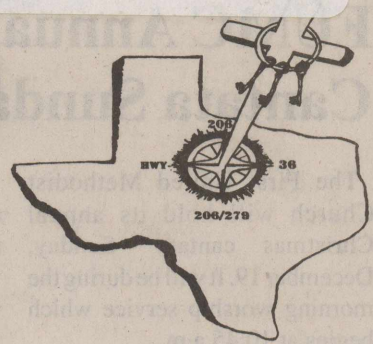


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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story has a familiar ring, but the message is timeless. You never know when you are entertaining angels—so always be prepared!!!!

Have you ever been told that if you could see how the Lord sees you—you would forever be changed? As children of God, we all have individual talents and gifts to be utilized. "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40
Vanda Anderson

"Get Your Priorities Straight"

Ruth went to her mail box and there was only one letter.

Dear Ruth:
I'm going to be in your neighborhood Saturday afternoon and I'd like to stop by for a visit.

Love Always,
Jesus

Her hands were shaking as she placed the letter on the table. "Why would the Lord want to visit me? I'm nobody special. I don't have anything to offer." With that thought, Ruth remembered her empty kitchen cabinets. "Oh my goodness, I really don't have anything to offer. I'll have to run down to the store and buy something for dinner." She reached for her purse and counted out its contents. Five dollars and forty cents. "Well, I can get some bread and cold cuts, at least."

She threw on her coat and hurried out the door. A loaf of French bread, a half-pound of sliced turkey, and a carton of milk...leaves Ruth with a grand total of 12 cents to last her until Monday. Nonetheless, she felt good as she headed home, her meager offerings tucked under her arm.

"Hey lady, can you help us, lady?" Ruth had been so absorbed in her dinner plans; she hadn't even noticed two figures huddled in the alleyway. A man and woman, both of them dressed in little more than rags. "Look lady, I ain't got a job, ya know, and my wife and I have been living out here on the street, and well, now it's getting cold and we're getting kinda hungry and, well, if you could help us, Lady, we'd really appreciate it."

Ruth looked at them both. They were dirty, they smelled bad and frankly, she was certain they could get some kind of work if they really wanted to. "Sir, I'd like to help you, but I'm a poor woman myself. All I have is a few cold cuts and some bread, and I'm having an important guest for dinner tonight and I was planning on serving that to Him."

"Yeah, well, okay lady, I understand. Thanks anyway." The man put his arm around the woman's shoulders, turned and headed back into the alley. As she watched them leave, Ruth felt a familiar twinge in her heart. "Sir, wait!" The couple stopped and

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Blood Drive Scheduled at First Baptist Next Tuesday

First Baptist Church in Cross Plains will host a community blood drive on Tuesday, December 14. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be set up for donations from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The blood drive on October 21 resulted in twenty-one pints of blood. Those who gave blood at that drive will be eligible to donate blood again.

"Meek Blood Center has collected 148 pints of blood at our drives in Cross Plains this year," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "Many lives have been saved as a result of the wonderful donors in your community," said Baker. "Please accept my thanks on behalf of those who received blood as well as their loved ones. The blood donated at the upcoming drive could mean that someone gets to spend another holiday with friends and loved ones."

Blood usage remains steady, even though donations typically drop off during the holidays, according to Baker. "I would like to remind everyone that cancer patients, dialysis patients, surgical patients, newborn babies, and accident victims still require blood and blood products, even on holidays."

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weight at least 110 pounds and in good health. Most prescription and over-the-counter medications, including aspirin and ibuprofen are acceptable. Those who have questions regarding donor eligibility are asked to call Meek Blood Center at (325) 670-2798.

Each donor will receive a T-shirt and a complimentary total cholesterol reading. Cholesterol results can be obtained three days after the blood drive by calling (325) 670-2799.

City of Cross Plains is Announcing Final Policy for Brush Dumping

Several months ago the City of Cross Plains ran an ad asking the citizens who use the city's brush pit not to put any items in the pit other than brush. During the past few months, again citizens have been putting building material, household trash, and other items in the pit.

Therefore, no other keys will be given out to dump brush. The pit will still be available, but only by calling city hall to set up a time to dump the brush. You may call city hall and a time will be set up for a city employee to open the gate and the load inspected prior to unloading. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Submitted by
Debbie Gosnell

Christmas Dinner at Senior Citizens Friday at Noon

The annual Christmas Dinner will be held at Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center on Friday, December 10th, at 12:00 noon.

Everyone is invited to enjoy great food and fellowship at this festive time of the year.

Project Pride Meets Tuesday, December 14th

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly business meeting on Tuesday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library. The public is welcome to attend.

Garden Club Donates Book to Cross Plains Public Library

As a part of their on-going goal of helping folks utilize the natural environment, the local Garden Club has donated a beautiful book to the Cross Plains Public Library.

Title **EVERLASTING FLORAL GIFTS**, the book is filled with easy to follow instructions for making wreaths, table center pieces, wall hangings and floral stationery. Many of these ideas use dried flowers; thus the book includes several

methods of drying flowers from the traditional pressing apparatus to the convenient microwave.

Librarian Cherry Shults feels that the annual donation from the Garden Club always provides a perfect addition to the inventor of gardening resources. Eva Fleming, President of the Garden Club, explains that "members of the club enjoy making a wide variety of projects from plants that we've grown and dried. We hope that this book will

inspire others to develop and pursue similar interests."

For patrons looking for handmade gift ideas, this book may be just the answer to your quest. See it today at the public library.

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KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—On Tuesday, November 30, 2004 Amanda Waggoner introduced David Estes as the guest speaker for the day. Mr. Estes, president of Texas Heritage Bank, informed the group on identity theft.

Christmas Dance in Oplin to benefit Meals on Wheels

A Christmas Dance sponsored by the Grand Ole Oplin, with proceeds to benefit the Callahan County Meals on Wheels program, will be held from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. at the Oplin Community Center.

This Christmas Dance will feature the music of Muddy Creek.

All donations go to the Callahan County Meals on Wheels. A donation suggested for adults is \$4.00 per person and \$2.00 for guests under 12 years of age.

Those attending are asked to bring snacks for intermission. The Grand Ole Oplin is a no smoking and no alcohol event.

SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 15, 2004

School will dismiss at 2:45 p.m.

Buses will run at 2:45 p.m.

Thursday, December 16, 2004

School will dismiss at 2:45 p.m.

Buses will run at 2:45 p.m.

Friday, December 17, 2004

School will dismiss at 1:00 p.m.

Buses will run at 1:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

December 20 through December 31, 2004

Monday, January 3, 2005

Staff Work Day - No Students

Tuesday, January 4, 2005

Students Return to School at Regular Time

FUMC Annual Christmas Cantata Sunday, Dec. 19th

The First United Methodist Church will hold its annual Christmas cantata Sunday, December 19. It will be during the morning worship service which begins at 10:45 a.m.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this year's performance titled, "Celebrate the Season". Watch for more details in next week's addition of the *Cross Plains Review*.

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Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.
 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

Obituaries

Doc Bailey
 Funeral services for Doc Bailey, 90, of Rising Star, were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 2, 2004, at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Walter Pope officiating. Burial followed in the Wolf Valley Cemetery in Comanche County.

He died Thursday, November 25, 2004, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

He was born November 17, 1914, at May, Texas, to Joe and Edwina (Taylor) Bailey. He was married to Irene Blankinship on August 17, 1938 in San Antonio. He was a farmer and a Baptist. He lived in Wolf Valley for 24 years after moving from California where he lived for 45 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene Bailey; his parents, Joe and Edwina Bailey; one brother, Leroy Bailey; three sisters, Irene Kelley, Ann Van Brundt and Lynnett Witt.

Survivors include three sons, Thomas Bailey of Riverside, California, Allen Bailey of Riverside, California, and Charles Bailey Jr. of Lakeland, Florida, one daughter, Diana Bailey of Brownwood; two sisters, Alice Barlett of Lorena and Pauline Fox of Bakersfield, California; two brothers, Cordell Bailey of Santa Jose, California and Stanley Bailey of Martinez, California; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Timmie Johnson
 Funeral services for Timmie Johnson, 89, of Rising Star, was held at 2 p.m. Friday, November 26, 2004, at Higginbotham Funeral Home with Bill Dodd officiating. Burial followed in the Sipe Springs Cemetery in Comanche County.

Mr. Johnson died Tuesday, November 23, 2004, at Oak Ridge Manor in Brownwood.

He was born May 32, 1915 in Gap. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Mr. Johnson was a self-employed water well driller and a farmer. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rising Star. He resided in Rising Star until moving to a nursing home in Brownwood.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his grandparents, Adolphus and Cassie Olivia Johnson, who raised him; a great-granddaughter, Grayson Sinclair Brown; four brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include one son, Tim B. Johnson and wife, Cynthia, of Bangs; two daughters, Georgeann Couch of Brownwood and Donna Beth Walker of Aztec, New Mexico; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

December Lineup of Bands Told for Grand Ole Oplin (Wholesome entertainment for your entire family)

The Grand Ole Oplin is proud to announce the band line-up for the remainder of December. On December 10th, Roland Smith and the Roadrunners will be joining us playing all your country favorites, on December 17th Texas Touch will be here to entertain us all and on December 24th there will be no dance. On December 31st Muddy Creek will be here to help us bring in the New Year.

The Grand Ole Oplin is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break.

So gather the family and all your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin and be sure to wear your dancing boots.

Down Home

turned as she ran down the alley after them. "Look, why don't you take this food. I'll figure out something else to serve my guest." She handed the man her grocery bag. "Thank you lady. Thank you very much."

"Yes; thank you," it was the man's wife, and Ruth could see now that she was shivering. "You know, I've got another coat at home. Here, why don't you take this one." Ruth unbuttoned her jacket and slipped it over the woman's shoulders. Then smiling, she turned and walked back to the street...without her coat and with nothing to serve her guest.

"Thank you lady! Thank you very much!" Ruth was chilled by the time she reached her front door, and worried, too. The Lord was coming to visit and she didn't have anything to offer Him. She fumbled through her purse for the door key. But as she did, she noticed another envelope in her mailbox.

"That's odd. The mailman doesn't usually come twice in one day." She took the envelope out of the box and opened it.

Dear Ruth:
 It was so good to see you again. Thank you for the lovely meal. And thank you, too, for the beautiful coat.

Love always,
Jesus

The air was still cold, but even without her coat, Ruth no longer noticed.

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Misdemeanor Filings

Alfredo S. Vasquez, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
 Jullie A. Anchondo, theft by check.
 Shane Bennett, theft by check.
 Jo Ann Camarillo, theft by check.
 Danny R. Hackney, theft by check.
 Lellen Geneva Johnson, theft by check.
 Donald A. Dortman, fail to stop and give information.
 Charles O. Elms, DWI.
 Christy M. Cagle, possession of marijuana.
 Nathan D. Ballard, possession of marijuana.

Misdemeanor Minutes

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication; Daniel Barandiaran, Robert Blankenship, Dottie Jo McClary, Pujan Patel, Tony Pursel, Chris T. Savell, Edward T. Walker, David Worley, William Wyatt.

End of term order discharging defendants under misdemeanor probation; Sharla Durham, David Fuson, Craig Miner, Richard Swaim, Luis Zuniga, Robert Johnson.

Kendra Hall, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Rodney Smith, order extending probation granted.

David Biehl, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$343 court costs.

Robert Miller, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$343 court costs.

Robert Miller, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Rockwall Co. granted.

Marilyn Horn, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$1500 fine, \$243 court costs.

Marilyn Horn, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Lubbock Co. granted.

Reuben Rozelle, plea of guilty to driving while license invalid (DWLI), 15 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$243 court costs.

Jimmy Leon Hare, Jr., motion to amend complaint granted.

Christopher Webster, motion to revoke probation.

Michael Estes, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted, pre-trial intervention program.
 Jason Clark, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$210 court costs, \$199.16 restitution.

Marriage Licenses

Curtis Lee Chiappone and Lessa Kim McKee, both of Clyde.
 Jonathan Paul Brannan and Amber Nicole Clark, both of Clyde.

42ND DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Tom Kye King and Jamie Leah Ann King, divorce.
 Shawnalee Jean Clark and Michael Steve Clark, divorce.
 Shelly J. Pierce and Gary W. Pierce, divorce.

Civil Minutes

MBNA America Bank, N.A. vs. Sandra S. Graham, judgment for plaintiff to recover \$23,873.00 from defendant.
 Nancy Lynn Pickett and Steve W. Pickett, divorce granted.
 Jackie Leigh Davis and David Dewayne Davis, divorce granted.

Criminal Indictments

Bruce L. Cole, possession of marijuana.
 Bobby D. Fambro, theft by receiving stolen property.
 Brandon Jay Holden, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.
 Roy Lee Shahan, capital murder.

Criminal Minutes

Cathy L. Gutkowski, order amending conditions of probation.
 End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication; Janelle D. Bouchard, Zachary C. Coward, Ben T. McDougal.
 End of term order discharging defendant, no deferred adjudication, William Randall Nance.

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Christmas Cantata
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 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
 7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting

"HAPPY HOLIDAYS"

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT



EARLY DAYS—The above picture was made in Cottonwood more than thirty years ago (1907). Pictured are Clarence Ramsey (front row, from left), O. H. Gillit, Dave Carter, W. J. Thomason, Dr. Quilla Griffin, and Dr. J. H. Yonley. Walter Norton (back row, from left), O. D. Hailey, Fred Griffin, Alex Hutchinson, E. C. Fulton, F. T. Scott, George Harris, Clark W. Gillit, and Henry Robinson.

Cottonwood Connections
I came across an old photo recently, published in the Baird Star in 1937. By the way, the motto of the Baird Star at that time was, "Tis neither Birth, nor wealth, nor state, but the Get-up-and-get, that makes men great."

Community Happenings
According to Beverly Brown, there was a good turnout for the Baptist Church Dinner yesterday and we are looking for a GOOD turnout for the Community Christmas Program this coming Thursday, December 9, 2004, starting at 7:00 p.m. So polish up your act and get set for a very good program for this EVENT. Next Sunday evening,

December 12, 2004, there will be a Hay Ride with caroling during and fellowship following at the Baptist church. The time is 6:00 p.m. and the program is for every Cottonwood resident, young and old, and elderly.

And on December 22, 2004, 7:00 p.m., there will be a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at the Baptist Church.

December 31, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a New Year's Eve Party at 7:00 p.m.

Fire Ants On The Go
Do you remember when there were NO fire ants at all? The younger generations probably can't do that. But I can. Now they are everywhere. It seems we have

used everything we can spare on the ant beds and nothing works. We have used Spector-cide, Fungi-cide, Herbi-cide, Jelly-cide, and NOLO-cide. Nothing seems to work. We've even used those famous "old farmer solutions" such as boiling water, clorox, vinegar water and pouring salt water on the beds; still doesn't work. If someone has a good solution, please let me know.

(For personal or news items for this column, please contact Wallace Bennett at (254) 725-7474 E-mail csb5@airmail.net. Snail Mail: 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.)

PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies had a good day quilting on Tuesday. Nearly all the members were there. We even lit the wood heater—gave us atmosphere! Earlene's "sixteen patch" quilt was finished. Christy's top is being worked on. The girls will not meet again until January. We will have a Christmas Party at Frankie's house on December 14th at 2:00 p.m. That will be fun!

Frankie Smith had for her Thanksgiving Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nance and their children Joey and Stephanie Nance. They treated Frankie to a Thanksgiving dinner at the Kettle in Brownwood. A great time was had by all! Saturday her granddaughter and her husband, Adam, came to see her. They stayed for lunch but had to leave soon after. Saturday night Jean Fore and Frankie traveled to Clyde to a musical. Everyone enjoyed seeing their friends.

The Chesshir family met at Christy and Doug Dallas' home at Lake Leon Thanksgiving Day. With the Cooper family, there were 24 of them. All the Chesshir children were there except John Chesshir of Oklahoma and the John Chesshir family of Conway, Arkansas. The Coopers had two of their children and family there. All had a great time visiting. Some of the men went fishing for a while but the fish weren't biting. Jim and William worked hard on Friday and Saturday. They trimmed trees in the front of the house, then went to the pecan orchard and cut dead limbs out to the trees. Charlene has a big stack of wood for the winter!

Glenda had her family there through Thanksgiving. Glen Dale, Sonja, and family came in Wednesday night. Kendall's friend, Herby, came with them. They went home on Sunday. Everyone had a good time. They had, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Logan was really proud of his Spiderman quilt! He ask Glenda Monday night if she could make him another one because he really like it. I saw him at school on Tuesday and he told me how he liked it. He was telling all his friends about it! Glenda went with Allen and Janice Monday to Ranger to watch the junior high kids play ball. They did real good.

Seems like most of our members had a good "family Thanksgiving". Beside the ones mentioned above, Jean Fore had dinner with her sister, Vi Harlow of Cross Plains. James and Jean Alexander had dinner with D.P. and May Jones. The Ezzell family were at Olena's and Anna's. They always have a good get-together. I am sure the Huttons got together as well. Lou and Lessie were with family as well. These just didn't write me any news about their Thanksgiving. All of us were so thankful for family and all that God has blessed us with.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: Apple Orchard Annie says, "Would someone throw me a salt shaker?"

"Rain Drops"

Rain, Rain, Go Away, Little Suzie wants to play. Don't get me wrong now, when needed, we are thankful for the rain. But I believe we are all just about ready for a change of pace! An aunt expressed it this way, "Enough is enough." All the tanks, lakes, rivers, ditches, ponds, holes, pots and pans and other receptacles are full.

If it had rained much more, I was

afraid our area would become a swamp like lots of Louisiana, with moss hanging from the tree limbs and alligators and snakes down in the water. Believe me, that worried me a lot. Isn't that about when (in the movies), they finally get free of their handcuffs and the sheriff and the revenuers swam in and arrests someone?

We need the rain and so do the farmers, but all at once? There has to be a happy medium. So, if there's a happy medium, well, guess what? We could all dig swimming pools—hey, Lifeguard!!!!

MA & PA

By JAMES NICHOLS

Little Known Facts

1. A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
2. Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
3. Almonds are a member of the peach family.
4. February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
5. In the last 4,000 years no new animals had been domesticated.

6. Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
7. No words in the English language rhyme with month, orange, silver or purple.
8. The average person's left hand does 56 percent of the typing.
9. Every letter in the alphabet is used in the following sentence: "The brown fox jumped over the lazy dog."
10. There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

RISING STAR NURSING NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT

The residents will be having their Christmas Party December 23rd at 5:30. Sandwiches, chips and dip will be served. Santa will be present with gifts. All family members come join us in making this a wonderful Christmas time for our residents. Family members who wish to have Christmas Day lunch with us, please let Angie Williams know that you plan to come. Employees Christmas Party is December 17th at 6:00 p.m. Sandwiches, chips and dip will be provided. Jessica Childers will be presenting a power point

presentation. Thanks Jessica. A warm welcome for our new resident Volley Joe Williams. Our congratulations to the Lady Buffs Junior High A Team on their defeat on Ranger. Go Buffs! We appreciate Rising Star First Baptist Church for the delicious cookies and Christmas cards. Good job Lady Cats on your victory against Albany and the boys basketball victory over Bryson. Go Wildcats! The Holidays are a good time to make people forget the past with a present.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Vanda,

Your article on Prof. was great! Thanks a lot for the story. Cross Plains is such a neat small town, due in part to the school system and teachers like O.B. Edmondson, Pop Lusk, A.J. McCuin (Superintendent), Billie Ruth Loving and too many others to name. People who live in the Cross Plains community are a special lot.

Sincerely,
Jack Lacy

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DECEMBER 13-17

MONDAY - Taco Bowl Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Mexican Corn, Rosie Applesauce, Milk
TUESDAY - Barbeque Chicken, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Peach Cobbler, Bread, Milk
WEDNESDAY - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Blend, Cheesecake, Bread, Milk
THURSDAY - Teriyaki Chicken, Stir Fry Vegies, Steamed Rice, Apricots, Bread, Milk
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featuring better health choices, followed by beginners exercise classes or walking to improve your physical activity level. Your personal needs will be evaluated and a plan of action determined. Join now by calling (254) 725-6136! Psalms 34:7 "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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It is only two weeks and two days away from Christmas Day. The significance of this day varies between people. Many of us get pretty dismayed at the commercialization of the holiday; many businesses depend upon sales from items to be given as Christmas gifts to keep their doors open during the rest of the year. Some of us consider it a great time for families to get together, others use it as a means of celebrating the birth of Christ. Besides the fact that Christ more likely was born in the springtime rather than winter, I remember a statement of a Bible commentator (I think it was G. Campbell Morgan): "Let us not become so enamored by Christ's birth that we forget His cross." Regardless of what the significance of Christmas is to you, I encourage us all to not forget Jesus' cross experience — at this time or any time of any year! And remember that the focus of it was upon giving, not receiving" (Acts 20:35b) — and remember it ourselves... I/we encourage you to share with us in all the times of Bible study and worship as we meet together, as we hear and learn from God through His word. We really do care about you...

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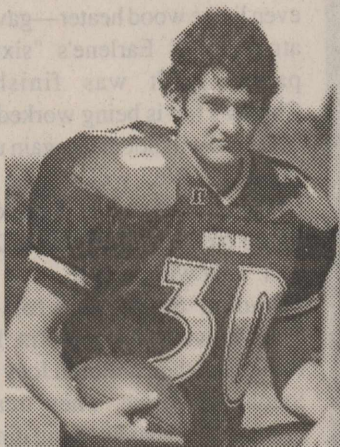
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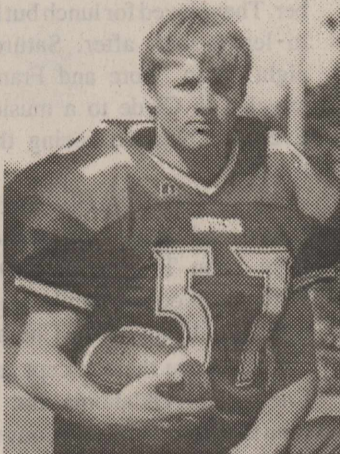
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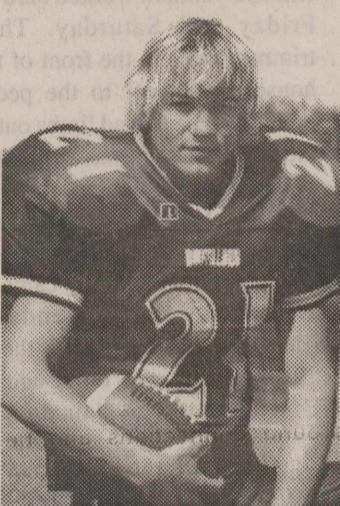
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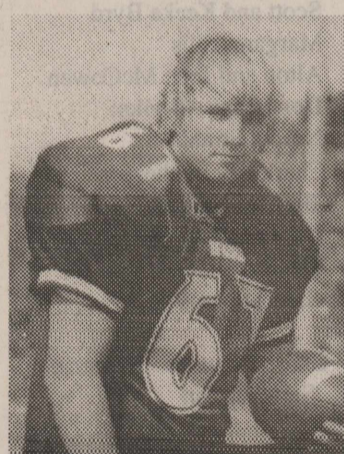
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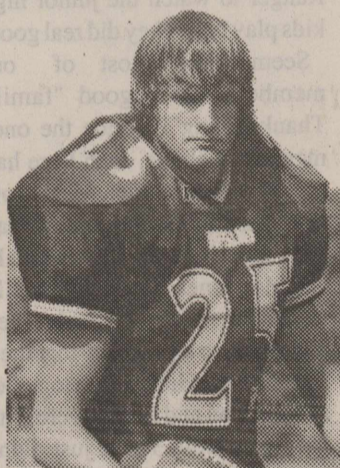
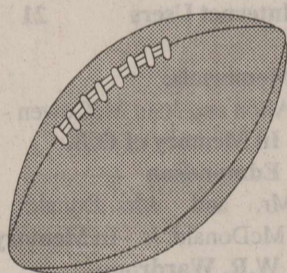
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OFFENSE

DEFENSE



AARON PHILLIPS, JR.
1st Team - LB



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Lady Buff Varsity Claims Second Place at Rising Star Tournament

The Cross Plains Lady Buffs took second place in the Rising Star tournament last week. They defeated Rising Star in the first game 40 to 33 with some solid defense and spurts of good offensive play. Good three point shooting gave the Lady Buffs the early advantage and they held on to win despite not playing well in the fourth quarter.

They, next, defeated Lometa 49 to 33 behind seven made three pointers. This was probably the best the girls had played in two weeks and it was needed as Lometa was tough and ended up winning third place in the tournament.

In the finals, Cross Plains was defeated 45 to 35 by a scrappy and quick Baird team. The Cross Plains girls did not play poorly but did not play well enough to win against a good team. Poor free throw shooting and an inability to create good shots continues to plague the girls.

The girls will travel to San Saba and host the Cross Plains tournament this week.

Congratulations to Nicole Clark, Karen Scott, Mykea Douglass, Kelsee Richards, Stephanie Edington, Jesse Norris, Christina Brown, and Dayna Bennett for taking second place.

Submitted by
Coach Gill

Lady Buff Junior High Basketball Report Told

The Lady Buff A Team improved to 3 and 1 in district with a 27 to 16 win at Gorman. It was a very physical game as both teams got on the floor for the ball and really wanted to win.

Gorman was a pretty good team but our girls showed their determination fighting through injuries and playing hard for four quarters.

The B Team also did well. They won by a score of 14 to 8. That was an exciting win as the girls have been working hard to improve.

The Lady Buff A Team was lead by Emma Bennett, Emily Harris, Krista Phillips, Terrah Augustine, Christine Shipman, Ashleigh Gallaway, and Mandy Rose.

The B Team was led by Emily Foster, Tiffany Holland, Tara Brown, Sierra Odom, Melissa Black, Amanda Dunaway, and Kayla Lawrence.

Submitted by
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SCHOOL MENU

DECEMBER 13-17

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Eggs, Biscuit, Grapefruit Sections, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY - French Toast, Sausage, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Muffin, Yogurt, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Cheese Toast, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Jello w/Fruit
TUESDAY - Ham Slices, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli, Rolls, Honey
WEDNESDAY- Fiesta Salad (Chili Beans, Corn Chips), Rice, Salad, Cheese, Oranges
THURSDAY- BBQ Franks, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread Stick, Peaches
FRIDAY- Sandwich, Chips, Salad, Pickles, Cookie

DECEMBER 2004 PTO CALENDER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9TH:

UIL Contest

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH:

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH:

PTO/Children's Program 6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH:

Written Assignment Due In Mrs. Purvis Class
4th, 5th & 6th Grade Hendricks Program

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH:

Band Store

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH:

Christmas Parties

DECEMBER 19TH - JANUARY 3

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

JANUARY 4TH: Back To School

JANUARY 4TH: Read To Succeed Starts

Area Students Honored by Who's Who of American Junior Colleges Recognized

The 2005 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges will include the names of 60 students from Texas State Technical College West Texas who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students from more than 1,000 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Students from this area include: **Bethany Parker - Cross Plains** and **Adam Lowther-Rising Star.**

Texas State Technical College West Texas is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools with locations in Abilene, Breckenridge, Brownwood and Sweetwater, is part of the statewide technical college system of Texas. The College offers more than 25 technical education programs.

For more information, please contact Texas State Technical College West Texas at 1-800-592-8784 or www.tstc.edu.

Christmas Lane open at Abilene State School

For the 14th year it's "Christmas Lane" time at Abilene State School on Maple Street! A record number of 75 displayers including various merchants, civic organizations and companies of Abilene and the area promise to make "Christmas Lane 2004" a more exciting experience for the public.

Lighted exhibits of the Lane will be open for drive-thru on Tuesday, December 7th at 6 p.m. and will be open until 10 p.m. each evening thereafter through Christmas Eve. As always, this is a free event coordinated by the Volunteer Services Council for Abilene State School to thank the folks of the Big Country for their continued interest and support for the residents at the School. There is a stop along the way with plenty of lighted parking, so that participants can go indoors to view "Quanna's Winter Wonderland", which features automated dolls from Thornton's Department Store of time past.

Last year, new displays of animated penguins and reindeer were added. This year there will be a special exhibit sponsored by the Abilene Society of Model Railroaders which will be of great interest to electric train enthusiasts of all ages. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be available at the stop.

Santa Claus will be back for photos on opening evening and on Friday, Saturday, Sunday evenings for a small fee. Other evenings children may call Santa on the telephone at no charge. CitiLink Christmas Tours may be contacted for schedules of inclusion of "Christmas Lane."

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Weight-loss carries long-lasting benefits

By Patti Patterson, M.D.
It is clear America has an obesity problem. More than two out of every three Americans are overweight, and one in every three is considered obese. This is a widespread and common health issue.

However, it is also obvious that many people would like to lose weight as easily as they put it on. "If only there was a pill or a magic lotion to help me lose it," we wish. The fact of the matter is you will only lose weight if you burn more calories than you take in and this can take perseverance and commitment. There is a small component of obesity associated with genetic structure; however, most people gain weight because they eat more calories than they burn, and the only way to take it off is to reverse that - burn more calories than you eat.

Studies have proven repeatedly, that even if you are significantly overweight or obese, losing as little as 5 percent to 10 percent of your weight can have significant benefits for your overall health. Losing weight can help reduce high blood pressure, control glucose levels, lower cholesterol levels and reduce the risk of heart disease.

Losing weight also can help lessen the pain you may have from arthritis-related joint problems in your ankles, knees and hips, and it can help you sleep better at night. Losing weight can give a wonderful boost to your self-esteem and your mental health and will give you more energy to be with your family and your friends. The more you lose weight, the more you want to lose. Success begets success for many people.

With all of the emphasis placed on losing weight and effective weight management, how do you determine the right goals for you? One of the first steps is to critically evaluate the advertisements that promise you weight loss without trying. If a company is promising weight loss without adjusting caloric

intake and without exercising, it is probably too good to be true. It might not even be safe, so use your judgment and ask your health care provider for guidance. He or she would be more than happy to give you some helpful tips to guide you on your way to a healthier happier you.

Long-term weight loss, losing the weight and keeping it off, is based on a person making many small life-style changes that all add up to a healthier way of living. For example, it means that if you go to a fast food restaurant, you order the small meal, not the supersized one. It means that even if you don't feel like it, you go for your daily 30 minute walk, and it means that you make the effort to bring healthy snacks to work so you don't raid the vending machine at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

People tend to lose weight, and keep it off, if they add these changes gradually to their lives. It can be difficult and overwhelming to try to add a lot of new health habits all at once, especially if your life-style wasn't that healthy to begin with. Taking baby steps, becoming comfortable with them, and then adding more is usually the best way to succeed at this. It also is helpful if you can partner with someone who can support you, such as a family member, a friend or someone at work or church.

How much you weigh is an important part of your overall health in so many different ways. If you know you're overweight, promise yourself to make one small change today to help you become healthier. It could be something as simple as drinking water rather than a soft drink with your lunch.

Take a step in the right direction and help yourself be as healthy as you can be. Big changes come from small steps.

Patti J. Patterson, M.D., is the vice president of Rural and Community Health at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She grew up in Hale Center, Texas.

Dusty Anderson graduates basic combat training

Army National Guard Spec. Dusty B. Anderson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and un-

armed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Anderson is the daughter of Andy Anderson of Highway 206, Cross Plains, Texas.

She graduated in 1999 from Cross Plains High School, and received a bachelor's degree in 2004 from Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas.

Holiday Electrical Safety Tips

To help keep your home and family safe this holiday season, WTU Retail Energy offers the following tips for properly preparing and using electrical decorations both inside and outdoors.

Home

- Install smoke detectors, or if you already have them, install new batteries and test them.
- Install at least one carbon monoxide detector in your home.
- Have an operable fire extinguisher readily available.
- Carefully inspect each electrical decoration. Cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.

Follow the use and care instructions included with your electrical decorations.

- Do not climb ladders, work in high places or put up electrical decorations when you are alone. Avoid injury by decorating with friends or family.

Christmas Tree

- Keep tree away from floor heaters, fireplaces, or other heat sources and make sure it does not block any exits.
- Never use candles as tree ornaments, even on artificial trees.
- Do not use electrical ornaments or light strings on artificial trees with metallic leaves or branch coverings. This could create an electrical shock.
- Use miniature lights, which have cool-burning bulbs.

Lights

- Use only UL-listed lights, and no more than three strands linked together.
- Examine your old light strings each year, discarding worn ones.

• Review the original package for light strings to verify proper wattage and voltage.

• Use a power strip to avoid overloading wall outlets and extension cords to protect your decorations from electrical surges.

• Fasten the bulbs securely and point the sockets down to avoid moisture build up.

• Unplug light strings before replacing bulbs.

• Turn off the Christmas lights and all other electrical decorations when you sleep and when you leave your home. Consider using a timer to automatically turn on and off your electrical decorations according to your schedule.

Outdoor Decorating

- Before using any light strings, animated display or other electrical decorations outdoors, make sure the product is approved by a nationally recognized certification organization and marked "for outdoor use."
- Never use indoor extension cords outside.
- Keep outdoor electrical connectors above ground and out of puddles.
- Make sure trees decorated with lights are not touching power lines.
- When connecting light strands, wrap a plastic bag around connections and tie ends with teflon tape.
- Do not staple or nail through light strings or electrical/extension cords. You could damage the wire or insulation, which could lead to electrical shock or fire.
- Do not decorate after dark when it is difficult to see electrical cords and easier to pierce one while hanging light strands.

Dept. of Agriculture CEU seminar set in Abilene Dec. 15

Wednesday, December 15, 2004, Taylor County Extension will present a CEU seminar at the Taylor County Extension office, located on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene, beginning at 8:00 AM. 5 CEUs will be given by Texas Department of Agriculture.

Pre-registration is required. Registrations received by Friday December 10 will be \$15.00. After that date and at the door, the cost will be \$25.00. The fee includes a break and lunch. To register, make check payable

to: Ag Demo Account and mail to Taylor County Extension, 1982 Lytle Way, Abilene, TX 79602. For additional information, contact the Taylor County Extension office at (325) 672-6048.

Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aid or accommodation are asked to contact the Taylor County Extension office one week in advance of the program. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Texas Golf Pass makes a great holiday gift

The holidays are approaching and that means endless hours on your aching feet shopping for those you love. Let the American Cancer Society relieve your foot pain, save you time and avoid all the holiday shopping crowds. No longer will you have to worry about trying to find something for that special person who has everything this gift-giving season.

Over 280 Texas golf courses have teamed up with the American Cancer Society's 2005 Texas Golf Pass to help raise money to fight cancer in Texas. And, it's just in time for the holidays.

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Thanks to the great support of so many Texas golf courses, golfers now have another way to participate in the fight against cancer; while enjoying the game they love. It also makes it possible to enjoy many different courses throughout the state when traveling for business or for fun. The Pass expires December 31, 2005.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Continuing Tribute To Early Country Women

Home Preserving

When produce "came in" or ripened, our woman canned, which meant a day with her stove. Her jars had probably been stored in the barn or under the house or in a cellar. This meant that before the canning process was even started the jars had to be washed and sterilized, which meant lots of boiling water, —yep—heated on the friendly stove.

There were no refrigerators, so our lady canned when produce was ready, whether she felt like doing it or not. If it was "in" it was "put up," or otherwise preserved. This required spending long hours over a hot stove, mostly in the summer which made it even hotter. With no air conditioning the kitchen was already warm, and boiling large pots of what-ever was being canned made this a difficult and grueling task for our country woman. The canning tasks usually took a larger part of the day and it seemed that as soon as one item was canned, another became ready and she would begin again.

Monday-Wash Day

All year long there was the weekly laundry. Though this was done outside, it was such a hard task that it didn't help much. It still involved lots of water and the friendly stove. A huge vat of boiling water was suspended over a fire. Three big tubs of water sat on a nearby bench for rinsing.

First, our lady would pre-treat her clothes. This meant soaping the stains and scrubbing the garment on a rub-board before she dropped it into the big black pot of boiling water into which home-made lye soap had been shaved. She punched the clothes

occasionally with a broomstick to aid the process. When she thought it was ready, she picked up the garment and let the dirty water run back into the pot. Then they went into a rinse water. One of the rinse tubs contained bluing. I remember my mother using the bluing. I think it was supposed to brighten the colors and make the white whiter.

There were usually four loads of laundry, whites, sheets, colored clothes and miscellaneous. When all was finished the clothes were hung on a clothes line. Which was a necessity. Now few of the newer houses have clothes lines.

Tuesday-Ironing Day

Ironing was probably harder on our woman than washing. NO permanent press. The irons were called "sad irons, probably she was sad after she used them." The irons were heated on the friendly stove, of course, The newer modern ones had a wooden handle which attached and transferred to another iron when the old one got cold. The old kind were all one piece and called "irons" because they were made of iron. They had to be held with a pot holder and burns to the hands often resulted. (I think I would want to frame a garment instead of wearing it).

Thank You, Early Women

I do not know how to wrap this up except to say that our ancestors were AWESOME! There were things they did that I have not even mentioned, but I am tired just from thinking of them. However, to them "tired" was not an excuse. She did it anyway and usually it involved water, the stove, and LOTS OF WORK.

Again this was from my musings and the "Anthology of Lone Star Literature" by Robt. A. Caro and sent to me by John Poole.

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Texas Leads Nation in fatal crashes with wildlife

Far more people have died in Texas motor vehicle collisions with animals than in any other state. Many of these fatalities could have been prevented if motorists had worn seatbelts or motorcyclists had worn helmets.

A new study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety on vehicle-animal crashes shows 60 percent of the people killed riding in vehicles weren't using safety belts and 65 percent of those killed riding on motorcycles weren't wearing helmets.

"The study shows that the initial impact with animals is not the direct cause of death in many of these mishaps," says Mark Hanna, a spokesman for the Insurance Council of Texas. "The study revealed that a third of these crashes involved a secondary collision with a fixed object or overturning, which caused the traffic fatality."

Texas recorded 161 fatalities in the 12-year study compared to the next most hazardous state, Pennsylvania, which had 85 fatalities during the same time period. The study also showed that the number of vehicle-animal collisions is rising. Hanna said this was a direct result of more traffic on Texas rural roads and the state's abundant wildlife.

The Institute's study showed motorcycles were involved in a third of the fatal collisions, even though other vehicles on the road outnumber motorcycles 40 to 1.

"Motorcyclists should think twice before venturing out on a highway, especially after dark, where deer are known to be prevalent," said Hanna. Deer were struck in 3 out of every 4 crashes in the study that examined vehicle-animal collisions involving a human fatality. The study closely examined crashes in nine states between 1992 and 2003.

More than 1 million deer-vehicle crashes occur each year in the United States resulting in more than \$1 billion in vehicle damage. Many animal-vehicle collisions are unavoidable, but recognizing the danger and being prepared can save lives.

- Crashes with deer occur most frequently in rural areas, on roads with 55 mph or higher speed limits and in darkness or at dusk or dawn.

- Motorists should slow down and be more alert in areas where deer are most likely to appear.

- Wearing a safety belt will lessen the impact of a collision with an animal and may allow you to maintain control of your vehicle after the crash.

- Do not attempt to steer into oncoming traffic or veer off the roadway to avoid colliding with an animal.

- If you collide with an animal, immediately turn on your flashers and move onto the shoulder to avoid oncoming traffic.

- Call 911 to report the mishap and contact your insurance agent or insurance company to repair your vehicle.

How should your home perform?

By Stephen Thomas
Executive Director Texas Residential Construction Commission

What size gap is permissible between a window screen frame and the window frame? How strong should the water pressure be in the shower? What if the master bedroom feels warmer than the living room - is that OK?

Right now the answer to these questions depends on who you ask. You might get two very different answers, depending on whether you built the home or whether you bought it.

Disputes between homeowner and home builder over who is responsible for fixing a perceived problem are sometimes difficult to resolve. Legal proceedings can be time-consuming and expensive for both parties, when most homeowners really only want their home fixed.

Now the Texas Residential Construction Commission—a state agency overseeing the home building industry—is proposing standards to erase the uncertainty about how a house should perform after it is built. The commission has issued proposed rules that detail how the separate components that make up a newly built home should perform while under warranty.

The standards—that will affect new home construction—are now under review and available for public comment. Final adoption of the rules is planned for the end of 2004.

Home builders and most remodelers will have to adhere to these standards, which will give homeowners certainty about what they can expect from their new home or major renovation.

These standards also are important because they will be applied by the Texas Residential Construction Commission when it considers disputes between the two parties under the new state-sponsored inspection and dispute resolution process.

This process, overseen by the Commission, must be undertaken before either party in a dispute can proceed with further legal action. The process is designed to be a more efficient, less costly alternative to a court proceeding.

The proposed building and performance standards are a result of months of research, public hearings held around the state and input from builders, remodelers, associations, governments, industry experts and, most importantly, from consumers. Texas A&M University's Construction Science Department assisted the agency in the development and review of the proposed standards.

Now the Texas Residential Construction Commission is taking comments on the proposed set of standards. I encourage you to visit the Commission's Web site at www.trcc.state.tx.us or call us, toll free, at (877) 651-TRCC for a draft of the proposed rules. Information on how to submit comments is detailed on the web site. All input must be received by Nov. 22.

The Commission wants to make sure it adopts effective, meaningful and well-reasoned standards. We want homeowners to be confident that they have made a solid investment in their home, and we want to help builders and remodelers assure—and improve—the quality of their product.

A reliable, well-built home should be the goal of all involved in the home building and home buying process, and the Texas Residential Construction Commission is in place to help.

Callahan County to host 3 Hour CEU "Night Course" December 16


Many producers that have a pesticide license have a hard time attending daytime educational programs that offer CEU's (Continuing Education Unit) for re-certification of their license. Therefore, a special three (3) Hour pesticide re-certification night course for Texas Department of Agriculture applicator license holders is set for December 16 in the Callahan County Extension Office located on the 2nd floor of the County Courthouse. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the program starts at 6:00 p.m. Texas Department of Agriculture has approved the program for 1 Hour in Laws and Regulations, 1 Hour in Integrated Pest Management, and 1 Hour of General. These hours will apply

to Commercial, non-commercial and private applicators' license holders.

The program will begin with Laws and Regulations presentation followed by Integrated Pest Management presentation discussing alternative approaches available when using pesticides. The night course will conclude after a 1 hour general presentation at 9:00 p.m. CEU certificates will be awarded at the conclusion of the program.

Cost for the training is \$5.00 for those that pre-register by December 14. To pre-register or for more information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-1518.

Sincerely, Robert Ritz
County Extension Agent



IT'S A GIRL!

Shye Anne Havelka
Freddie and Suzanne (Cowan) Havelka of Bandera, Texas are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter Shye Anne Havelka.
Shye was born on November 1, 2004. She weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long.
Maternal grandparents are Johnny and Marlene (Stansbury) Cowan of Corpus Christi, Texas.
Paternal grandparents are Fred and Irene Havelka of Taft, Texas.


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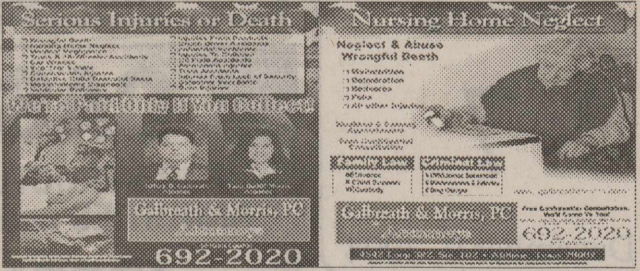
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