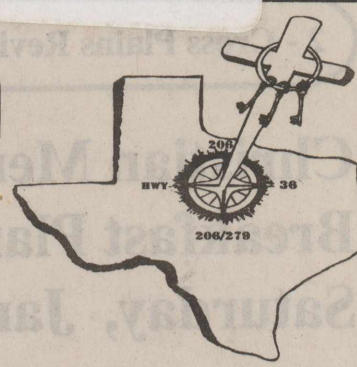


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DOWN HOME

"Some Secrets for a Good Life"

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Last Friday, Clara McInnis made her annual trip by the Review office to renew her paper. I always look forward to visiting with this fine lady.

A member of the Cottonwood community, Clara is 91 years young and looks terrific! I couldn't resist asking her secret for staying vibrant.

She looked at me and paused, then stated, "I'll give God the credit. I thank Him every morning and night for everything." What a wonderful response! Isn't faith in the Lord refreshing????

Clara told me how she worked in the fields when she was young and helped her husband farm, etc. Lots of people who are 80-90 years old have similar stories. The hard work of earlier days, with less conveniences, has contributed to their endurance, in my opinion.

Clara loves to go places and have fun. She attends church at Cottonwood Baptist. She misses working in her garden and sharing its yield. She remarked, "When spring comes I really need to get my hands in the dirt, but I have let my garden go for several years now." I could see the regret, but she wasn't going to let it get her down. Isn't that the kind of attitude we all need to acquire?

While visiting with Clara, I recognized that she practiced edifying others, and that is so important in keeping everyone built up and positive.

I was telling her about my little grandsons who live with me and she stated that two granddaughters lived with her when she was about 60 years old. It just happened they were the same ages as my little ones.

I truly believe that God sends people to you when you need encouragement and I needed all the words of wisdom Clara provided. It is so neat when you realize that He will provide what you need, if you believe and expect.

Later that day, Mary Ella Weaver was in the office and I said something about Clara and how much I admired her. Mary Ella told me how Clara enjoyed cooking and lovingly shared meals with her neighbors. Mary Ella stated, "Clara is the most generous person."

I feel like we could all benefit from some life lessons that Clara has experienced. The anointing of the Lord is always obvious on individuals and she is absolutely glowing.

I don't know about you, but I would like to have those attributes. Now it's time to get to work acquiring them!!!!!!

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Teams!!**

Gutenberg Press to be on Display at Two Places Locally January 14-15

A full size replica of the original Gutenberg press will be on display Friday, January 14, and Saturday, January 15, in Cross Plains.

Mr. Rusty Maisel, the exhibit curator, will be demonstrating the press and printing copies of the Declaration of Independence on Friday, January 14th, at the Cross Plains High School Library.

On Saturday, January 15, Rusty will be set up at First Baptist Church Family Life Center. He will answer questions and will give presentations on the Gutenberg press and about documents on display at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. To view such an exceptional collection from Bible history, so close to home, may be a 'once in a lifetime' experience. Everyone is welcome to attend.

"Seeing the basic story of how we got the Bible laid out and explained as a simple narrative," said exhibit curator, F.J. (Rusty) Maisel, "has helped many people, even scholars, to gain a better understanding of the book they have been reading for years. They say what they've learned, also, helps them respond when friends ask about the Scriptures."

A recognized authority on the authentication of rare Bibles, Maisel says for most of his life he has had questions about "The

Book". His search for answers has led to over twenty-five years of studying and collecting original documents throughout America, Europe and Israel. He states, "The Bible, itself, tells us that God will preserve His Word. To say I believe that is still an expression of faith. But the years I've experienced investigating that subject have only strengthened my belief in the validity of the Scriptural texts."

An original, first printing of the King James Bible will be featured as part of a museum exhibit showing the history of the Bible. Called "The Great He Bible", it is a true first edition of the best-selling book of all time. Numerous other ancient and rare authentic biblical artifacts will be shown in the exhibit entitled, "The Enduring Word" (Bible Museum). An actual page from the first book printed with movable type, the 1450 Gutenberg Bible, will be on view. Manuscripts in Hebrew, Greek, Ethiopian and Latin, including early Christian papyrus (A.D. 250-450) and a complete Jewish Torah will be available for examination.

Everyone is invited to attend the presentation at First Baptist Church on Saturday, January 15th at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. (There is no charge to attend.)

Pee Wee Basketball Registration Meeting

Pee Wee Basketball Registration will be held Wednesday, January 19, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains High School Gym foyer.

Grades 3rd-6th are eligible for

this program that prepares athletes for junior high and high school basketball.

Registration forms will be passed out at school on Monday, January 17th. Please bring them and your registration fees.

Cross Plains High School FFA Delivers Fruit to the Homeless

The week before Christmas break Markus Maxwell, Brice Bowden, J.J. Callaway, Kyle Cunningham and Mr. Richey of the Cross Plains High School FFA delivered enough apples and oranges to feed 2000 homeless at the Mission in Fort Worth, Texas.

These young men received a tour of the Food Bank, Clothing Bank and Infant Formula Program. The director of the Mission educated them on how someone becomes homeless and what it is like to live on the streets.

Loading, unloading and delivering the fruit as well as visiting the Mission was an educational experience. One of the most interesting things they learned was that the Mission serves as many sack lunches per week as the total population of Cross Plains. The Mission wishes



DELIVERING FRUIT TO THE HOMELESS — Markus Maxwell (from left), Brice Bowden, J.J. Callaway, Kyle Cunningham and Mr. Richey.

to thank Mr. Richey for going the "extra mile" to make it possible for this fruit to be delivered to the homeless.

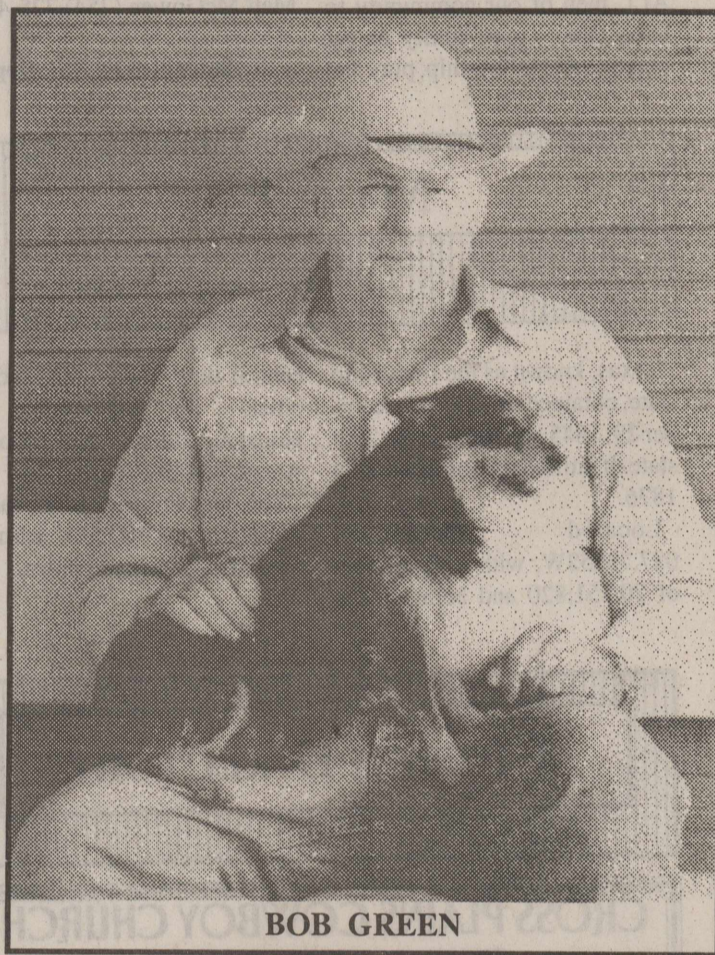
Meet the Author of Okinawa Odyssey on January 18th

The Friends of the Cross Plains Library invite everyone to meet author Bob Green on Tuesday, January 18, at 7:00 PM. at the Cross Plains Community Center. With the 60th anniversary of the battle for Okinawa coming this April, now is a great time for remembering that horrendous campaign as recounted by Mr. Green, then a 20-year-old Second Lieutenant of the 763rd Tank Battalion attached to the 96th Infantry Division.

The invasion, launched on April Fool's Day/Easter Sunday, 1945, began the last major battle of World War II, fought as the war in Europe ended and President Roosevelt died. Three months later, the Okinawa arena was declared secure, a sobering sacrifice by the 1st, 2nd, and 6th Marine Divisions and the 96th, 7th, 77th, and 27th Army Divisions under the command of General Simon Bolivar Buckner, and by the Pacific Fleet commanded by Admiral "Bull" Halsey.

Recipient of the Silver Star and two Bronze Stars for his service in the Pacific Theatre of Operation, Lt. Green saw action in the invasions of both Leyte and Okinawa. Okinawa Odyssey (Bright Sky Press), his personal accounting of the war, makes one feel as if it happened yesterday. Through Green's gentle, but wry sense of humor, the stark realities of war are offset by the naiveté of the young Texas cowboy.

A noted Texas historian and entertaining story teller, Mr.



BOB GREEN

Green was born and raised on the Green Ranch, northwest of Breckenridge, Texas, where his pioneer father first settled in 1881. He and his wife still live on the Green Ranch, where they raised three children and now enjoy their six grandchildren. Mr. Green serves on the Board of Overseers of the Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, and for twenty-seven years, was the male narrator for Albany's Fort Griffin Fandangle. Be sure to join us on Tuesday,

January 18, 7:00 PM, at the Community Center in Cross Plains. There is no charge to attend, and light refreshments will be served after Mr. Green speaks. Copies of Okinawa Odyssey will be available for purchase, and after Mr. Green will be happy to sign them and visit with you.

You may call the Cross Plains Public Library at 254-725-7722 for more information, or directions to the Community Center.

Submitted by, Ginny Hoskins

Help Make a Soldier's Day

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Ruby Cassle, of Cross Plains, called me this week and asked if we could appeal to the public to collect some items for the soldiers in Iraq. She is currently writing to five soldiers and they

have been touched by her efforts to send them not only letters, but books, etc. Of course they share the books, etc. with fellow service men/women, so everything is well circulated.

Ruby felt that others might like to help send some paperback books, cards, or hand games to these heroic individuals who are defending our country during these perilous times.

She remarked that in their letters they indicate they are completely dedicated to their duties. They also desire the support of their fellow countrymen. The soldiers also wonder why the media had not covered all the wonderful projects they have accomplished in Iraq.

One young man noted that he knew the Lord was with him and that he felt closer to Him, as he was near the place Jesus was born and raised. His personal testimony was very touching to Ruby.

If you would like to donate western or spiritual paperback books, card games or hand games, please bring them by the Cross Plains Review.

If you would like to help with the cost of postage to send the items, or if you would like to write a soldier, please contact Ruby Cassle at (254) 725-7776.

Let's all continue to support our soldiers and keep them in our prayers as they sacrifice their lives for our freedom. Remember the saying: Freedom is not Free!

Garden Club Meeting this Friday, January 14th

The Cross Plains Garden Club will meet Friday, January 14, at the home of Mary Ella Weaver in the Cottonwood community at 1:00 p.m.

Flora and Fauna video presentations will be featured.

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Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast Planned for Saturday, January 15th

The Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be held at the Believers Fellowship Church, which is approximately 1 mile east of Cross Plains, on the south side of Highway 36. As always, weather permitting, the breakfast will be outside, "Cowboy Style" at 8 a.m. If the weather is too bad, we will just take it indoors.

The Breakfast is held every other Saturday, so if you miss one, you can plan ahead for the next one.

The Fellowship Breakfast is for ALL men of our community to have the opportunity to get together and fellowship, pray and

share with other Christian men, regardless of what church you attend.

Wouldn't you like to know what Great things could happen in our community if all our Christian men gathered together in one place, and prayed and fellowshiped together?

Proverbs 5:21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings.

For more information, contact H.D. Hopkins (254) 725-6355 or Matt McGowen (254) 725-4599.

Submitted by H.D. Hopkins

MA & PA

By JAMES NICHOLS

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Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

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OBITUARY

Ollie Mae Burns

Ollie Mae Burns, 92, died January 5, 2005 in Carrollton, Texas.

Services were held Saturday, January 8, 2005, at 11 a.m. at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Ted Kell of Brownwood officiating.

Ollie was born July 13, 1912. She married Ozzie Burns on January 31, 1931 in Sipe Springs, Texas. The couple was married for 64 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ozzie; her parents, John and Tennie Clark; two sisters, Ellie Elliott and Jessie Swift; two brothers, Alton Clark and Skeet Clark.

Survivors include two daughters, LaQuita Lucas of Rising Star and Peggy Wilson of Carrollton; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Veterans Benefits and Health Care Seminar

Attention all veterans and their family members:

You are invited to this valuable, informative event—Veterans Benefits and Health Care Seminar on Saturday, January 22, at 10 a.m. at the American Legion Post 196, 2710 Crockett Drive, Brownwood.

Helpful personal assistance with questions and claims will be given by experts from the Waco VA Regional Office; Central Texas Veterans Health Care System; Texas Veterans Land Board; and veterans service organizations.

Veterans who would like to receive a detailed analysis of their claims should contact Billy Murphey, Brown County Veterans Service Officer or James Masters, Brown County Assistant Veterans Service Officer at (325) 646-0335 by January 18, 2005, to arrange for an interview.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Nuts and Bolts of Barb's Cues

I thought you might like to know some of the "behind the scenes facts" of how Barb's Cues gets done. I have written as long as I can remember and have had a few little publications but never the big time. I would be terribly upset over this except that one of my "she" roes Barbara Winters has written two marvelous books and they were rejected too.

When I moved back to Clyde and found out that Barbara's column was empty, I applied, and began writing Barb's Cues. My goal is for there to be something to learn about, something to laugh about, and some inspiration to grow with.

I do not personally compose everything that goes in the column. You would miss out on too many good ideas if I did that, so I gather information for you. I am constantly on the lookout for material to use. That is why I am always asking people to share interesting information with me.

Without a computer, I would not think of doing the column. You should see my typing before it gets corrected. My fingers shake and the computer is very sensitive. If I tarry a bit too long the word tarry looks like "taaaaaary." My spell checker is a valuable tool and catches many mistakes.

I will need about six columns ahead unless some of you want to do the column while I am away. There is not a time nailed down yet for the DBS, (brain pacemaker) but since the California thing is indefinitely "on hold" and my problems are pro-

gressing, something is going to need to be done. I am thinking maybe April or May. If you would like to send a sample column I would be glad to consider it.

One person who is very much a part of the column is my mentor and advisor, Dr. Lloyd Huff. He formerly was a Professor of English at McMurry and also Hardin Simmons University. Dr. Huff's always willing to proof-read Barb's Cues, which is helpful because proofing ones own work is difficult.

Among my sources of encouragement are the many of you who have called or written notes and otherwise brightened my day with your kind comments.

My husband is one of my best supporters, regardless of what I am doing. He is a valuable critic and helps with errands, like purchasing supplies and getting the column to the Clyde Journal by the deadline, which is Tuesday noon.

The part I hesitate to describe is "where" Barb's Cues is done. I have a small office in my home. It is wall to wall—well just saying wall-to-wall pretty well describes the room. There is a ceiling to floor bookcase with a cut out in the middle for my computer table. Filling every nook and cranny are file cabinets, an entertainment center, and a desk. Stacks of supplies are "around and upon." There is room for me, and Barb's Cues does somehow get done.

You, my wonderful readers, are the most important part of the column. Without you, there would not be a reason for Barb's Cues. I appreciate and value each and every one of you. BHW

Angels Have Wings

All Medicare recipients should now be aware that if they suffer from conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory disorders, and have difficulty walking or propelling a

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

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Misdemeanor Filings

Jake A. Freiman, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Justin B. Key, DWI.

Robert C. Jones, Ct. I - DWI, Ct. II - deadly conduct.

Ester Trevino, driving while license invalid (DWLI).

Grant L. Burgess, failure to identify.

Anthony J. Lovato, DWI.

Cedric W. Kirk, possession of marijuana.

Ricky D. Beasley, DWI.

John W. Peters, DWI.

Astra D. Smittle, possession of a controlled substance, class A.

Sandy Goodman, theft by check.

Shaun Ross, theft by check.

Kenneth W. Shults, theft by check.

Larry L. Turner, theft by check.

Randle R. Nichols, unlawful carrying a weapon, class A.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Rodney Smith, motion to revoke probation granted.

GARDEN TIPS

By James Nichols

Remember this is the time of year to prune your trees. Cut all limbs off that knock your hat off or hit you in the head when you walk under it.

If any limbs are rubbing your roof this would a good time to cut them back, too. They will eventually rub a hole in your roof. Cut back as far as you can reach with a lopper.

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RISING STAR NURSING CENTER

By LINDA MERRITT



GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

Lewis Fortune (from left), Dad Bludworth, Jenny Newcom and Danny Johnson

We would like to share a couple of pictures that were taken at our New Years Eve party. These are the band members who provided the wonderful music for us, Lewis Fortune, Dad Bludworth, Jenny Newcom and Danny Johnson. Our special guest and good friend of Zeld Milam, Lois Garrett who we were all proud to see came to our party.

This is a sad week for us all. Mary Moore who has been with us and who we have grown to love will be returning to her home. She had been here recuperating and with the help of 24 hour nursing care and physical therapy was able to return to the life she had. We will miss her dearly but wish her the very best.

Thoughts and prayers for Alma



GOOD FRIENDS

Zeld Milam (left) and Lois Garrett (right)

Mitchell who is in the hospital.

The residents will be having the birthday party Friday the 14th at 2:00 p.m. Those with birthdays are: Albert Starkey and Ruby Murdoch. All family and

friends are welcome to attend.

Employees with birthdays are: Jessica Childers and Don Pawlowski.

Peace is not a Season — It is a way of Life.

LIBRARY NOTES

Check It Out!

Behind the Books

Our library just has so many interesting nooks and crannies. One of my favorites in our TEXAS ROOM.

It's chock full of books about Texas written by Texans and is like a little library all by itself. One would expect to find books about cowboys, Cowboys, oil, Oilers and Robert E. Howard—but that's just the tip of the info iceberg in there.

People drop by to research their family history, to learn more about outstanding Texans and to read books written by folks in our own Callahan County.

Have you visited "TEXAS" recently?

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3

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

According to Apple Orchard Annie: Does anyone out there like fried green apples? Stop by my Granny Smith apple tree and I will give you all the apples you want. But, watch out for the worms!

Nothing to Fear—But Fear Itself!

I've been many places during my lifetime and have lived to tell about them; but there has been times I've wondered whether I'd live over it or not.

Such was the time I was in jail at Baird. I was very small and we lived in Cross Plains. My mother's friend, Loma Atwood (Vanda's late grandmother), had a relative who was sheriff at Baird. His name was Joe Pierce and his wife's name was Addie Pierce.

Anyway, we were visiting my aunt, Mrs. Ballard, and my grandmother, Mary Dennis, in Baird, when she wanted to go visit Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, who lived on the floor below the jail. After awhile the subject came up that my sister Ann and I had never see the inside of the jail before.

Well, Joe Pierce gallantly offered to take us up to the next floor so we could see the interior of the jail cells. I remember I was so scared walking up those stairs that I was shaking and my legs were trembling so badly I could hardly put one foot in front of the other. I guess I thought all outlaws were like Billy the Kid, Poncho Villa, Sam Bass, Doc Holiday and Jessie James, all rolled up together, and that the Callahan County version was up there and locked in jail cells.

Things soon evened out and I cooled down, once I got up there and found...no one locked up...up there at all. Not one single prisoner that day.

Sometimes lots of us allow fear to take over and we become so fearful that what we fear gets all out of proportion. Then we are really in a fix, unable to cope or to make responsible choices, or decisions. Of course, as I grew up, grew older, etc., I had to face many more frightening circumstances that this little childhood tour of the county jail. However, I was really scared. I guess I was about four years old the best I can remember.

When one of my daughters was 16 she worked nights at a doughnut shop in Lubbock. Most

of the time there was only one employee there, since cooks made all the doughnuts in the daytime. There had been a lot of robberies up and down 34th Street, usually at fast food places, where only on or possible two persons were working.

I had been having my two sons drive by and check on our daughter from time to time. I had heard of the robberies and it was December. There seems to be an increase in robberies in December.

One night my daughter was held up at knife point. She gave him the money and was so nervous she even asked if he would like it in a bag. "Just give me the money," he said.

She wasn't hurt, thank goodness. After 15 minutes later one of our sons drove by and saw all the police cars, T.V. channel vehicles and cameras. He knew what had happened, so he just parked and went in and sat down at one of the tables and waited until they finished talked to my daughter and then he brought her home.

When they arrived home, there was our daughter on the TV screen being interviewed.

I had to take her downtown to look at mug shots and she pointed him out. Then I had to take her to another location later for a lineup. He was up there and she identified him. He was later convicted. He was taking the money to buy drugs. He had committed most of the 34th Street robberies.

It's no fun to be afraid. Lots of folks are fearful and afraid. You are not the only one. Just do the best you can and have faith in God.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JANUARY 17 - 21

MONDAY - Beef Vegy Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Pears, Ranger Cookie, Crackers, Milk
TUESDAY - BBQ Chicken, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Strawberry Gelatin, Bread, Milk
WEDNESDAY - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Blend, Cheesecake, Bread, Milk
THURSDAY - Chicken & Dumplings, Carrots, Peas, Brownie, Bread, Milk
FRIDAY - Chef Salad, Ham, Egg, Cheese, Baked Potato, Butterscotch Pudding, Crackers, Milk

CARD OF THANKS

The words "thank you" seem so inadequate at a time when so many of you have extended such extraordinary love, concern, compassion and understanding to a grieving family, especially during a busy Christmas holiday time and since. Our loss has been and still is being shared by so many family and friends and even some of you that we don't know very well. God bless you!

Your prayers and love have sustained us in these past days since Jeff left us and we ask your continued remembrance. Our strength to face the time ahead will come through your prayers and God's gracious mercy.

To those who waited with us until Jeff was found and to those who came and stayed with us in the hours afterwards, we say we love you and thank you. Even though we may not have thanked you personally at that time please know how much it meant to know you were there to share our anguish and pain.

The food that was brought to the home, the meal served by the ladies at Rising Star Church of Christ, the floral tributes, monetary gifts or any expression of your love means so much. Matt, your words of wisdom and inspiration will be held close to each of our hearts. God used you to comfort our hearts. Tim, Bob, Dee and Jerry — we thank each of you for the time you gave us which took you away from your families during this Christmas holiday.

A part of our life is no longer with us but the beautiful memories of this handsome young man will forever be in our hearts and lives.

We wish for each of you

Comfort on difficult days,
Smiles when sadness intrudes,
Rainbows to follow the clouds,
Laughter to kiss your lips,
Sunsets to warm your heart,
Gentle hugs when spirits sag,
Friendships to brighten your being,
Beauty for your eyes to see,
Confidence for when you doubt,
Faith so that you can believe,
Courage to know yourself,
Patience to accept the truth,
And love to complete your life.

The Family of Jeffrey Lynn Yates

Cottonwood News By Wallace Bennett

Going, Going Gone West Texas Rehab Auction Underway

The Cottonwood Quilt is already on the auction block and you can start the bidding NOW. Just jump on the internet and click on www.rehabauction.org, and under the category find "QUILTS" and then scroll down to "Winter Star". You will find a picture of the quilt submitted by the Cottonwood Quilting Club.

"Winter Star" is a beautiful 78" X 88" full size quilt, with burgundy and green stars on an ecru background, with a solid burgundy backing. Already bids have risen to \$110.00, so get on the internet and make a bid. Find some rich opponent and get into a "bidding war". The auction closes at midnight January 15, 2005.

And if you don't get this quilt, please drop by the Quilting Club some Thursday morning and make a donation respecting the Quilting Club's long-time support of the Southwest Rehab Center's effort to provide rehabilitation services for disabled people of the Big Country.

Browsing on the same website you will also find: yard and garden and landscape products, restaurant, food service items,

travel, jewelry, art, photography, office products; a whole list of items for sale at a price that will help the Rehabilitation Center serve their clients, your friends and neighbors.

Paper' Name Change Brings Back Memories

Dyess Air Force Base has changed the name of its newspaper from *Peacemaker* to *Global Warrior*. The name reflects the mission according to an article by Jason Sheehan published in the *Abilene Reporter-News* 3B, of its Saturday, January 8, 2005 issue.

Given that the current crop of bombers flying off of Dyess Air Base to do battle anywhere in the world, the mission has become more "global" in context. But, how many old bomber pilots out there remember the original B36 Bomber that earned the name "Peacemaker". They used to fly off Dyess AFB. At the time the Air Force was flying enough B36s to keep at least two aloft 24-7, to keep the peace, as the saying goes.

My old friend, Joe Tilley, a B36 pilot does remember. He was a B36 pilot and remembers every mission he ever flew from the air base at Spokane, Washington.

Joe said, "There was a picture of General Curtis Le May hanging

in the ready-room of the Air Base where B36 crewmen assembled before each mission. Underneath General Le May's photograph was a quotation. It read, "If you ever drop one of these bombs in anger, we will have failed our mission."

I don't know how many missions the old B36 ever flew, but I suppose they did keep the peace. I do remember the distinctive sound the B36 made when taking off from Carswell AFB in Ft. Worth. It was a popping sound like that of an old one-cylinder "Popping Johnny" engine that reverberated across the Cottonwood Valley when I was a kid.

Joe says that the distinctive sound came because a central shaft coordinated the firing of all six engines in succession, one by

one, and left to right, on each side of the fuselage.

Anyway, that name change in Dyess AFB brought back some old memories and prompted me to get in touch with an old friend that I respect very much.

(For personal or new 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.)

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In last week's comic strip, *Born Loser*, the boss tells Thornapple, "We need to talk about priorities." And Thornapple replies, "You mean I don't have my priorities straight, Chief?" And he answers, "No, I mean you don't my priorities straight!"

That may be the way it is with us, at times, most of the time — or all the time! We don't have God's priorities (that He intends for us to have) straight. Just because we have some priorities doesn't mean that they are in line with His.

His priorities for our lives is as simply put as can be by His Son Jesus, Matthew 7:33a — "See first the kingdom of God and His righteousness..." That's pretty plain, isn't it? He even promises, if we'll follow His prioritization, to take care of all our needs — "and all these things shall be added to you" (v.33b).

Whose priorities will you seek today — and each day? We encourage you to let Bible study and worship be your priority this Sunday. I believe that it's God's priority for us, don't you?

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



TEAM SPIRIT—The Lady Buffs played hard and were rewarded with a win over Baird, 59-49. (Photo courtesy of Debbie Edington)

Lady Buffs Defeat Baird, in first district loss in 4 years

The Cross Plains Lady Buffs defeated Baird in their district opener 59 to 49. This was Baird's first district loss in 4 years and a big win for the Lady Buffs. The girls played a very complete game defeating a very quick and athletic Lady Bear team. The Lady Buffs did two things that were key to victory. They handled the Lady Bear press and made free throws down the stretch. This was critical. Nichol Clark, Stephanie Edington, Jesse Norris,

and Kelsee Richards all scored in double figures giving the Lady Buffs a balance on offense that was necessary as well. This win gives the girls a 1 and 0 record in district. Eula and Albany are also 1 and 0 at this point.

Earlier, the Lady Buffs defeated Panther Creek 35 to 15 and Santa Anna 56 to 46. Against Panther Creek, our girls played good defense but had a difficult night shooting the ball after the

long Christmas break. Against Santa Anna, we played one of our best games defeating a tough Santa Anna team on their court. This win was a good one for us as it showed we could beat a tough, physical team.

Upcoming action for the Lady Buffs includes traveling to Ranger and Gorman to compete in district contests.

Submitted by
Coach Gill

Junior High Lady Buff REPORT

The junior high girls basketball team competed against Baird recently. The A team girls played a good fourth quarter to defeat Baird 26 to 10. The girls played hard and pressed the Bears enough to create some turnovers which helped the Lady Buffs' cause.

The girls continue to have a good attitude and work ethics about the game. If this continues, they should have a bright future.

Girls on the team are Emily Harris, Emma Bennett, Christine Shipman, Ashleigh Galloway, Mandy Rose, Krista Phillips and Terrah Augustine. Manager for the girls is Amber Parker.

The B team also played that night but didn't have the same luck, as they ran into a very tough Baird team.

Girls on the B team are Kayla Lawrence, Tiffany Holland, Tara Brown, Cierra Odom, Melissa Black and Amanda Dunaway.

The girls will next play Gorman.

Submitted by
Coach Barry Gill

SCHOOL MENU

JANUARY 17 - 21
BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Assorted Juice

TUESDAY - French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Assorted Juice

WEDNESDAY - Muffin, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice

FRIDAY - STOCK SHOW NO SCHOOL

LUNCH

MONDAY- Corn Dogs, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Spice Cake

TUESDAY - Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches

WEDNESDAY- Fiesta Salad (Chili Beans, Corn Chips, Cheese) Rice, Salad, Pineapples

THURSDAY- Fish or Hot Pocket, Blackeyed Peas, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Mixed Fruit

FRIDAY - STOCK SHOW - NO SCHOOL

JV Boys Defeat Evant, 46 - 20

The Junior Varsity boys basketball team beat Evant, 46 - 20. Scoring for the Buffaloes were: J.J. Callaway 16, Mitchell Gibbs 12, Justin Dickson 10, Cody Hyles 4, Marcus Maxwell 3, and Cody Baker 1.

Submitted by
Coach Hagler

ALL HANDS ON DECK!!!

The Pioneer Relays Are Looking For Great Volunteers Like You!

We Will Be Hosting The Junior High Track Meet On March 3rd (Thurs.) And The High School Track Meet On March 5th (Saturday)

Contact The School And Give A Name, Address, And Phone Number If You Would Like To Help 725-6121

Thanks,

Coach Hagler



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CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,348,789	\$ 85,677	\$ 1,434,466
5800 State Program Revenues	1,864,498	93,819	1,958,317
5900 Federal Program Revenues	—	284,702	284,702
5020 Total Revenues	3,213,287	464,198	3,677,485
EXPENDITURE:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	1,548,273	222,778	1,771,051
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	17,726	—	17,726
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	6,126	—	6,126
0023 School Leadership	175,006	916	175,922
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	33,980	7,142	41,122
0033 Health Services	192	—	192
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	144,501	2,000	146,501
0035 Food Services	2,458	174,359	176,817
0036 Co-curricular/Extracurricular Activities	155,637	—	155,637
0041 General Administration	195,058	876	195,934
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	323,641	2,208	325,849
0053 Data Processing Services	44,007	—	44,007
Debt Service:			
0071 Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	—	50,000	50,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	—	43,980	43,980
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	—	481	481
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	52,700	—	52,700
Intergovernmental:			
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	32,533	—	32,533
6030 Total Expenditures	2,731,838	504,740	3,236,578
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	481,449	(40,542)	440,907
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7915 Transfers In	—	43,383	43,383
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(43,383)	—	(43,383)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(43,383)	43,383	—
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	438,066	2,841	440,907
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	426,836	3,403	430,239
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 864,902	\$ 6,244	871,146

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January is School Board Recognition Month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month and Cross Plains I.S.D. is joining other districts across the state to gratefully acknowledge their commitment to our communities and schools.

"Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 7,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. These men and women are the local school board members of Texas," said Superintendent Jackie Tension.

"These people unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public education," Tension said. "They represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education. Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize

their contributions reflect a year-round commitment on their part."

"We proudly salute these education advocates as they provide leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of the community's children and families," said Tension. "These individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their dedication to the continuing success of our students and schools."

Let's say "thanks" to those school board members who volunteer to participate in what is perhaps the purest form of grassroots democratic principles on which our country was founded. The men and women serving Cross Plains I.S.D. are Monty Richards — 15 years, Jim Cook — 4 years, Susan Schaefer — 4 years, Vicki Dillard — 4 years, Reggie Pillans — 2 years, Donnie Dillard — 21 years and Bryan Bennett — 3 years.

Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show dates announced

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 20th - Saturday, January 22nd. Starting time will be Thursday, January 20, at 5:30 p.m., at The County Show Barn in Cross Plains, with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Franke Hyles, President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association, said that entries are expected to number about 450 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County.

Other officers of the association are Steven Mitchell as Vice President, Johnny Adkins as Treasurer and Karen Johnston as Secretary.

Superintendents for this year's show are:

Beef Cattle—Eddie Riley and Johnny Lee

Market & Breeding Swine—Jackie Tension

Poultry & Rabbits—Doug Johnston and Larry McIntire

Sheep & Goats—Steven Mitchell, Lesa Harris and Angela Tibbetts

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m.

on Thursday, January 20th with Scott Anderson of Brownwood Extension office doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m., on the 20th.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 21st, with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Don Edgar, AST from Early, will be judging the Swine Show.

At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 21st, Kyle Eckert, Extension Sheep & Goat Assistant from San Angela will start judging the Market Lambs followed by the Meat Goats and Boer Goat Show.

On the Afternoon of the 21st from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. John Senter, Martin County CEA, will get judging of the Beef Cattle underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 22nd, with the heifer show. Mr. Senter will also judge the steer show starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Premium Sale will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction.

Announcers for the three day show will be Dick Vestal, Greg Gerngross, John Belcher and Doug Johnston.

Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and support the young folks of Callahan County.

IT'S A BOY!



Jayliegh Blace Higgins would like to announce the birth of her cousin Noah Marshal Moses. Noah was born on November 6, 2004. He weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Proud parents are Gary and Ashley Moses.

Grandparents are Rex and Edith Beggs and Mickey Moses and Valerie Thompson.

Great-grandparents are Betty Beggs, Wesley Ingram and Betty Moses.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2005

EARLY OUT AT 1:00 P.M.

BUSES WILL RUN AT 1:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2005

SCHOOL IS OUT FOR THE CALLAHAN COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW

CLASSES WILL RESUME ON

MONDAY, JANUARY 24TH

AT REGULAR TIME

Callahan County included in bait drop area Wintertime rabies bait drop program continues

It may not be a typical dinner bell, but the purring sound of an airplane engine signals to hungry coyotes and gray foxes that food is arriving. And as these wild animals in South and West Central Texas chow down this winter, health officials hope to continue tracking fewer incidences of canine and gray fox rabies.

The Oral Rabies Vaccination Program (ORVP) at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) enters its second decade with a stack of statistics showing dramatic drops in these types of rabies.

"Surveillance indicates that the program continues to show measurable results year after year," said DSHS veterinarian Tom Sidwa, ORVP director. "No human cases of rabies in either area have occurred since the vaccine airdrop began. And there have been no animal cases of canine or gray fox rabies outside the original containment zones since the program's beginning."

In early January, about 2.7 million baits will drop from five specially-equipped airplanes flying across 44 Texas counties. The first flight takes off January 7, weather permitting, from the Zapata County Airport in South Texas. The second portion of the drop begins about Jan. 15 from the Pecos County Airport in Fort Stockton, and the last leg gets under way about Jan. 22 from Junction's Kimble County Airport.

Counties in the 2005 West-Central Texas vaccine distribution area are: Bandera, Brewster, Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Gillespie, Glasscock, Irion, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, Menard, Nolan, Pecos, Reagan, Real, Runnels, Sterling, Taylor, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala.

Counties in the 2005 South Texas vaccine distribution area

are: Brooks, Cameron, Dimmit, Duval, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, La Salle, Maverick, Starr, Webb, Willacy, Zapata and Zavala. (Maverick and Zavala counties are included in both distribution areas.)

DSHS initiated the program in 1995 to create zones of vaccinated coyotes and gray foxes to stop the spread of the rabies virus and then eliminate canine and gray fox rabies in the area. Canine rabies in coyotes and domestic dogs had reached epidemic proportions in South Texas and threatened San Antonio and other major population areas. The next year, an airdrop began in West Central Texas where an epidemic of gray fox rabies had been occurring since 1988.

The number of canine rabies case in South Texas has declined from a high of 142 cases when the program began in 1995 to none in 2002 and 2003 and 1 reported in 2004 through November.

The specialized baits offer a dinner of fish meal to coyotes and dog food containing molasses and vanilla flavoring to gray foxes. But the important ingredient is the 2 milliliters of oral rabies vaccine encased in each bait.

"The vaccine inside the bait cannot cause rabies in people or animals," Sidwa said.

Because baits contain a biological agent and are less likely to be eaten by wildlife if people touch them, they should not be handled. Each brown bait, which measures 1 1/4 inches by 1 1/4 inches by 4 inches, is marked with a DSHS toll free number, 1-877-722-6725, that people may call for information.

"People still need to get their pets vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian as required by law," Sidwa said. A domestic animal's rabies vaccination can be safely given even if the animal recently ate an oral rabies vaccine bait, he said.

Contract awarded on VA's CARES modernization plan

WASHINGTON—Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi today (January 7, 2005) announced the award of a contract to PricewaterhouseCoopers to complete studies required by the Secretary's Capital Asset and Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) plan.

"CARES is VA's blueprint for the future," Principi said. "With this contract, we will ensure the historic modernization of our health care system includes input from our veterans and other stakeholders."

The \$9.6 million contract calls for completing studies at 18 sites throughout the country during a 13-month period.

PricewaterhouseCoopers has

more than 25 years experience conducting health care delivery studies and providing implementation support.

Study recommendations, including those from stakeholders, will be reviewed by the VA Under Secretary for Health and CARES Implementation Board, consisting of senior VA officials, who will make recommendations to the Secretary. The studies will be completed no later than February 2006.

CARES is designed to provide greater access to quality care closer to where most veterans live. It allows VA to expand outpatient services and provide more of the care veterans want and use.

National Weather Service Report for the Year 2004

West Central Texas received rainfall that far exceeded what is considered normal for this region. Most of the 24 county area received above normal rainfall for the first time since 1997. We are thankful for the rain, and for the excellent network of nearly seventy NWS Cooperative Observers who report rainfall amounts along with high and low temperatures to the National Weather Service on a daily basis. In addition, we are also grateful for the nearly 70 NWS Rainfall Observers that report rainfall to us after each and every rainfall event.

On the next sheet are some of the yearly rainfall totals they have reported to us through the end of November. As far as records are concerned, this will be the 4th wettest year for the city of Abilene, and the 15th wettest year for the city of San Angelo. Our cooperative Observer in Woodson reported the most rainfall with 51.48 inches. If additional rainfall occurs in December, then we could set new records.

Heavy rain during the second week of June was concentrated over Mason, San Saba and Eastern in Brown Counties. Isolated areas in these counties received as much as 10 inches of rain in less than 24-hours. The town of San Saba received 1-inch to 2-inches per hour rainfall rates over several hours on the morning of June 9th. This heavy rain caused flooding throughout the community. Several homes and businesses received water damage and numerous city streets were scoured. Nearby, the San Saba River at San Saba flowed out of its banks to cause minor flooding. Minor flooding also occurred nearby on the Colorado River near San Saba. Most of the damage caused by river flooding was to ranch land and farm land. Many bales of hay were lost to the swollen river and fences were down due to debris. For a period of time on the 9th, the community was stranded as water covered all the main roads (Hwy 16 and Hwy 190) to the town.

On March 4th an intense low pressure system moved rapidly across West Central Texas during the middle of the day producing significant damage. It spawned 9 tornadoes along with straight line winds of 60 to 80 mph across much of the area. Several manufactured homes were damaged or destroyed. Roofs of permanent homes also received damage. Jim Ned High School in Tuscola received damaged from the strongest tornado of the year which was rated an F2 on the Fujita Scale.

There were significant hail storms that did extensive damage during the year to many cities, towns, and communities in West Central Texas. Albany, Sweetwater, Glen Cove and Ballinger were hard hit by golfball to softball size hail breaking window, windshields, stripping paint, and causing extensive damage to automobiles and homes. The largest hailstone, measuring 4.25 inches, or up to softball size, occurred 2 miles southeast of Glen Cove in Coleman County and damaged vehicles and dwellings near Hoards Creek Lake on April 30th.

The first tornado that occurred in the U.S. in 2004, touched down in Novice in Coleman County on January

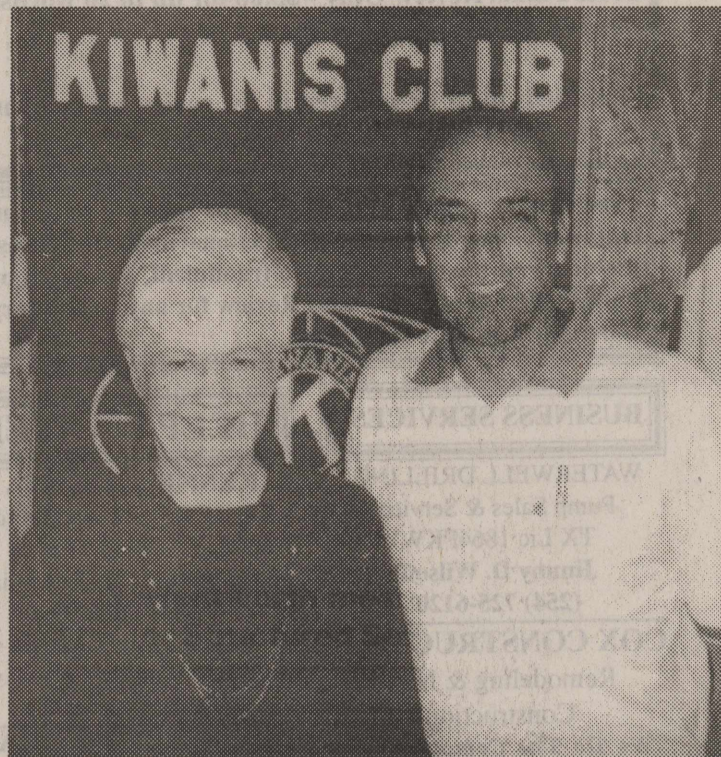
16. One of the last tornadoes of the year struck Santa Anna in Coleman County and another one touched down on the north end of Lake Brownwood in Brown County in early December causing damage. About 18 tornadoes were reported for the year which is about normal. Thankfully most of the tornadoes were weak at F1 or below.

Abilene only had two 100 degree-plus days with the highest temperature of 103 on June 1st, and the lowest temperature of 15 on January 6th. San Angelo had 6 days of 100 degree-plus days with the highest temperature of 106 on June 1st and the lowest temperature of 17 on Christmas morning. Junction had 7 days of 100 degree-plus days with the highest temperature of 104 on June 1st and the lowest temperature of 18, also on Christmas morning.

Although property damage ran into the millions, and few injuries were reported, we are grateful there was no loss of life. We are also grateful for our team of SKYWARN Storm Spotters, Emergency Managers, Amateur Radio Operators, Law Enforcement Officials, Dispatchers, Department of Public Safety, Firemen, Cooperative Observers, Rainfall Observers, the Television and Radio Broadcast Media, Print Media, and Internet Service Providers who provided tremendous support to us throughout 2004.

National Weather Service Office

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PUBLIC LIBRARY — Librarian Cherry Shults told the Cross Plains Kiwanis about the many programs of the Cross Plains Public Library extending from new-born babies to Senior Citizens. She was introduced by Kiwanis President Ronnie White. The Kiwanis programs are open to the public. They meet every Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn.

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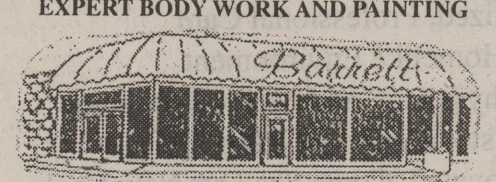
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Winter with the Mandan
January 13-19, 1805
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January 13, 1805 dawned clear and cold, 34 degrees below zero at sunrise, warming to 20 below at 4:00 p.m. Clark noted about half the Mandan nation moved south of the fort to hunt buffalo along with some hunters from the fort. He remarked that they had a custom of sharing the meat among the tribe rather than keeping it for the family of the man who killed it. While this spread the meat around, they still were without meat more than half the year. Fear of attack from the Sioux kept them from ranging too far to hunt or from going hunting without a large party. Clark also noted they saved their corn, beans, and other vegetables for summer and for a reserve in case of Sioux attack. Charbonneau and another Frenchman visited the Hidatsa villages. They returned with their faces so badly frostbitten that the skin sluffed off. They also brought word that the Hudsons Bay Company was speaking unfavorably toward the Americans and the Northwest Company was threatening to build a fort among the Hidatsa.

On January 14th, more Indians moved south to hunt. Clark sent Sergeant Pryor and five men with them on the hunt. Clark noted that several of his men had venereal disease they had contracted from the Mandan women. George Shannon returned to the fort with news that Joseph Whitehouse had frostbite so bad he could not walk back to the fort. Interestingly, in Whitehouse's field notes, he

wrote that he was the one with frostbite. When his journal was rewritten into a "fair copy", probably with the help of a ghost writer, he said "one of the party had his feet so frost bitten that he could not return to the Fort". That night there was a lunar eclipse. Clark tried to accurately track this eclipse, but passing clouds hindered his observations. He noted the times for the beginning of total darkness, middle of the eclipse, end of total darkness, and end of the eclipse. Temperature varied from 16 degrees below zero to eight below.

It was only 10 degrees below zero on January 15th, and eventually warmed to a blistering 3 degrees above. Sergeant Ordway noted the snow melted off the cabins. That evening, four hunters came back, including one who was frostbitten. This was Joseph Whitehouse. The hunter who had come back to the fort the day before brought horses to haul meat and Whitehouse. Sergeant Gass noted that Whitehouse's feet were not frostbitten as badly as they had feared.

The warming trend continued overnight. On January 16th, they woke to a temperature of 36 degrees above zero, but a northwest wind cooled the day and by 4:00 p.m. it was down to 16 degrees above zero. Thirty Mandan, including six chiefs, came to the fort. The Hidatsa had told them if they came, the Americans would kill them. The Hidatsa would not believe the white men had come to the Mandan's village and danced for them. One of the chiefs was the primary war chief. He came

with his wife. Clark noted she was there "to wate on him". The Captains demonstrated the air gun and fired the cannon twice. These impressed him. He told the Captains he planned to go to war with the Shoshone in the spring. They warned him that this would displease his great white father in Washington and the Americans would not protect his nation if he went to war. They also spoke of the advantages of trade for all the tribes. He agreed that he had enough horses and would not go to war. Sergeant Ordway reported that several Indians came to the fort, their wives loaded with corn, to pay for blacksmith work.

The warming trend ended on January 17th. At dawn the temperature was 2 below and dropped throughout the day to 12 below. The wind continued hard from the north, but neither cold nor wind kept the Indians from visiting the fort. None of the journal writers noted anything of importance other than the cold and the wind.

The cold continued on January 18th. High for the day was 7 degrees above zero. Clark noted Mr. Larocque and Mr. McKenzie from the Northwest Company came to the fort. Joseph Whitehouse noted two hunters came back to the fort and reported they had killed four deer, four wolves, and a badger. Sergeant Ordway wrote that these men brought in four wolf skins and reported that a large wolf had taken off with one of their traps. They tracked it, but were unable to find either the wolf or the trap.

January 19th had a dawn temperature of 12 degrees above zero. Clark called it "a find Day". The men from the Northwest Company returned to the Hidatsa village. Clark sent three horses to the hunting camp to retrieve the meat. Sergeant Ordway wrote that this camp was approximate 30 miles from the fort.

First Ag Credit declared \$6.2 million cash patronage dividend at December meeting

First Ag Credit, FCS board directors declared approximately \$6.2 million in cash patronage dividends at their December meeting for 2004. The patronage will reduce most members' cost of borrowing by approximately 70 basis points, or almost three-quarters of a percent. This makes the seventh consecutive year that over 6,500 First Ag Credit stockholders will receive a cash patronage and they can expect their checks in early 2005.

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Speakers for the Seminar will include: Dr. Chris Sansone, TAEX Entomologist-San Angelo and Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist from San Angelo, Dr. Jason Johnson Extension Economist and Dr. Larry Unruh with American Plant Food. Dr.

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The top elected officers of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the Texas Cattle Feeders Association today sent a letter to President George W. Bush expressing concern with the lack of progress in re-establishing beef trade with Japan, South Korea and Mexico.

Stating that this issue can be resolved only by the President of the United States talking directly with the Prime Minister of Japan, the two beef industry leaders called on President Bush to personally engage in negotiations at the earliest possible opportunity.

"We support science-based trade policies, but re-establishing live cattle trade with Canada without access to our key export markets, specifically Japan, puts US cattle producers at severe financial risk," said Bob McCan, president of TSCRA in Fort

Worth and Charlie Sellers, chairman of the Amarillo-based TCFA.

McCan and Sellers also requested that President Bush direct the U.S. Department of Agriculture to manage the numbers of Canadian cattle imported into the United States, once trade is renewed. "Regulating the numbers of cattle could prevent large supplies from inflicting short-term and possible severe harm on US beef producers," they said.

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