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Cottonwood Musical Hosts Ben Richey Boys Ranch Benefit Friday, February 21

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will host their annual Ben Richey Boys Ranch Benefit on Friday, February 21, at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The ladies will begin serving chili beans and beef stew at 5:30 p.m. The musical program will commence at 6:30 p.m. with Smokey Callaway, emcee.

Everyone is invited to enjoy an evening of good food and country and western music, while assisting the Ben Richey Boys Ranch.

Texas Midwest Community Network Luncheon Fri., February 21

Community leaders are invited to take advantage of a networking opportunity Friday, February 21, in Baird, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Vine Street. City representatives, county officials, chamber and economic development boards and community volunteers from surrounding towns are encouraged to get together and meet with their neighbors for lunch.

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) is sponsoring the event, the first in a series of four network luncheons to be held this spring. Other luncheons are scheduled for March 20 in Stamford, April 17 in Coleman and May 15 in Sweetwater.

TMCN Executive Director Nicki Harle explained "the purpose of the luncheon is to enhance communications between town leadership through sharing ideas and success stories." She also pointed out "when folks from a neighboring town car pool to the luncheon, it gives them an opportunity to discuss activities and concerns in their own community so there's a lot of communicating that goes on before and after the luncheon as well."

A brief presentation is planned for each luncheon to update community leaders on the programs sponsored by TMCN and how towns in the region benefit through membership.

Reservations are requested prior to each luncheon for meal arrangements. To register for the Baird luncheon, call (915) 893-2099. Cost of the luncheon is \$8.

TMCN, a regional organization founded in 1994, covers a 20-county area surrounding Abilene. The focus of the organization is to find ways the 35 member cities can work together, pool resources and organize mutually beneficial projects that one town could not do alone. Projects sponsored by the organization include tourism marketing, legislative issues for rural Texas, economic development workshops and leadership training.



BUD DILLARD BIG COYOTE CONTEST WINNER—Members of the Chamber of Commerce Hunting Committee Bob Winfrey, Rusty Reed, Joe Kemp, Roland Jones, and Keith Lawrence present Bud Dillard with a spot light for the largest coyote.

Chamber Announces Big Hog/Coyote Contest Winners

The Chamber of Commerce held its first annual Big Hog and Big Coyote Contest from November 2 to December 30. Hunters were encouraged to bring in their hogs or coyotes to selected local businesses to be weighed and documented.

Prizes were awarded to the first two places and certificates to third place winners. This year's prizes include: **First Place Winners** - 1,000,000 Candle Power Spotlight, sponsored by Cross Plains Grain and Peanut and Lawrence Farm and Ranch; **Second Place Winners** - Burnham

Brothers Predator Call, sponsored by J&L Sales and Box R Outfitters.

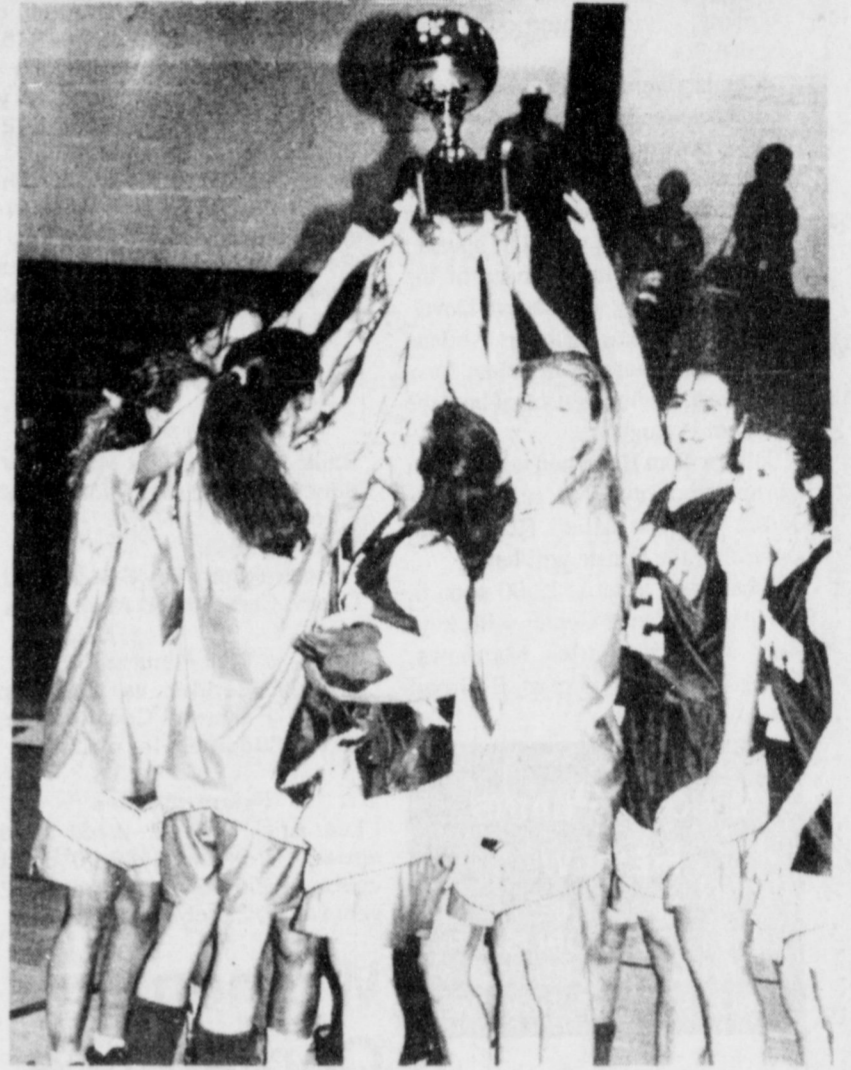
This year's winners are as follows: **Big Hog Winner** - Johnny Ellis - 240 pounds; **Second Place** Charles Davis - 210 pounds; **Third Place** Will Jones - 210 pounds.

Big Coyote Winner - Bud Dillard - 27 pounds; **Second Place** Ronnie Lowery - 25 pounds.

The Chamber appreciates the hunters who participated in the contest and also the businesses who donated prizes.

Boys Bi-District Basketball Game

Cross Plains High School
vs
Woodson High School
Friday, February 21
Eastland High School Gym
8:00 p.m.
Come Out and Support
The Runnin' Buffs



LADY BUFFS CELEBRATE BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

LADY BUFFS ROLL LUEDERS-AVOCA BECOMING BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS 63-19

By COACH MIKE
CAVENDER

Saturday night, on the campus of McMurry University, the Lady Buffs demolished the Lady Raiders 63-19 claiming the Bi-District Championship.

The Lady Buffs played a great defensive game holding Lueders-AvoCA to only 4 field goals the entire game. We created 21 steals and controlled the boards on rebounding.

Offensively the ladies moved the ball around the floor until we found the shot we wanted to convert. Cross Plains shot the ball well from the

outside hitting six 3 point conversions making 45 percent for the game.

The free throw line has been an area of concern this season. The Lady Buffs shot 62 percent from the line in the game. Our turn-over ratio was as low as it has been all year committing only 14 for the game.

This was a great win for this team and our program. Our record now becomes 26 and 3.

The Lady Buffs played Brock Tuesday, February 18, at Ranger High School. At press time results of the game were unavailable.



JUNIOR HIGH BOYS DISTRICT CHAMPS—L.D. Whitehead (front, from left), Chris Kitchens, T.J. Harris, Nicholas Dimitri, and Coach Lenny Jackson; Tony Beggs (back, from left), Ryan Aitchison, Cody Reed, and Joe Dillard.

Cross Plains Junior High Boys Win District Championship

By LARRY WHITEHEAD

On Monday, February 10, the Cross Plains Junior High Boys won the District Championship by outscoring a good Evant team 46-41. The boys were undefeated in district play.

The boys improved with each game

and developed into a good team. We would like to congratulate the team and their coaches for a great year.

Scorers for the game were: Cody Reed 15 points; Ryan Aitchison 14; Joseph Dillard 13; T.J. Harris 2; and Tony Beggs 2. Other team members are L.D. Whitehead and Nicholas

Dimitri.

The second team played a fifth quarter against Evant and won 21-15. Scorers were: Landon Hill 5 points; Josh Hopkins 5; Seth Fortune 4; Tim Butler, 3; Aaron Norris 2; Jason Beauchamp 2. Other team member is James Ross.

Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon today

The Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Membership Luncheon will be held today at 12 noon at West Side Story Restaurant. Speaker will be Robert Noriega with WTU.

Bro. Randy Estes Coming To Believer's Fellowship Feb. 24

Believer's Fellowship on Hwy. 36 East will host the Brady Revival Center Fellowship meeting on Monday, February 24 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Bro. Randy Estes will be the guest speaker.

COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

Cottonwood Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, February 23, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Update On City Council and School Board Filings

Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board - Two positions expiring (3 year terms) - Donnie Dillard and Jimmy Harris. No One Has Filed For Election.

City Council Seats - Three positions expiring (2 year terms) - Edwin Weiss, James Nichols, W.C. (Carroll) Pringle - No One Has Filed For Election.

March 19 at 5:00 p.m. Final Filing Date

File at Superintendent's Office for School Board
During Spring Break March 10-14 call 725-7458.

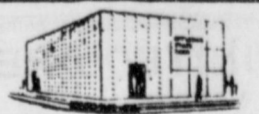
File at Cross Plains City Hall for City Council Position
May 3, 1997 Election Day

Cross Plains Cemetery Report for January 1997

GIFTS & EARNINGS - 1/M Jeri Renfro by M/M J. Lawrence \$20; 1/M Jeri Renfro by M/M Alfred Anderson & M/M Grady Anderson \$20; M/M E.G. Walker \$50; Nell Gundersen \$25; M/M Glenn Payne \$50; CD Interest #7374 \$78.70; Geer Tank Truck Interest on Jones Ray Lease \$13.15; Lahoma Bowen \$50; 1/M Dale Gary by June & Jay Hughes \$100; Earnings Added to Acct. \$9.06
TOTAL DONATIONS & EARNINGS - \$415.91

GRAVE OPENING PERMITS - Higginbotham Funeral Home 2GOP (no names listed) \$150; Mabel Cowen Service, Henry McCoy Service, Chauvin Funeral Home \$225; 2 plots Dale Gary \$150; 1 GOP Troy Tomlinson, 2-plots Vicky Murphy family \$225; Floyd A. Woody \$75
TOTAL GOP - \$825
TOTAL DEPOSIT - \$1,240.91

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64th Annual Meeting For WeCTOGA Feb. 23 & 24

West Central Texas Oil and Gas Association's 64th Annual Meeting for WeCTOGA members and their guests has been scheduled for Sunday evening, February 23, and Monday, February 24.

A reception will be held at the Abilene Civic Center on Sunday from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Monday there will be a breakfast at the Abilene Petroleum Club from 7:00-8:00 a.m.

The membership meeting will be at the Abilene Petroleum Club from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The speaker will be Jerry Katz, founder of the National Energy Education Development Program, with an Abilene teacher and some of his class for a "hands on" demonstration of how the program is taught.

Senator Tom Haywood will present an update on the 75th Texas Legislature and the effect Republican control of the Senate will have.

A luncheon is set at 12:00 noon in the Abilene Civic Center with keynote speaker Charles Matthews, Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Filing
Ward Moore Williams, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes
Nathan Smith, probation revoked; sentenced to 30 days in jail.
Audra Simpson, TPC (theft of property by check), \$25 fine \$157 court costs, \$63.44 restitution.
John A. Cothrum, false report to a peace officer, \$100 fine, \$127 court costs, 30 days in jail.
H.T. Johnson, TPC, \$50 fine \$162 court costs, \$49.48 restitution, 6 months probation.
Robert Kelly, TPC dismissed due to restitution having been made.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filing
Bank One Texas vs Michael W. Rudock & Patricia A. Rudock, suit on note.
Divorces filed:
Pancake, Cody Ray & Shirlene G. Owen, Carol Ann & Mark Lewis.

Civil Minutes
Freddy Mendez vs Callahan County Farmers Cooperative, \$10,000 judgment for plaintiff.

Felony Minutes
Lea Ann Cavage, credit card abuse, \$750 fine \$169.50 court costs, \$2552.99 restitution, 2 years at TDC probated for 5 years.

OBITUARY

Blanton Childers
Custer Blanton Childers, 84, of Cottonwood, passed away Tuesday, February 11, 1997 at an Abilene hospital. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Larry Copeland officiating. Burial followed in Cottonwood Cemetery under the direction of Allen-Korzenewski Funeral Home of Abilene.

Born June 11, 1912, in Eastland County, he was the son of Henry Arthur and Myrtle Hill Childers. He grew up in Eastland and Callahan counties and lived most of his life at Cottonwood. He married Lillie Wilcoxen November 14, 1938, at Cottonwood. A longtime employee of the Caldwell Ranch, he was a retired farmer and heavy equipment operator. He was a member of the Cottonwood Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Lillie, of Cottonwood; four sons, Harry and wife Betty Childers of Rising Star, Aubrey and wife Virginia Childers of Potosi, R. D. and wife Sharon Childers of Cisco and Arnold and Nancy Childers of Brownwood; three brothers, Jake Childers of Cross Plains, Wagner Childers and Bill Childers of Midland; one sister, Hallie Hartley of Cisco; six grandchildren, Cassie Adams of Farmington, New Mexico, Dena Childers of Abilene, Russell Childers of Georgia, Todd Childers of Cisco, Shane Childers of Sherman, and Kane Childers of Brownwood; and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jerry Tyler, Bob Robinson, David Goble, Everett Wilcoxen, Stanley Goble and Billy Don Bennett.

Callahan Co. Commissioners Table Fire Ban Proposal

BAIRD—Callahan County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 10th. County Judge Bill Johnson called the meeting to order with these officers present: Commissioners, Harold Hicks, Precinct 1; Bryan Farmer, Precinct 2; Tommy Holland, Precinct 3; and Charlie Grider, Precinct 4; Darlene Walker County Clerk and County Treasurer Dora Hounshel.

Minutes from the previous two meetings, one regular meeting and one called meeting, were reviewed and approved with no corrections.

Commissioners tabled the first action item on their agenda, imposing a county wide burn ban, sitting the recent precipitation for lessening the fire danger in Callahan County. The matter will be reconsidered at their February 24th meeting said County Judge Bill Johnson.

The matter of the County, Precinct 1, taking over maintenance on County Road 207 was also tabled due to a miswording of the item on the agenda. County Road 207 is in north western part of the county near Elmdale. This item will also be addressed in the next meeting.

Commissioners then reviewed and paid bills on a motion by Farmer and seconded by Holland.

Submitted by Billy Harris
Baird Correspondent



BARBARA BLACK RECEIVES 30 YEAR PLAQUE—Barbara Black, a Texas Department of Transportation employee, hangs the plaque she was presented during a recent awards ceremony in Abilene. She was honored during the ceremony for her 30 years with the department. Black, a human resources management specialist in the Abilene district office, is a 1960 graduate of Cross Plains High School. (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)

Black Receives 30 Year Service Award

ABILENE—Barbara A. Black, Abilene district human resources management specialist with the Texas Department of Transportation, was recently honored with a 30 year service award.

Black, a 1960 graduate of Cross Plains High School, began her career with TxDOT in July 1966 working as a clerk in the district accounting office. She has worked in the district office since joining TxDOT.

Reflecting back on her years with TxDOT, Black said what she holds dearest are the many friends she has made. Asked about any changes she has seen that have made an impact on the department, Black said two major ones come to mind.

"First, there were the three name changes of the department. When I began 30 years ago the agency was called the Texas Highway Department. Then, when we began picking up modes of transportation other than highways, the department was renamed the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. And now, after a reorganization in 1991, it is aptly called the Texas Department of Transportation."

"However, the greatest change in TxDOT that I've seen is the move into the computer age. Not only is it faster and more accurate as everyone realizes, it makes our duties easier to perform thereby affording us the opportunity to serve our public and our employees in a much more efficient and effective manner."

Prior to her TxDOT career, she was employed with the Texas Education Agency in Austin.

Black, daughter of the late Dwight and Florence Black of the Atwell community, became the topic of discussion around TxDOT during Christmas 1995. Through membership in the National Society of Decorative Painters of which she is a member of the local affiliate, West Texas Mesquite Brushes, a Christmas ornament she painted was sent to Blair House to hang on the Christmas tree. Blair House is the home of Vice President Al Gore.

In addition to decorative painting, Black enjoys sewing, gardening and taking care of her pets.

She is a member of the Texas Public Employees Association, Order of Eastern Star in Brownwood, and is now serving her second three-year term on the board of the TxDOT Credit Union.

Black is a member of the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Our names are Robyn T. and Rachle B. and we're from Clayton Elementary School in Englewood, Colorado. Our class is studying the geography and history of the United States. Our goal is to collect post-cards and information from all around the United States.

Thank You for you help.

Sincerely yours,
Robyn T.
Rachle B.

Women's Conference March 1

"VESSELS OF HONOR" will be the theme for the Women's Conference at Believer's Fellowship Church, Hwy. 36 East on March 1st beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 7. Everyone is welcome. For more information call (817) 725-6607.

Selected Scriptures

For promotion comes neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south. But God is the Judge: He puts down one, and exalts another. Psalms 75:6, 7

Paid Advertising — Irma Miller

CP Cemetery Association Treasurer's 1996 Report

Beginning Balance 1-1-1996, \$3,856.55

Receipts - 1996
Gift Deposits \$8063.28; Interest on NOW \$106.23; Grave Opening Permits \$2,650; Interest on CD Deposits \$177.59

Total Receipts - \$10,997.10
Plus Balance 1-1-1996 - \$3,856.55
Total Receipts & Balances - \$14,853.65

Disbursements - 1996
R.F. Joy \$2,676.30; IRS \$767.01; TEC \$16.56; Federal Unemployment \$46.37; Supplies & Misc. \$305.58; Extra Jobs \$160; Abilene Goodwill \$545; Saving Deposit Box \$46.96; Sand \$190

Total Disbursements - \$9662.78
Ending Balance December 31, 1996 - \$5190.87

Admiral Cemetery Assoc. Meeting Mon., Feb. 24

The annual meeting of the Admiral Cemetery Association will be held Monday, February 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the commissioners Courtroom at the Callahan Country Courthouse in Baird. A financial report will be given and an election will be conducted to fill the expiring term on the board of directors currently held by Randy Walker. Two committees formed at the last meeting will present reports followed by an open forum. Officer elections for 1997 will be held by the board at the conclusion of the meeting.

The Admiral Cemetery Association is a non-profit corporation chartered by the State of Texas for the purpose of improving and maintaining this historic site. All persons having relatives, friends, or loved ones buried in the Admiral Cemetery are invited to attend and participate in this meeting.

Special Speaker At Living Water Ministries Sunday

Ivan Hurley will be preaching and ministering at Living Water Ministries Fellowship Sunday morning, February 23, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Bro. Ivan and his wife Gigi have been evangelists and missionaries to the Philippines. They are on sabbatical at this time waiting on God's word to return.

Everyone is welcome to come and worship the Lord Jesus at Living Water Ministries Fellowship and be blessed and refreshed by Bro. Ivan's anointing ministry.

Texas Midwest Day In Austin March 5

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) announces "Texas Midwest Day in Austin" on March 5th.

The purpose of this event is to strengthen participation from the region in statewide concerns and to inform elected officials about the many positive attributes of the Texas Midwest.

Residents in the region are invited to participate. A detailed schedule of the days events is available by contacting the TMCN Office, (915) 893-2099. Activities will include meeting in the Capitol Rotunda, recognition in the House, Senate and Governor's Office, a luncheon honoring the ten legislators from this region and meetings with several state agency officials.

Reservations for the luncheon are \$35 and are needed by February 27. After February 27th the luncheon price will be \$45 on a space available basis only. There is no cost for all other activities.

"Texas Midwest Day in Austin" provides an opportunity for rural community leaders to work together and be heard in state government with a louder voice.

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Quips, Clips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"Music"
There's music of all varieties. I've never been exactly partial to opera, however, some of the arias are really quite lovely. On the other hand, I'm not particularly enraptured with hard rock, heavy metal either.
My late father, J. Ervin Dennis was a musician. Some of you may remember him from days gone by. He was the brother of Wayne Dennis, now of Dallas and formerly of Cross Plains. I grew up listening to them playing and singing those lovely inspirational songs from that good old "Broadman Hymnal", Country Western music, gospel songs as well as religious hymns.

I have a gospel song book of the Stamps Quartet titled "Gems of Hope," with a song in it that my Dad wrote both the words and music to. He is listed among the credits in the front of the book under J.E. Dennis. Uncle Wayne wrote several songs which were published. Some he wrote both the words and music to. Some he and Daddy worked on together I remember the titles of some of them. There was one piece of sheet music titled "Butterfly Love," I believe it was that Wayne wrote which was published. Another song he wrote that I always liked was entitled "Please Mr. God." It was about a little boy talking with God in the words only a small boy can relate to. There were others but my memory fails me right now as to their titles.

I've always liked Country Western,

Blue Grass, Old Time Country, Rock and Roll, Poprock, Softrock, Alternative Rock, Cajun Music, Jazz, Classical, Easy Listening Music, Gospel, Religious Hymns, Hill Billy, Mountain Music, Old Time Hoe Downs, plus a few others that come to mind. I enjoy Neil Diamond, Barry Manilow and lots of others.

Some of the songs I enjoyed hearing as a child were "Put My Little Shoes Away," "Footprints in the Snow," "Wabash Cannon Ball," "The Tennessee Waltz," "Goodnight Irene," "Old Dan Tucker," "Later there was, "Hey, Good Looking" by Hank Williams, Sr. Grandad (Heber) Dennis liked "It Is No Secret." On the fiddle was "Turkey in the Straw," "Orange Blossom Special," "Under the Double Eagle," not to mention that old favorite "Cotton Eye Joe" and many, many others.
My Grandmother, Mary Dennis could play the "Spanish Fandango" on the guitar, the prettiest you ever heard.

Other songs from my childhood which I recall fondly are "The Old Rugged Cross," "Lily of the Valley," "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer," "Amazing Grace," "Brethren We Have Met to Worship," done in double time; "Bringing in the Sheaves," "Softly and Tenderly" and lots more. On Easter Sunday my favorite was and still is "He Arose." I could go on and on but I'll leave the rest for another day. "C" "U"



VALENTINE KING AND QUEEN—Roger Watson and Pauline Switzer were chosen by their peers at the Senior Citizens Center.



SPECIAL TREAT—Jim O'Dell (from left), James O. Koenig, Gene Dillard and Bob Pipes sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

BURKETT NEWS

By LOVERA STRICKLAND

Visiting Virgil and Freeda Burkett Monday were clay and Karen Garland of New Braunfels and Clairene Edgar. Clay and Karen left Monday evening to go to Brownwood to visit her uncle Henry and Charlene Burkett. They were returning home Tuesday.
Jack and Lovera Strickland visited Mary and Carey in Cisco Saturday of

last week.
The annual Burkett Community Valentine Banquet sponsored by the Burkett Baptist Church was Sunday, February 16 at 6 p.m. Following the evening meal and fellowship entertainment was furnished by the Sun Riders Band of Brownwood. They have provided the entertainment for the last two years.

Sweetheart Day At Senior Citizens Center

By VICKY WORLEY

What a day at the Senior Citizens Center! Lots of friends, fun and fellowship.
We had a special presentation of our 1997 Valentine King and Queen. Our 1996 winners, O.B. Switzer and Alva Key honored the incoming dignitaries by crowning them and handing over the royal scepters. Roger Watson and Pauline Switzer are the new reigning King and Queen. The crowns were a tad large but a stapler soon adjusted the fit!
Marion and Marjorie West were our couple that had been married the

longest -- 62 years so far.
We had a drawing for a Teddy bear with candy and lucky Bill Kilgore won that. I think Teddy is destined for a certain great-grandchild.
To top off our Sweetheart Day, we had a quartet of very good looking gentlemen sing, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." Unrehearsed and never having performed together anywhere, they brought the house down. We might be hearing these guys over the airwaves!
Thanks everyone for making this Valentines Day very special for us at the Senior Citizens Center.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By BEVERLY BROWN

The Cottonwood Quilting Club members will be sponsoring their annual Ben Richey Boys Ranch Benefit on Friday, February 21 at the Cottonwood Musical. Smokey Callaway will emcee the country western music entertainment program. Chili beans or soup with corn bread will be available for the public. Sandwiches, coffee and iced tea may be purchased in the cafeteria. Serving time begins at 5:30 p.m. The musical will start at 6:30 p.m. All area and surrounding musicians are cordially invited to participate on the evening program. The quilt drawing will be held during the musical entertainment.
On Sunday, February 23 the Cottonwood Baptist Church congregation will have the afternoon services at the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home at 3:30 p.m. Do plan to attend.
Mrs. John (Janet) Purvis recently visited with her daughters, Peggy Purvis in Galveston and Betty and Richard Prall, Ethan and Nathan in Houston.
We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the families of Mabel Robinson Fann. Mrs. Fann passed away on February 6 and burial was in Cottonwood Cemetery on Saturday, February 8.
Our sincere sympathy to the Blanton Childers family in the loss of their husband, father and loved one. Blanton passed away on February 11

in Abilene Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held on Thursday at the Cross Plains Higginbotham Funeral Home and interment was in the Cottonwood Cemetery.
Our sincere sympathy is also extended to Fred and Mary St. Peter in the loss of his father, Lewis Frederick St. Peter, who passed away on January 29 in Hyannis, Massachusetts. Fred and Mary attended the funeral on February 1 and returned home on February 9.
Ms. Wanda Hammell of Schertz was here last week visiting with her sisters and brothers-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nickerson, Sr.
On Saturday, February 8, friends and family members were on hand at the Cottonwood Baptist Church to help Blanche Moore celebrate her 90th birthday. A caravan of cars decorated with balloons and signs escorted Blanche from her home to the gala festivities held in the annex building. Out of town guests were Pat and Martha Moore of San Antonio; Bryan Kelly Moore of Plano; Elliot Connor, Myrleen Adams and Lofton Bragg of Brownwood and Wanda Hammell of Schertz. Blanche's birthday is February 7.
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nickerson of Buffalo were at his brother's, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nickerson, Sr. visiting over the weekend.



Martha Washington disliked being First Lady and often dressed so plainly that people mistook her for the family maid.

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME

NEWS

By LINDA EDINGTON
Activity Director

Dixie Ingram reported that she thoroughly enjoyed a car ride out with her daughter last Saturday.
Troy Tomlinson received a happy surprise with a phone call from his son Sunday.
Everyone enjoyed some fine singing by the Kid's Praise from the First Baptist Church. They also made pretty, door heart string Valentine's for each room. Thanks kids.
Dorothy Thomas, Myrtle Owen, Vera Belyeu, Jo Boatright, Lorena Wright and Rita Knight all look mighty pretty with their new perms. Ruby Harrell and Doris Adams look nice with their hair cuts.
Our appreciation to Teri and Beverly Brown for the basket of flowers, to Hazel Lee for the Valentine's, to Frances Wolf for the brownies, to Ruby Castle for the doughnuts, to Joan McCowen for the cake and to Terry Massengil for the doughnuts.
Midge McCall was our winner for a free meal at Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.
Sonny and Bonnie Schnaubert from Buchanan Dam visited with Blanche Brooks and Gerie Powell.
Ray and Jo Thornton from Brazoria visited with Juanita Thornton.
Brandi, Daniel and Journey Buitron from Corpus Christi was here visiting everyone.
Bobby and Lee Haddox from Eastland and Michael Curry was here visiting Irma Deen Haddox.
Kelsee Richards, Karen Ross, Brenton McNutt from First Baptist Church and Barbara Dillard was here visiting.
Bill and Billie Wright from Clyde visited Lorena Wright.

Gloria Wagner from Stepanville, and Sally Davis visited with Dixie Ingram.
Linda Brooks Wilson and Ryan Godon from Odessa visited with Gerie Powell and Blanche Brooks.
Dan Ingram from Fort Worth and Douglas Ingram visited with Inez Ingram. Also Estill Wilson from Fort Worth was here visiting.
Activities during the week:
Monday: Bingo winners were Ruby Harrell (2), Gerie Powell, (3), Midge McCall (2), and Minnie Swann (2). Exercise class.
Tuesday: Art class. Popcorn and Skip-Bo games.
Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Sister Ruby and Naomi McCowen.
Thursday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (3), Ruby Harrell (2), Midge McCall, Dorothy Thomas, Allie Dickson (2), and Gerie Powell. Skip-Bo games.
Friday: Sit-down-basketball. Birthday party.
Sunday: Cottonwood Baptist. Love is a gift that may only be shared by those who would give it away.

PERSONALS

Courtney Carr Participated in National Cheerleaders Convention

Mr. and Mrs. Bufford Carr's granddaughter, Courtney Carr, participated in the National Cheerleaders Convention Saturday, February 15, at the Dallas Convention Center. She was chosen from 140 girls at San Angelo to a group of 15 cheerleaders who represented their city.
Courtney would have been the flyer for her group, but injured her knee and had to have surgery. She was able to participate in the ground performance as their group did not have a substitute flyer. They performed a perfect routine, but did not qualify among the top 25.
Attending the event were Bufford and Velma Carr; Buff, Jr. and Jo Carr, Courtney's parents; Max and Claudie Thompson and Alisa and Theresa.



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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
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Bought a new car lately -- a washing machine -- or lawn mower? Well when you buy a machine of any kind -- automobile, typewriter, or sewing machine you receive an instruction booklet or manual -- or maybe it's called an operation manual or guidebook. Some few might think these are only "in case everything else fails" but most people rely upon them, especially when something goes wrong. And even before something goes wrong, we should read and heed the suggestions of operation and maintenance, etc. Who wants to pay \$15,000 - \$30,000 for an automobile and not try to make it last as long as possible and get the best possible performance during that time? Who would be so foolish as to drive it without regarding instructions? -- or to tinkered with it if they knew nothing about mechanics and electronics, etc.?

Well don't we sometimes try to live our lives without consulting the "instructional manual?" The Bible is the manual that goes with man. In it is the story of where he came from, what he was made for, how he can be kept in order -- in fact, all about him. The tragedy is that sometimes we wait until a breakdown before consulting it -- and that some try to make repairs without consulting it -- and some don't even know about it. Isn't it about time we read and study the manual about us -- and perform some preventative maintenance? Let periods of Bible study and worship with us complement your daily study...

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

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus



TRIPLE LOVELLS AT KIWANIS MEETING—Bobby Lovell (left) and Dorothy Lovell (center) were guests of Kiwanis member and Club Secretary Albert Lovell at the club's February 11 regular meeting. Albert & Dorothy's son, Bobby, told the club about Mesa Family Services of Goldthwaite, a private, non-profit organization which arranges foster care for neglected and abused children. Bobby serves as a case manager with Mesa and it was obvious that he was very dedicated to his work of helping youths at risk. The Kiwanis Club invites everyone to their weekly meetings at noon each Tuesday in the Buffalo Room at Dairy Queen, for interesting programs and good fellowship. Please remember the Kiwanis Club's Pancake Supper coming up—Thursday March 6, 5-7 p.m., at the School Cafeteria.

Pack #281 Met Monday, February 17

By DEBORAH GRISWOLD

Approximately 27 scouts and relatives of Pack #281 enjoyed good food and fellowship at the Blue and Gold Banquet held Monday, February 17, at the First United Methodist Church.

The Tiger Cubs opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance. After the meal, Tiger Cub Paws were handed out to Michael Curry, Scotty Johnson, Markus Maxwell, Andrew Wheeler, and Brett Wheeler.

Popcorn awards and prizes were then handed out. Receiving patches were Michael Curry, Andrew Wheeler, William Meador, Scotty Johnson, Brett Wheeler, Joey Westerman, Markus Maxwell, and James Purcell. Patches and pins were given to Louis Walker, and

Cory Beauchamp. Receiving a patch, pin, flash light and sleeping bag was Jonathan Nelson. Josh Nelson was unable to attend the meeting but will receive a patch, pin, flashlight, and bow and arrow. Marcus Williams was also unable to attend but, he will receive a patch, pin, flashlight, \$5 gift certificate and a pair of binoculars for being the number one seller in the pack.

Two of our Tiger Cubs, Markus Maxwell and Joey Westerman, attended the Pinewood Derby Races in Abilene on Saturday, February 15. Out of 39 entries, Markus came home with a 1st place ribbon for winning the Most Original Design in his division while Joey Westerman placed 4th in the race. Congratulations boys for a job well done.

Free Income Tax Service Offered

By PAUNIECE OGLESBY

Through the Tax-Aide program, volunteers provide free personal income tax assistance to the Senior Citizens, low-income families and the general public with basic tax returns. Individuals with complicated tax returns will be advised to seek professional tax assistance.

Volunteers are specially trained, in cooperation with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS), to understand those provisions of the tax code that affect Senior Citizens as well as the low and middle income families. Tax-Aide volunteers provide per-

SCHOOL MENU

FEBRUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 28
(Subject To Change)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Sweet rice, toast, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY — Waffles, bacon, grape juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY — Breakfast Burrito, apple juice and milk.
THURSDAY — Cereal, toast, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY — Cinnamon rolls, grape juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Spaghetti w/meat sauce, broccoli, garlic sticks, pears and milk.
TUESDAY — Steak fingers w/ gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, mixed fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY — Barbecue beef on bun, pinto beans, potato wedges, cobbler and milk.
THURSDAY — Mexican chicken bake, corn, sliced tomatoes, crackers, peaches and milk.
FRIDAY — Submarine sandwich, chips, salad, pickles, brownies and milk.

BAND NEWS

Month of February

Feb. 3 - Section Rehearsal (S&E)
Feb. 12-15 - ATSSB/TMEA All State Band
Feb. 17 - Section Rehearsal (S&E)
Feb. 22 - Solo & Ensemble Contest (HSU)
Feb. 25-27 - TAAS

C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



RUNNIN BUFFS PICTURED WITH SAN ANTONIO SPURS POSTERS

Bufs Conquer Alamodome

By GREG TURNER

The Cross Plains Buffaloes have had several practice games to prepare for their Bi-District game including Henrietta Midway, Cisco and Gordon. The most recent was against Harper in the Alamodome, home of the San Antonio Spurs professional basketball team.

This was an "unforgettable experience" as I spoke with some members of the Runnin Buff team. One stated that he remembered watching Cross Plains play in the Dallas Maverick's sport complex and recalls how thrilling it was then, but it held no comparison to playing yourself in such an arena as the Alamodome.

Cross Plains' win in the dome was also a special one, as it made their 20th victory this year -- defeating the

Harper Longhorns from South Central Texas.

The Buffs found themselves in a hole at the end of the 1st quarter trailing Harper by 3 points with Cross Plains 12 and Harper 15. The Runnin Buffs exploded in the 2nd quarter outscoring Harper by 11 points and led by 8 points at halftime.

I guess the excitement of playing in the Alamodome took its toll earlier in the game before their nerves settled down. Cross Plains ended the game leading by 18 points with a final score of 59-41. All members played and shared the emotion of the event.

After the game the Buffaloes were treated to another special moment when David Robinson, (7 foot 1 inch) member of the Spurs, made a surprise visit to the locker room.

The team, several parents and friends watched the San Antonio

Spurs and the Golden State Warriors play. The team was honored by sitting on the floor close to the Spurs. This was a very special time for the young men and as parents, we would like to thank the Athletic Director and Head Coach Bill Boyd for a memory that will never be forgotten.

The Runnin Buffs will play Woodson in the Eastland High School Gym Friday, February 21, at 8:00 p.m. for the Bi-District title. I hope you can make it to the game, as anticipation of the state playoffs grows.

The Cross Plains Buffaloes' record is now 20 wins and 6 losses. Congratulations to all the players and good luck in the playoffs.

Congratulations to the Lady Buffs for their Bi-District Championship!

CPISD Board of Trustees Met Feb. 19

The Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains ISD held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 19. The following agenda was followed:

PRAYER
MINUTES
1. OPEN FORUM

2. FINANCIAL REPORT/PAY BILLS
3. APPROVE USE OF SCHOOL FACILITY
4. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)
5. ACTION TO FOLLOW EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

6. PERSONNEL
A. Athletic Director Contract
B. Principal's Contracts
C. Other Personnel (if necessary)
7. ADJOURN
Jackie Tennison, Superintendent

Stan Musick, M.D. would like to welcome **Dana Segler, M.D.** to Brownwood. **Drs. Musick and Segler** are both Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and will be routinely working together. **Dr. Segler** will begin seeing patients on **March 3, 1997**. After February 15, 1997, appointments may be set-up at **(915) 643-1110**.

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