

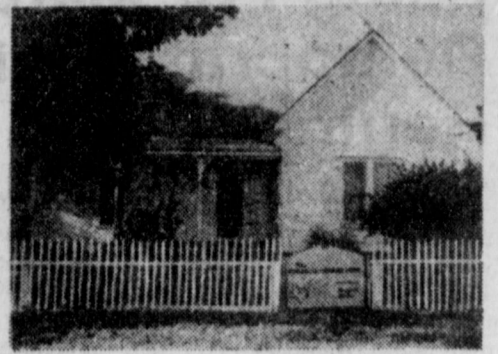


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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** I received this poem from a life-long friend, Alice Ballard, following a telephone conversation. She called, not knowing she was to be my comforter. God is so good, in that He always provides the person and the words you need at just the right time. Haven't you noticed that you are sometimes the one sent to comfort others, and yet when you need the same, it is there for you. Here again the beautiful words were written by Author Unknown! This poem could be read daily for uplifting and positive thinking. Vanda Anderson-Creech

### "I Refuse to be Discouraged"

I refuse to be discouraged, To be sad, or to cry;  
I refuse to be downhearted, and here's the reason why:

I have a God who's mighty, Who's sovereign and supreme;  
I have a God who loves me, and I am on His team.

He is all-wise and powerful. Jesus is His name;  
Though everything is changeable, My God remains the same.

My God knows all that's happening; Beginning to end;  
His presence is my comfort; He is my dearest Friend.

When sickness comes to weaken me; To bring my head down low,  
I call upon my mighty God; Into His arms I go.

When circumstances threaten to rob me of peace;  
He draws me close unto His breast; Where all my strivings cease.

When my heart melts within me, and weakness takes control;  
He gathers me into His arms, He soothes my heart and soul.

The great "I AM" is with me. My life is in His hand;  
The "Son of the Lord" is my hope; It's in His strength I stand.

I refuse to be defeated; My eyes are on my God;  
He has promised to be with me, as through this life I tread.

I'm looking past all my circumstances; To Heaven's throne above;  
My prayers have reached the heart of God; I'm resting in His love.

I give God thanks in everything. My eyes are on His face;  
The battle's His, the victory mine; He'll help me win the race.

Author Unknown

## Colonial Oaks Services

Cottonwood Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, December 5, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

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## Local FFA Students Win Both District and Area Sweepstakes Award

During the past few weeks the Cross Plains FFA Chapter has been busy competing in several Leadership Contests. On November 15, nine teams participated in the District Contest at Cisco Junior College. Teams placing 1st or 2nd then advanced to Area. Seven of the nine teams from Cross Plains advanced to the Area IV contest.

Results from the District Contest were as follows:

**Senior Quiz - 1st -** Brandi Richey, Mary Jo Nickerson, Aaron Norris, Erin Stephens

**Junior Quiz - 2nd -** Jennifer Hartman, Sheena Thomas, James Ross, Kevin Scott

**Senior Skills - 2nd -** Jaden Winfrey, Josh Hopkins, Tony Beggs, T.J. Harris, Joseph Dillard

**Junior Skills - 2nd -** Cole Koenig, Chris Sliger, Chris Harris, Byron McNutt

**Radio Team - 2nd -** Tessa Wyatt, Danielle Marion, Meghann Lewis, L.D. Whitehead

**Junior Creed Speaking - 1st -** Judith Hartman

**Junior Chapter Conducting - 2nd -** Emily Winfrey, Judith Hartman, Danielle Rivard, Amanda Kitchens, Nathan Joy, Amber Wilson, Charlie Bell, Wendy Phillips, A.J. Carouth, Danielle Eppard

**Senior Creed Speaking - 7th -** Erin Stephens

**Senior Chapter Conducting - 4th -** Nick Dimitri, Ashley Harris, Brandon Mähler, Jody Payne, Stephanie Castleberry, Christy Beaty, Vanessa Webb, Charlie Rogers.

Cross Plains FFA also won the District Sweepstakes Award which is given to the school that scores the most points overall.

On November 20, all the teams which place 1st or 2nd at District travelled to Tarleton State University to participate in the Area IV Leadership Contest. Results were as follows:

**Senior Quiz - 1st**

**Junior Quiz - 4th**

**Senior Skills - 5th**

**Junior Skills - 4th**

**Radio Team - 5th**

**Junior Creed Speaking - 3rd**

**Junior Chapter Conducting - 4th.**

The Cross Plains FFA also won the Area IV Leadership Sweepstakes Award. The Senior Quiz team will advance to the State Leadership Contest at Sam Houston State University on December 4.

## Senior Citizens Announce Xmas Holiday Plans

The Senior Citizens Center will be sponsoring a **Cake Walk** on Friday, December 3, in connection with the downtown Christmas program. The Cake Walk will be held at the center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to donate a cake, please call the center at (254) 725-6521 and let them know.

The Christmas meal at the Senior Citizens Center will be Friday, December 10th. The community is invited to join them for this holiday meal. Please call (254) 725-6521 to make arrangements. Everyone is welcome!

Thursday, December 23, the Senior Christmas party will be held from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. at the center prior to lunch. Call 725-6521 for further details.

## Christmas Tour of Homes Slated for Saturday, Dec. 4

Six beautiful homes will be viewed in the Beta Sigma Phi Tour of Homes this Saturday, December 4. The tour begins at 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the home of Rosalea Bonner.

The homes of Bob and Lavinne Childress, Logan and Madeline Long, Barbara Swinney, Cliff and Connie Kirkham, Larry and Terry

Thomas, and Rosalea Cutbirth Bonner will be on display.

Tickets are \$6.00 per person for all six homes. Transportation will be provided, just call Kathy Anderson at 725-6654 or Wanda Merryman at 725-6476 to place your reservation in the vans.

Don't miss this great tour! If you have never attended, make this your first time -- it won't be your last.

## Come Join the Holiday Hayride Dec. 3 and 18

Come one, come all to a Holiday Hayride sponsored by Cross Plains Barbarian Festival Committee. Tours of Christmas in Cross Plains will be offered December 3 and 18.

Celebrate the season with fun, food, drinks and caroling. On Friday, December 3, the tour will begin after the Kiwanis Christmas Program. The first hayride will begin downtown after the program, and the remainder of hayrides that

night will begin in the lot behind Dairy Queen.

On Saturday, December 18, tours will be running from 6 to 9 p.m. All hayrides will begin at the lot behind Dairy Queen.

Admission is \$1 per person. Delectable sweets and treats will be available along with steaming hot chocolate and coffee.

Bring the entire family as Cross Plains rings in the season!

## Annual Christmas Decorating Contest for Homes and Businesses Set

The annual Christmas decorating contest for homes and businesses will be held on Tuesday, December 14, at dark. Your lights must be on at this time.

All homes and businesses will be considered, but to make sure you are not missed, you are invited to call

254-725-6498 anytime before December 14 and leave your name and address.

Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated home and business. Project Pride is sponsor for the home decorating contest and the Chamber of Commerce businesses.

## Need a Baby-sitter While You Christmas Shop?

The First United Methodist Youth are providing a Mother's Day Out to help you get ready for the Christmas holidays. The youth will have a baby-sitting and gift wrapping service.

The service will be available on Sunday, November 28, 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 4 and 11, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and Sunday, December 19, 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

There will be different styles of gift wrapping to choose from, or you may provide the paper and they will wrap your gifts. What a deal!

Donations will be accepted as payment for the baby-sitting. The rates on gift wrap will run according to the size of the gift and paper selection.

Let First United Methodist Church Youth make your Christmas preparations less stressful and more joyful!

## SANTA IS COMING TO DOWNTOWN CROSS PLAINS FRIDAY EVENING

The Kiwanis Club has received confirmation that Santa Claus will arrive in Cross Plains about dark, Friday, December 3! Our Living Christmas Tree, at City Hall, will be lit simultaneously with the arrival of Santa. Then the Annual Kiwanis Program will begin about 6:00 p.m. on Eighth Street, south of the Citizen's State Bank.

During the program, local talent is to provide Christmas music and children are to receive a bag of edible goodies after they visit with Santa Claus. Santa will also be available for Christmas photographs for the price of \$1.00 each.

In appreciation for the long-time support of local merchants in providing gifts for the annual occasion, the Kiwanis Club voted unanimously to provide cash gifts and turkeys totaling over \$500 to the citizens attending the program. This is the Club's way of saying "Thank You" to the generous business

community. Since there are many changes, please read the following rules for receiving Christmas gifts:

1. Individuals may register at the south side of Citizen's State Bank between 5 p.m.-6:15 p.m., Friday, December 3, ONLY. No registration provided at local businesses.

2. In order to register, individual must be of school age or older and may not register more than once.

3. Winners of the smaller gifts and turkeys are not eligible for larger gifts.

4. When name is drawn, winner has 20 seconds to respond which means you must be present to win.

5. Kiwanians and spouses are not eligible to register.

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains reserves the right to alter or change these rules as it deems necessary.

FOR SEATING, PLEASE BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR.



## Citizens State Bank Purchases Family Resource Center

Citizens State Bank recently purchased the "Family Resource Center" from Focus on the Family. The Family Resource Center is a library of books, audio and video tapes designed to encourage marriages, entertain and educate children, bolster parenting skills, promote wise money management, and much more.

Steve Mack, President of the bank said, "We believe that one of our strongest obligations to the Cross Plains community is to promote growth. While we work hard to support economic growth we also desire to promote spiritual and moral growth as well. We are pleased to offer the Family Resource Center to our customers and friends."

The Family Resource Center is a lending library and as such there will be a check out procedure to ensure that the materials are available for the use of many people in the years to come.

Drop by the bank lobby and look over the Family Resource Center. Better yet, check out a book, tape or video. The bank's hope is that the families of Cross Plains will be encouraged and strengthened through the use of these new resources.

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## Callahan Co. Jr. Livestock Association Workday and Meeting Dec. 4

The Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association will be holding a workday and meeting on Saturday, December 4, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the County Show Barn in Cross Plains.

The County Jr. Livestock Committee would appreciate the help of everyone who will be showing an animal in the County Show. In order to get the show barn cleaned up and repairs completed before the show in January.

If you have questions, please contact Damon Garvin at (915) 529-4563 or Darlene Tyler at (915) 529-4105.

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**It Is Time Again To Write Your Santa Claus Letters.**

All pre-school children and students through 3rd grade may send your wish lists to the Cross Plains Review by noon December 15.

The children's letters will be forwarded directly to Old Saint Nick at the North Pole. Watch for publication in the December 23rd issue.

Mail To:  
Santa Claus  
c/o Cross Plains Review  
P.O. Box 519  
Cross Plains, TX 76443

# Filing For March 2000 Democratic Primary Begins Dec. 2

Candidate filing for the March 2000 Democratic Primary Election will begin Friday, December 3, 1999, according to Callahan County Democratic Party Chairman Jon E. Hardwick.

Hardwick said applications forms for the Democratic Primary Election will be available beginning December 3. Hardwick said applications for places on the Democratic Primary ballot will be taken until January 3, 2000.

Application forms are available from Hardwick at his office at 227 Market Street in Baird or at his residence at 613 Cherry Street in Baird. The party chairman can be reached at his office at 854-1256 or at his residence at 854-1336.

The Callahan County offices up for election in the March 2000 Democratic Primary Election include County Sheriff, County Attorney, County Tax Assessor/Collector, County Commissioner Precinct #1 (Clyde), County Commissioner Precinct #3 (Baird), County Constable Precinct #1 (Clyde), County Constable Precinct #3 (Baird) and County Constable Precinct #4 (Cross Plains).

The office of County Attorney will be contested with incumbent County Attorney Allen Wright facing challenger Shane Deel.

The Democratic Primary Election will be held Tuesday, March 14, 2000.

## Correction

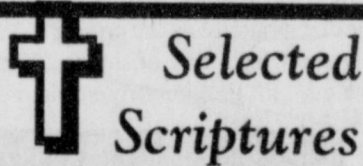
A listing in last week's Misdemeanor Filings in the Courthouse News is in error.

The correct defendant in a case alleging a terroristic threat is Levy L. Edmondson.

The listing last week incorrectly stated the defendant was Joseph Bertolino, a Clyde city policeman against whom the threat was made.

The county clerk's office expressed regret for the incorrect listing.

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## Obituaries

### Ava Lee Swain

Ava Lee Swain, 90, died Thursday, November 25, 1999, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, at Cross Plains Cemetery with John Swift officiating, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Ms. Swain was born June 13, 1909, in Loraine, in Mitchell County, to the late Ernest Ruben Baker and Viola Holly Baker. She married Richard Swain March 24, 1948, in Lubbock. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, in 1965; three brothers, Kelley Baker, J.C. Baker and wife, Ella Mae, Alvin (Buddy) Baker and wife Edith; and one sister Leona and husband Charley Brigner.

She is survived by many friends.

### Edwin Lee O'Dell

Edwin Lee O'Dell, 84, died Thursday, November 25, 1999, at a local care center.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Potosi Cemetery, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Homes, 5701 Hwy 277 South.

Mr. O'Dell was born in Callahan County and retired from the Abilene Police Department after more than 30 years of service.

He was also a retired farmer and married Ruth Holstine in 1985. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include, his wife of Abilene; one son, Michael O'Dell of Allen; five daughters, Patty L. Visage of Arlington, Mary E. Ledbetter of Abilene, Joani Dodson of Clyde, Linda G. Foster of the Wylie Community, Cathy Clement of Austin; one brother, Walter O'Dell of Abilene; a step-daughter, Lori Kilpatrick of Abilene; two step-sons; 19 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

### Sally 'Vina' Notgrass

CISCO—Sally "Vina" Notgrass, 97, died Wednesday, November 24, 1999, in a local care center.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Corinth Cemetery with Gary Adams officiating, directed by Chambers-Wilcox Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Notgrass was born in Bosque County and she married Major Notgrass in 1949. She lived in Cisco most of her life and was a Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Hazel Burrows of Weatherford, Sue Brown of Arlington; two brothers, L.A. Lutrell of Abilene, Van L. Lutrell of Dallas; three sisters, Goldie Starr of Cisco, Leona Gary of Rowden, Nora Green of Cisco; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

### Richard Lee Matthews

Richard Lee Matthews, 59, died November 26, 1999, at a local hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Cedar Gap Cemetery with Dr. Don Greenway officiating, directed by North's Funeral Home, 242 Orange.

Mr. Matthews grew up in Clyde and married Wanda Reynolds in 1970 in Abilene. He had worked for J.H. Strain Company for the last 31 years.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Cynthia and Robin Matthews, both of Ballinger; two step-sons, Mark Wilcox of Clifton, David Wilcox of Abilene; one step-daughter, Donna Clark of Cross Plains; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

### Wanda Clay

SIDNEY—Wanda Clay, 58, died Tuesday, November 23, 1999, at a local hospital.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Hall and Sons Funeral Chapel with Dr. Van Christian officiating. Burial was in the Pendergrass Cemetery.

Ms. Clay was born in Wills Point and she attended school in Sidney. She was a Baptist and a member of the Sidney Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sisters, Barbara Chamberlain of Carthage, Macie McNeil of Sholow, Arizona, Pat Holden of Comanche; five brothers, Jesse Clay of Lancaster, Johnny Clay of Rising Star, Mansel Clay of San Angelo, Travis Clay of Midland, and Billy Henry of Comanche.

Memorials may be made to Pendergrass Cemetery at Sidney.

### Linda 'Tooter' Blair

Linda "Tooter" Carroll Blair, 52, died Monday, November 22, 1999, at her home.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at North's Memorial Chapel with Michael Light officiating. Burial was in Round Mound Cemetery directed by North's Funeral Home, 242 Orange.

Ms. Blair was born in Brownwood and grew up in Bangs. She lived in Cross Plains for several years and moved to Abilene in 1991. She worked in the offices of Star Lincoln Mercury and White Chrysler Dealerships for several years. She was an active member of Big Country Couples, Texas Instruments, Sunsets, and Sunday No-Tap Bowling Leagues. She was a member of Bangs Church of Christ.

Survivors include her mother, Pauline Blair of Bangs; grandmother, Ruby Seif of Bangs; her fiancé, Ray Presley of Abilene.

## Cross Cut Cemetery Donation Noted

Lorene Arledge contributed \$100 to the Cross Cut Cemetery in memory of her husband, Jack Arledge.

Donations may be made through O.B. Byrd. All contributions are greatly appreciated by the cemetery association.

## Symphonic Band to present Christmas Concert Dec. 2

BROWNWOOD—The Howard Payne University Symphonic Band will present a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, in Mims Auditorium.

The event will begin with a Christmas Carol sing led by Tom Mosley, HPU's alumni director. The sing will also feature several small ensembles.

At 8 p.m., the Symphonic Band will open the concert with *Holiday Overture* followed by a rendition of *Greensleeves* by Alfred Reed. The concert will continue with *Coventry Variants* by Texas composer Greg Sanders. The first half of the concert will conclude with an arrangement of *Mary's Boy Child*, entitled *Christmas Calypso*.

The second half of the concert will be a complete performance of the Italian work *The Pines of Rome* by Ottorino Respighi. Each of the four movements in the piece is based on a set of pine trees in Rome and includes a recording of birds from Italy.

Admission for the Christmas concert is free. For information, call the School of Music and Fine Arts at (915) 649-8500.

## Garden Tips

By James Nichols

Herbs are riding a crest of popularity in Texas we're growing them for fragrance, for flavoring, for beauty and for a hundred other reasons. They're useful and they're beautiful.

Most herbs grow best in full sun, or with light afternoon shade. Herbs are no different from any other plant that we grow. They need loose, rich, well drained soil. If you're growing them in the ground, prepare the soil the same as you would for flowers or vegetables, using generous amounts of organic matter to improve the soil.

If you're growing your herbs in containers, use one of the commercially prepared potting mixes. Start in four inch pots and transplant in March and April. Remember that like all plants and flowers, there are perennial and annual herbs.

Flower of the Month, Pansy, the most popular cool season annual flower in Texas. Flowers in shades of yellow, white, purple, lavender and red -- fragrant winter and spring.



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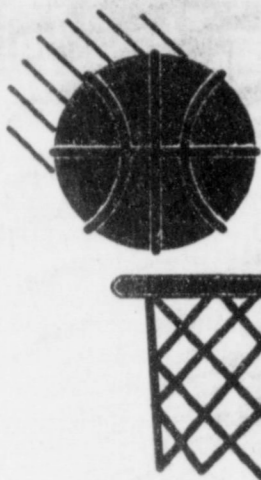
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## Student Review



# B-Ball Time

## Lady Buff Varsity Action

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

### Jr. high girls b-ball update

By COACH BECKY DILLARD

In our last article, when we played DeLeon, the team scorers were left out for the 8th grade team. They were Dillard 9, Young 4, Rivard 4, Foster 2 and Gallaway 2. Final Score: C.P. 21 DeLeon "B" 11

The 8th Grade Team played in the Sidney Tournament Saturday, November 20. The first game was with Zephyr. 1st Quarter 4-7; 2nd Quarter 8-11; 3rd Quarter 8-19; 4th Quarter 12-23. Final score Cross Plains 12 Zephyr 23. Team scorers were Dillard 10 and Gallaway 2

The second game was with Lometa. 1st Q 4-6; 2nd Q 6-18, 3rd Q 8-34, 4th Q 24-36. Final Score was C.P. 24 - Lometa 36. Team scorers were: Dillard 10, Young 6, Rivard 6 and Foster 2.

Monday, November 22, we all traveled to Santa Anna. The 7th and 8th grade teams played together. 1st Q 4-4, 2nd Q 8-14, 3rd Q 14-22, 4th Q 21-24; final score C.P. 21 Santa Anna 24. Team scorers were Dillard 8, Rivard 4, Richards 3, Young 2, Edington 2 and Clark 2.

This past Monday, November 29, we played Baird. The 7th grade team: 1st Q 11-3, 2nd Q 17-16, 3rd Q 23-30, 4th Q 33-36 - final score C.P. 33 Baird 36. Team scorers were Richards 16, Clark 8, Edington 4, Mack 3 and Callaway 2.

The 8th Grade Team - 1st Q 4-10, 2nd Q 4-30, 3rd Q 8-36, 4th Q 10-38 - final score C.P. 10 Baird 38. Team scorers were Dillard 8, Gallaway 1 and Anderson 1.

Our next games will be Monday, December 6, with Santo at Cross Plains.

HOOP IT UP!!!!

### JV Lady Buffs Lost To Albany and DeLeon

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Monday of the Thanksgiving Holiday the JV Lady Buffs were defeated in a close game by a score of 42 to 31 by Albany.

Leading scorers for the game were Dani Rivard and Brittany Rogers with eight points each.

The biggest difference in the game was our inability to score on the fast break with open looks at the basket. Some nights the ball just won't fall in the basket. If you keep hustling and playing hard you will get more opportunities, you just have to focus and give the ball a chance.

On the following night we traveled to DeLeon to face the Lady Bearcats. Cross Plains was defeated by a score of 61 to 20. This was a very disappointing loss for the JV squad. We were not ready to play mentally or physically, the score of the ball game reflects that outcome. Our leading scorer for the game was Brittany Rogers with 10.

The current JV girls record is 3-3 for the young season.

On Monday the Lady Buffs lost their first game of the year to the Albany Lady Tigers by a score of 69 to 46. Our leading scorer for the game was Amber Wilson with 22 points.

Albany has a quality program for 2A, but our effort and readiness to play was not up to our abilities. We gave them 28 points on 2nd and 3rd shots because we didn't block out and rebound. They consistently beat us up and down the floor for easy baskets. We are a very inexperienced team right now and it showed. We will correct the problems and learn from our mistakes, so we continue to improve as the season goes on.

On Tuesday we faced another quality 2A program in the Lady Bearcats of DeLeon with a lot different outcome. The final score was Lady Buffs 50 and DeLeon 46. We trailed for most of the game, but took the lead and kept it with 1:35 left in the 4th quarter. Our effort was improved tremendously on defense, rebounding and hustle. We still have to many mental mistakes, but that is part of the learning process. Our free throw shooting was a big plus in this one hitting 12 of 19 including 4 for 4 to win the game in the last minute by Amber and Ann.

On Thursday the Lady Buffs and Buffaloes will begin tournament play at Blanket's Tiger Shootout with 12 teams in each division. Girls begin at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday and the boys follow after the girls.

## We Need Officials!

By GREGG WILLIAMS

The Four Cities Chapter of Texas Association of Sports Officials invites you to experience the game of high school baseball from a vantage point that is exceeded only by that of the players.

If you enjoyed the adrenaline rush of the game as a player, I promise you will get that same feeling when you're the base umpire and you call a slick 6-4-3 double play, or the diving stop, bang-bang, 4-3 play at first base.

If the tension of a two out, 3-2 pitch in a close game is something you enjoyed from the stands, be assured that from behind the plate the experience is much more exciting, when you witness, up close the crack of the bat on the ball as it is lined into the gap for a game winner, or the swish of the bat as it swings vainly over the top of a sharp breaking pitch for the final out.

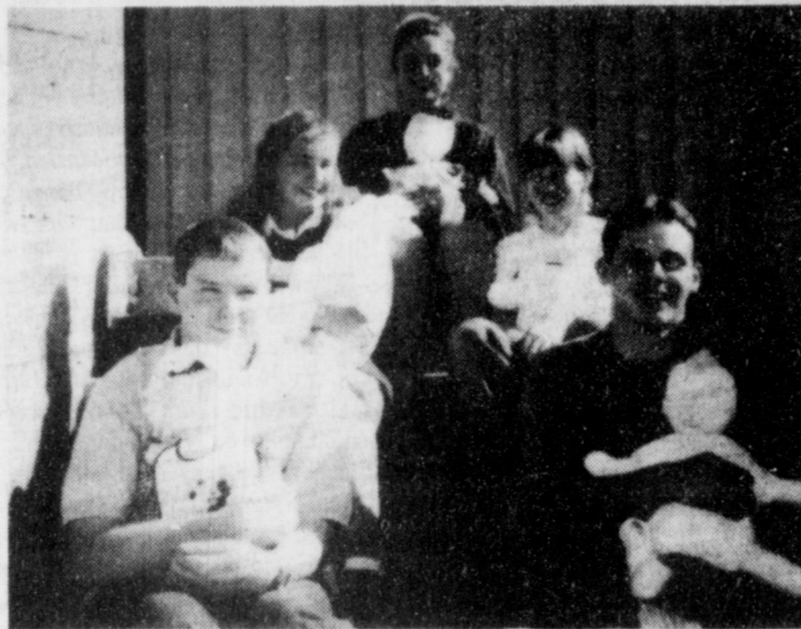
I have described to you the view of the game that is yours if you choose to join us in officiating high school baseball for the 2000 season.

If you are interested please attend a meeting at Comanche High School, December 5, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. or call, me Gregg Williams at 254-725-7661 or e-mail me at [greggwsports@juno.com](mailto:greggwsports@juno.com).

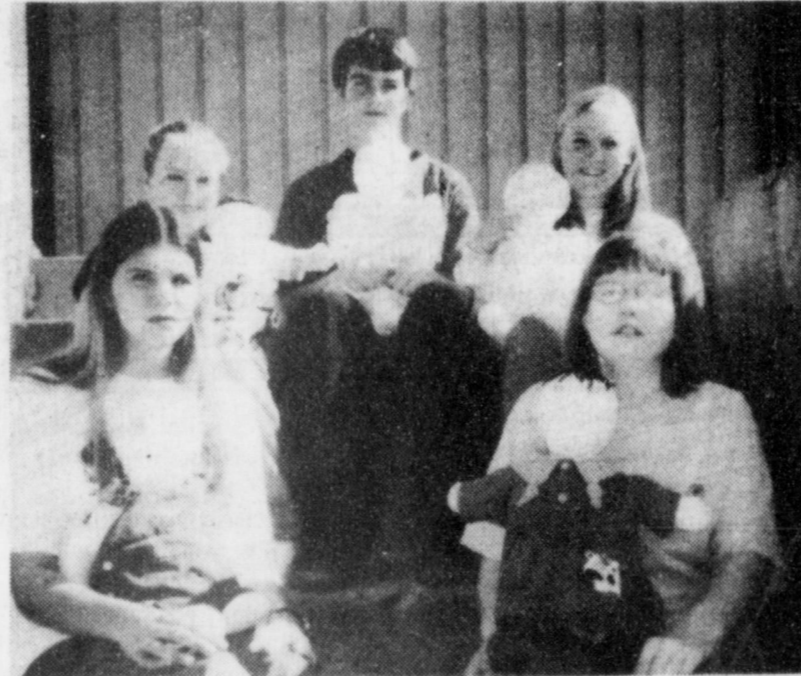
We will have clinics to train you on rules and field mechanics. Attending this meeting does not obligate you to join. Both male and female are welcome.

This is a chance to make a little money and still stay involved in sports and with the kids.

## "Flour-Babies" at C.P.H.S.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS PICTURED WITH FLOUR BABIES—Johnny Clay (from left), Charlie Bell, Stephanie Childress, Chastity Goains and Dusty Spencer.



Amanda Goble (from left), Bea Kay Bell, Mack Taff, Brooke Bowden and Alisa Hall. Stephanie Childress was not available for the photo.



Sarah Nixon (front, from left), Candice Bailey and Violeta Vasquez; Stephanie Parker (back, from left) and Angela Swift.



Brian Kelly (from left), Jenny Pancake, Rebecca Tennison, Candice Francy, Amber Wilson, Charlie Canales and Chrystal Canales.

By DIANNE J. HAIL

Cross Plains High School had students carrying books and babies to classes all week. The students participated in the Family and Consumer Sciences' Child Development project.

The purpose of this activity was to help the students have a better understanding of what is involved in the day-to-day care of an infant, and

the reality of being totally responsible for a baby.

"Flour-babies" were created by each student, given an identity and 24 hour care and attention for seven days. Students kept a daily diary describing the events of the day and their feelings about caring for the "flour-baby", along with a daily time schedule sheet detailing the baby's activities.

## Area students included in Who's Who

A total of 40 students from this area are included in the 33rd Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99*.

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

The 33rd Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99*, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 750,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

*Who's Who* students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards. The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country. To learn more about *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, visit [www.honoring.com](http://www.honoring.com).

Area students selected include: from Cross Plains, Clint Bailey, Beatrice Bell, Roger Carcy, Melanie Chesshir, Nicholas Dimiuri, Candice Francy, Amanda Goble, Ashley Harris, Jennifer Hartman, Scott Hutton, Mary Nickerson, Aaron Norris, Jodi Payne, Laura Ricci, Coby Richards, Melinda Richardson, Brandi Richey, Shane Sharpe, Angela Swift, Shena Thomas, Robert Walters, Larry Whitehead and Jaden Winfrey.

Rising Star: Blair Bailey, Kristi Bates, Jolena Fleming, Alex George, Brandi Goldston, Kelly Griffin, Eva Hollis, Melissa Hollis, Stephen Hughes, Lance Hutchinson, Lacy Knight, Johnny Lee, Catrena Odom, Jennifer Phillips, Taylor Thornhill, Pepper Turner and Mandee Westerman.

## Annual Christmas Band Concert

Sunday, December 12 @ 3:00 p.m.  
5th grade-high school bands performing

## SCHOOL MENU

DECEMBER 6-10

### BREAKFAST

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

TUESDAY—Cinnamon rolls, assorted juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Sausage, biscuit, gravy, assorted juice and milk.

THURSDAY—Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.

FRIDAY—Breakfast pizza, assorted juice and milk.

### LUNCH

MONDAY—Corn dogs, au gratin potatoes, Ranch Style beans and milk.

TUESDAY—Pizza, salad, corn, Jello and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Vegetable beef soup, crackers, grilled cheese, pineapples and milk.

THURSDAY—Turkey-dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls, cranberry sauce, fruit salad and milk.

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



Judith Mauricio (front, from left) and Raynell Jones; Michael Lee (back, from left) James York and Jennifer Canales.

## Holiday game plan can tackle family's unhealthy habits

HOUSTON—If Thanksgiving kicks off non-stop noshing and sports-channel surfing at your house, you might want to call a pre-season time-out.

"Families who engage in too little exercise and too many high-calorie snacks are setting their kids up to become overweight, sedentary adults prone to cardiovascular disease, diabetes and hypertension," said Becky Gorham, a research dietitian with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

To help parents develop a strong defense against these unhealthy habits, Gorham offers these tips:

- Call interference on excessive television, video and computer time that keep kids inactive. Hold a team meeting to negotiate sitting-time

limits.

- Break up boredom by sending kids outside to play, helping them make holiday gifts, cards and wrapping paper, or inviting them into the kitchen to help prepare meals.

- Negotiate trade-offs involving free-time activities. Trade participation in family touch football games, 20-minute walks or other physical activities for extra time to view those must-see football games.

- Build "team spirit" by asking the kids to help plan holiday activities, decorate the yard or prepare homemade gifts. Take turns being the "tour guide" for after-dinner walks past neighborhood holiday displays.

- Stock up on nutritious snacks
- Stick to a game plan of balance and moderation for family meals and activities.

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## Let Me Live In A House By The Side Of The Road...

Remember the poem which begins, "Let me live in a house by the side of the road..." and ends with "and be a friend to man?" Before you ring the doorbell to the home of Madeline and Logan Long, you see this poem inscribed on a brass plate near the door. As you have just passed the bright red pyracantha and other beautiful bushes and trees along the circled driveway, and pass under the large pillars on the porch - you are truly in for a great tour in this home. Would you know it was built in 1889 and moved from Santa Anna and rebuilt in its present location? The house originally belonged to a Dr. Newt Long and now, the present owners have the same name - Long.

Downstairs in the den and kitchen area you will be enthralled by a most beautiful organ which was purchased by the Longs when they "went shopping for an iron tea

kettle." The comfortable den has displays of various carnival glass pieces and many other items of interest. A master bedroom and bath is located downstairs with a unique alcove and office which takes you back in time.

Original walls made with beaded center match panels and a large mirror enhance the formal living room. You won't want to miss the large antique cabinet containing a marvelous collection of rose point crystal. Artistic talents from son, Logan, Jr. adorn the room from his bronze sculpture to the stained glass hanging in the window.

Surprises galore await a person as you go up the stairs where the guest bedroom has some of the most gorgeous antique furniture you'll ever see. You will want to be sure to notice the unusual use of a real Ice

Submitted by Betty Olsen

Box which belonged to Madeline's father. Enjoy the collection of cranberry glass dishes and wedding ring glasses. And try not to remember this was the room where the doctor of olden days performed his first appendectomy!

Son, Jimmy Dale's room remains as it looked before his marriage and displays a collection of arrowheads acquired from their ranch, while Logan, Jr.'s bedroom features a 75 year old red Flyer bicycle...with - guess what? WOODEN TIRES! These bedrooms enjoy access to a sunken bathroom.

This unique home sits in front of Turkey Creek and on Hwy. 279. Travel .5 (5/10) of a mile south of the "Y" on Hwy. 279/206 going toward Brownwood. It's on the right side of the road.

Submitted by Mary Ann Chaffin

## Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from November 21, 1999 through November 27, 1999 include:

**Cases Investigated**  
Warnings-81  
Complaints-114  
DWI-1

**Vehicle Accidents**  
There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

**People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants**  
There were nine outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$2,415.00 collected.

## Putnam Musical Fri.

The Putnam Country and Western Musical will be held at the Old School House on Friday, December 3, at 6:00 p.m. The concession stand opens at 5:30 p.m. No charge. Carl Whitely is the emcee.

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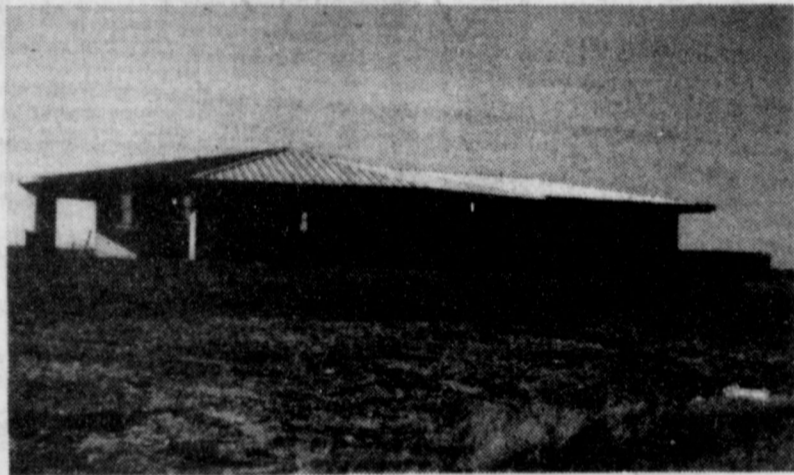
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## Styrofoam/ Concrete home to be viewed on this year's Christmas Tour of Homes



Bob and Lavonne Childress are looking to the new millennium together in this innovative home formed of Styrofoam and concrete. Octagon in shape, this structure will withstand tornadoes, winds, fires, or floods and sets high atop a hill in full view of both Caddo peaks.

Triangles, hexagons, octagons - any shape but square will greet you as you enter the spacious entryway. To the immediate left is the master living area - a bedroom which flows into a dressing room/bath. The master closet may be the first two story closet you've seen! African violets adorn the window sills and beautiful chests and bedside tables were built by Glenn Heath. The Childress' said, "We were so pleased with Glenn's beautiful cabinet work, that we decided to have him build us some furniture too!"

Laminate flooring in the kitchen is underlaid with foam to be easy on the feet and frames the beautiful pecan cabinets. All window sills are tiled to make a safe place for Lavonne's plants. The kitchen, dining and living areas all merge to-

gether under the tall ceilings. Furniture from Spain which they brought with them when they lived in Germany adds a point of interest to the living room. Two special items are the beautiful trunk, which belonged to Lavonne's great-grandmother, and an elegant gold framed mirror belonging to Bob's grandparents.

The large pantry is angled to the side of the utility room. All lights in the home are fluorescent. Also upstairs is an office and an attractive "mud room" which adjoin the oversized garage. Without a doubt, the view is breathtaking from every direction and the entire upstairs area has windows, windows, windows.

As you descend the stairway (complete with indirect lighting on the sides of the stairs), your eyes are drawn to the large sliding glass doors in front of you - again spanning the beautiful area below. The den and the lower floor include 1/8 of the home which goes out to ground level. The downstairs section also features two identical bedrooms with a large adjoining

bath and steam room. Window wells provide natural lighting in the bedrooms. "Those grates we have over the window wells," said Bob, "are to keep the varmints from falling down into the well."

And then, a really big surprise is the enormous workroom - any man's (and some women's) dream! Bob will be present at the tour to explain about the geo-thermal heating and air-conditioning unit - which also plays a part in providing the hot water for the home.

As one tours this lovely home, you can imagine the Childress' in their former home in South Dakota, planning this unique dwelling high upon the hill in Texas - a spot Bob says he "had his eye on" for a very long time. The Childress' moved into the home in June of 1999.

Directions: Take Farm Road 880 out of Cross Plains to Cottonwood, turn left onto County Road 1079, when you reach the "T" turn left on CR 452, go 1.1 (one and 1/10th) miles to curve in the road, turn left into the gate.

Submitted by Mary Ann Chaffin

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# COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

## Central heating...

"That one won't fit," I counseled. MyKeeper hunched over the small wood stove, stuffing a piece of firewood into its glowing red interior.

To his ears my words sounded like a chanted Na-na-nal taunting him. He got that challenge gleam in his eyes, and I know this won't be over till it's over. All I was trying to do was offer some helpful advice from my experience.

Central heating conjures the touch of a finger to a thermostat mounted conveniently on the wall.

Our central heating was a heater stove in the center of the living room.

We have spent a few years wrestling wood heater stoves. Nostalgia forgets the daily ups and downs, and only skims across the peaks. Even so, we still like wood stoves. You can melt things or thaw things on them, warm a fragrant pot pourri, or dry clothes on them. You can back up to them when you're cold.

But, wood fires take up a lot of time. They smoke up the room, blacken the ceiling, sometimes won't light, and frequently don't stay lit.

Their warmth doesn't reach the frosty back rooms until the unregulated heat gets too hot. Then all the doors and windows get thrown open, even if it's 20 degrees below. It's a lot of work cleaning out the ashes, too, and if you leave for the weekend, the fire goes out and your indoor plants die.

The first person up in the morning has to brave the cold until the firewood catches and takes the chill off. They say chopping wood warms you twice—once when you

chop it, again when you burn it. Getting a fire started in the morning can warm you, too, and so can the fuming and sizzling of frustration.

I always got a lot of exercise filling the bin by the stove from the stack by the front door that came from the diminishing cord under cover in the shed.

Back to the living room. MyKeeper has me holding the front door open wide while he tosses an already ignited, too-long log outside. I did warn him, didn't I?

It isn't a log, really. We were used to hefting substantial logs into a massive basement firebeast. The central heater stove in the living room of this home is delicate by comparison. It is a black cast iron stove with a tall smoke stack; more artistic, less functional. It only accepts chunks of wood a maximum of 16" long. That's 16" flat across, with no angled slants that would make one edge 16-1/4" long, and no appendage limbs to get hung up on the narrow door.

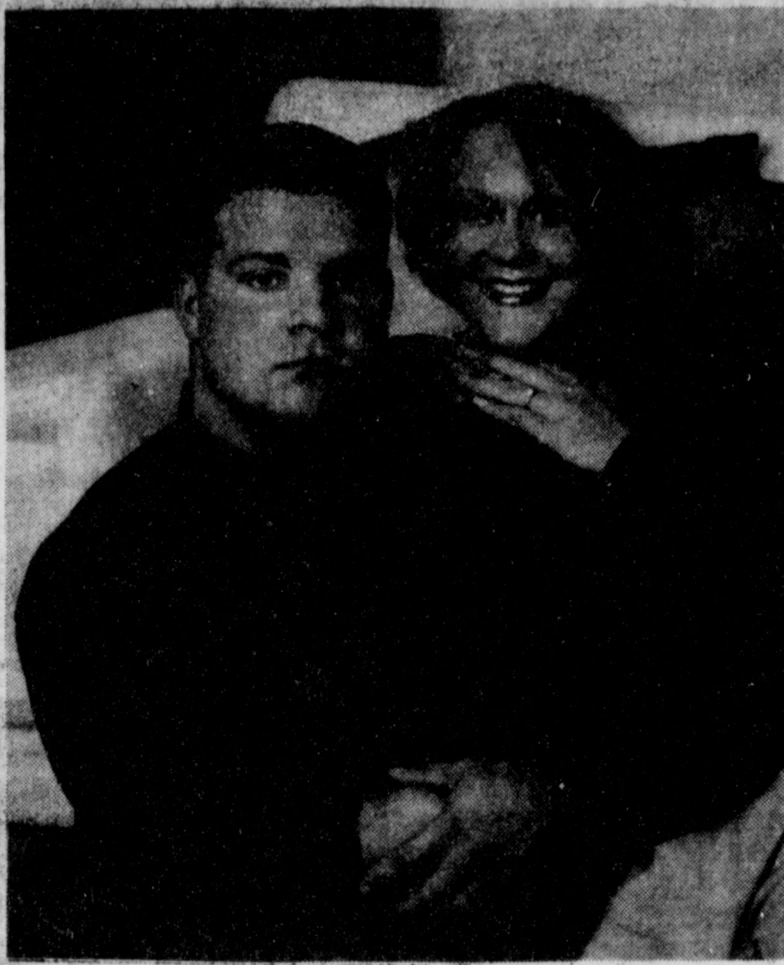
Tonight it happened again. "I don't think it's going to fit," I murmured, sizing up the log with a practiced eye. I, too, have had to wrest a smoldering log back out of the too small stove and toss it out the door. It makes you cautious.

But there's that gleam in his eye again. My cautionary note must have sung, "You can't do it, Na-na-na-na-Na-na."

A few grumble-mumbles later MyKeeper stood back, satisfied, and brushed off his hands.

"There, see!"

He did cram it in there. "Course, the little cast iron stove looks like it has elbows sticking out the sides." © Ginny Greene, 1999



BROCK WALKER & AMBERLY TROTTI

## Trotti - Walker To Wed Saturday, December 11

Carl and Judy Trotti of Abilene are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amberly Ann, to Brock Carson Walker, son of Randy and Vickie Walker.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Cooper High School and Hardin-

Simmons University in Abilene.

The prospective bride groom graduated from Cross Plains High School and is a senior at Hardin-Simmons University.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, December 11, at the First Baptist Church in Abilene.

## Chamber & Extension to Co-sponsor New West Texas Farm & Ranch Show

ABILENE, TX — The Abilene Chamber of Commerce and the Taylor County Extension Service are proud to announce that they will be co-sponsoring the West Texas Farm & Ranch Show at the Taylor County Fairgrounds on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 22 and 23, 2000. The show will be locally owned and operated.

Champion Farm & Ranch Shows cancelled the Big Country Farm & Ranch Show that has been held in Abilene for the past six years. A group of local citizens interested in agriculture met to discuss the viability of continuing the show on a locally operated basis and came to the conclusion that there is still enough interest to continue a farm and ranch show in Abilene.

The name has been changed to the "West Texas Farm & Ranch Show" and will be locally owned and operated. Other major changes in the show will include the utilization of the coliseum and the newly remodeled display buildings to house the show, as well as outside booths lining the walkway between the two buildings. Additionally, the price of the inside booth space has been reduced to \$250 per booth.

While some things have changed, some things have not. The Rolling

Plains Cotton Growers Association will continue to hold their annual meeting during the show and the Taylor County Extension Service will conduct training courses during the show. The *Abilene Reporter-News* will once again be printing the Show Program as part of their Sunday, February 20 edition.

Show times will be from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Tuesday February 22 and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23. Monday, February 21 is the set-up day from noon until 7 p.m.

Approximately 240 ten foot by ten foot booths will be available in the two buildings at a cost of \$250 each. There will be 26 outside spaces available at a cost of \$100 each. Those vendors who purchase five inside booths will be provided an outside booth at no cost.

Booth reservations are now being accepted. Exhibitor agreements/booth reservation forms may be obtained by calling the Abilene Chamber of Commerce at (915) 677-7241 or may be picked up at the Chamber office at 174 Cypress, Suite 200. Booth reservation forms are also available at the Taylor County Extension Service office at the Taylor County Fairgrounds or by calling (915) 672-6048.

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